

Gem man pleads guilty to equipment theft

The second of two men accused of stealing more than \$1.3 million worth of farm equipment has pleaded guilty to three counts of transporting stolen equipment across state lines.

At a Tuesday hearing in Wichita, Ryan Hanzlick, 32, of Gem, admitted that in 2006, he and

co-defendant Matthew Jones, Colby, went to Oklahoma to find a combine to steal. They found a Gleaner combine, loaded it on a trailer and drove it to Jones' farm north of Colby. In 2008, Hanzlick said, the two men stole a John Deere tractor and planter from Elsie, Neb., also taking it back

to the farm. Both men were charged with 12 counts of transporting stolen property after the equipment was discovered on Jones' property in September. Jones also pleaded guilty to the same three counts in May. Hanzlick had initially pleaded not guilty to all charges at his ar-

raignment in March. The charges carry penalties up to 30 years in prison, nine years probation and a fine of up to \$750,000, however, prosecutors have said they intend to recommend a sentence of 36 months in federal prison. Jones sentencing is set for July 22 while Hanzlick

will be sentenced on Sept. 17. A jury trial had been set for Tuesday, but the trial was cancelled after Hanzlick changed his plea. The government made a plea agreement with Jones. The plea agreement states that the U.S. attorney will drop the remaining

charges at sentencing. The government also agreed not to file any more charges against Jones in connection with the indictment and to recommend a sentence at the low end of what the judge can impose. Details of Hanzlick's plea have not yet been released.

County

(Continued from Page 1) sor, gave his weekly report. • Reggie Beckmen, Norton County Noxious Weed supervisor, said they have finished spray-

ing roads. • Norton City/County Economic Development Director Diane Stiles presented options for offering incentives to Fam-

ily Dollar. She said a sales tax incentive was requested. She said she will continue to work on the project, which will hopefully bring Family Dollar to the former

Dollar General building. • BG Consultants discussed the local projects for bridges and bridge inspections with Tom Brannan, Norton County Road

and Bridge supervisor. • Representatives from Ag Valley Co-Op discussed their road needs for the expansion east of Norton with the commission and

with Brannan. The next Norton County Commissioners meeting will be held July 19 at 9 a.m. on the second floor of the courthouse.

Internist

(Continued from Page 1) City University of Medicine and Biosciences – College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Missouri. His postgraduate residency training was done through

the University of Kansas Medical Center in Wichita, where he was elected chief resident during his final year of training. Prior to becoming a physician, Dr. Griffey held positions

including medical technologist at Poudre Valley Hospital in Fort Collins, Colo. and Memorial Hospital in Abilene, Kansas; and was a primary care provider serving as a physician assistant under

Dr. Randy Cook at Hays Medical Center in Hays, Kansas for 3.5 years. Griffey said he has always enjoyed helping people and that it is what led him to his passion for medicine.

He and his wife, Jacque, have two children, Tawni, 15, and Connor, 13. Dr. Griffey is currently accepting new patients. For more information or to

schedule an appointment with any member of the Norton County Hospital medical staff, please call the Doctors Clinic at 785-877-3305.

NORCATUR NEWS

Jeff Magers and Joy Luoto, Cedar Bluffs, spent Father's Day with his folks, Rea and Dee Magers. Some roof repair by Jeff was a nice Father's Day gift. Joy brought a great home-made apple pie, and a game of scrabble was enjoyed before the storm chased them home. A phone call from their daughter, Cheri Pomeroy, ended the "Happy Father's Day." Cathy Claussen and Beth Johnson met Claire and Norma Rupp with Wilson in Hays June 22, for lunch. They also called on Anita Pfannenstiel. On June 23, en-route home

from Topeka, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller stopped in Hays to visit Mr. and Mrs. John Rule, Doug Rule, Valery Rule, Elliott Peyton and Lauren Rule, all of Hays. On Aug. 8, after the 10 a.m. worship service at the Norcatat United Methodist Church, they will start their 125th Church Anniversary celebration. Everyone is welcome. A pot luck dinner is planned at noon. Meat, drink and table service will be provided. Please bring a covered dish or two and join us. Happy birthday Betty Reid, Ron Temple, July 1; and Bee Nelson, July 4. Happy anniversary Gerald and

