

Farm and food conference set

The final agenda has been set for the Kansas Rural Center's 2013 Farm and Food Conference, "Farming as if People Matter: How to Feed Ourselves, Build New Farms and Adapt to a Changing World." The conference will be held at the Meridian Center, 1420 E. Broadway Ct., Newton, Kansas, Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The daylong event includes fourteen workshop sessions covering five topic tracks: Farm Transitions, Farm Management, Local Food Marketing, Community Food Solutions, and Food and Farming Policy.

Workshop sessions will include regional experts in a wide range of fields to cover information on family farm transitions; farming with limited access to land, credit and capital; pricing of farm products for local markets; encouraging pollinators; Farm to School; emerging policy issues in Kansas; building soil health; crop insurance for specialty crops and organic; establishing community gardens

and more. A full list of workshops offered during the day can be found at kansasruralcenter.org/conference.

The conference will feature keynote speaker Wes Jackson, founder and President of the Land Institute in Salina, Kansas. Jackson, an internationally recognized leader in sustainable agriculture and author of several books, will present on "When Ecology Replaces Agronomy for Food Production."

The day will also provide an opportunity for networking with others who share the same interests, concerns, or challenges. This will include a "Lean In" inspired session for women on the farm, and a session intended to connect beginning and established farmers. An exhibition will be available throughout the day which will feature over 16 businesses and organizations offering information of interest to attendees.

To register, please visit www.kansasruralcenter.org. Registration is \$45 per person, which

includes conference materials and a lunch made from locally sourced ingredients.

This conference is an annual event presented by the Kansas Rural Center. Sponsors this year include Kansas Sustainable Agriculture Research and Extension, Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops, Farm Aid, and Heartland Mill, Inc.

The Kansas Rural Center is a non-profit organization that since 1979 has promoted the long-term health of the land and its people through research, education and advocacy that advances economically viable, ecologically sound, and socially just food and farming systems.

A conference agenda, list of exhibitors and sponsors and other upcoming events are available at www.kansasruralcenter.org. Or contact conference coordinator, Natalie Fullerton, nfullerton@kansasruralcenter.org or 402-310-0177 for more information.

Teleconference to focus on organic products

The Kansas Rural Center invites beginning farmers and ranchers searching for information on transitioning to organic production to join a teleconference call Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m.

The call will be moderated by Julie Mettenburg, Executive Director, and Natalie Fullerton, Program Coordinator, both with the Kansas Rural Center. Also joining the call will be producers with experience in producing organic fruits and vegetables, grains, and livestock. They will be available to share information, resources and ideas.

The conversation will be structured around the questions and comments participants bring to the call. Participants on the call will be invited to share their experiences and challenges around transitioning to certified organic production and utilizing uncertified organic methods, to gain feedback and help identify what resources may be needed

in Kansas.

KRC is conducting a year-long study of the challenges that are reported by beginning farmers, with a goal of identifying resource needs. KRC is also providing education on top challenges as identified through the study, including access to capital, equipment and land; pricing and marketing; and organic certification, among others. Funding for this research and education project is provided by Farm Aid.

The call is toll free and can be accessed on a home or cell phone. To participate in the call, please visit www.kansasruralcenter.org/beginning-farmer-call to sign up and receive the call number or contact Natalie Fullerton at nfullerton@kansasruralcenter.org, or 402-310-0177.

Information for beginning farmers, and landowners who may be interested in meeting them, will be offered at KRC's

annual Farm & Food Conference Saturday, Nov. 2, in Newton. Information about this conference can be accessed at kansasruralcenter.org/conference.

The Kansas Rural Center is a nonprofit organization that since 1979 has promoted the long term health of the land and its people through research, education and advocacy that advances economically viable, ecologically sound, and socially just food and farming systems. Beginning farmer and rancher support has been a long term core value KRC continues to cultivate.

More information about this call and other upcoming opportunities are available at www.kansasruralcenter.org. Or, please contact Project Coordinator Natalie Fullerton at nfullerton@kansasruralcenter.org, or 402-310-0177.

HANSEN MUSEUM

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum presents Perfecting the Past: Colonial Revival Quilts. This exhibition created by the INTERNATIONAL QUILT STUDY CENTER & MUSEUM, of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will be on display Oct. 11, 2013 to Dec. 1, 2013.

The Colonial Revival was a cultural movement that portrayed the colonial era as a simple and noble time. Strongest in the late-nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the Colonial Revival romanticized colonial life and idealized the domestic sphere. It is no surprise, then, that the Colonial Revival sparked renewed interest in making needlework items that had been popular in previous generations such as cross-stitch samplers, hooked rugs

and quilts. Textiles traditionally have been closely connected to women's lives, and quilting, in particular, allowed women to believe they were participating in a needle art practiced by their colonial grandmothers. By making quilts like those their foremothers supposedly had made (even though quilt making was a fairly rare activity in colonial days performed mainly by the wealthy and rarely incorporating patchwork or appliqué), women felt that they were participating not only in tradition, but in history itself.

