

Eleven measles cases reported

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Sedgwick County Health Department have reported two additional cases of measles in Sedgwick County, Kan. One case was in an infant too young to be vaccinated and one case was in an adult. Both cases are epidemiologically linked to other known, recently reported cases of measles in Sedgwick County. In total, there have now been eight cases reported in Sedgwick County and three cases reported in Johnson County to date in 2014.

Measles is a respiratory disease caused by a virus. With the creation of the measles, mumps, rubella vaccine, measles cases have generally been rare in the United States; however, it still sickens approximately 20 million and kills 164,000 people worldwide each year. There has been a resurgence of measles cases in the United States in 2014. From January 1 through July 11, 566 confirmed measles cases have been reported in 20 states. This is the highest number of cases since indigenous measles elimination was documented in the U.S. in 2000.

Most measles cases in the United States have occurred among persons who are not im-

munized. “The best way to keep from getting the disease is by being vaccinated. Protect children by making sure they have the measles, mumps, rubella vaccine when they are 12 to 15 months old, and again before they enter kindergarten,” said Robert Moser, Medical Doctor, The Kansas Department of Health and Environment Secretary and State Health Officer.

Measles is highly contagious and is spread through the air by breathing, coughing, or sneezing. The signs and symptoms of measles typically begin one to two weeks after someone is exposed to an infected person. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, measles is so contagious that if one person has it, 90 percent of the people close to that person who are not immune will also become infected with the measles virus. Symptoms include:

- Fever
- Blotchy rash on the skin, which spreads from the head to the trunk then to the lower extremities (Measles can be spread to others from four days before to four days after the rash appears.)
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes (conjunc-

tivitis)
– Feeling run down, achy
– Tiny white spots with bluish-white centers found inside the mouth (Koplik spots)

Nearly one in three persons who get measles will develop one or more complications, some of which may be serious. These include pneumonia, ear infections, or diarrhea. Encephalitis, which is a severe inflammation of the brain, may also occur in some cases.

“If you have a fever, stay home except to see a healthcare provider. If you need to visit your healthcare provider, call ahead so appropriate measures can be taken to protect other patients and staff,” said Adrienne Byrne-Lutz, Sedgwick County Health Department Interim Director.

People at high risk for severe illness and complications from measles include infants and children aged over 5 years, adults aged under 20 years, pregnant women, and people with compromised immune systems.

Updates on additional measles cases in Kansas will be provided weekly at <http://www.kdheks.gov/epi/measles.htm>. For more information about measles visit <http://www.cdc.gov/features/Measles/index.htm>

Audit

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sidewalk replacement. The Council agreed to replace the sidewalks for Jason Jones at 514 N. State St., and for Patricia Brooks at 401 E. Lincoln St. The city will provide the labor and the homeowners will pay for the materials.

The council approved the hiring of an engineering firm, ElectricComm, to review the City’s electrical systems and to conduct a study of the City’s electrical needs at a cost not to exceed \$28,000. The study will tell the City what the electrical needs are, and capacity loads for now and in the future. ElectricComm was chosen from three proposals submitted.

The council also approved the first reading of Ordinance #1660, amending the city code

as to the appointment of the city administrator, requiring residency within 60 days of accepting the position.

The council accepted the resignation of Pat Morel as interim co-city administrator, but will continue his duties as Chief of Police.

Council member Roberta Ryan reported that the Chamber of Commerce’s Winner’s Circle will be held Sept. 13. Tickets will cost \$50 and five large prizes will be given out. There will be a casino open from 6-8 p.m., followed by a comedian at 8 p.m.

Karen Griffiths informed the council that she sent Prosser Wilbert Construction a letter of non-compliance for liquidated damages in the amount of \$3,500 for not meeting the deadline for the new swimming pool project.

Griffiths also said the City will not accept the curb and gutter work in the parking lot area and will charge Prosser Wilbert the costs of the City to hire a contractor to re-do the curb and gutter.

The following building permits were presented:

- Cindy Kindall - \$8,000, construct front porch at 605 W. Washington
- Rich Voss - \$3,000, re-roofing at 906 West St.
- Rich Voss - \$3,000, re-roofing at 502 N. Graves
- Al Plante - \$8,000, garage addition at 911 Hartford Ave.
- Jason and Mindy Jones - \$2,000, construct walkway/deck at 514 N. State St.
- Dave and Sue Mora - \$1,325, construct carport at 311 N. Second Ave.

Board

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-adopted resolution #2015-01, for the determination of meeting dates, times and locations.

-adopted resolution #2015-02, to Establish Home Rule by Board of Education.

-adopted resolution #2015-03, to allow City and County laws and ordinances to be enforced on school grounds.

-adopted resolution #2015-04, annual waiver of the Requirement of Generally Accepted Accounting Principals and Fixed Asset Accounting.

-adopted Resolution #2015-05, authorizing the Early Payment of Bills and Reimbursements.

