

# Emergency services wants grass for building

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for the growing grass as the snow melted. Mr. Wyatt said that the county had specifications on what kind of seed and fertilizer would be needed at the site and he would look them up. In other business, the commissioners:

- Noted that Santa's mailbox is right outside the courthouse door for any child who wants to send the jolly old elf a letter. The mailbox is near the door instead of out by Santa's House, Commissioner Carolyn Applegate said, because it kept blowing

over out there.

- Decided to meet for the end-of-year business and hold a hearing on a re-published budget at 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, but will not hold a meeting Monday, December 27.
- Noted that Norton County has the lowest tax rate of any of the 18 counties in Western Kansas.
- Learned that the county's hazardous household waste area had passed inspection by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Mr. Archibald said that it gets inspected every six months.

## JENNINGS NEWS

A fun time was enjoyed Saturday at the Community Hall. The Jennings Lions Club served delicious chili, vegetable soup and pie from 11 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. Children anxiously awaited Santa's arrival. After visiting with Santa and receiving a sack of candy, the children gathered around the table waiting for their name to be drawn. Each of them then chose a gift. Adult drawings followed this.

Names were then drawn for the two turkeys and two hams purchased by the City. Rachel Carter and Scott Taylor each received a turkey. Joe Carter and Mindy Fleckenstein each received a ham. The Lions Club had sold raffle tickets for a shotgun. The name of Allison Hartzog, daughter of Stacy Hartzog, was drawn for the gun. We appreciate all who helped decorate the Hall, donated gifts

and helped in any way to make this community event a success. Recent visitors at the Lawrence Jennings home were Steve Carlton, Oberlin; Dean and Dalene Gawith, Dresden; Brian and Westley Jennings, Solomon and Bruce Carlton, Bakersfield, Calif. Weather permitting, water meters will be read Dec. 21.

## December tax, tag deadlines loom

December 20th is the deadline for the 1st half taxes of 2010 to be paid at the Norton County Treasurer's Office without a penalty. Remember to bring or send your stubs from your tax statements to ensure proper credit to your account. You may also pay your taxes online at [www.kansas.gov/propertytax](http://www.kansas.gov/propertytax). You need your name id and statement number from each tax statement you wish to pay. The deadline for persons whose last name begins with or business name begins with "U", "X", "Y" or "Z" to renew automobile, light trucks, motorcycles or motorbikes will be Thursday, December 30th.

When renewing your vehicles, remember to include your current proof of insurance for all vehicles. We need to verify the VIN number, policy number and current expiration date. The treasurer's office will be closed Friday, December 24th and Friday, December 31st for the Holiday season. Driver license renewals can be done Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. You need to have your driver license, social security card or something with your number on it and a utility bill with name and address. CDL licenses can be renewed at a full service office in Phillipsburg, Hays

## PUBLIC RECORD

**Municipal Court**  
These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. The traffic and criminal cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

**Traffic**  
Oct. 28 - Jesus Sepulveda, Colby, speeding 30 in a 20 mph school zone, no registration and no registration for trailer. 30 days jail suspended if fines paid by Dec. 31, 2010. Fines \$600, court cost \$76.  
Oct. 28 - Carrie Parlier, Norton, speeding 34 in a 20 mph zone, fine \$54, court cost \$76.  
Oct. 28 - Nathaniel Johns, Norton, speeding 48 in a 35 mph zone, fine \$48, court cost \$76.  
Nov. 4 - Michael Dubois, Hastings, Neb., speeding 46 in a 35 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$76.  
Nov. 4 - Thomas Shepperdson, Bemidji, Minn., illegal tag and failure to provide insurance. Illegal tag dismissed. \$1,000 fine suspended to \$300.

**Criminal**  
Oct. 28 - Epiphany Grubbs, Norton, minor in possession of alcohol and failure to wear seat belt. Minor in possession dismissed by City Prosecutor, fine \$60.

**District Court**  
These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the

offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse. Traffic, criminal and wildlife parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid. Limited action and small claim cases are reported only after the defendant is served.

