

Nobody's home



Santa's house is located in front of the Norton County Courthouse. It is currently empty, but on Friday Santa will be home to listen to wish lists from Norton County children. —Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Annual kettles now in stores

The Norton Extension of the International Salvation Army has placed its "Christmas Red Kettles" in several area businesses.

It's important to remember that 88 percent of all money collected in Norton County stays in the county to serve residents in need.

Some of the emergency assistance provided by the Salvation Army includes: help with heating and electric bills; medical crisis funding; fire and disaster relief; emergency shelter; transportation and auto repair in extreme cases; and bus tickets when necessary.

Sharon Leiker, local representative of the Army, said, "By taking an interest in helping our yearly fundraising campaign, you

have given the gifts of your time and caring."

Mrs. Leiker said year-round tax deductible donations can be made to the Salvation Army in the form of gifts and memorials for a loved one, birthdays and anniversaries by getting the donations to Gina Frack at the Norton County Health Department.

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. 8 — Ashley Walkington, McCook, Neb., illegal tag. Dismissed with prompt registration.

Oct. 8 — Merle Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., speeding 30 in a 20 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

Oct. 8 — Gary Dickman, Kansas City, speeding 30 in a 20 mph school zone, fine \$100, court cost \$75.

Oct. 8 — Charles Duncan Jr., Phillipsburg, transporting an open container and failure to wear seat belt. To receive 6 month Diversion. Diversion fee \$100, Assessment fee \$160, court cost \$75.

Oct. 22 — Malinda West, Norton, driving while suspended, amended to no driver's license on self. Fine \$10, court cost \$75.

Oct. 22 — Jason Haselhorst, Norton, driving while under suspension. Fine \$200, court cost \$75. 5 days jail time suspended if fines paid by Nov. 30, 2009.

Oct. 22 — Donald Lowry, Alma, speeding 40 in a 30 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

Oct. 22 — William Burnett, Ciero, Ind., speeding 29 in a 20 mph school zone, fine \$100, court cost \$75.

Oct. 22 — Lucas Welch, Lenora, careless driving. Fine \$100, court cost \$75.

Oct. 22 — Gaelan Kindall, Norton, speeding 30 in a 20 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

Oct. 22 — Trenton Ferguson, inattentive driving, fine \$100, court cost \$75.

Criminal

Oct. 8 — Ryan Geisler, Norton, unlawful possession of minors and minor in possession of alcohol. Driver's license suspended for 30 days and to serve 2 days jail time. Fine \$1,200, court cost \$75.

Oct. 8 — Zebulon Lynd, Norton, minor in possession of alcohol. To receive 6 month Diversion. Diversion fee \$100, Assessment fee \$100, court cost \$75.

Oct. 8 — Cody Bredemier, Norton, minor in possession of alcohol. To receive 6 month

Diversion. Diversion fee \$100, Assessment fee \$100. Driver's license to be restricted for the 6 month Diversion period. 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

Oct. 15 — Chad E. Anding, Albion, Neb., failure to have log book current, fine \$100, court cost \$86.

Oct. 15 — Austin M. Brown, Norton, speeding 74 in a 65 mph zone and failure to wear seat belt, fine \$60, court cost \$86.

Oct. 15 — Sabine C. Flewelling, Greeley, Colo., speeding 80 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$60, court cost \$86.

Oct. 15 — Timothy A. Geringer, Norton, racing on roadways, fine \$150, court cost \$86.

Oct. 15 — Karin L. Hamilton, Peyton, Colo., speeding 79 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$54, court cost \$86.

Oct. 15 — Luke J. Hart, Osmond, Neb., over weight limit on wheels and axles, fine \$48, court cost \$86.

Oct. 15 — Elvin Lambert, Kensington, speeding 79 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$54, court cost \$86.

Oct. 15 — Andrew J. Peschel, Axtell, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$48, court cost \$86.

Oct. 15 — Elsa J. Schott, Norcat, speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$48, court cost \$86.

Oct. 22 — Richard G. Argo, Blue Rapids, speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$86.

Oct. 22 — Miguel A. Barboza, Liberal, over gross weight limits for vehicle, fine \$140, court cost \$86.

Oct. 22 — Scott D. Braband, St. Paul, Minn., speeding 67 in a 55 mph zone, fine \$42, court cost \$86.

Oct. 22 — Donald Weldon Eggleston, Norton, failure to stop at stop sign, fine \$60, court cost \$86.

Oct. 22 — Kelly S. Gross,

Lenora, speeding 65 in a 55 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$86.

Oct. 22 — Frank Green Jr., Lupton, Ariz., speeding 81 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$66, court cost \$86.

Oct. 22 — Phillip Scott Hester, Lees Summit, Mo., speeding 75 in a 65 mph zone and failure to wear seat belt, fine \$72, court cost \$86.

