

Public Record

Jail Log

June 11 — Stephen Baker, Norton, probation violation. To serve 30 days.
 June 19 — Michael Zink, Norton, minor in possession of alcohol. Released June 19.
 June 20 — Thomas Perkins, Lenora, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, transporting an open container and suspended driver's license.

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

June 4 — Keith Erickson, Prairie View, speeding 40 in a 30 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.
 June 4 — Amber Sheley, Norton, speeding 30 in a 20 mph school zone, amended to 60 in a 50 mph by City Prosecutor, fine \$100, court cost \$75.
 June 4 — Amanda Edminston, Oberlin, failure to wear seat belt, under age 18. Fine \$60.
 June 4 — Donovan Baumann, Oberlin, failure to wear seat belt, under age 18. Fine \$60.
 June 4 — Marlin Bertrand, Holdrege, Neb., speeding 32 in a 20 mph school zone, fine \$112, court cost \$75.
 June 4 — Erin Musgrave, Norton, speeding 35 in a 20 mph school zone, fine \$130, court cost \$75.
 June 4 — Cody Bredemeier, Norton, loud stereo, fine \$10, court cost \$75.
 June 4 — Kyle Wright, Norton, speeding 38 in a 30 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.
 June 4 — Vaughn Newman, Norton, failure to wear seat belt, under age 18, fine \$60.
 June 4 — Terry Haynes, Norton, failure to wear seat belt, fine \$30.
 June 4 — Garrett Becker, Logan, basic speed. Fine \$60, court cost \$75.
 June 4 — Tyler Cook, Norton, speeding 33 in a 20 mph school zone. Driver's license restricted for one year, fine \$118, court cost \$75.
 June 4 — Tyler Cook, Norton, failure to wear seat belt, under age 18. Fine \$60.
 June 4 — Colby Poage, Norton, failure to wear seat belt, under the age of 18. Fine \$60, court cost \$75.

Criminal

June 4 — Allan Taylor, Norton, charged with battery. To serve 5 days jail time. Fine \$500, court cost \$75.

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

June 4 — James R. Borriss, Parker, Colo, speeding 81 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$75, court cost \$66.
 June 4 — Samuel N. Johnson, Redfield, S.C., unregistered vehicle, fine \$109, court cost \$66.
 June 4 — Mark A. Leitner, Norton, speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$57, court cost \$66.
 June 4 — Clinton Lee Lowry, Norton, improper stamp light on turn signal and failure to wear seat belt, fine \$69, court cost \$66.
 June 4 — Walter W. Seamann, Atkinson, Neb., 14 hour rule violation, fine \$109, court cost \$66.
 June 4 — Robert W. Sebesta, Colorado Springs, Colo., speeding 75 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$39, court cost \$66.
 June 4 — Daniel G. Smith, Arapahoe, Neb., expired medical certificate, fine \$109, court cost \$66.

Wildlife & Parks

June 4 — Raymond E. Colligan, Norton, failure to have personal floatation device available, fine \$75, court cost \$66.
 June 4 — Jarrod D. Smith, Colby, failure to have personal floatation device available, fine \$225, court cost \$66.
 June 4 — Benjie Whittenburg, Norton, unattended fire, fine \$135, court cost \$66.
 June 4 — Chua Sue Yang, Frederick, Colo., failure to have a fishing license, fine \$135, court cost \$66.
 June 11 — Benjamin J. Rojas, Almena, violating posted notice, fine \$175, court cost \$66.

Animal Shelter

Found
 Male Coon Hound, tri-color.



Gail Boller and Dan Steffen gave speeches to the crowd during the awards ceremony at Natoma Corp. Mr. Steffen called Natoma a unique company and said he was honored to present the northwest *Kansas Regional Business Excellence Award* to Mr. Boller and Natoma Corp.

— Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Natoma Corp. honored at ceremony

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June is businesses appreciation month and the Kansas Department of Commerce awarded Natoma Corp. of Norton with the northwest *Kansas Regional Business Excellence Award*.

