... USDA Grants

(Continued from page 13) Grants can be used to weatherize and repair existing structures, install or improve plumbing or provide access to people with disabilities. Housing Preservation Grants help bring job growth and stability to low-income communities while improving the

living conditions of rural

Americans.

For fiscal year 2012, USDA may award up to \$4.1 million in competitive grants through the Housing Preservation Grant program. Applications are due June 25, 2012. For more information on how to apply, please see page 27179 of the May 9, 2012 Federal Register or view http://www.gpo.gov/ fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-05-09/html/2012-11036.htm

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices. Rural Development has an active portfolio of more than \$165 billion in loans and loan guarantees. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural areas.

Songwriters festival slated for Kerrville

The Kerrville Folk Festival at Quiet Valley Ranch, nine miles South of the Texas Hill Country resort community of Kerrville, has announced an exciting 2012 festival schedule for its 41st annual event. Once again this legendary songwriter's festival will run for 18 straight days, from Thursday, May 24 through Sunday, June 10, 2012.

The 2012 Grassy Hill Kerrville New Folk Competition for emerging songwriters will be held on the first Saturday and Sunday of the festival (May 26th and 27th), from 1 to 4 pm. From the almost 800 entries, 32 finalists have been selected to perform in this prestigious annual competition.

Held each year since 1972. the Kerrville Folk Festival is the longest continuously running festival of its kind in North America. Over the years it has become known internationally as a Mecca for singer songwriters of varying musical styles... a place where those just beginning to develop their skills have the opportunity to play their music along side those who are masters. Emerging songwriters as well as teachers are drawn to the festival's many learning opportunities, such as the 32nd Annual Songwriters School, the Roots / Blues

Guitar Workshop, Harmonica Workshop, Capo Workshops, Music Law Panel Discussion, and the 11th Annual Professional Development Program for Teachers.

A complete festival schedule, information and tickets can be found at kerrvillefolk festival.org or by calling the festival office at (830) 257-3600.

Red Hat Society meeting schedule

The Red Hat Society have announced their upcoming meeting schedule. You are welcome to join this group where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life. They are usually together for about an hour or so. Whatever they do, they have fun. There are no dues, no rules, no business, but lots of good fun, food and fellowship. Each woman buys her own lunch.

Ladies under fifty can wear something lavender and a pink hat and ladies at or over

purple and wear a red hat.

July 12, 11 am at Rangel's in Miss Hattie's, San Angelo Robert Lee; August 2, 11 am, 277, September 6, 11 am, Cindy's, at 473-5388.

50 usually wear something Robert Lee; October 4, 11 am, Allen's, Sweetwater; November Mark your calendars now 6, 11 am, First Baptist Church for the following dates: June in Bronte (Annual Potato 7, 11 am, Rangel's, Bronte; Bake); December 6, 11 am,

> For more information or Bronte; directions, call Janet Wommack

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