

# NORCATUR NEWS

Sympathy is extended to the family of Harry Hare, brother of former Norcatdur resident Lorraine Smolinski and uncle to David Hare, who died in Idaho Falls, Idaho on April 24. He was a graduate of Norcatdur Rural High School in 1942. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Betty Hare, 1343 Tower St., Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83407.

Whispering Pines retirement ladies and employees have been busy this winter. Their finished product is a hand-made, full-size quilt with a colorful butterfly pattern.

The quilt will be on display at the Whispering Pines. There will be a drawing on Friday, June 4. You do not have to be present to win. To purchase tickets for the drawing, call Cynthia at (785) 874-5500, or stop by the Whispering Pines.

Happy birthday and anniversary to Trent Gunter, April 28; Rodney and Janice O'Hare, April 30; Veda Wood, May 2; Linda Hunt, May 3.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on April 21 were Delores Gallentine, first; Alice Barnett, second; and Kristi Gallentine, third.

Bee Nelson attended the Whispering Pines monthly coffee as a guest of Lula Hix. She also visited LaVerne Milner at Whispering Pines and Oran Milner in the Norton Hospital. He entered the hospital on April 18, and will be there for a while. Cards would be appreciated.

On Friday, April 23, a former Clayton classmate, Lori (Hager) Johnson, McPherson, came to visit with Carol Miller.

On Sunday, April 25, John Rule Jr., Hays, came to Norton and his

mother, Lila Rule, a resident at Whispering Pines, and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller, Norcatdur, went to Colby, where they met Lila's sister, Helen Rohr, Goodland, for a visit and lunch to celebrate Lila's birthday.

Mrs. Vearl Sparkman, Mrs. Mary Jo Horesky and Alice and Francis Jones made a trip to Chickasha, Okla. It rained all the way there and during the visit. They were unable to visit the old home place, and put flowers out for Memorial Day, and visit with the Sparkmans' son and his wife.

The Norcatdur city-wide garage and yard sale will be Saturday, June 12. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Community Bulletin Board at the Post Office in Norcatdur. We would like a minimum of 15 yard sales to attract buyers. Please sign up by May 24. A \$5 contribution

to help with the advertising cost would be greatly appreciated. The Norcatdur school yard is available if anyone from the country needs a

place to set their sale up. For more information, contact Deb Combs at (785) 693-4231, or 871-7381. Applications are available for

the Norcatdur Commercial Club Scholarship Fund by calling Patty Stapp at The Bank in Norcatdur, or Linda Hunt after 6 p.m.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

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Ordinance No. 261

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING CERTAIN RULES, REGULATIONS, REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES IN REGARD TO UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS STRUCTURES AND ABANDONED PROPERTY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORCATUR, KANSAS:

UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS STRUCTURES AND ABANDONED PROPERTY

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. The governing body has found that there exists within the corporate limits of the city structures which are unfit for human use or habitation because of dilapidation, defects, increasing the hazards of fire or accidents, structural defects or other conditions which render such structures unsafe, unsanitary or otherwise inimical to the general welfare of the city, or conditions which provide a general blight upon the neighborhood or surrounding properties. It is hereby deemed necessary by the governing body to require or cause the repair, closing or demolition or removal of such structures as provided in this ordinance. (K.S.A. 12-1751)

It is the intent of the governing body that this ordinance comply with the Kansas Unsafe or Dangerous Structures and Abandoned Property Act, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1750 through K.S.A. 12-1756 and amendments thereto. In the event there is any conflict or omissions between this ordinance and the Kansas Statutes, the Kansas Statutes shall govern and control.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. As used in this act.

(a) "Structure" means any building, wall or other structure.

(b) "Enforcing officer" means the building inspector or other officer designated by ordinance and charged with the provisions of this act.

(c) "Abandoned property" means any residential real estate for which taxes are delinquent for the preceding two years and which has been unoccupied continuously by persons legally in possession for the preceding one year.

(d) "Organization" means any nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of this state and which has among its purposes the improvement of housing.

(e) "Rehabilitation" means the process of improving the property, including, but not limited to, bringing property into compliance with applicable fire, housing and building codes.

(f) "Parties in interest" means any owner or owners on record, judgement creditor, tax purchaser or other party having any legal or equitable title or interest in the property.

(g) "Last known address" includes the address where the property is located, or the address as listed in the tax records.

(h) "Low or moderate income housing" means housing for persons and families with incomes within the income limitations prescribed by the department of housing and urban development pursuant to Section 8 of the federal housing and community development act of 1937, as amended.

