LYLE NEWS

By Veda Wood

We are having foggy, drippy weather with the temperature in the 50's. It feels good, but after the heat we had, it feels cold. I decided it was a good time to turn the oven on, so made a little pan of corn bread, and had corn bread n' beans. Good! Speaking of good meals, Tom and Cheryl brought me a plate with chicken livers, mashed potatoes and gravy .mmm. Are you hungry yet?

My week was taken up with Dr. appointments, etc. with three tests hanging in the balance.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen attended the Red Willow County Fair on Saturday. They had supper and went to the rodeo. On Thursday, Kathy went to a show, "Musical Grease" at Kearney sponsored by her bank, followed by supper at the "Chicken Coop".

June Jolly 'Fair sat' at the Community building at the McCook Fair on Saturday. She played cards on Thursday and Saturday, and has her new quilt in the frame.

Toots Magers played pinochle on Thursday. After church on Sunday, the Powells had their annual picnic at the Powell picnic grounds, with 24 attending. This was about the smallest number they had ever had, and it was so chilly, they built a campfire to keep warm. No danger of forest fires with everything so damp.

Elden Huff and Jeff Allen ran cement and fixed the slide at the Lyle Community Building, so kids [or whoever is inclined to] can play on it now.

Little sister, Dixie Wood, turned 80 on July 27. Our brother-in-law, Rudy Bowe, of Gresham, Oregon has been suffering with a broken leg, and is not doing well.

On Sunday, August 11, at noon, everyone is welcome to the Community picnic, sponsored by the Liberty Star Club at the Powell picnic grounds. Bring a dish, place setting and chair. Drinks furnished. If the weather isn't coo-erative, it will be moved to the Lyle Community Building.

JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

Dorothy Jones observed her 92nd birthday on Tuesday July 23. She enjoyed the cards, phone calls, visits and the cake in her honor and wishes to say thanks to everyone for remembering her.

There will be an American Red Cross blood drive at the United Methodist Church in Jennings on Friday, August 2nd. If you would like to give blood, contact Marge Hartzog 785-678-3010 to set up a time. If you would like to furnish cookies or sandwiches for snacks bring them to the church Friday morning.

Sunflower Senior Center card players Wednesday were: Eleanor Morel, Diane Carter, Agnes Wahlmeier, Scott Taylor, Linda Spresser, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Wayne and Louise Cressler. You are always welcome to come on Wednesday 1:30 P.M. to play cards with us.

Rev. Ed Wood and wife Linda moved into the Jennings Methodist Parsonage the first of July. Linda has been taking treatments for cancer. Sunday evening July 21st they went back to Chicago for another treatment. Some complications came up and they are still in Chicago. Our prayers are with them. He serves the Norcatur, Clayton and Jennings congregations.

The Community Meeting held Friday evening at the Jennings Community Hall was attended by 29 people from the town and a few from the country. Bob Jones, Mayor, presided over the meeting. Mike McKenna brought information to share about the Neighborhood Revitalization Program the county is working on. On the agenda Bob brought up concerns for the future of the Outreach Clinic in Jennings. Marge Hartzog said we need someone as a local contact to be responsible to open the clinic and to do the janitorial work. It was mentioned we need to have a schedule from the hospital so people know when the clinic is open. People of Jennings do not want to see it closed. Plans are being made by a committee for a celebration on October 19 of the 125th anniversary of Jennings. More about this will be printed in the future. Several spoke on what we as a community might do to better our town. A fall clean-up date will be set by the city council. Refreshments of coffee, tea, lemonade and cookies were served by Pat Hall, Bob Jones and Louise Cressler. We thank everyone who came to the meeting.

Battle

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Your one donation may help save up to three lives. And the best part is you can donate every two months. This adds up to saving up to 18 lives each year.

A person has to feel good on the day of donation, be age 17, 16 with parental consent, and meet certain weight requirements. If you have questions about donating blood or would like to make an appointment, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go to www.redcrossblood.org.

Blood Facts

About 44,000 blood donations are needed every day in the United States.

About 500 blood donations and 40 platelet donations are needed each day in Kansas.

Blood products are needed by cancer and leukemia patients, people with blood disorders, premature babies, transplant recipients, trauma victims, and more.

Blood donations can dip during the summer months and around holidays, but the need for blood is constant.