**Traffic**  
Oct. 14 - Robert Larry Pratt, Sun lakes, Ariz., speeding 55 in a 45 mph zone, fine \$45, court cost \$93.50.  
Oct. 14 - Kenneth G. Sanders, Dodge City, speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$57, court cost \$93.50.  
Oct. 14 - Randy L. West, Norton, failure to wear seat belt, fine \$5.  
Oct. 21 - Rodney G. Allmer, Hoxie, false statement in sale of motor fuel and no current registration, fine \$190, court cost \$93.50.  
Oct. 21 - Kyle Edgett, Edmond, failure to yield at stop sign and failure to wear seat belt, fine \$80, court cost \$93.50.  
Oct. 21 - William Clayton Finkley, Colleyville, Texas, speeding 85 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$105, court cost \$93.50.  
Oct. 21 - Lorenz A. Friend, Aurora, Colo., speeding 75 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$45, court cost \$93.50.  
Oct. 21 - Ricky Dean Gitchel, Phillipsburg, failure to wear seat belt, fine \$5.  
Oct. 21 - Bruce W. LaRue, Oberlin, expired medical card,

fine \$115, court cost \$93.50.  
Oct. 21 - Rodney E. Powell, Avon, Colo., speeding 88 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$132, court cost \$93.50.  
Oct. 21 - Sharee Nicole Riley, Emporia, speeding 80 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$75, court cost \$93.50.  
Oct. 21 - Sharrelle T. Shinn, Norton, speeding 75 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$45, court cost \$93.50.  
Oct. 21 - Margaret Sparrow, W. Glover, Utah, speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$63, court cost \$93.50.  
Oct. 21 - Elan R. Trujillo, Scottsdale, Ariz., speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$75, court cost \$93.50.  
Oct. 21 - Jack E. Turner, Alma, speeding 74 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$45, court cost \$93.50.  
Oct. 21 - Samuel Yazzle, Nageezi, N. M., speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$51, court cost \$93.50.  
Oct. 28 - Dustin C. Chisholm, Clarksville, Tenn., speeding 75 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$45, court cost \$93.50.  
Oct. 28 - Brock R. Ellis, Norton, speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$57, court cost \$93.50.  
Oct. 28 - Francisco J. Mendoza-Medina, Evans, Colo., failure to have previous day's log, fine \$115, court cost \$93.50.  
Oct. 28 - Christopher J. Nava, Ulysses, speeding 75 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$121, court cost \$93.50.

## Instant winner



Juan and Wilmer Severns were the sixth lucky instant \$50 winners of the Christmas On Us promotion. Ron and Natalie Hadley present Mr. and Mrs. Severns with their winnings since they received the winning ticket at Main Street IGA when buying groceries. "Maybe I will pay some bills or do some Christmas shopping with my winnings," said Mr. Severns. - Telegram Photo by Vicki Henderson

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## LYLE NEWS

I have another (dumb?) theory. I think the reason we get more absent minded as we get older is so we will get more exercise, having to make more trips to get things done, and looking for misplaced objects. I made three trips to my bedroom just to get my comb and take it to the bathroom. The first time I hadn't made my bed, so made it and went back. I don't remember what the next trip was for, but I know I made about 300 unnecessary (?) steps. maybe it's

not all a bad thing. I'm thankful my legs still work, and will try to use them as long as they do. People who say it is too early to think about Christmas are probably the ones who don't have the responsibility of gifts, cooking, getting to where we need to go, etc. Jane Engelhardt took Toots Magers to Judy's bell ringing program on Sunday. She is having work done on her car. Kathy Van Meter went to Good

Sam at Oberlin to play pinochle with residents there. An enjoyable bus trip was made by June Jolly and 40 other riders, some from as far as Torrington, Wyo. who met at North Platte and went on a bus tour to Texas, from Nov. 27 to Dec. 5. They saw the Alamo, went on the riverboat ride, saw Lyndon Johnson's home, and visited a submarine, among other things.

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