\$5 million for National Clean Plant Network

United States Department of Agriculture Sec. Tom Vilsack announced today the allocation of \$5 million to support 19 projects under the National Clean Plant Network funded under the Agriculture Act of 2014 (the 2014 Farm Bill). National Clean Plant Network-funded facilities provide high-quality propagative plant material that is free of plant pathogens and pests that can otherwise cause economic losses to the American specialty crop industry, which includes fruits and vegetables and other crops.

"Invasive pests can endanger our nation's crops and food security. They cause billions of dollars in damage each year," said Vilsack. "The funds United States Department of Agriculture is making available today will help partners and stakeholders prevent the introduction or spread of plant pests and diseases that threaten America's agriculture economy."

The Farm Bill funds provided to the National Clean Plant Network help maintain the infrastructure necessary for growing disease and pest-free plants, improving diagnostic capabilities and providing therapeutic treatments in specialty crop plants, and establishing foundation stock . The goal is to make sure that disease-free, certified planting materials are available and ensure the global competitiveness of United States specialty crop producers. This year, 22 proposals requesting \$7.8 million were submitted to National Clean Plant Network to support developing and propagating pest-free fruit trees, grapes, hops, berries, citrus, roses and sweet potatoes.

The National Clean Plant Network Governing Board, which is comprised of representatives from United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service along with representatives from United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service and National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and members of the National Plant Board, recommended the projects to be funded and the level of funding. The first priority for funding was given to projects that support existing facilities with established capabilities for maintaining and providing nuclear/foundation stock, and for conducting diagnostics and different therapeutic treatments. These facilities develop clean or disease-free plant material to the nursery industry, enabling growers to establish healthy orchards/vineyards/field plantings.

The National Clean Plant Network's Governing Board recommended funding 19 of the 22 National Clean Plant Network proposals in 14 states. National Clean Plant Network facilities receiving funding this year include \$1.58 million for grapes, \$1.28 million for citrus, \$1 million for fruit and nut trees, \$455,000 for berries, and \$203,000, for hops. Additionally, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is providing funding for exploratory planning to consider adding roses (\$28,750) and sweet potatoes (\$19,000) to the Network. Funds will support facilities in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Hawaii, Louisiana, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, and Washington.

The National Clean Plant Network's supported clean plant centers are recognized leaders for enabling the introduction of high quality, regionally adapted, propagative plant materials that are free of targeted plant pathogens and pests. This supports opportunities for international trade, while protecting American nurseries and growers. Through the National Clean Plant Network, industry, research, extension and regulatory communities collaborate to ensure an abundant supply of healthy specialty crop propagative materials. The economic, environmental and social sustainability of specialty crop industries and the improved economies of the communities that depend on these industries are the ultimate beneficiaries of the National Clean Plant Network.

Today's announcement was made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, United States Department of Agriculture has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative publicprivate conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/ farmbill.

Patriotic Fun



Every Thursday, the Norton Public Library holds Mother Goose Moments which is an interactive story time for babies through two year old. After story time there is a program for preschoolers through first graders called "Fizz, Boom, Read!" Last week's program was Patriotic Fun where the children all made a shaker out of paper plates with the help of adults. They were able to decorate them how ever they wanted with stars and crayons.

-Telegram photo by Shylo Paxton

Google Apps workshop at Fort Hays University

Dr. Robert Moody, associate professor of advanced education programs at Fort Hays State University, will present "Google Chrome Apps: Benefits for Schools," Monday, July 21 in Rarick Hall, room 201.

After 15 years in public K-12 education, Moody joined Fort Hays' Department of Advanced Educational Programs teaching future teachers, principals and superintendents.

As a Virtual College instructor, he describes himself as a people person who thrives on real-time visual stimulation. With something as simple as an inexpensive webcam and an Internet connection, Moody is able to create a social, teaching and cognitive presence with his students.

The workshop is sponsored by the Kansas Center for Innovative Education, an entity of Fort Hays State University College of Education and Technology. Kansas Center for Innovative Education provides tools for creative and critical thinking in the fields of manufacturing, technology and education.

The workshop, available for college credit, will feature various free instructional apps that work well with the Kansas College and Career Readiness Standards and specific content areas.

The standards are designed to ensure that students graduating from high school are prepared to go to college or enter the workforce and that parents,

teachers and students have a clear understanding of what is expected of them.

Various free instructional apps will be introduced and demonstrated. Participants will have opportunities to ask or share how specific apps can meet their students' needs.

A Google+ community will be set up to provide ongoing support well after the workshop has concluded.

Lunch and refreshments are included in the \$90 workshop fee, due July 14. Registration for college credit should be completed no later than July 7.

For more information or to enroll in the workshop, visit www.fhsu.edu/kcie/events.

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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 August 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,

from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. Be sure to head to the Kid's

Tent from 1-2 p.m. for face painting by the Logan High School Cheerleaders and free helium balloons.

Come and step inside the museum and look at our exhibit. The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum is proud to present the "Local Joy of Painting Artists Exhibit". Students from the Joy of Painting Workshops held at

Larned, Kan. from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Painting by Staci Hartman from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., and Pottery by Josh Novak from Fort Hays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Bob Jones, antique appraiser from Jennings, will be available in the Community Room of Hansen Plaza for a free verbal approximation of value for your antiques from 9 a.m. – noon and 1-3 p.m. Registration forms to schedule a time for the appraisal

Logan. There is no admission charge to attend this event.

