

# Keeping the office manned in weather emergencies

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While winter is still a little ways away, the Norton County commissioners are looking forward to make sure there is someone to answer the phone at the road and bridge department if there is a major snow storm.

New Road and Bridge Office Manager Becky Wilson does not live in the county and, although she is looking to move here, she told the commissioners it's tough to sell her home and find a new one.

"If we have a big snowstorm and the ambulance has to go out, we will need to know," Road and Bridge Foreman Floyd Richard said.

Commissioner Charles Posson suggested that perhaps one of the weed department employees could help out in case of an emergency.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard that there was a request for two miles of shale to be put down on Road E11. The road is an old field access road, Mr. Richard said, and its probably not practical to do that.

- Learned that one of the road and bridge tractors is in the shop again. This machine has been in for repair numerous times and the commissioners thought it needed to be replaced.

- Were told that there is a prison crew out removing guard rails on Road E8 in preparation for repairs. The crew will move on to road E9 to remove guard rails on it later, Mr. Richard said.

- Mr. Richard said that he had three applications for a road job, had held interviews and hired Mark Retke for the job. He will start the first of the month, Mr. Richard said but still has to get a CDL at his own expense.

- Talked with County Health Nurse Gina Frack about getting

her department authorized to use Facebook. Mrs. Frack said that only the sheriff's department and emergency preparedness is authorized by the county to use social media but many of the health departments in other counties are using it now to get information out such as how to protect yourself from West Nile disease.

- Set 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 4, for a one-half hour presentation by Mrs. Frack on "Work Well Kansas," a program the health department is promoting.

- Decided to forgo their Monday, Nov. 25, meeting and hold the weekly and end-of-the-month meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 27, since the county takes both Thanksgiving and the day after as holidays.

- Decided to offer county employees a chance to purchase a \$35 membership in a fixed-wing air ambulance service out of McCook.

# Battle ends in a tie...



This year's Battle of the Badges ended in a tie between the Fire Department and Law Enforcement. The goal for this past August blood drive was 104 pints but only 93 pints were donated. 36 votes for each the fire department and law enforcement were turned in and EMS got 22 votes. Pictured here are, from the left, Sheriff Troy Thomson, Anthony Knoll, officer, Micaelle Shannon, Chief of Police, Pat Morel, Norton City Fire Chief, Mitch Jones and Red Cross representative Catherine Younger who present the plaque to both entities. Not pictured is Steve Otter, Rural Fire Chief.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## LYLE NEWS

By Veda Wood

There was a potluck supper at Lyle, Oct. 12, at 6 p.m., the usual benefit for Community Building expenses.

Evelyn Lyon, a dear lady of Norcat, passed away on Friday. She had been a resident of the Andbe Home of Norton for several years. All of the young people of the area remember her for her wonderful cooking at the school.

Other concerns were that Allen Powell, formerly of Lyle, has been diagnosed as having West Nile disease, and Doug Gallentine, son of Ruth Vise, has found that he has cancer, which has progressed to stage three. Let's say a prayer every

day for them.

Dwight Wood is doing well after his latest surgery. He is home in McCook and has to make several trips to North Platte for IV's and dialysis. He and his wife, Teresa, wish to thank everyone for thoughts and prayers on his behalf.

Rhonda Jolly had back surgery at Kearney, Ne. on Thursday, October 3rd. June Jolly said Rhonda is having good and bad days. We hope she will be better and pain-free soon. June went to Norton Saturday and there were deer on the road, which isn't unusual anymore, but does keep you on your toes.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen went to Park, Ks. on Saturday for the funeral Mass

for Martina Zimmerman at Sacred Heart Church. They also had lunch and visited Kathy's brother, Jim Hillburn's wife who had been in the hospital in Hoxie for three weeks.

Toots Magers went to Abilene on Saturday to help celebrate the birthdays of two great granddaughters, daughters of J.T.Guy.

In that terrible wind, I was standing out in my yard when I discovered some shingles had come loose on the edge of my roof and were in danger of blowing off. I was thinking how I hated to call anyone about it when my neighbors, Tom and Cheryl Baker, came bringing me some supper. So Tom fixed the shingles, bless them.

## JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

A nice shower of rain coming down this morning. We always welcome rain in western Kansas.

The Sunflower Senior potluck dinner was held on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at noon. Enjoying the meal were: Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter, Debbie Campbell, Eleanor Morel, Rachel Carter, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Wayne and Louise Cressler. After the dishes were washed a fun time was had playing bingo with many nice prizes drawn. Louise called the numbers.

On Wednesday card players at the Center were: Stan and Ramona Shaw, Eleanor Morel, Diane Carter, Agnes Wahlmeier, Debbie Campbell, Wayne and Louise Cressler. We would like more people to come play.

On Sunday at the United Methodist Church Sara Durham, Norton, gave the message in the absence of our minister, Ed Wood. Linda Wood was back in the hospital so he was not able to be at church. Our prayers are with them and their family. Several others were mentioned in prayer at church Sunday. Among them were: Kay Brown, Roger Tacha, Kenny Krizek and Danyel Krizek.

Reminder: The 125th anniversary celebration of Jennings City was held Saturday, Oct. 19. People attended the Open House of the Czech Museum latest addition in the afternoon. Potluck meal at the Sunflower Senior Center from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Drinks, cups, plates and utensils were furnished. From 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., the John Fritzler Band

played Polka dancing in the Community Hall..

Allison, Pleasant Valley, Jennings Township, U.S.D. 412, Jennings Cemetery and Jennings City will hold a public hearing Friday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Sunflower Senior Center to take public input regarding the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for these taxing entities in Decatur County.



## Pigskin

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Lisa Mussman, Phillipsburg; Shawnda Hall, Norcat; Heather Simmons, Lenora; Tiffany Becker, Logan; Dalton Smith, Charlotte Stephenson, Charlotte Gasper, Kelli Alexander, all of Norton.

Missing four contests were: Dorothy Becker, Logan; Ja'Nee Moore, Linda Covington, both of Alma; Trent Alexander, Sharrelle Shinn, Wilma Wiseman, all of Norton.

Nathan Morse and Deanna Gallentine, both of Norton, each missed five games.

Hank Kaiser, Long Island and Edgar Jameson, Norton, each was incorrect on six contests.

**This week's entries**

The eighth week's entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday and received in the mail no later than Monday or you may bring them to the Telegram office before 5 p.m. on Friday.

See the Pick-Em page advertisement in today's Telegram for this week's high school and college games.

The fan who picks the most winners during the 12-week contest will receive \$50 in scrip

money plus an engraved trophy. Scores of last week's games were:

- Norton 41, Minneapolis 7
- Hoxie 48, Hill City 0
- Beloit 48, Phillipsburg 27
- Beloit St. John's 40, Logan 14
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- Missouri 36, Florida 17

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