

Strike up the band



Helping kick off the winter concert season, the Eisenhower Elementary 5th grade band held a concert Saturday afternoon at the school. Directed by Mr. Don Mordecai, the band played a selection of eight songs for the crowd of family and friends who attended the concert. There will also be a Norton Junior High band concert this evening at 7:30 p.m. at the junior high school.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

Bureau to improve communities through recycling

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment is now accepting applications for the Waste Tire and Green School Solid Waste grants. Funds from these two grants will go toward implementing recycling projects in schools and local communities, consequently allowing more Kansans to see that recycling is about more than reducing paper and plastic consumption.

"This is a great opportunity for Kansas communities to reduce the amount of solid waste going to our landfills," said Dr. Robert Moser, KDHE Secretary. "Not only will these funds help improve local neighborhoods, but citizens can learn more about being good stewards of the environment through the resulting projects."

All applications satisfying any of the program objectives will be considered. Applicants can apply for the following grants:

Waste Tire Grants - This grant program stimulates the production and sale of commercial products made from recycled Kansas waste tires

including playground cover, park benches and picnic tables. Local units of government and school districts are eligible to apply for funding which will provide up to 50 percent of the total cost to purchase and install eligible products. Waste tire grant applications and guidelines can be found at www.kdheks.gov/waste/forms_grants.htm. Applications for these grants should be sent to KDHE, Bureau of Waste Management, 1000 Jackson, Suite 320, Topeka, Kansas 66612 and be postmarked by Jan. 15, 2012.

Kansas Green School Solid Waste Grants - Funds from this grant are used to improve waste management practices in school buildings and grounds. Projects are tied back to classroom curriculum. Applications and guidelines can be found at www.kansasgreenschools.org/kansas-green-school-solid-waste-grants. Online applications for these grants must be received by Feb. 15, 2012.

Accident Reports

On Nov. 22, a maroon 2006 Chevy Malibu, driven by Dona Jo Lowry of Almena, was traveling west bound on Highway 383 when a deer ran onto the roadway. Lowry was unable to avoid striking the deer, causing damage to the vehicle. No injuries were reported. The accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer Larry Land.

On Nov. 24, a beige 2007 Chevy Silverado, driven by Steve W. Brooks of Johnson, was traveling west bound on Highway 9 when a deer entered the roadway from the north ditch. Brooks was unable to avoid striking the deer, causing damage to the vehicle. No

injuries were reported. The accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer Rich Wenzl.

On Nov. 27, a white 2005 Chevy Trail Blazer, driven by Stephanie Jane Kramer of Atchison, was traveling west bound on Highway 36. Kramer started to pass a tan 2005 GMC Sierra, driven by John L. Starkey of Kirwin, in a no passing zone when an unknown vehicle traveling east bound on Highway 36 came over a hill and Kramer tried to turn back into the right lane and hit Starkey's vehicle in the driver's door. Kramer lost control of the vehicle and crossed left over the center line

and entered the south ditch and rolled over. Starkey's vehicle was moved upon officer's arrival at the scene. No injuries were reported. The accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer Larry Land.

On Nov. 30, a gray 2007 Cadillac DTS, driven by Roger May of Oberlin, was traveling west bound on Highway 36 when a deer ran onto the road. May was unable to avoid striking the deer, causing over \$1,000 damage to the vehicle. No injuries were reported. The accident was investigated by Norton County Sheriff Officer Larry Land.

POLICE LOG

Nov. 28
Activated alarm
Report of domestic situation
Two vehicle stops
Report of hit dog on highway
Keys locked in vehicle
Nov. 29
Keys locked in vehicle
Request for accident report
Request for information on offense report
Report of theft of Rx med's
Nov. 30
Two, two vehicle accidents
Keys locked in vehicle
Assist Sheriff's Dept. with keys locked in vehicle
Vehicle stop
Noise complaint
Dec. 1

Activated alarm, Car Quest
Assist Sheriff's Dept. with inmate
Keys locked in vehicle
Report of stolen lap-top
Assist Wildlife and Parks at Brooks Motel
Barking dog complaint
Report of harassing phone calls
Dec. 2
Report of theft
Report of someone trespassing on property
Report of theft from above, item found
Two, two vehicle accidents
Report of minor child being kicked out of residence by parents
Report of smoldering ashes
Dec. 3
Two, two vehicle accidents

One vehicle accident
Traffic control at stoplight
Report of domestic situation, one arrest
Dec. 4
Report of erratic driver
Request to check runway for aircraft to land
Questions concerning child custody issues
Request to remove individual from property
Traffic control for vehicle that slid off roadway

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.
Dec. 1
Nov. 10-Christopher L. Basgall, Lenora; Charge: Speeding 84 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$197.
Oct. 25-Richard Earl Casper, Luray; Charge: Improper tires; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$143.
May 25-Justin Aaron Dewitt, Greenwood, Ark.; Charge:

Speeding 76 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.
Nov. 3-Ronald Lee Harman, Norcatur; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.
Oct. 19-Daniel Louis Moritz, Hays; Charge: Speeding 74 in 55; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$197.
Oct. 21-Whitney N. Mulder, Prairie View; Charge: Speeding 87 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$221.
Oct. 30-Angela A. Wanker, Hill City; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Match food gifts to recipient

Gifts of food are usually welcome, particularly during the holiday season when edible gifts can save the recipient time and money. These gifts also ease gift-giving costs for the giver.

