

BETHEL CELEBRATES 125 YEARS AT 2012 FALL FESTIVAL

Bethel College turns 125 and the 42nd Fall Festival, October 10-14, will recognize that in a variety of ways.

➤ North Newtonian Glen Ediger is curator of the special exhibition "Threshing Stone: Mennonite Artifact and Icon," opening at Kauffman Museum Oct. 6. Ediger will be at the museum Oct. 13, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. to sign copies of his new book, *Leave No Threshing Stone Unturned*.

➤ The new Bethel College history book will go on sale in Thresher Bookstore Oct. 8 with author Keith Sprunger signing books Oct. 13, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Schultz Student Center.

➤ Bethel's Old Science Hall is now the renovated 21st-century Academic Center. Dedication is 9:00 a.m. Saturday in the Entertainment Tent on the Green with a reception and open house to follow.

➤ At 9:45 in the Entertainment Tent, an anniversary program will include comments by Mayor Ron Braun and other dignitaries, music by the Newton Community Children's Choir and the auction of commemorative brass threshing stone #125.

➤ This year's stage production is the beloved family musical *The Secret Garden*, starring Juliana Schrag, age 11, as Mary Lennox, and Kenton Fox, age 12, as Colin.

➤ Other Fall Festival weekend activities include a Saturday concert at 2:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall by the reunited Bethel College Gospel Choir, the STEM symposium, the biennial Schweitzer dialect program, the Children's Park, and the Buffalo Barbecue Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

➤ The Fall Festival football game against Sterling College begins at 7:00 p.m.

➤ Residents should expect increased traffic and cars parking in front of houses October 13. Police will facilitate traffic flow during the day and at the game in the evening.

➤ For a complete schedule, see www.bethelks.edu/fallfest. Fliers are available at Thresher Bookstore, Mennonite Library and Archives and Kauffman Museum on campus and at



Kidron-Bethel Village. You may also call 284-5251 for more information.



FALL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Between October 1 and November 30 a limited number of tree coupons will be available at City Hall to North Newton residents on a first come, first served basis. The coupons are good for one-half the purchase price of a tree or shrub up to a \$75 maximum.

- Limit one coupon per household.
- Trees must be an eligible species from a provided list.
- Trees purchased under this program must be planted in the front yard or street side of the property.
- Participating nurseries are Esch Landscaping, Harvest Greenhouse, and Schroeder Nursery of Newton; Sha-Na-Kee Tree Farm and Stone Creek Nursery of Hesston; and Prairie Fire Farm of Moundridge.



FALL CLEAN UP WEEK

Fall Clean Up Week will be November 5 through 9. North Newton will provide free curbside collection for **tree limbs and yard waste only**. Different types of material are picked up at a time and it takes several days to complete the project.

Please note the following guidelines:

- ① Bagged leaves, grass, and yard waste will be picked up, as well as manageable sized limbs.
- ② Thorny bushes and small limbs can be placed with larger piles of brush and limbs.
- ③ Place limbs parallel to the street for easier grappling.
- ④ Keep piles away from utilities and meter pits.
- ⑤ Do not mix any trash or recyclables in the bags and set yard waste away from recyclables and household trash to avoid confusion.



NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (NNCF) UPDATE

The NNCF and community suffered a grievous loss with the passing of Sher Klassen Neufeld on June 13 after her valiant battle with cancer. She was an enthusiastic supporter of the NNCF, serving as Vice-Chair of the Board and providing the initial donation of \$5,000 to the Foundation. In memory of her life of service and dedication to the City, the Sher Klassen Neufeld Endowment (SKNE) in the amount of \$10,000 has been established with the NNCF. The intent of the endowment is to improve the quality of life in North Newton, with annual earnings available to support activities ranging from improved recreational facilities, programs in the arts and humanities, to general fund contributions to reduce residential property taxes. Specific use of these earnings will be made each year on the basis of recommendations by the City Council to the NNCF.

With Sher's passing, Jennifer Vogts has taken the position of NNCF Vice-Chair and Pamela Copper, Branch Manager of Via Christi Clinic in Newton, has joined the Board.

Since establishment, the total asset balance of the NNCF has registered steady growth. It now comprises four funds: 1) Operating Fund-\$455; 2) Vincent Hill Memorial Park and Playground Fund-\$1,584; 3) Sher Klassen Neufeld Endowment-\$10,000; and 4) Impact Fund-\$12,277. Asset growth has been facilitated by a one-year grant of \$5,000 from the City made available as a dollar-for-dollar match by other donors up to a maximum of \$250. To date \$1,485 of the City grant remains to be matched. Individual donations of at least \$250 to the Impact Fund qualify the donor to be identified as a founding contributor to the NNCF. Contributions are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to "NNCF" and sent to Board Chair Jim Goering, 301 Bluestem, North Newton, KS 67117.

