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THANK YOU

Family, Friends and Even Strangers — We would have liked to thank everyone individually, but there are too many to thank so we hope you accept this as our thank you. It has been an overwhelming three months and with the support of everyone it has been easier. The prayers, words of encouragement, monetary contributions, and all the other things that some of you have done that don't fall under the mentioned have allowed us to keep our heads held high and to focus on Cody's challenge. Cody's Benefit held in August was amazing and we are forever grateful for the sincere gratitude of everyone who was involved and participated in the successful day. Thank you, God Bless and we love you all. —Cody and Kara Hilburn and Families *updates about Cody can be found on: caringbridge.org/visit/codyhilburn — 11/10—

THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make our 50th wedding anniversary a memorable event. We spent a lovely surprise weekend in Kansas City filled with events organized by (and shared with) our sons and their families and came home to an awesome number of cards, gifts and well wishes from friends and relatives. We are very humbled and we love you all. May God Bless you as you have blessed us. —Daryl and Marge Hartzog — 11/10—

OUR WAY OF saying thank you to our local businesses, FREE business listing in www.NWKansasOnline.com, call to get your business listed, 785-462-1149. — tfn —

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FIND LOCAL BUSINESSES online at www.NWKansasOnline.com — tf —

AT YOUR SERVICE

LODGE NOTICES

American Legion
Harmonson Redd
Post No. 63
Second and Fourth Monday
Gil Otter, Commander

Eagles Lodge
FOE 3288
Second and Fourth
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Larry Mack, President
Secretary, Vacant

Sons of the
American Legion
Fourth Monday
7:30 p.m.
Austin Brooks, Commander
Doyle Brooks, Adjutant

Veterans of
Foreign Wars
Reg. 7:00 p.m.
First Mon. of each Month
Curt Archibald, Commander
Joe Ballinger, Quartermaster

I.O.O.F.
No. 157
Meet at Eagles Club
First and Third Thursday
Each Month at 7:30 p.m.
Geneva Tier, Noble Grand
Randy Knoll, Secretary

The American
Legion Riders
Post 63
Meet at the
American Legion Building
on the Second Sunday
of Every Month

CHIMNEY / AIR DUCT and dryer vent cleaning. Call 866-604-3828 or visit www.diversifiedmm.com — 11/30 —

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to take care of those windows. Pro Window Cleaning, \$4.00 per window in/out, screen cleaning and repair, gutter cleaning and repair, wood window restoration, reglaze/scrape/prime/paint. Free estimates. Call Norm at 785-871-7696 or visit www.windowssks.com — tf —

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SEPTIC TANKS

SEPTIC TANKS PUMPED and systems installed. Call Logan Septic and Water. 785-543-7772 — tf —

ROTOTILLING

CUSTOM ROTOTILLING with reartine tiller. \$40 minimum. Contact Bryan Keiswetter at 785-877-2771. — 11/23 —

HELP WANTED

PHILLIPS COUNTY RETIREMENT CENTER is looking for RN's, LPN's and CNA's. Good benefit package available including health, dental and life insurance, vacation and sick leave. Come work for a team where quality of care is our goal. Contact (785) 543-2131 for more information or stop by to pick up an application. — 11/10 —

DIETARY AIDE / DISHWASHER — Part time, some evenings and weekends. Must be flexible and a team worker. Excellent starting wage, experience not necessary. Apply Andbe Home, 201 W. Crane, Norton EOE — 11/10 —

FLATBED DRIVER WANTED — Home most weekends, must have experience, clean MVR, 877-5634, Ken Carter Trucking, Norton, KS. — 11/10 —

PART TIME DRIVER WANTED — Must own a dependable and economical vehicle. Call 316-689-8106. — 11/17 —

PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS NEEDED in Almena to assist an individual with disabilities in their home. Duties may include personal care, meal preparation, household chores, etc. Flexible hours available. For more information regarding the Personal Care Attendant Program, please contact LINK, Inc. at 1-800-569-5926. — 11/20 —

MYSTERY SHOPPERS — Earn up to \$100 per day. Judge retail and dining establishments. No experience necessary. Call 877-644-1335. — 11/27 —

WANTED — your business online at www.NWKansasOnline.com — tfn —

DISC ROLLING

DISC ROLLING -- Rolling on the farm. Call Ron Lewis, Eustis, NE. 308-486-3501. — tf —