Oct. 22 — Gage I. Holt, Lenora, minor in possession of tobacco, driving while under the influence of alcohol, first conviction, transporting an open container, fine \$950, court cost \$86.

Oct. 22 — Oris Marrs Jr., Smith Center, speeding 80 in a 65 mph zone and driving while under the influence of alcohol, first conviction. Fine \$1964.28, court cost \$86.

Oct. 22 — William L. Rounds, Jr., Lathrop, Mo., speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$42, court cost \$86.

Oct. 22 — Kyle D. Schoff, Loomis, Neb., improper stop lamp or turn signal, fine \$30, court cost \$86.

Oct. 22 — Mark A. Suneson, Garland, Texas, speeding 79 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$54, court cost \$86.

Oct. 22 — John B. Thomas, Omaha, Neb., speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$42, court cost \$86.

Oct. 22 — Darrell G. Viegut, Loveland, Colo., speeding 76 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$86.

Oct. 22 — Jeffery D. Wallin, Bloomington, Neb., speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$86.

Wildlife & Parks

Oct. 29 — Chad J. Collins, Eudora, operating vehicle off road and driving on nature trail, fine \$25, court cost \$86.

Oct. 29 — Jessica J. Collins, Eudora, operating vehicle off road and driving on nature trail, fine \$25, court cost \$86.

Oct. 29 — Donald D. Morris, Hill City, failure to have personal flotation devices accessible and failure to have type IV, throwable device on boat, fine \$200, court cost \$86

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Late wheat planting requires extra planning

Some wheat has not yet been planted this year across Kansas — especially in the eastern third of the state — due in some cases to wet soil conditions. In other cases, producers are still waiting to harvest their soybeans, grain sorghum or corn before planting wheat, said Jim Shroyer, Kansas State University Research and Extension crop production specialist.

This may require producers to do a little extra planning, Shroyer said.

"Planting wheat in early November is still within the acceptable range of planting dates in southeast and far south central Kansas. In other areas of the state, this is later than I would like to see and later than the cutoff date for full crop insurance coverage," he said.

When planting wheat more than two weeks after the Hessian fly-free date, producers should begin to make certain management changes.

"For one, seeding rates should be increased," the agronomist said.

"When planting in late October or early November, producers should use a seeding rate of 75 to 90 pounds per acre in western Kansas and 100 to 120 pounds in eastern and central Kansas, or in fields under irrigation."

Shroyer added, "Also, as wheat seeding is delayed well past the optimum seeding date in the fall, producers should strongly consider using about 15 to 20 pounds per acre of phosphorus fertilizer directly with the seed, regardless of soil P levels. This placement method is more effective at that time of year than other application methods. The later the planting date, the more fall root development is slowed. The closer the fertilizer is to the seed, the sooner

the plant roots can get to it."

If volunteer wheat is present within a half-mile of the field to be planted, the best option at this point in the season might be to leave it alone and concentrate on getting the wheat planted, said Jeff Whitworth, K-State Research and Extension entomologist.

"Most of the wheat curl mites or aphids present on volunteer in late October or November will probably stay in place on undisturbed volunteer through the winter and not move onto newly planted wheat this fall," he said. "The uncontrolled volunteer could lead to infestations of wheat curl mite, aphid and Hessian fly on planted wheat next spring, however, so it's a trade-off. Yield losses from spring infestations of these pests are typically not as great as losses from fall infestations."

The highest priority now is to get the wheat crop planted as soon as possible, Shroyer said. Trying to spray the volunteer with a herbicide when temperatures are so cool is not really a good plan because it would take at least a couple weeks for the volunteer to completely die.

Wheat can be planted in November and still survive the winter in most cases, as long as there is enough warm weather for the wheat to develop a couple of tillers and a secondary root system, Shroyer said.

"Be sure to plant at least 1 to 1.5 inches deep. If the seed is placed too shallowly, it will be more susceptible to winter-kill and desiccation injury. If placed too deeply, it may not have enough vigor in cold soils to emerge well, he said."

A study done several years ago at K-State's Southwest Research and Extension Center near Garden City showed that the yield potential of wheat is reduced

by about 20 percent for wheat that emerges in early November and another 20 percent for every month after that. This study was done at a constant seeding rate.

Yields of late-planted wheat would typically improve somewhat if seeding rates are increased, the agronomist said.

Many factors other than planting dates affect yields, of course, but wheat that doesn't emerge until after Thanksgiving in western Kansas almost always yields less than wheat that emerges in the normal timeframe, Shroyer said.

Another consideration this fall is the long-term effect of planting into wet soils, he added. This may cause soil compaction problems that will reduce wheat root development next spring, making the wheat more susceptible to stresses and nutrient deficiencies, he said.

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