-adopted Resolution #2015-06, authorizing Transfer of Funds among U.S.D. 211 accounts.

-will continue the annual alternation of the district’s checking account between First State Bank and First Security Bank and Trust and locate the checking account with First State Bank for 2014-15, and continue investing idle funds in accordance with current Board of Education policy B705, K.S.A. #12-1675, as amended, annotated and practiced in the past.

-maintained current district credit cards, its uses and credit limits.

-approved the proposed Board of Education policy additions and changes.

-approved the Classified Employee Handbook, Eisenhower Elementary School

Faculty Handbook, and the junior high and high school faculty handbook.

-approved the Colby Community College Annex proposal for dual credit/release time for seniors.

-approved the pay for substitute and temporary jobs for 2014-15.

-ratified the 2014-15 master contract as negotiated.

-adopted the consent agenda as presented, which included;

-approved the agenda for the July 14, 2014 meeting as presented.

-approved the minutes of the June 30, 2014 end-of-year meeting as presented.

-approved bills for payment.

-appointed Janice Russell as Clerk of the Board.

-appointed Cynthia Glennemeier as Treasurer of the Board.

-appointed Dan Walter as Attorney for the Board and approved a retainer fee of \$1,500, with any services used to be deducted from this amount.

-rescinded any Board of Education actions that are contrary to written policy.

-designated The Norton Telegram as the official publication for the 2014-15 school year.

-approved membership in Schools for Quality Education for 2014-15, and approved the \$325 membership fee.

-designated principals Rudy Perez, Dustin McEwen and Corey Roy as student welfare officers for their respective

buildings for the 2014-15 school year.

-designated Superintendent Greg Mann as the PL874 representative, federal programs representative, hearing officer for free and reduced meal applications, representative for state programs, Freedom of Information Officer, and coordinator of services for homeless children.

-appointed Frank Otter as the U.S.D. 211 Representative to the Board of Control for the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland.

-designated Janice Russell as Kansas Public Employees Retirement System representative.

designated building principals as the custodians of their respective activity funds and gate receipts.

-set fee for copying records at \$0.10 per copy.

-set petty cash limits of \$1,500 for the District Office and \$500 each for Norton Community High School, Norton Junior High School and Eisenhower Elementary School.

-adopted the 1,116 hour school calendar for accreditation purposes.

-set the mileage reimbursement rate at the prevailing state rate for parents who transport their children on an Individualized Educational Plan, and set \$0.26 as the rate for employees who use their personal vehicle when no school vehicle is available.

Benefit for The Haven!



The Haven held an ice cream social as its annual fundraiser at the Senior Center on Sunday. (Pictured) Judy Davis, Doris Winteroth and Lynn Nelson, all of Norton, enjoyed the homemade ice cream of Carolyn Plotts, secretary/treasurer for the Haven. Plotts said the funds raised will help pay for new siding on the house. The Haven has been open for eight years, and offers family and friends an affordable place to stay while visiting loved ones at the Norton Correctional Facility.

–Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Norton County Fair

The youth horse show will be held Monday, July 21 starting at 9 a.m. Speed timed events for the 4-H and FFA Horse Show will be held at 7 p.m. again this year at the Norton Equine Facility. The public is invited to

come and cheer on our local 4-H and FFA members as they participate in Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, and Break Away Calf Roping.

Other evening events at the Equine Facility will include

Youth Team Penning on Tuesday, July 22 at 8 p.m., Jack Pot Roping on Wednesday, July 23 at 7 p.m. and Ranch Rodeo on Thursday, July 24 at 8 p.m.

Looking for an event to show off your unique and exotic pets? Bring them to the Norton County Fair on Wednesday, July 23

from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. All ages are invited to come watch this event and pet the animals. Please call the Extension office

at 785-877-5755 to let us know what type of exotic animal you may be bringing.

Its a tradition! The 4-H Porkburger Special. The 4-Hers want to share the good taste of pork with the public and add some funds to the 4-H Council treasury to pay for expenses for trips and events for 4-Hers and their families. Husky Hogs is co-sponsoring the event by providing the Pork and 4-H families will be cooking and serving.

The 4-H Porkburger Special is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23, starting at 5:30 p.m. at Elmwood Park. The menu will include porkburgers, baked beans, chips and iced tea or water. The cost is \$3.50 per meal with an extra sandwich costing \$1.50.

The 4-H Clubs of Norton County invite your family to join others at the 4-H Porkburger Special on Wednesday, July 23. Also on schedule that afternoon and evening is the 4-H

Ambassador and FFA Petting Zoo and Exotic Animal Display from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Also at 5:30 p.m. there will be a free watermelon feed sponsored by the Jamboree Foods of Norton, a meet and greet sponsored by the Republican Committee and Farm Bureau of Norton, Three Jacks will perform and the Jackpot Team Roping event will begin at 7 p.m.

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