Gifts of food can, however, raise some food safety concerns.

Plan to give gifts of food to people you know because food allergies can be a concern if you don't know the person well.

Most common food allergies are traced to tree nuts, peanuts (which are a legume), wheat, soy, eggs, dairy, fish and shellfish.

If you don't know a recipient well, you may not know if he,

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used in preparation.

If layering ingredients for candy, cookie or bread mix in a decorative jar and attaching the recipe, test the recipe first to see if it works.

A redeemable coupon for birthday cake, pie or specialty bread in the new year makes a good gift. Inexpensive kitchen gadgets, such as a small spatula, colorful scraper or a set of measuring cups or spoons, also are appreciated.

More information on holiday foods and foods gifts is available at your local K-State Research and Extension Office or by contacting Tranda Watts at twatts@ksu.edu.

she or a member of the household has food allergies. So you may want to include a gift label with ingredients or attaching a recipe to homemade gifts of food.

Also use caution with home-canned gifts. Only tested recipes and recommended home food processing methods should be

Edmund G. Ross chronicled in best-seller

**By Ron Wilson
Huck Boyd Institute**

"Profiles in Courage." That's the name of a best-selling book written by President John F. Kennedy in the 1950s. It chronicled eight U.S. Senators and their acts of principle and integrity in the face of public opposition. One of these men was a senator from Kansas. His former homesite can be found in rural Kansas along the Native Stone Scenic Byway.

In a previous Kansas Profile, we learned about the many attractions found along the Native Stone Scenic Byway which are now described on a new CD. The byway is a 48-mile highway route between Topeka and Alma. It highlights this region where rich history, natural rock outcroppings, and beautiful stone buildings can all be found. A little known part of this history is the now-abandoned homesite of Edmund G. Ross, Republican senator from Kansas.

The Rosses were active abolitionists from Wisconsin. Several Ross family members came to Kansas to help assure that it became a free state after the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act. When pro-slavery forces attacked and burned the free-state town of Lawrence, Edmund G. Ross decided to come too.

Edmund and his wife Fannie first settled in Topeka and went into the newspaper business before joining the rest of the Ross family in Wabaunsee County. While there, he was elected a delegate to the free-state constitutional convention at Wyandotte, under which Kansas was admitted to the Union as a free state. During this time, Ross lived in a now-abandoned home which is located approximately 2 miles south of Kansas Highway 4 and about a quarter-mile southeast of the intersection of Echo Cliff Road and Goldfinch Road. It is west of the community of Dover, which has a population of perhaps 50 people. Now, that's rural.

After the drought of 1860, Edmund and Fannie moved back to Topeka and re-entered the newspaper business. When President Lincoln called for troops in 1862, Edmund responded and was made a captain under Colonel Samuel Crawford's Kansas Regiment. He fought in the "Battle of the Blue" which was called the "Gettysburg of the

West" and had two horses shot out from under him.

After the war, Colonel Crawford was elected Governor of Kansas. When it became necessary to appoint a replacement to the U.S. Senate, Crawford remembered Edmund's bravery and leadership skills and appointed him to fill the vacancy.

When Ross got to the Senate, one of the key issues before Congress was how to govern the south in the post-Civil War era. The U.S. House of Representatives voted to impeach President Andrew Johnson because of his leniency toward the South. President Johnson's case went to trial before the U.S. Senate, including Ross.

Ross strongly opposed President Johnson's policies but in his heart, he did not believe that the President's actions constituted an impeachable offense. All Senators except Ross declared how they would vote. With all the other votes committed, the outcome of the trial and the entire fate of the Presidency came down to this one man: Edmund G. Ross. Despite tremendous pressure from the politicians and overwhelming public opinion, Ross voted not to impeach.

For this act of conscience, John F. Kennedy included him in his book about Senatorial courage.

After his vote he was vilified by the public. But history vindicated Edmund Ross. Kennedy's book quotes from a Kansas newspaper published decades later: "By the firmness and courage of Senator Ross the country was saved from calamity greater than war, while it confined him to a political martyrdom...He acted for his conscience and with a lofty patriotism, regardless of what he knew must be ruinous consequences to himself. He acted right."

"Profiles in Courage." That's a best-selling book with a connection to rural Kansas, and more importantly to a Kansas Senator who acted on his principles and what he believed to be right, even in the face of opposition. Edmund G. Ross' self-sacrifice and integrity made a difference in the future of the nation.

We appreciate the Native Stone Scenic Byway including this history. For more information, go to www.wabaunsee.com. We'll learn more about other attractions along the byway in coming weeks.

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**Norton County Hospital
102 E. Holme - Norton**

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Ophthalmology - Dr. John Pokorny
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Every Other Month
Clinic
Every Other Month
(785) 628-8218

Orthopedic - Dr. Alex DeCarvalho
Monthly
(785) 261-7599 or (866) 428-8221

Urology - Dr. Darrell Werth
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