POTATOES FOR SALE

HOME GROWN POTATOES — Red, White, Yucon Gold. \$10.00 for 60 pounds; \$5.00 for 30 pounds. Call John, 785-386-4457 or Edgar, 785-871-7901. — 11/17 —

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

FIREWOOD FOR SALE — \$200.00 a cord. Call Bryan Keiswetter at 785-877-2771. — 11/27 —

HOUSE FOR SALE

NEW SINGLE SECTION HOME, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Large master suite with walk-in closet. See it at Clayton Homes, South Highway 183 in Hays. 785-625-6539 or 800-621-6539. — 11/10 —

REAL ESTATE agencies online at www.NWKansasOnline.com — tfn —

VEHICLES FOR SALE

1996 TOYOTA RAV4; AWD, auto., 4 cyl., full power, 128K, good condition. 877-3386 day or 877-5574 evenings. — 11/10 —

AUTO DEALERS online at

www.NWKansasOnline.com — tfn —

REAL ESTATE

REAL ESTATE NEEDS: Contact Jolene Weiser for all of your real estate needs at 785-877-2185, Kansasland Realtors, Larry Riggs, Broker. — tfn —

LIVESTOCK

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UPCOMING AUCTIONS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009 — LAND AUCTION FOR DENNING FAMILY. Auction Time: 7:00 p.m. Auction Location: Norton National Guard Armory, North Hwy. 283, Norton, KS. Legal Description: The North half of the Southwest Quarter (N1/2 SW1/4) of Section Thirteen (13), Township Three (3) South, Range Twenty-one (21), West of the 6th P.M. and the South half of the Southwest Quarter (S1/2 SW1/4) of Section Thirteen (13), Township Three (3) South, Range Twenty-one (21) West of the 6th P.M., all in Norton County, Kansas being 160 acres more or less. Land Location: From Norton, KS, go East on Hwy. 36, then South on Road W-13 2.5 miles to the

•PUBLIC NOTICE• NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

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NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

TO: THE ELECTORS OF ALMENA, KANSAS

WHEREAS, A Resolution directing the calling of a bond election for submission to the voters of City of Almena, Kansas (the "City"), of a proposition of the City to issue General Obligation Bonds in a total principal amount which shall not exceed \$260,000, was duly adopted by the Governing Body of the City on November 1, 2009 (the "Resolution").

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned Election Officer of Norton County, Kansas, by virtue of the authority vested in him by law and the Resolution, does hereby proclaim and give notice to the electors of Almena, Kansas, that a bond election has been called and will be held in the City on December 8, 2009, at which there shall be submitted to qualified electors of the City, the following proposition, together with voting instructions as required by law:

"Shall the Following Be Adopted?"
Shall the City of Almena, Kansas issue General Obligation Bonds, to be issued in an amount not to exceed \$260,000, for the purpose of paying the costs of constructing and equipping a community building to house a public activity and meeting room, library and City offices in the City of Almena?

The polls will open at 7:00 o'clock A.M. and will close at 7:00 o'clock P.M., on December 8, 2009, the election day. The voting place in the City shall be the regular polling place.

The election will be conducted by the officers and/or persons provided by law for holding elections, and the method of voting will be by ballot. Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-1117 et seq., registered voters are eligible to vote by advance voting ballot upon application to the Norton County Election Officer. The Election Officer responsible for conducting the bond election will be as follows:
ROBERT WYATT
Norton County, Kansas Election Officer
Norton County Courthouse, 105 S. Kansas
Norton, Kansas, 67654
Telephone 785-877-5710

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
The City is providing the following additional information in compliance with K.S.A. 10-120a. This information has been obtained from sources deemed reliable by the City. Certain of this information is based upon projections as of the date hereof, and no assurances can be given that these projections will be accurate as of the date of issuance of the proposed bonds due to changes in bond market conditions, changes in the City's assessed valuation, and other matters unknown or unavailable at this date. Projected rates of property taxation cited in this information to be used to pay the principal of and interest on the proposed bonds and ad valorem property tax rates on property located within the City of Almena, Kansas, based upon the current assessed valuation of the City, and upon an assumed principal repayment schedule and average interest rates from recent bond issues for similar types of financings, all as set forth below.

