

Fair

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be in place by 9 p.m. A 11 horses, sheep, hogs and poultry need to use wood shavings for their bedding in all the barns. The exotic animal educational exhibit and petting zoo is set for Wednesday, July 23. Pre-entries are needed by July 17 for this exhibition. We encourage exotic animals for the public. An exotic type animal would be something unusual and not entered in another class.

There is a section entitled Models for youth and adults who work with model crafts. Models will be entered from noon until 2 p.m. and judged at 2:30 p.m. on Monday. Monday's entries include 4-H Rockets (4:30 - 5 p.m.), 4-H and Open Class Art, Sketches, and Drawings (10 a.m. - noon). 4-H Woodworking will be entered and judged at 4 pm. Entry day for most Open Class exhibits in the 4-H Building is Tuesday, July 22, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. 4-H and Open Class livestock are entered on Tuesday by noon with a health check-in (Swine 8 - 9:45 a.m., Beef 9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Goats and Lambs 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.). No animals are to be stalled until given a health check approval. 4-H and Open Class Poultry and Rabbits will be entered on Tuesday by noon and judged at 2 p.m., with rabbits first. Open Class Textiles, Handicrafts, and Culinary can be entered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will be judged at 1 p.m. on Tuesday. Don't forget to check out the Culinary Canned Goods. Judging of Coverlets, Home Sewing, and Consultation Judging of Open Class Quilts will be Tuesday afternoon starting at 1:30 p.m. 4-H Entomology, Electric, Geology and Small Engines will be entered and judged at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

4-H Fiber Arts includes articles such as crochet, knitting,

needle arts, quilting, macramé and weaving. These will be entered Tuesday and judged 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The 4-H Crafts and other Skill Arts will be entered and judged

Tuesday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Open Class and 4-H Horticulture and Flowers are entered on Wednesday morning from 8 - 10 a.m.

Look again this year for the special School Children Division. All youth up to 17 years of age can enter exhibits in foods, textiles and handicrafts, quilts, afghans, flowers, plants, collections, sewing, woodworking, photography, and gardening, or models. The Division Departments are highlighted in Bold in this year's fair book. Open Class division has a dark border on the edge of the pages to be easily found.

Special programs along with the 4-H Foods Sale include Local Talent on Tuesday evening sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance. A free will offering will be taken. Also on Tuesday evening the 22, there will be Youth Team Penning, sponsored by Norton Saddle Club, after the Swine Show. Wednesday evening will be the Jackpot Team Roping, sponsored by Norton County Horse Council, Porkburger Special - co-sponsored by 4-H Council and Husky Hogs, a free Watermelon Feed - sponsored by Jamboree Foods; Political Candidates Meet and Greet sponsored by Norton County Republican Central Committee and Norton County Farm Bureau, and Three Jacks performance. Thursday morning the Norton Fair Association will hold the 4-H and FFA Challenge of Champions which offers a \$250 scholarship award sponsored by Kowpoke Supply. There will also be Crops Judging and Entomology Judging. The Round Robin Champion Showmanship and 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale and the Ranch Ro-

deo, sponsored by Norton Horse Council, will also be on Thursday. Friday evening's schedule has on tap the youth Pedal Power Pull and Celebrity Pull, sponsored by Landmark Implement of Phillipsburg. In addition, there will be Mutton Busting and Norton Idol, both sponsored by area businesses and coordinated by Norton County Farm Bureau, and on Saturday night, July 26 car races sponsored by NEPRA.

Each night (Tuesday-Saturday) the Home Owned Carnival will be in full swing from 6:30 - 11:30 p.m. with a special kiddie armband night (1 ticket rides) on Friday and regular arm band night on Saturday. There will be concessions booths from the 4-H Food Stand, Norton County Horse Council, American Legion, and amusement groups.

The carnival rides and games are all a volunteer service, and anyone wishing to offer assistance may contact a member of the Norton County Community Service Association at 877-5452.

The 2014 Norton County Fair offers something for everyone. Check out the possibilities and guidelines for each department and plan to participate. Fair booklets have been distributed to various businesses in the county and also are available at the Norton Twin Creeks Extension Office (107 S. State, downtown Norton). The 2014 Fair Board President is Garrett Beydler, Vice President is Kevin Esslinger. The officers of the Norton County Community Service Association are: President, Curtis Eveleigh; Vice-President, Calvin Wright; Secretary, Deanna Herredsburg and Treasurer, Deb Eveleigh.

The Norton Fair Association and Community Service Association reminds fair-goers that pets are not allowed on the fairgrounds unless for disability or special service needs.

Truck roll-over



Randy Pool of Logan was driving a wheat truck for Rodney Sansom last Wednesday and went off the side of Road E6 one-quarter of a mile north of Highway 9, lost control and turned the truck over in the ditch. No major injuries were reported.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Organic trade streamlined

Organic processed products certified in the United States or Korea can now be labeled as organic in either country. This will allow American organic farmers, processors, and businesses greater access to Korea's growing market for organic products. The arrangement between the two nations took effect on July 1, 2014.

"Korea is a growing, lucrative market for United States organic products, and this arrangement increases demand for American organic products," said Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture. "This is another chapter in the success story of organic agriculture, which provides more economic opportunities for American producers, more choices for consumers, and more jobs in rural communities across the country."

