

# Authorities advise early intervention for stuttering

More than three million Americans stutter with children ages two to five affected most. Nearly 5 percent of all children go through some period of stuttering. But help for those who stutter is available.

The Stuttering Foundation and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association are working together during National Stuttering Awareness Week, May 10 to 16, to raise awareness with parents that early intervention is crucial to help children who stutter.

Many times, children stutter when learning to talk, typically between two to five years old.

The major factors that place some children more at risk for continuing to stutter include:

- **Family History:** Almost half of all children who stutter have a family member who stutters. The risk that your child is actually stuttering increases if that family member is still stuttering.
- **Age at onset:** Children who begin stuttering before age three and a half are more likely to out-

grow stuttering.

- **Time at onset:** Between 75 and 80 percent of all children who begin stuttering will stop within 12 to 24 months without speech therapy.

- In most children, stuttering tends to decrease after the first six months. If your child has been stuttering longer than this, it may be wise to have his speech screened.

- **Gender:** Girls are more likely than boys to outgrow stuttering. In fact, three to four boys continue to stutter for every girl who stutters.

- **Other speech and language factors:** A child who makes frequent speech errors such as substituting one sound for another or leaving sounds out of words may be at greater risk.

“Knowing these factors will help decide whether or not your child needs to see a speech language pathologist,” said Lisa Scott, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, vice president of Education for the Stuttering Foundation and American Speech-Language-Hearing

Association-certified speech-language pathologist.

If a child has any of these risk factors and is showing some or all of the warning signs, a parent should be more concerned and seek a screening or evaluation.

“Parents may want to schedule a speech screening with a speech-language pathologist who works with children or specializes in stuttering,” said American Speech-Language-Hearing Association President Tommie L. Robinson, Jr., Ph.D., CCC-SLP.

The speech-language pathologist will decide whether the child is stuttering, and then determine whether to wait a bit longer or begin treatment right away.

For free information on stuttering and detailed explanation of each risk factor, contact the Stuttering Foundation at 800-992-9392 or American Speech-Language-Hearing Association at 800-638-Talk (8255). You may also visit [www.stutteringhelp.org](http://www.stutteringhelp.org) or [www.AmericanSpeech-Language-Hearing.org](http://www.AmericanSpeech-Language-Hearing.org).

## Theft

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Jones' had to agree to provide truthful and complete information on all of the counts against him. The other counts included:

- A 30-foot gooseneck trailer stolen in 2005 from a property south of Rawlins, Wyo.
- A Case 475 trencher and trailer stolen from Nebraska. Jones said he was not in Nebraska at the time of the theft, but the equipment was brought to his farm by Hanzlick.
- A Case skid loader and trailer stolen in March 2006 from North Platte, Neb. Jones said he and Hanzlick stole the equipment and brought it back to his farm.
- A Caterpillar tractor stolen

in 2006 from the Sharon Springs area. Jones said Hanzlick took this tractor to Nebraska.

- A John Deere 4560 tractor stolen in 2007 from North Platte. Jones said he and Hanzlick stole the tractor and he hauled it back to the farm.

- A John Deere 7820 tractor stolen in 2007 from the Burlington, Colo., area. Jones said he and Hanzlick took the tractor to the farm.

- A Titan dump trailer stolen in 2007 in Nebraska. Jones said Hanzlick stole the trailer and delivered it to the farm for Jones' use.

- A Chevrolet pickup brought to

the farm in 2005 or 2006. Jones said he didn't steal that vehicle, but knew Hanzlick wanted to get rid of it. Jones cut the box and rear axle off the truck to make a trailer and allowed Hanzlick to bury the rest in a ditch on his farm. Jones said he believed it was used for an insurance claim.

The guilty plea waives Jones' right to a trial. Hanzlick's trial had been set for Tuesday, May 18, but was delayed until July 13. Hanzlick's lawyer, James Pratt, requested additional time to research evidence in the case, specifically cell-phone tower records.