SECTION 3. ENFORCING OFFICER: DUTIES. The enforcing officer is hereby authorized to exercise such powers as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this ordinance, including the following:

(a) Inspect any structure which appears to be unsafe, dangerous or unfit for human habitation;

(b) Have authority to enter upon premises at reasonable hours for the purpose of making such inspections. Entry shall be made so as to cause the least possible inconvenience to any person in the possession of the structure. If entry is denied, the enforcing officer may seek an order for this purpose from a

court of competent jurisdiction.

(c) Report all structures which he or she believes to be dangerous, unsafe or unfit for human habitation to the governing body;

(d) Receive petitions as provided in this ordinance.

SECTION 4. PROCEDURE: PETITION AND NOTICE. Whenever the enforcing officer files with the governing body of the city a statement in writing that any structure, describing the same and where located, is unsafe or dangerous or is abandoned property, the governing body, by resolution, shall fix a time and place at which the owner, the owner's agent, any lien-holders of record and any occupant of such structure may appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished in the case of unsafe or dangerous structures or rehabilitated in the case of abandoned property. (K.S.A. 12-1752)

SECTION 5. SAME: PUBLICATION.

(a) The resolution, as provided in Section 4, shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks on the same day of each week. At least 30 days shall elapse between the last publication and the date set for the hearing.

(b) A copy of the resolution shall be mailed by certified mail within three days after its first publication to each such owner, agent, lien-holder and occupant, at the last known address and shall be marked "deliver to addressee only." (K.S.A. 12-1752)

SECTION 6. SAME: HEARING, ORDER.

(a) On the date fixed for hearing or any adjournment thereof, the governing body shall hear all evidence submitted by the owner, the owner's agent, lien-holders of record and occupants having an interest in such structure as well as evidence submitted by the enforcing officer filing the statement and shall make findings by resolution. (K.S.A. 12-1753)

(b) If the governing body of the city finds that such structure is unsafe or dangerous, such resolution shall direct the structure to be repaired or removed and the premises made safe and secure. (K.S.A. 12-1753)

(c) If the governing body of the city finds that such structure is abandoned property, the governing body may authorize the rehabilitation of such property as provided by K.S.A. 1999 Supp. 12-1756a. (K.S.A. 12-1753)

(d) Such resolution shall be published once in the official city paper and a copy mailed to the owners, agents, lien-holders or record for the notice of hearing. (K.S.A. 12-1753)

(e) The resolution shall fix a reasonable time within which the repair or removal of such structure shall be commenced and a statement that if the owner of such structure fails to commence the repair or removal of such structure within the time stated or fails to diligently prosecute the same until the work is completed, the governing body will cause the structure to be repaired or razed and removed in the case of unsafe or dangerous structures or rehabilitated in the case of abandoned property. (K.S.A. 12-1753)

SECTION 7. SAME: DUTY OF OWNER. Whenever any structure within the city shall be found to be dangerous, unsafe or unfit for human use or habitation, it shall be the duty and obligation of the owner of the property to render the same secure and safe or to remove the same.

SECTION 8. MAKESITE SAFE. Upon removal of any structure, the owner shall fill any basement or other excavation located upon the premises and take any other action necessary to leave the premises in a safe condition. If the owner fails to take such action, the enforcing officer may proceed to make the site safe. (K.S.A. 12-1754)

SECTION 9. SAME: FAILURE TO COMPLY. If the owner of any structure has failed to commence the repair or removal of such structure within the time state in the resolution or has failed

to diligently prosecute the same thereafter, the city may proceed to raze and remove such structure, make the premises safe and secure, or let the same to contract. (K.S.A. 12-1755(a))

SECTION 10. ASSESSMENT OF COSTS.

(a) The cost to the city of any inspection, repairs, alterations, improvements, vacating, removal or demolition by the enforcing officer, including making the site safe and collection costs, shall be reported to the city clerk. (K.S.A. 12-1755(a))

(b) The city shall give notice to the owner of the structure by restricted mail of all costs associated with removing the structure and/or making the premises safe and secure. The notice shall also state that payment of the cost is due and payable within 30 days following receipt of the notice. (K.S.A. 12-1755)

(c) If the cost remain unpaid after 30 days following receipt of notice, the city clerk may sell any salvage from the structure and apply the proceeds or any necessary portion thereof to pay the cost of removing the structure and making the site safe. Any proceeds in excess of that required to recover the costs shall be paid to the owner of the premises upon which the structure was located. (K.S.A. 12-1755)

(d) Whenever any structure is removed from any premises under the provisions of this act, the city clerk shall certify to the county appraiser that such structure, describing the same, has been removed. (K.S.A. 12-1755)

