

Farm Bill restores assistance

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that eligible farmers and ranchers can sign up for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) disaster assistance programs restored by passage of the 2014 Farm Bill.

"We implemented these programs in record time and kept our commitment to begin sign-up today," said Agriculture Secretary Vilsack. "To ensure enrollment goes as smoothly as possible, dedicated staff in over 2,000 Farm Service Agency offices across the country are doing everything necessary to help producers that have suffered through two and a half difficult years with no assistance because these programs were awaiting Congressional action."

Depending on the size and type of farm or ranch operation, eligible producers can enroll in one of four programs administered by the Farm Service Agency. The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) will provide payments to eligible producers for livestock

deaths and grazing losses that have occurred since the expiration of the livestock disaster assistance programs in 2011, and including calendar years 2012, 2013, and 2014. The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish that have suffered losses because of disease, severe weather, blizzards and wildfires.

Enrollment also begins today for the Tree Assistance Program (TAP), which provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters.

Producers signing up for these programs are encouraged to contact their local Farm Service Agency office for information on the types of records needed and to schedule an appointment. Taking these steps in advance will help producers ensure their application moves through the

process as quickly as possible.

Supporting documents may include livestock birth records, purchase and transportation receipts, photos and ownership records showing the number and type of livestock lost, documents listing the gallons of water transported to livestock during drought, and more. Crop records may include purchase receipts for eligible trees, bushes, or vines, seed and fertilizer purchases, planting and production records, and documentation of labor and equipment used to plant or remove eligible trees, bushes, or vines.

Producers have three to nine months to apply depending on the program and year of the loss. Details are available from any local Farm Service Agency office.

For more information, producers may review the fact sheets online, or visit any local Farm Service Agency office or U.S. of Agriculture Service Center.

Scholarships offered for expedition

Some fresh donations have allowed Fort Hays State University's Sternberg Museum of Natural History to offer scholarships statewide to help K-12 students to attend paleontology camps this summer.

Grades K-5 will have an opportunity for 10 full-ride scholarships to the "Fun With Fossils," in which children will experience being a paleontologist, a \$70 value.

Grades 6-8 will have a chance

to get \$200 toward the \$400 Paleontology Expedition in western Kansas.

Two full-ride scholarships will be available for grades 9-12 high school Paleontology Field Crew Camp, costing \$1,100, and a one-year family membership to the Sternberg Museum of Natural History will be included with each scholarship.

"We only have 10 slots per camp," said David Levering, Sternberg Museum educator,

"so the best chance for reserving a slot is to get the paperwork in sooner rather than later."

For more information, contact Levering at 785-639-5249 or at dalevering@fhsu.edu. To register, applicants must complete and sign the registration forms, the waiver and release forms, the financial aid application form, and the requested documents in the scholarship description.

Public invited to participate in excavation

Volunteers are invited to participate in the 2014 Kansas Archeology Training Program Field School May 30 through June 14 at the original site of the Adair cabin in Osawatomie. The Adair cabin served as a center for abolitionist planning and was frequently used by John Brown and his sons during the period known as "Bleeding Kansas." The cabin is also believed to have been a stop on the Underground Railroad.

The annual field school is an opportunity for the public to work alongside professional and avocational archeologists. No experience is necessary, just a desire to learn. Volunteers can participate for a couple of

days or the entire 16 days of the project. Participants may assist archeologists in strategic test excavation of the site and cleaning/cataloging artifacts in the lab. Archeology technique courses are offered and may be taken for college credit or simply for personal enrichment. Participation fee for the field school is \$20 for members of the Kansas Anthropological Association or Kansas Historical Foundation. Nonmember fee is \$80. Children must be at least 10 years old and accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. After May 1 the participation fee increases to \$30 for members and \$90 for nonmembers. For more information call Virginia

Wulfschle at 785-272-8681, ext. 266. The registration packet and further details are available on the Historical Society's website at www.kshs.org/14622.

Project Headquarters for classes and the artifact processing lab will be Trojan Elementary School, 1901 Parker Ave, Osawatomie KS. Visitors are welcome to visit the cabin excavation site, and the field school lab to see artifacts being processed. Classes offered include Archeological Fieldwork, Archeological Site Survey, Basic Laboratory Techniques, Analysis of Floral and Faunal Remains for the Nonspecialist, and Our Town-Osawatomie.

Commerce announces \$900,000 in grants

The Kansas Department of Commerce announced today that three communities have received grants through the Kansas Small Towns Environment Program. The funds, which total \$899,992, will be used in conjunction with volunteer labor and donated equipment to complete projects in the communities.

Kansas Small Towns Environment Program is an ongoing, competitive self-help program for communities to address water, sewer and public building needs through greater initiative and with fewer dollars.

Communities must demonstrate readiness, capacity and documented cost savings to receive Kansas Small Towns Environment Program funding.

The following communities have received Kansas Small Towns Environment Program grants:

The city of Troy will rehabilitate an existing library to better serve local residents. The improvement will involve construction of a space that will be used as a children's library. The city will receive \$299,995.

Nemaha County Rural Fire District no. 2 will construct

a new fire station building to house its firefighting equipment and offer training space to better serve the 25 volunteer firefighters. The fire district will receive \$299,999.

Dickinson County will use its award to renovate an obsolete and disused school building in the unincorporated town of Navarre. The improved building will continue to serve as the focal point of this rural community, sponsoring 4-H meetings, family reunions, Coop meetings and other activities. The county will receive \$299,998.