Projected Summary of Project Costs

Sources of Funds:	
Amount of Proposed Bonds	\$260,000
Pledged funds and available funds of the City	165,000
Total Sources of Funds	\$425,000
Uses of Funds:	
Construction Cost	\$385,000
Profession Services (including architectural and engineering)	30,000
Issuance Costs	10,000
(Including attorney fees, printing costs, rating agency fees, financial advisor fees, underwriting fees and other miscellaneous expenses)	
Total Uses of Funds	\$425,000

Projected Summary of Proposed Bond Issue Repayment

Assumptions: Principal payment over 20 years;

Average annual interest rate	5.02%
Projected Date on which the bonds will be retired:	September 1, 2030
Total interest cost to maturity	\$172,238.33
City's 2009 assessed valuation	\$1,176,385
Total average annual principal and interest payments:	\$21,612*

Projected Property Tax Levy Rate for Proposed Bond Issue Repayment

Total average annual levy:	18.37 mills*
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*Reflects estimated debt service on anticipated 20-year bond financing. The City may be eligible for 10-year reduced rate financing which would increase average annual principal and interest payments to \$27,621.67 with an annual mill levy impact of 23.48 mills over ten years.

By order of ROBERT WYATT, Election Officer of Norton County, Kansas, on November 10, 2009.
ROBERT WYATT
Election Officer/County Clerk, Norton County, Kansas

NW corner of the Tract. From Prairie View, Ks, go West on Hwy. 36, 4 miles, then South on Road W-13 2.5 miles to the NW corner of Tract. Auction conducted by: McMullen Real Estate, 113 N. State, Norton, Kansas, Phone 785-877-3299.

Donald McMullen, Broker/Auctioneer, Home (785) 877-2028 or Robert Wyatt, Auctioneer/Salesperson, Home: (785) 877-2731. — 11/10 —

•PUBLIC NOTICE• NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Norton County Commission has filed a pre-application with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development for financial assistance to construct a new Doctors Clinic. Proposed improvements will consist of the construction of approximately 9,000 s.f. of clinic space adjacent to the southwest side of the existing Norton County Hospital facility. The new space will include a reception/waiting area, 17 exam rooms, 8 offices to serve physicians, mid-level providers and IT Electronic Health Record staff, two procedure rooms, restrooms, laboratory, nurse's station and nurse aide's station with necessary workspace, and a covered entry for patient drive-through and drop-off. The new facility will meet all current federal requirements regarding accessibility and privacy regulations for an outpatient clinic. Improvements will include the renovation of approximately 644 s.f. of existing hospital space to allow for the clinic and hospital facilities to be connected. The proposed project will also include the construction of new off-street concrete parking large enough for approximately 44 parking stalls and a sidewalk system to accommodate the new clinic. The project will serve the area generally bounded by Norton County. The estimated cost of the improvements is \$2.5M.

A meeting will be held on Monday, November 23, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the Commissioner's Room, Norton County Courthouse, 105 South Kansas, Norton, Kansas regarding the proposed project and to provide the opportunity for public comment.

•PUBLIC NOTICE• ORDINANCE NO. 420

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ORDINANCE NO. 420

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO MIDWEST ENERGY, INC., A KANSAS CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE PRESCRIBING THE TERMS THEREOF AND RELATING THERETO, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH OR IN CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALMENA, KANSAS:

Section 1. That, in consideration of the benefits to be derived by the City of Almena, Kansas, and its inhabitants, hereinafter called "City", there is hereby granted to Midwest Energy, Inc., hereinafter called "Grantee" or "Company", its successors and assigns, the right to use and occupy the streets, avenues, alleys and other public places within the City of Almena, Kansas, for the purpose of constructing, installing, maintaining and operating a natural gas transmission and distribution system including mains, pipes, conduits, services and other necessary structures and appurtenances, in, under, upon, over, across, and along the streets, alleys, bridges, and public grounds within the present and future corporate limits of the City of Almena, Kansas, for the furnishing, transmission, distribution, and sale of natural gas, for heating, cooling, domestic, industrial and other purposes, and for transmitting natural gas into, through and beyond said City for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of passage of this Ordinance through the 2nd day of November, 2029.

Section 2. All mains, pipes, conduits and services shall be installed and maintained so as to interfere as little as practicable with traffic over the streets, alleys, bridges and public places of said City.

When Grantee shall do any work of construction, repair or maintenance of said system in the course of which any pavements, curbing or gutter upon any street, alley, bridge or public place shall be excavated, Grantee shall properly protect excavations and shall promptly restore such street, alley, bridge or public place as far as practicable to as good condition as before such work was done.