With schools out and families on vacation, it's even more important that those who are eligible to donate come forward to give the gift of life.

It's the blood on the shelves today that helps save lives tomorrow.

If you want to express your gratitude this summer and do something meaningful for others, consider giving the gift of blood.

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. A single donation can help save more than one life.

Contact Information

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit www.redcrossblood.org for more information or to make an appointment.

Eligibility Information

Donors must be in general good health. New height and weight restrictions apply to donors 18 and younger.

A blood donor card or a driver's license are required at check in. Donors may give whole blood up to six times per year or every 56 days; double red cells every 112 days or up to three times per year; and platelets every seven days or up to 24 times a year.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING/CITY OF CLAYTON

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
City of Clayton
will meet on the 8/12/2013 at 7:00 PM at City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.
Detailed budget information is available at City Hall and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2014 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2013 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2014 budget.
Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual for 2012		Current Year Estimate for 2013		Proposed Budget for 2014		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	6,629	14.435	8,750	14.276	25,247	1,631	14.430
Special Highway	811		1,000		14,000		
Water Utility	12,189		9,909		24,978		
Refuse Collection	4,060		4,608		4,608		
Bond Reserve					4,182		
Debt Service	4,004		3,942		10,610		
Totals	27,693	14.435	28,209	14.276	83,625	1,631	14.430
Less: Transfers	3,972		3,909		10,578		
Net Expenditure	23,721		24,300		73,047		
Total Tax Levied	1,601		1,612				
Assessed Valuation	110,911		112,915		113,025		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2011		2012		2013		
G.O. Bonds	0		0		169,000		
Revenue Bonds	54,900		53,700		52,500		
Other	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0		
Total	54,900		53,700		221,500		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

Barbara Brooks
City Official Title: City Clerk

Getting the perfect fit...

The Norton County Health Department held a car seat fitting station on July 24 during the fair. New technicians, Paige Harding and Cami Cornelius, are seen here going over the requirements for proper fitting of a new car seat. Only three families took advantage of this service that day and nine seats were fitted properly into the vehicles. There are now six technicians qualified to do these fittings and they can be found at the Norton County Health Department, the Norton County Hospital, as well as one based out of New Almelo.

– Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Contest held for best poem

A $1,000 grand prize is being offered to the last poet standing in a free contest sponsored by the Famous Poets. There are a total of 50 prizes totaling over $4,000 in cash and book prizes.

Poems of 21 lines or fewer on any subject and in any style will be judged by the contest director Lavender Aurora. "I encourage poets (even if you don't consider yourself a poet, if you've written one you are to me!) to send in the poem they're most proud of," she says. "I know this contest will produce exciting discoveries!"

Entries must be received by August 31, and may be submitted by mail to: Free Poetry Contest, P.O. Box 21, Talent, OR 97540. Or enter online at www.famouspoets.com.

Those mailing their entries should include their name and address on the same page as the poem (those free mailing labels work great for this) and the poem should be typed or neatly written. A winners' list will be sent to all entrants.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
Norton County
will meet on the 12th day of August, 2013 at 9:30 A.M. at the Norton County Courthouse Commissioner's Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.
Detailed budget information is available at the County Clerk's office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2014 Expenditures and the Amount of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2014 budget.
Estimated Tax Rate* is subject to change depending on final assessed valuation.

