

# JENNINGS NEWS

Attention Jennings Citizens - The proposed budget for Jennings City was published in the July 18 edition of the Oberlin Herald. You will notice there is a 4.5 percent increase in the mill levy. A drop in the valuation accounts for some of the increase. The remainder of the increase is necessary because the employee benefits account is getting low on funds. City Attorney Steve Hirsch is willing to be present at the next city council meeting on Monday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. if anyone has questions or comments or wants to discuss the budget. If you would like to meet with him and the city council, please notify Mayor Hartzog at 678-3010 prior to the meeting date. Otherwise the budget will be approved as printed. Mr. Hirsch will also be in Jennings on Thursday, Aug. 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Bank.

Jessica and Chris Jaeger, Nashville, Tenn., are the proud parents of a baby girl, Emerson Caroline, born on July 16, 2012. She weighed five pounds and was 18 inches long. Her grandparents are Troy and Anne LaRue and Ted and Susan Jaeger all of Fulton, Mo. Great-grandparents are Martin and Darlene LaRue, Jennings, and Neill and

Miriam Farrington, Denver, Colo. This is Martin and Darlene LaRue's first great-grandchild.

Card players Wednesday at the Sunflower Senior Center were: Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter, Eleanor Morel, Diane Carter, Ann Szweitsis, Stan Shaw, Ramona Shaw, Wayne Cressler, Scott Taylor and Louise Cressler. Everyone is welcome to come play cards on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

A beautiful baptismal service was held on Sunday, July 22 at the United Methodist Church. Danyel Jeffery was baptized and Clint Krizek reaffirmed his baptism. Both joined the church. We welcome them into the Jennings church.

Glenda Johnson has been in the Hays Medical Center following heart surgery. She is doing well and will be moved to the Norton County Hospital this week. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Tables are still available to rent for the Craft fair to be held on Fireman's Fun Day on August 25. Contact Terri Hanke at 785-678- 2333 if you would like a table.

Russell Cressler, Bison, and Mary Kinser, rural Jennings, visited his parents, Wayne and Louise Cressler on Saturday.

## College hosts art exhibit

To commemorate its 55th anniversary, Pawnee Mental Health Services is collaborating with Cloud County Community College to bring to the public a display of art from Pawnee's clients, families, and friends that reside in Clay, Cloud, Geary, Jewell, Marshall, Mitchell, Pottawatomie, Republic, Washington, and Riley counties. The exhibit will run from July 24 through Aug. 23 at the Cloud County Community College Campus. The opening reception was held on Tuesday, July 24 in the Student Center of the campus at 2221 Campus Drive in Concordia.

The exhibit features pieces of work ranging from paintings to pottery. The display brings attention to the fact that mental disorders are common in the United States. Each year approximately one in four adults is diagnosed with a mental disorder. One in 17 people suffer from mental illness, and one in five children have a diagnosable mental health problem. Mental health problems are real, common, and treatable.

## Looks pretty fishy



The 32nd annual Norton Carp Derby was held at Sebelius Reservoir on Saturday. Randy West, President of the Norton Archery Club, has a laugh while weighing a 13 pound carp. There was a good turn out despite the 100-plus degree temperature.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

## USDA announces sign-up for land initiative

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture began sign-up for the Highly Erodible Land Initiative under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) on July 23, 2012. The purpose of this initiative, announced by Secretary Vilsack in February, is to protect up to 750,000 acres of the nation's most highly erodible croplands. Producers may enroll at their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office. Enrollment will continue until the 750,000 acre limit has been met.

"CRP is an important program with more than 25 years of success in protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation," said Vilsack. "We are excited to include this new initiative that targets the most fragile cropland, in addition to other targeted initiatives that are currently available under the CRP."

CRP is a voluntary program designed to help farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers protect their

environmentally sensitive land. Currently, 29.6 million acres are enrolled in CRP. Through this Highly Erodible Land Initiative, eligible landowners receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible cropland for a period of 10 years. Croplands with an Erodibility Index of 20 or greater are eligible for enrollment.

In March, Secretary Vilsack announced an increase of 1 million acres of land in a new CRP Initiative to Restore Grasslands, Wetlands and Wildlife. On June 12, a portion of the 1 million acres available for the initiative were allocated. Initiatives receiving acres are: Wetland Restoration, 200,000 acres; Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds (Quail), 150,000 acres; Duck Nesting Habitat, 150,000 acres; and Pollinator Habitat, 100,000 acres. Sign-up for the Pollinator Habitat initiative began on June 12 as part of the continuous sign-up criteria.

CRP has a quarter-century legacy of successfully protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States. Under CRP, farmers and ranchers plant grasses and trees in crop fields and along streams or rivers. The plantings prevent soil and nutrients from washing into waterways, reduce soil erosion that may otherwise contribute to poor air and water quality, and provide valuable habitat for wildlife. Plant cover established on the acreage accepted into the CRP will reduce nutrient and sediment runoff in our nation's rivers and streams. In 2011, as a result of CRP, nitrogen and phosphorous losses from farm fields were reduced by 623 million pounds and 124 million pounds, respectively. The CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and associated buffers and reduces soil erosion by more than 300 million tons per year. CRP also

provides \$1.8 billion annually to landowners-dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs. In addition, CRP is the largest private lands carbon sequestration program in the country. By placing vulnerable cropland into conservation, CRP sequesters carbon in plants and soil, and reduces both fuel and fertilizer usage. In 2010, CRP resulted in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road.

In 2011, USDA enrolled a record number of acres of private working lands in conservation programs, working with more than 500,000 farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices that clean the air we breathe, filter the water we drink, and prevent soil erosion. Moreover, the Obama Administration, with Agriculture Secretary Vilsack's leadership, has worked tirelessly to strengthen rural America, implement the Farm Bill, maintain a strong farm safety net, and create opportunities for

America's farmers and ranchers. U.S. agriculture is currently experiencing one of its most productive periods in American history thanks to the productivity, resiliency, and resourcefulness of our producers.

Producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office or visit FSA's website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/crp](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/crp) for additional information regarding CRP.

For help with your advertising needs please give Dana a call 877-3361 email: [dpaxton@nwkansas.com](mailto:dpaxton@nwkansas.com)

**City of Norton** is accepting bids from qualified contractors to remove and replace the metal sheeting on the "Grandstand" structure, and perform any necessary repairs needed to complete the installation of the sheeting. Materials are supplied by the City of Norton. Contractors need to bid labor and equipment fees only. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22nd, 2012. For detailed information contact Rob Lawson at the City Office at 785-877-5000. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Grandstand Bid" to: City Administrator Rob Lawson, PO Box 160, Norton, KS 67654.

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**Saturday, July 28**  
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 Grand Stands - 5:00 p.m.; Hot Laps - 6:00 p.m.  
 Races - 7 p.m.  
 Admission: Adults-\$10; 13 & Under Free with Paid Adult

**Sunday, July 29**  
 Start Times: Pit Opens - 4:00 p.m.  
 Grand Stands - 5:00 p.m.; Hot Laps - 6:00 p.m.  
 Races - 7:00 p.m.  
 Admission: Adults-\$10; 13 & Under Free with Paid Adult

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