The NNCF Board is eager to have community input on possible uses consistent with the general frameworks [of their mission statement]. All suggestions are carefully considered and can be mailed to Jim Goering labeled "For Real and

Permanent Good". The next meeting of the NNCF Board is Tuesday, October 16, 7:00-8:00 a.m. at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.



ADVANCE NOTICE TO PET OWNERS



Dog and cat owners are being given advance notice that the 2013 City pet tags will be available after December 1 with the deadline being March 1, 2013. **REMEMBER, all dogs and cats must be licensed every calendar year with the City of North Newton and you must show proof that their**

rabies vaccination is up to date at that time. If your pet gets a two or three-year vaccination that hasn't expired when you get your 2013 city tag, you do not need to re-vaccinate for rabies.

City pet tags assist staff in locating the owner of a pet that has been picked up. When owners cannot be located, animals are taken to Caring Hands Humane Society. Animals that are not claimed by their owner may be adopted out or euthanized.



MAILING TO POST OFFICE BOXES

Please notify the City if you have recently obtained a post office box. **The Post Office will no longer deliver if your post office box is not included in your address above the city and state line.** Additionally, if mailing a payment to the City or using an online bill pay service include P.O. Box 87 in the City's address.



GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6

The general election is November 6. Registered voters of North Newton can vote at City Hall between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. A photo I.D. is required when voting. The deadline to register to vote is October 16 and deadline to apply for an advance ballot to be mailed is November 2. You may call the County Election Office at 284-6842 or go to www.harveycounty.com for more election information.

YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

James & Patricia Jones – 2533 N. Main
Justin & Debra Bazzle – 205 E. 24th Street
Michael & Linda Drey – 2614 Rosewood
Gerry & Jennifer Huse – 2508 Minnesota
Garrett & Brittany Hiebert – 307 E. 24th Street
Rachel Voran, Anna Cook & Andrew Voth – 205 W. 24th Street
Walter & Linda Eustace – 3314 Woodside Drive



THIS AND THAT

✂ The City Council adopted the **2013 budget** at their August 13 meeting. The mill levy will be at 32.402, an increase of less than one half of a mill.

✂ A display of the **History of North Newton** will soon be featured in the lobby at City Hall. The items will be on loan from the Harvey County Historical Society. Please come enjoy!

✂ The next three regular **City Council meetings** are October 8, November 12, and December 10 at 7:00 P.M. All citizens are welcome to attend.

✂ Remember, residential **sewer consumption** is based annually on the average water consumption between November 15 and February 14. The more water used during that period can affect your new sewer consumption (and charge) starting on your April 2013 billing. **If you suspect a water leak or plumbing problem, the time to take care of it is before the sewer averaging period.**

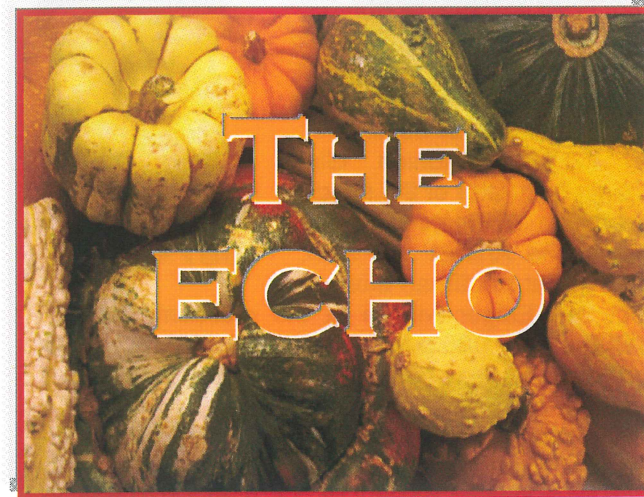
✂ It is important that City Hall maintains **current phone numbers** for utility customers. If you have changed or added phone numbers in the past year please let us know by dropping us a note, emailing depcc@northnewton.org, or calling 283-7633.

✂ **Daylight Savings Time** ends November 4! Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour the night before.



The City's website has been updated! It is our goal to keep information current so you can refer to it often. Please put www.northnewton.org in your Favorites listing.

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