## LYLE NEWS

Earnest Huff got out of the hospital at McCook on Monday, then went to Hays on Tuesday to check on his infection, which seems to be improving.

June Jolly had cataract surgery on Friday. She was ill the next day but has felt better since.

She says she just needed a good rest, which was probably true, although her friends think she should still be resting.

She and Margaret "Toots" Magers played pitch at Norton Sunday evening and won third.

Gary Anthony had his dialysis time shortened 15 minutes per session, which helps.

Since people have never been known to admire me for my graceful coordination, they should not be surprised that I gave my forehead a tremendous blow,

leaving a lump and some strange coloration, along with a little soreness. I said I ran into my car (the trunk lid). Oh, well, live and learn... I hope!

On Wednesday, the Lyle sewing ladies finally had Toots Magers' birthday dinner.

We went to Holbrook, Neb., where Kathy knew we could get delicious fried chicken and also had a coupon.

On the way home, Kathy showed us her home, and a pretty bow-tie quilt she had worked on through the winter.

We had an interesting day and got back in time to sew a little while.

Margaret Magers had a doctor appointment on Friday, so didn't make it to the Senior Citizens potluck dinner, but was there to

play cards.

June Jolly had her cataract surgery that day, so we were thinking of her and hoping she got along well.

Sunday, May 2, was a busy, fun day for a certain 87-year-old lady.

We had a very nice church service, a good potluck dinner at Lyle, and a birthday party when I got home.

The ones celebrating were John and Carol Moye, Kylie and Skyler; Sandra and Larry McNames; Dwight and Teresa Wood; Denny Wood and myself.

They brought and planted flowers, took pictures, and also brought ice cream and cake.

About 15 phone calls add up to a very good day.

# Deadlines approaching at Farm Service Center

County Executive Director Erin M. Clason of the Norton County Farm Service Center would like to remind all area producers of the upcoming Acreage Reporting and Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program deadlines. The Norton County Farm Service Agency understands that area producers will be busy in the field with spring time activities, but stresses the importance of these upcoming deadlines that impact Farm Service Center Benefits:

- Sign into the 2010 Direct Counter-Cyclical Program

(DCP-farm program) and update your payment eligibility paperwork for government payments before June 1. Contract Signatures must be returned by June 1.

2010 acreage reporting deadlines:

- **Small Grains:** (Wheat, Oats, Rye, Triticale, Barley) before June 1
- **NAP Crops:** The earlier of Aug. 1 or 15 days before the onset of harvest or grazing of the specific crop
- **All Other Crops** including CRP unless required by a specific program: Aug. 1

Appointment postcards are being sent to producers as a reminder of an established time for completion of fall-seeded crop acreage reporting and Direct and Counter-Cyclical sign-up. If your appointment time conflicts with prior appointments, please call the Norton County Farm Service Center Office to reschedule or utilize the Monday or Thursday walk-in day.

## County

(Continued from Page 1) bald gave his weekly report. He said the county will no longer have to pay to send glass to Unicorp. They recently sent an e-waste shipment.

- The commission discussed voting by mail instead of using voting machines. Commissioner Carolyn Applegate said more voters want to vote by mail instead of having to take time off work to go to a polling place.

County Clerk Robert Wyatt said Oregon switched to mail ballot and has an 83 percent participation rate. In Kansas, he said, the larger counties don't want to do mail ballots because it is more costly. He said maintenance alone on the voting machines totals \$6,000 a

year. Reggie Buckman, noxious weed supervisor, gave his weekly report.

The next Norton County Com-

mission meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on May 17 on the second floor of the Norton County Courthouse. All meetings are open to the public.



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## Pitch

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They will be able to compete in all three competitions for point totals and the winners will advance to districts held later in the season.

Last year Gavin Lively, our local winner, went on to win sectionals and advance to Districts held during a Kansas City Royals game.

Good Luck to the participants.



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