Cone zone danger



The Norton County Emergency Medical Services and the Lenora Rural fire Department were called out to a three vehicle accident on Highway 9 between Lenora and the fourteen mile corner south of Norton. It occurred on Wednesday morning in a road construction zone. Two were transported to the hospital but no major injuries were reported.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

PUBLIC RECORD

District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse.

Traffic and Wildlife and Parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.

March 13

Jan. 21-Elden Ambrosier, Norton; Charge: Speeding 78 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$159.

March 8-Carol Rose Anderson, Morland; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

March 9-Suzanne M. Cahoj, Atwood; Charge: Speeding 76 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$147.

Feb. 26-Nathan Scot Donaheman, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Feb. 25-Harold Lynn Eichman, Speed; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Feb. 25-Justin Ray Heikes, Norton; Charge: Driving on right side of roadway required; Found: Guilty; Charge: \$181.

Feb. 25-Justin Ray Heikes, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$0.

March 3-John H. Huston, Lawrence; Charge: Speeding 78 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$159.

Feb. 6-Michael J. Kats, Prairie View; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Dec. 14-Patricia Shari Morris, Hutchinson; Charge: Speeding 87 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$219.

Jan. 17-Brandon William Wayne Reed, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Feb. 18-Roger L. Scott, McCook, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 75 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$141.

Dec. 27-Daryl Clinton Tavares II, Alma; Charge: Improper number of driving lamps; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$291.

Dec. 27-Daryl Clinton Tava-

res II, Alma; Charge: Operate a motor vehicle without a valid license; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$0.

March 20

Nov. 23-Tina Marie Gilliland, Plainville; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$165.

Feb. 12-Jose Gomez-Zamora, Norton; Charge: Operating a motor vehicle without a valid license; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$196

Feb. 17-Lauren A. Jermark, Beaver City, Neb.; Charge: 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$165.

Jan. 20-Elizabeth Ann Kelley, Phillipsburg; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

Jan. 24-Natalie A. Preciado, Amarillo, Tex.; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$201.

March 6-Kassandra N. Spalding, Rock Port, Mo.; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

July 30-Camacho E. Vicente, Columbus Junction, Iowa; Charge: Operating a motor vehicle without a valid license;

Found: Guilty; Fine: \$855.85.

March 27

March 14-Vasantbhai Bhakta, Norton; Charge: Speeding 85 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$201.

March 10-George Robert Dickerson, Oakley; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

March 9-Susan Grimes, Bloomington, Del; Charge: Speeding 84 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$195.

Feb. 21-Gary Hardy, Alma; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

March 5-Michael David Jennings, Greeley, Colo; Charge: Speeding 76 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$147.

Feb. 18-Everado Jr. Ramirez, Rio Grande City, Texas; Charge: Speeding 75 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$141.

March 8-Shirley Robinson, Hoxie; Charge: Speeding 78 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$159.

Oct. 14-Donald Sander-son, Belmont, Kan.; Charge: Improper stop or turn signal; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$416

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HANSEN MUSEUM

What little town hosts a great big fair? Logan: a farming community of 600! Nestled in northwest Kansas, on Highway 9. The Dane G. Hansen Museum sponsors one of the best craft fairs around on Saturday, Aug. 16. Hosting crafters from Kansas and surrounding states, this is a shopper's paradise. Family and

friends rally together for this annual event held on the Hansen Plaza Square, Main Street, Logan. There is no admission charge to attend this event.

Crafters check in at pre-dawn in preparation for the 9 a.m. opening. Food vendors line two sides of the Square. Food may include hamburgers, brauts, tur-

key and noodles, sloppy joe's, homemade pies, homemade ice cream, BBQ beef sandwiches, bierocks, sno-cones and more. If you start the day hungry, you won't be for long.

We will have live entertainment, a chainsaw artist, kids games, surrey rides, and artisans all around the square! Be sure to

Solid Waste

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some recycle bags for batteries. The bags will be different from those used in the past, he said, but will have the advantage of being made locally and the county can buy less at one time.

In other business, the commissioners:

• Agreed to help repair the

ceiling at the 4-H Building. The \$15,768 cost of repairs will be split between the county and the 4-H Building Fund. The county general fund will pay \$7,800 and the building fund will pick up the rest. Nelson Brothers Construction will do the work, which will include ceiling replacement and insulation.

• Decided at their meeting on Monday to a lease-purchase agreement with Triplett, Woolf and Garretson out of Wichita, for the Emergency Medical Services building and equipment for not more than \$365,000. The agreement would basically be a refinancing of the building, County Clerk Robert Wyatt

**High Plains Mental Health
is Happy to Introduce . . .**

Cassie Ost

Cassandra is a native Kansan, born and raised in Mankato. She attended undergraduate classes at Kansas State University and earned her Master's degree in Social Work from Washburn University. Cassie completed an internship at Homecare and Hospice while living in Manhattan, and completed her clinical training by providing crisis services at Pawnee Mental Health Center. Cassie is a Licensed Social Worker. She has been employed at High Plains Mental Health Center since May 2013. Cassie resides in Norton with her fiancé, Matt; both (but mostly Cassie) are busy planning a September wedding. They are excited to call Norton, KS their new home.

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH CASSIE, PLEASE CALL (800) 432-0333