Crafters check in at pre-dawn in preparation for the 9:00 a.m. opening. Food vendors line two sides of the Square. Food may include hamburgers, brauts, turkey & noodles, sloppy joes, homemade pies, homemade ice cream, bierocks, sno-cones and more. If you start the day hungry, you won't be for long.

Chain saw artist, Blair Smith from Iowa, will be on the grounds to astound you with his chain saw artistry. His performances will begin at 8 a.m. and continue throughout the day with him completing several projects. Drawings at 10:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. will be held for two of his carvings.

Children can enjoy supervised games at 10 a.m.! A Hula Hoop contest (ages 7-12); Tricycle races (ages 3-6) please bring your own tricycle! Water balloon toss and sand treasure hunt will also be among the games for the kids to enjoy while the parents shop. There will be inflatable fun for kids

the Hansen Museum for the past decade look forward to showing off their artistic talents in the Hansen Museum Gallery.

Also, don't forget to look at our artist of the month which will have items for sale in the museum gallery, come in cool off and take a look around.

Live entertainment will be on 2 stages throughout the day for your listening pleasure. Left of Center Band from Concordia, Kan., will be on the South stage at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 2 p.m. A Little Bit of Heaven from Alma, Neb. will be on the North stage at 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

In addition to the live entertainment, we will also have several Artisan presentations around the Plaza. We will have the Deer Creek Regulators fast draw shooting from 9 a.m. -3p.m., Janie Lowry will be doing a quilting Demo in the community room at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Also, there will be "Fleece to Fabric" by Area Weavers and Spinners and The Shepherd's Mill from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Brian Bethke – Black Smith from

are available through the Hansen Museum.

Don't forget to purchase or renew your Museum membership to automatically get your name in the pot for the \$500.00 Purchase Prize drawings held at 10:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Stick around....You must be present to win.

The highlight of the day will be the selection of 12 new winners (and two alternates) of the coveted "Artist of the Month" award. This year's crafters will be judged by two of our museum board members for their uniqueness, quality of craft, and display. Winners will be presented with ribbons and certificates prior to the public announcement and photos at 2:30.

Join us for our 41st Annual Hansen Arts and Crafts Fair, Saturday, August 16, on Main Street, Logan, Kansas. The Fair ends at 3:00 pm so come hungry, bring your wallet, and wear your walking shoes. You'll leave with a smile.

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. These cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

June 5

Oct. 1-Billy Tallent, Norton; Charge: Domestic Battery; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$200, Costs \$76, Jail Costs \$104, 48 Hours jail, Alcohol Anonymous meetings weekly for one year at Valley Hope.

May 19-James Foster, Almena; Charge: Driving while suspended; Other Actions: Dismissed by City Prosecutor.

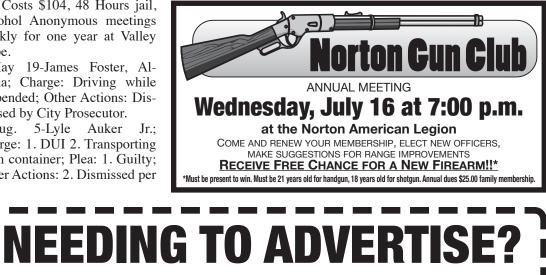
Aug. 5-Lyle Auker Jr.; Charge: 1. DUI 2. Transporting open container; Plea: 1. Guilty; Other Actions: 2. Dismissed per

plea agreement with City Prosector; Found: 1. Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$750, KBI Lab Fee \$400, Costs \$76, 30 Days jail, suspended to 48 hours and jail costs, ADSAP Evaluation.

May 6-James Durham, Norton; Charge: Driving while suspended; Other Actions: Dismissed by City Prosecutor, Had valid license.

June 26 June 1-Michael Cliff, Norton;

Charge: Careless driving; Plea: No Contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Costs \$76, Restitution to City \$20, Pull weeds and grass east side of State Street from Christian Church parking lot entrance to railroad until Oct. 31 2014.



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District Court

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

July 3

June 14-Jody M. Audet, Sedalia, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$165.

June 17-Donnell Thomas Brown, Throckmorton, Texas; Charge: Speeding 77 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

May 29-Joshua Caleb Carpenter, New Caney, Texas; Charge: Speeding 82 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$183.

April 19-Brad S. Chambers, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$70.

April 19-Brad S. Chambers, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt, 14-17 year old; Found: Guilty.

June 17-Scott Leland Collins, Norton; Charge: Speeding 58in 45; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$159.

June 21-Kayla Delgado, Liberal, Kan.; Charge: Speeding 82 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$183.

June 7-Beau Bryant Derusseau, Clyde, Kan.; Charge: Vehicles, Unlawful Acts, registration; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

May 23-Alice M. Evans, Norton; Charge: Speeding 75 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$141.

June 22-Mark Edward Foresee, Harrison, Ark.; Charge: Speeding 74 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$159.

May 27-Kathryn F. Foth, Norcatur; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

June 29-Zeta K. Greene, Rolla, Kan.; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$165.

May 30-Jordan Allen Gregerson, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found; Guilty; Fine: \$10.



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