Colonial Revival quilts reflect the complexity of the movement itself. They may be pieced, repeating block-style quilts or appliqué quilts, and they may be hand and/or machine sewn. They incorporate elements of tradition and modernity, and

demonstrate how quilt makers often used historic design source along with modern techniques to create quilts that are a unique blend of romance and reality.

We have eleven students in our quilting class and forty-five attended our Joy of Painting class. Don't forget our Kaye Franklin Painting Workshop on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7, 8 and 9. Call in for more information or go to www.hansenmuseum.org.

Our October Artists of the Month are Duane and Gloria Harris from Stockton. They have fabric art on display along with original Ken and Barbie clothes. It's a good time to come in and start Christmas shopping for the little ones.

CORRECTION

Due to reporter error in the 10-11-13 Telegram in a story on page five titled "Road and bridge department asks for new scrape tires" it incorrectly said that prices of \$90,000 and \$105,000 were looked at and the \$90,000 bid was accepted. This was incorrect. It should have stated that the tires were 90 and 105 inches wide not \$90,000 or \$105,000. We apologize for the error.

In the 10-11-13 issue of the Telegram, on the front page, a headline read "WIC clinics closed due to federal shutdown"

This was incorrect. Checks dated in October will still be available but November and December checks will be withheld

until further notice. Call the Telegram with any questions, not the health department as it was our mistake.

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR OPERATING/CAPITAL (5311, 5316 and 5317)

Published in The Norton Telegram Tuesday, October 15, 2013 (17)
Norton County Senior Center Agency is submitting an application for capital and operating assistance for transportation under the U.S.C. 5311 (rural public transportation) of the Federal Transit Act. The application will be for capital funds to replace vehicle(s) in our current fleet and for operating funds to help provide transportation services in the area. Written comments and questions in regards to this application are encouraged and will be accepted until November 18, 2013 and should be sent to:

Melinda Segura, Executive Director at:
Norton County Senior Center
208 West Main, Norton, Kansas 67654

Fire Prevention Week



In honor of National Fire Prevention Week, Mitch Jones, Fire Chief from the Norton City Fire Departments spent some time on Thursday at the Norton Public Library. Jones presented a fun film for the preschool children to watch before taking them out to see the big red fire truck. The local department also visited Eisenhower Elementary School, and Holly's Clubhouse. They will also visit the Norton Head Start at the Methodist Church this week.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

COLLEGE NOTES

Cameron Tusken, fourth-year medical student at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Kansas City, is receiving hands-on clinical training in Norton from Glenda Maurer, M.D., through Oct. 19.

Tusken is there for four weeks as part of the School of Medicine's required Rural Preceptorship Program.

The rural preceptorship allows senior medical students to integrate and apply the knowledge and skills learned in medical school. The setting introduces students to the stimulating challenges and opportunities of practicing primary care medicine in a rural community, said Michael Kennedy, MD, Associate Dean for Rural Health and director of the rural preceptorship.

Established by the Kansas Legislature, the Rural Preceptorship Program began training students in 1951 to ensure Kansas-trained physicians were prepared to serve the state's substantial rural population. The program relies on volunteer faculty preceptors to host KU medical students, who introduce students to both the clinical experience and fully-integrated life of a rural physician.

"Regardless of their ultimate career choice, we hope our students gain an appreciation of how a primary care physician practicing in a rural setting bal-

ances their professional and personal responsibilities in a way that serves their community as a whole," said Kennedy.

More information about rural preceptorships and rural education for medical students, including inquiries on becoming a volunteer faculty member, is available by contacting Debra Lea (Preceptorship Administrator) at (913) 588-8221.



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Correction to 10-11-13 Telegram Story

In the story that ran on page 5 titled "Road and bridge department asks for new scraper tires" it stated that bids of \$90,000 and \$105,000 were accepted. **This was INCORRECT.** It should have stated that the bid was for 90 and 105 inch tires, not dollar amount. **PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SINCEREST APOLOGIES.**

Welcome New Employees to Norton and Bridges Group, Inc!



Mark Krehbiel joined the Bridges team in January 2013 and brings his knowledge of Financial Services to Bridges. Along with providing Life Insurance, Annuities, and benefit options, Mark works in the operations at Bridges.



Sara Lentz moved back to her hometown of Norton in February 2013 from Des Moines, IA. She currently manages the finances for Bridges in addition to being the human resources director.



Aaron Hale is the most recent addition to Bridges. Aaron moved back to Norton from Lawrence, KS in July 2013. He is working in the Crop, Farm, and Commercial departments.



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