"America's organic farmers and businesses have a reason to celebrate," said Ambassador Michael Froman, U.S. Trade Representative. "We are committed to unlocking new opportunities for Americans and through this work we are delivering for the communities that depend on agricultural products. This deal serves as another foundation for future organic trade arrangements between the

United States and other partners."

Without this equivalency arrangement in place, organic farmers and businesses wanting to sell organic processed products in either country would have to obtain separate certifications to meet each country's organic standards. This typically has meant two sets of fees, inspections, and paperwork, and delays for United States farmers and businesses trying to export. Similar to previous United States equivalency arrangements with Canada, the European Union, and Japan, this arrangement with Korea eliminates significant barriers, especially for small and medium-sized organic businesses. This is Korea's first organic equivalency arrangement with any trading partner and serves as an example of how closely the United States is working with Korea to address emerging issues and strengthen the trade relationship.

Leading up to today's announcement, United States and Korean technical experts conducted thorough on-site audits to ensure that their programs' regulations, quality control measures, certification requirements, and labeling practices

were compatible. The arrangement covers organic condiments, cereal, baby food, frozen meals, milk, and other processed products. According to United States industry estimates, exports of organic processed products from the United States are valued at approximately \$35 million annually.

The United States and Korea are committed to ensuring that all traded organic processed products meet the terms of the arrangement, retaining their organic integrity from farm to market. Korea's National Agricultural Products Quality Management Service and the National Organic Program, part of the United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service, which oversee organic products in their respective countries, will both take on key oversight roles.

The United States and Korea will continue to have regular discussions and will review each other's programs periodically to ensure that the terms of the arrangement are being met.

For additional details on this agreement, please visit: www.ams.usda.gov/NOPTradeKorea.

Director

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gency, activating the Emergency Operations Center will be quick, but it will also run efficiently."

Conrad is originally from Southern California. She earned a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts, Graphic Design/Packaging from the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Calif. She has two kids, a son who just graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and will start pilot training in Texas, and a daughter who works in the anthropology field after graduating from Utah State University.

Conrad said she will miss Col-

orado but looks forward to what Kansas has to offer.

"I will miss the mountains above Golden, known as the 'Gateway to the Rockies.' While Golden is not all that large, it is part of the continuous West Denver metro area and it's too busy and congested for me," Conrad said. "I prefer a quieter lifestyle and having some open country around me. I'm looking forward to a quieter place and being able to bake a decent loaf of bread at a lower elevation!"

Conrad isn't unfamiliar with Kansas, however, she has ties to the state. Her grandmother grew up on a farm in Salina, after her

great-grandparents emigrated from Sweden, and she's traveled here often to visit friends.

When she gets to Norton she said she is looking forward to open spaces, friendly faces and country roads, instead of freeways. Getting back to basics, if you will.

"When I'm not working I like to go fishing, keeping up the garden, and spending time in the kitchen, canning or baking pies. I have lived in a small rural community before, and I enjoyed it," Conrad said. "It's a good feeling moving to Kansas, somewhat like coming home."

Council

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-approved the cereal malt beverage license for the Norton American Legion and use of the grandstand during the Norton County Fair, July 22-26.

-The Winner's Circle is scheduled for Sept. 13.

-approved the third reading of Ordinance #1659, as amended, requiring registration and licensing of scrap metal dealers.

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tabled the third reading of Ordinance #1656, designating a stop intersection on S. First at W. Washington.

-tabled the third reading of Ordinance #1657, designating yield conditions when ap-

proaching N. Graves.

-tabled the third reading of Ordinance #1658, designating yield conditions when approaching N. Second.

-approved the June 18, 2014 City Council meeting minutes as presented.

The following building permits were presented:

Greg Graham - \$200, curb cut at 209 S. Wabash

Kerri Donahey - \$10,000, construct deck at 607 Sunset Dr.

James and Karri Sisk - \$1,000, re-roof garage at 1107 N. Second

Tim and April Bashford - \$600, re-roofing at 333 W. Lincoln

Dean Esslinger - \$4,500, re-roofing at 212 S. Wabash

Louisa Gosselin - \$0, demolish ramp from front of house at 606 N. Second

Dave Gilgenbach - \$23,000, construct garage at 810 N. Grant

Travis Chisham - \$3,189, re-roofing at 110 E. Park

Connie Lacy - \$7,500, re-roofing at 512 W. Wilton

Program helps Kansans stay cool

Kansans with low income will have a little extra help paying their utility bills this summer, thanks to the Low Income Energy Assistance Program.

"Although we're enjoying a nice comfortable week of weather, extreme heat is likely just around the corner," Kansas Department for Children and Families Secretary Phyllis Gilmore said. "This extra assistance will help keep Kansans safe from dangerous conditions."

Low Income Energy Assistance Program provides an annual benefit to help qualifying

households pay winter heating bills. Persons with disabilities, older adults and families with children are the primary groups assisted. In the winter of 2014, nearly 48,000 households received an average benefit of \$449.

This year, funding is available to provide an additional benefit to those households for energy costs. This is not a new application period. Households that applied and received a benefit during the regular application period will automatically be issued a supplemental benefit of approximately \$74, bringing

the average benefit for the year to more than \$520. The supplemental funds are in the process of being dispersed.

Funding for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program is provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Service through the Federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

For more information on the Low Income Energy Assistance Program, visit <http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/eas/Pages/Energy/EnergyAssistance.aspx> or call 1-800-432-0043 toll free.

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