Section 3. That, in consideration of the rights and privileges hereby granted, said Grantee hereby undertakes and agrees to use reasonable effort to maintain good and adequate service to the City hereunder, but it is understood that the Company does not guarantee that the supply of natural gas will at all times be continuous and it is agreed that temporary cessation of Company's service hereunder occasioned by fire, explosion, flood, strike, insurrection, mob violence, governmental interference, breakdown or injury to machinery, or transmission or distribution lines or from other accidents or causes not reasonably within its control, shall not constitute a breach of this Ordinance or any obligation arising hereunder on the part of the Company; and, that Grantee shall not be liable to City for any damages resulting from such temporary cessation of service.

Section 4. That, in consideration of the rights and privileges hereby granted, said Grantee, its successors and assigns, shall locate its transmission and distribution lines in the streets, avenues, alleys and other public places in such manner as not to interfere with the use of said streets, avenues, alleys and public places. At times when City causes public improvements to be made to any of the streets, avenues, alleys or other public places within the City that are occupied by Company's natural gas facilities, Company shall, at City request, relocate its natural gas facilities at Company's expense to conform to the City's planned improvement. If said Grantee is required to move, alter or rebuild any of its natural gas facilities not located on public right-of-way, the cost of moving, altering or rebuilding said facilities shall be borne by the requesting party. In the event City vacates or otherwise abandons City right-of-way on which Company facilities are located, or planned to be located, the Ordinance vacating or abandoning such City right-of-way shall provide City granted easement to Company.

Section 5. It is further agreed by the City and the Company, that the rates now in effect or such rates as may be approved by the proper governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Company, shall be deemed to be a reasonable schedule of maximum rates charged the City and its inhabitants for the service provided by the Company.

Section 6. Subject to any restriction placed on Company by regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over the Company in consideration of and as compensation for the granting of this franchise by the City of Almena, Kansas, and in lieu of any licenses, fees and occupation or other revenue taxes, Company shall collect from consumers and pay to the City an amount equal to four percent (4%) of the gross revenue derived from the sales of natural gas and four cents per therm for gas transported to any customer within the corporate limits of said City. Payment shall be made to the City monthly for the preceding monthly period.

The City shall have access to and the right to examine, at all reasonable times, all books, receipts, files, records and documents of Company necessary to verify the correctness of said payments.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this franchise, the fee provided for in this Section 6 shall not become effective within any area annexed by the City until 30 days after the City provides the Company with a certified copy of the annexation ordinance, proof of publication as required by law, and a map of the city detailing the annexed area.

Section 7. Without affecting the other terms of this Ordinance, as further consideration for the rights and privileges hereby granted Company and subject to any restrictions placed on Company by regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over Company, Company agrees that the City will have the option to open the provision of Section 6 relating to the percentage applied to gross receipts derived from applicable natural gas sales. Six (6) months prior to the end of each 5-year period that this Ordinance is in existence, the Company and the City may negotiate the percentage to be paid to the City during the succeeding 5-year period. If the Company and the City cannot reach a mutual agreement on said percentage during such 6-month period, this Ordinance shall become null and void.

Section 8. That the Company, its successors and assigns, in the construction, maintenance and operation of its natural gas transmission and distribution system, under the rights and privileges herein granted, shall exercise all reasonable and proper precaution to avoid damage or injury to persons or property, and shall hold and save harmless the City of Almena, Kansas, from any and all damage, injury and expense caused by the negligence of said Company, its successors and assigns, or its or their agents or servants.

Section 9. It is further provided that should any section or sections of this Ordinance be held null and void, or void or illegal by any court having jurisdiction in a proper action, such decision by such court shall not affect any other part of this Ordinance not passed upon by such court.

Section 10. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 11. This franchise is granted pursuant to the provisions of Article 20, Chapter 12, Kansas Statutes Annotated.

Section 12. The ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication in the Norton Telegram, the official city newspaper.

FINAL ADOPTION AND PASSAGE by the Governing Body of the City of Almena, Kansas, this 2nd day of November, 2009.

Gerald D. Wilson, Mayor

ATTEST: Twila Ingram, City Clerk (SEAL)
Earnest A. Lehman, President, Midwest Energy, Inc.
ATTEST: Sharon K. Dreher, Assistant Secretary, Midwest Energy, Inc. (SEAL)