(e) Nothing herein shall limit the city's ability to collect the abatement costs directly from the owner. (K.S.A. 12-1755)

SECTION 11. IMMEDIATE HAZARD. When in the opinion of the governing body any structure is in such condition as to constitute an immediate hazard requiring immediate action to protect the public, the governing body may direct the enforcing officer to erect barricades or cause the property to be vacated, taken down, repaired, shored or otherwise made safe without delay. Such action may be taken without prior notice to or hearing of the owners, agents, lien-holders and occupants. The cost of any action under this section shall be assessed against the property as provided in Section 10. (K.S.A. 12-1756)

SECTION 12. APPEALS FROM ORDER. Any person affected by an order issued by the governing body under this ordinance may, within 30 days following service of the order, petition the district court of the county in which the structure is located for an injunction restraining the enforcing officer from carrying out the provisions of the order pending final disposition of the case.

SECTION 13. SCOPE OF ORDINANCE. Nothing in this order shall be construed to abrogate or impair the powers of the courts or of any department of the city to enforce any provisions of its charter or its ordinances or regulations, not to prevent or punish violations thereof, and the powers conferred by this ordinance shall be in addition to and supplemental to the powers conferred by the constitution, any other law or ordinance. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to impair or limit in any way the power of the city to define and declare nuisances and to cause their removal or abatement in summary proceedings or otherwise or to exercise those powers granted specifically by K.S.A. 12-1750:1756.ch

SECTION 14. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication in the official City newspaper. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY and approved by the Mayor on the 19 day of April, 2010.

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Lyon, Mayor  
ATTEST:  
Chris Dempewolf, City Clerk

# JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER

Stan and Ramona Shaw and Wilfred and Alice Wagoner are happy to announce the birth of their great-granddaughter, Tenley Ava Bollers. She was born April 13 at the Platte Valley Medical Center, Brighton, Colo. She weighed 8 pounds 3 3/4 ounces and is 21 inches long. Big brother, Tyce Austyn, 2 1/2, welcomed her home. Proud parents are Lisa and Kyle Bollers, Lochbuie, Colo. Grandparents are Colleen and Kevin Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Mark and Marci Beltje, Brighton, Colo. and Bart Bollers, Sterling, Colo.

Jennings American Legion Auxillary met April 6 at the Royal Neighbor Hall. The flag salute was said in unison by Rachel Carter, Alice Mizer, Lila Jennings, Neoma Tacha and Mary Wahlmeier. Officers elected for next year were: Neoma Tacha, president; Alice Mizer, vice-president; Lila Jennings, secretary; and Pat Hall, treasurer. Chaplin and Poppy Chairman, Rachel Carter. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report was given. We are going to help furnished food sale items

for the American Legion Ham and Bean dinner held on April 25. After the meeting, the ladies decorated the wooden crosses for Memorial Day for the Jennings and the Big Timber cemeteries. Next meeting was May 4 at 2 p.m. in the RNA HALL. We prepared the poppy arrangements for the Veterans' graves.

Jennings American Legion invited everyone to a Ham and Bean and Cornbread dinner held April 25 in the Sunflower Senior Center. There was also be a Bake Sale. A Free Will Offering was appreciated.

Sunflower Senior Supper was enjoyed by the following people: Agnes Wahlmeier, Eleanor Morel, Rachel Carter, Imogene Keenan, Larry and Alice Mizer, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Carla Latimer, Bob Jones, Ramona Shaw, Ruth Chance, Dan and Shelley Wahlmeier, Joaquin and Jazzmin; and Louise Cressler. Dan and Jazzmin entertained the group with several numbers played on the guitar and with singing. Everyone enjoying listening to them.

Among the wild turkey hunters here from Colorado from Wednesday to Sunday at the

Lawrence Jennings home were their son-in-law, Steve Cook, Fort Morgan, Colo., and their grandsons Damon Cook, Dallas, Texas and Derek Cook, Brighton, Colo. They reported a successful hunt.

The Czech Museum directors met April 7 at the museum. President Neoma Tacha presided. There were no minutes of the last meeting as the secretary was absent. The treasurer's report was given. Mike Tacha has repaired the east fence. Dean Gawith has built shelving for the office and Bob and Neoma Tacha have laminated several more years of old newspapers. We received an old school clock from Paul Welter. The museum will be open Memorial weekend. The class of 1950 reunion will be held in the Royal Neighbor Hall and welcome any friends and classmates to join them on May 29 from 2 to 5 p.m. Next meeting of Museum directors was May 6 at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Water meters were read in Jennings April 23. If your meter is inside, please post on your door.

# JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISIE CRESSLER

If you wanted to see the residents of a small community work together to improve their town, you should have been in Jennings Saturday. A beautiful day dawned Saturday morning as a large group of people gathered for their instructions to clean up properties in Jennings.

Folks from pre-teen to 80's, a total of over 50, came with equipment and man power to help with clean-up. Many private properties as well as streets and alleys were worked on. Several loads of iron to be taken to Norton will be sold. Many loads of trees and brush were hauled to the Jennings Landfill, also several loads of trash were taken to the Oberlin Landfill. The city council and the mayor thank everyone for helping. We thank those who brought food to be served at the Broken Wheel, Dave New and Tara Lahr for their generosity.

Jennings Lions Club will host their annual Mother's Day Dinner on May 9 at the Sunflower Senior Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Freewill donation appreciated.

On May 9 at 7 p.m. the United

Methodist Women will host a program by Carolyn Plotts on their Mexico Mission. Snacks will be served. The public is invited to come.

May 11 will be Senior Potluck Supper at 6 p.m. to be held at the Senior Center. The group will play bingo following the meal. Everyone is invited

## • PUBLIC NOTICE • INVITATION TO BID

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Sealed Bids will be received by Norton County, Kansas, at the Office of the County Clerk for the Construction of:

**Project No. 10-1052M  
Norton County Landfill Project  
Phase 4 Development**

until 1:00 p.m. on the 14th day of June, 2010 at which time and place the Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Copies of the Drawings and other Contract Documents are on file and available for public inspection at the Office of the County Clerk, Norton County, Kansas and BG Consultants, Inc., 4806 Vue Du Lac Place, Manhattan, Kansas 66502 (785) 537-7448.

A complete set of the Contract Documents may be obtained by a prospective Bidder by sending a cash deposit of fifty Dollars, (\$50.00), along with a written request for a said set of documents. ADDRESSED TO: BG Consultants, Inc., 4806 Vue Du Lac Place, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Each Bidder may receive a refund No Refund dollars after the return of all described documents in good condition within thirty (30) days after the date of Bid opening.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive formalities in considering Bids and to accept the Bid which, in its opinion, is the best Bid.

Principal Items of Work:	
Unclassified Excavation	30,100 Cu. Yds.
Compaction (MSW Liner)	3,660 Cu. Yds.
Compaction (Type B MR-90)	2,200 Cu. Yds.
Compaction (Type B MR-90) (Stockpiled)	24,240 Cu. Yds.
Granular Material (Gravel)	155 Cu. Yds.
Gravel (Roadway)	180 Cu. Yds.

## PUBLIC NOTICE • APRIL NORTON COUNTY BILLS

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Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at the Norton County Court-house April 30, 2010 to allow the following bills: K.S.A. 19-337. An itemized copy of this report is available for inspection in the County Clerk's Office.

(* Juvenile Service Accounts)	
County General	\$68,355.19
Road & Bridge	\$32,768.92
Special Bridge	\$8,031.32
Ambulance	\$20,802.06
Appraiser's Cost	\$8,975.33
County Health	\$24,075.93
Economic Development	\$4,306.87
Election	\$2,200.00
4-H Maintenance	\$200.00
Noxious Weed	\$5,861.11

*Solid Waste	\$7,769.10
*Court Trustee - State	\$11,194.07
*Case Management	\$11,431.09
*JISP	\$11,681.08
*Diversion	\$7,682.85
*Juvenile Intake	\$5,335.12
County General	\$60,155.93
Road & Bridge	\$112,072.30
Special Bridge	\$2,529.39
Ambulance	\$12,652.60
Appraiser's Cost	\$4,120.56
County Health	\$22,909.12
Economic Development	\$3,660.69
Election	\$4,173.48
Employee Benefits	\$87,094.00
4-H Maintenance	\$418.66
Noxious Weed	\$27,562.70
Solid Waste	\$9,114.42
Solid Waste Cap Outlay	\$1,074.71

DISTRICT CORONER	\$200.00
Economic Dev Cap Outlay	\$1,000.00
911 Tax	\$203.54
Alcohol & Drug Test Fu	\$631.25
*Court Trustee - State	\$8,873.55
*Court Trustee - Local	\$154.88
*Case Management	\$7,787.88
*Juvenile Director	\$2,267.26
*Family Education	\$8,672.29
*Community Mobilization	\$20,194.71
*JISP	\$8,435.91
*Diversion	\$4,226.39
*Juvenile Intake	\$5,579.81
Northwest BT Region	\$5,505.44
**Grant 4 Parental Model	\$5,110.30
**Thinking For A Change	\$1,356.44
HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	\$10,403.94
Hansen Grant Fund	\$3,386.20