	2012		2013		Proposed Budget 2014		
FUND	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	1,966,200	23.705	2,198,853	24.420	2,032,846	999,362	19.934
Road & Bridge	1,154,534	10.779	1,528,517	24.580	1,584,579	1,179,406	23.525
Special Bridge	4,600				22,441		
Solid Waste	288,377		299,135		507,706	286,085	5.706
EMS-Ambulance	528,787	4.656	550,524	5.406	550,524	395,385	7.886
County Health	452,725	1.429	432,725	1.318	469,190	65,745	1.311
Noxious Weed	202,529	1.500	219,868	1.500	221,721	75,202	1.500
Election	73,175	1.447	41,705	0.500	76,785	76,878	1.533
Economic Development	165,638	2.409	139,780	2.165	139,780	75,101	1.498
Appraiser's Cost	129,628	2.725	135,823	2.238	136,400	123,167	2.457
4-H Maintenance	10,779	0.220	8,715	0.120	8,715	6,356	0.127
Fair	9,000	0.188	9,000	0.158	9,000	8,265	0.165
Soil Conservation	9,775	0.201	10,000	0.187	15,000	14,198	0.283
Airport	59,903	1.084	62,345	1.182	62,345	55,652	1.110
Mental Retardation	49,700	1.037	45,000	0.794	45,000	41,023	0.818
Mental Health	35,669	0.768	40,000	0.742	40,000	35,390	0.706
Hospital	121,000	2.500	134,347	2.500	138,768	125,337	2.500
Andbe Home Maintenance	19,503	0.400	22,359	0.400	22,400	20,054	0.400
Extension Council					15,100		
Historical Society	4,930	0.100	5,551	0.100	5,590	5,013	0.100
Sr. Citizens Service	48,500	1.000	54,503	1.000	56,074	50,135	1.000
Employee Benefits	1,139,354	23.087	1,293,250	21.731	1,313,200	1,079,892	21.540
Bridge Bonds	122,290	2.815	123,840	1.950	17,916		
EMS Building Bonds	21,601	0.450	21,400	0.410	24,200	18,860	0.376
EMS Building COP Debt	45,965	0.978	44,240	0.856	47,190	39,717	0.792
Econ. Rec. Zone Bonds	17,662	0.450	22,250	0.407	25,250	20,170	0.402
Noxious Weed Deficiency	0		83		83		
911 Fund	38,036		40,000		40,000		
Wireless E-911	750		21,220		22,515		
District Coroner	2,981		9,500		7,500		
Special Alcohol Programs	9,700		17,070		18,970		
Special Parks & Recreation			12,410		14,910		
Noxious Weed Cap Outlay			49,235		61,376		
County Health Cap Outlay	26,187		27,338		29,745		
Non-Budgeted Funds	919,496						
Totals	7,678,974	83.928	7,620,586	94.664	7,782,819	4,796,393	95.669
Less: Transfers	530,136		262,960		274,914		
Net Expenditure	7,148,838		7,357,626		7,507,905		
Total Tax Levied	3,624,032		4,547,728		4,796,393		
Assessed Valuation	43,180,163		48,101,380		50,134,707		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2011		2012		2013		
G.O. Bonds	613,000		777,000		320,000		
Lease Pur Princ	602,495		721,874		1,037,798		
Total	1,215,495		1,498,874		1,357,798		

	2012		2013		Proposed Budget 2014		
Other District Funds	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2013 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
Gettis Cemetery	1,886	2.690	1,888	2.316	1,917	1,822	1.967
Clayton Cemetery	2,886	2.218	2,879	1.907	2,983	2,599	1.957
Oronoque Cemetery	1,228	1.043	1,244	0.962	1,264	1,120	0.757
Edmond Cemetery	1,934	0.363	1,926	0.363	1,922	1,851	0.364
Almena Cemetery	32,086	5.731	32,183	0.443	32,351	29,008	4.746
West Union Cemetery	0	0.000	4,000	0.476	4,161	4,010	0.566
Almena Fire Dist. No. 1	30,489	5.421	32,815	5.204	55,000	55,000	8.523
Norton Fire Dist. No. 2	43,365	3.045	45,262	2.406	45,633	41,675	2.450
Solomon Fire Dist. No. 3	11,567	3.071	20,678	5.000	23,375	21,948	5.000
Almena Township	1,333	0.273	1,336	0.253	1,382	1,224	0.225
Assessed Valuations							
Gettis Cemetery	669,178		777,336		926,289		
Clayton Cemetery	1,127,142		1,291,322		1,327,932		
Oronoque Cemetery	1,066,520		1,155,757		1,480,214		
Edmond Cemetery	5,085,399		5,461,062		5,085,399		
Almena Cemetery	4,936,369		5,326,414		6,112,581		
West Union Cemetery	0		8,400,826		7,088,629		
Almena Fire Dist. No. 1	5,219,328		5,629,134		6,453,232		
Norton Fire Dist. No. 2	12,737,170		16,925,349		17,009,260		
Solomon Fire Dist. No. 3	3,398,657		3,913,838		4,389,547		
Almena Township	4,350,753		4,700,224		5,429,661		

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Robert Wyatt
County Clerk