The department's regional project manager Dan Steffen presented the award to Gail Boller, Natoma's president.

Mr. Steffen said Natoma's focus on employees is a large part of their success.

"The above average wages for the region, generous benefits for employees, on-going training and career advancement opportunities make Natoma Corp. the ideal candidate for any business excellence award," Mr. Steffen said.

He cited the company's motto, "At Natoma Corp., you are not just an employee. You are a valued member of the team."

Mr. Steffen also spoke about the importance of community involvement.

"Natoma Corp.'s level of in-

volvement within the Norton County community is unparalleled.

"They support numerous community activities, both financially and through active involvement, including local blood drives, the county fair, a community haunted house for Halloween, as well as Chamber of Commerce events and the Norton City/County Economic Development office's efforts."

Mr. Boller is proud of Natoma Corp.'s success, even though they have had to cut production during the current recession.

"Bigger manufacturing plants can't match what we have here, We're fortunate," he said.

Mr. Boller cited lower turnover, less problems with employees and never having an employee quit to go to a larger plant, like Boeing, as success factors.

Mr. Boller believes Norton is unique to Kansas because it has several different industries.

"The award helps bring awareness to the community about

manufacturing. Natoma Corp. helps balance other industries like Valley Hope and education in Norton," Mr. Boller said.

Mr. Boller said Natoma Corp. will come out of the recession.

"We have not lost a customer, they just aren't ordering as much," he said.

"We have no where to go but up."

Mr. Steffen said 179 nominations were received this year in the categories of manufacturing and distribution, retail, service and hospitals or non-profits.

Klema Hometown Market, Russell, was named the winner of the retail award, Russell Regional Hospital was recognized for service and Citizen's Medical Center, Colby, was recognized in the hospital sector.

According to Mr. Steffen, five out of the 28 award winners have been named finalists for the *Governor's Award of Excellence*, which is the top award given to a business by the state.

Collaboration said benefit to two counties

The Norton and Decatur county extension offices will combine to form the Twin Creeks Extension District Number Nine on July 1. The final approval was given at the Norton County commission meeting June 15.

Norton County Extension Agent Keith VanSike said the agreement has been ongoing since January. The agreement between the county commissions and extension offices, he said, will begin July 1 and will allow the extension office to remain in its current location in the Norton County Courthouse.

Mr. VanSike told The Norton Telegram that the Decatur office will handle administrative things — like bills — but both offices will have individual programs like the fair and 4-H activities.

"We're still going to do lots of things the same. It's not consolidation, it's collaboration," Mr.

VanSike said.

Also at the commission meeting:

- A public hearing was held to discuss an application for a type II modular ambulance for the Norton County Emergency Medical Service. The application will be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for the small cities community development block grant recovery act. Vote taken, motion carried.

- Norton County Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald delivered his report and said he checked on the agreement with Solomon Valley E-Waste. He said the coalition has not signed and returned the agreement yet. Mr. Archibald also reported that there have been problems with the recycle collection. He said recycled containers cannot be picked up unless they are marked. Commissioner Carolyn Applegate suggested a notice

be put on bills. Mr. Archibald said he would meet with Norton City Administrator Rob Lawson.

- Reggie Beckman, Norton County Noxious Weed supervisor, gave an update on spraying. He said there are still complaints about flies from landowners with musk thistle even though spraying is continuing. Mr. Beckman also reported that Jeff Vogel with the wildlife park informed him that the park has received a grant to help with noxious weeds. They will be introducing a beetle to help with weed control.

- Norton County Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan said crews are working in the shop on maintenance projects due to the recent rain. He also presented more information on the signing machine that would allow the county to make its own signs. The cost of the machine is believed to pay for itself within a year.

Norton Technology Center — Calendar of Events —

- July 7 and July 9 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Basic Computer Skills — Enroll Now! Seating Limited
- July 14 and July 16 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Intermediate Computer Skills — Enroll Now! Seating Limited
- August 4, 5 and 6 Digital Photography

UPCOMING: Word, Excel and Power Point Classes
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CLASSES

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