Judy Jackson, July 5; and Russell and Karyn James, July 7. Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Wednesday, June 23, were Von Johnson, first; Larry Lively, second; and Rusty Montgomery, third. A nice group of approximately 25 attended the "Farewell Dinner" for Pastor Larry Danforth on June 27. A quilt made by Kay Strevey was presented to Pastor Larry as a remembrance of his time and work spent here in this congregation. Sunday was his last service here in Norcatat as he has been sent to Cimarron for his next

charge. We wish Pastor Larry well for the future. Guests at the Stan Miller farm last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Rocky DeLano, Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. Chad Applebury, Eli and Karyssa, Colby; Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle, El Dorado. They all came to attend a June birthday celebration for Annette Miller, Bev DeLano and Aimee Applebury hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Oberlin, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Saturday evening, June 26. The Norcatat United Methodist Church of Norcatat will be having a "garage sale" to raise money for the church during the U.S.

Highway 36 Treasure Hunt at Ron Temple's light blue building on the east side of Main Street. Vendors may set up on the sidewalks like we used to do for the garage sales some years ago. Anyone having items they wish to donate to the church garage sale may call Larry James after 6:30 p.m. at (785) 693-4261, or Bee Nelson anytime at 693-4569. Weekend guest of Dorothy Ward from Friday to Monday morning, was her granddaughter, Diana Ward, Thornton, Colo. She attended church and the farewell dinner for Rev. Danforth with Dorothy. Dewaine Stapp and Charlotte Meints spent Father's Day with

Dave and Patty Stapp and Sam Stapp at the lake. Afternoon visitors of Dave and Patty Stapp and Sam Stapp on June 22 were Marian Dempewolf, Oberlin, and Dianne Kleidosty of Semi Valley, Calif. Dianne is Patty's aunt. Dave and Patty Stapp and Sam were weekend visitors of Jerrod and Kortney Poire of Erie. Wava Reames' grandchildren went back to Oklahoma for doctor, dental and orthodontist checkups. Shawnda and James will be back by the end of the week to, again, bring excitement.

KDOT to perform tests on roads in area counties

This week (July 12-16) the Kansas Department of Transportation will be conducting pavement evaluation tests on portions of US-283, K-383, US-183, K-18, and US-281 Highways in Norton, Phillips and Osborne Counties - which include the use of a pilot car operation to control traffic. Specifically, these annual surveys called Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD) tests are per-

formed by the agency each year. The survey measures the quality of pavement and certain aspects of deflection upon the roadway. Kansas Department of Transportation technicians will be working in four-mile segments while performing the tests. The traveling public should expect a minimal wait of 15 minutes or less while the survey is underway.

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

PUBLIC TESTING OF VOTE COUNTING EQUIPMENT

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The public testing of the vote counting equipment to be used in the August 3, 2010 Primary Election will be held in the County Commissioners office, 2nd floor of the Courthouse, Norton, Kansas on Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. in accordance with K.S.A. 25-4610.
Robert D. Wyatt,
Norton County Election Officer

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ALMENA IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. 5

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NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT HEARING
The Board of Directors of Almena Irrigation District No. 5 will meet as a board of equalization between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. DST, Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at the District headquarters building in Almena, Kansas.
Owners of land classified as irrigable in said District may discuss any problems they may have concerning irrigable acres.
Jeanette Harris, Secretary,
Almena Irrigation District No. 5

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELAINE C. TACHA, DECEASED

Published in The Norton Telegram on Tuesday, July 13, 20, 27, 2010 (3T)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS (Magistrate-Probate) (Proceedings Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
In the Matter of the Estate of ELAINE C. TACHA, Deceased
Case No. 2009-PR-15
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court by Allen W. Tacha praying for final settlement of the estate of Elaine C. Tacha, deceased, and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 5th day of August, 2010, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. of said day in said court, in the city of Norton, in said county and state, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.
ALLEN W. TACHA
Petitioner
LUND LAW FIRM, CHARTERED
Attorney for the Petitioner
118 West Hall, Post Office Box 267
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Clinic: Fourth Tuesday every other month
(785) 628-8218 |
| Ear, Nose & Throat – Dr. Black
Second Wednesday
(785) 628-3131 | Orthopedic – Dr. DeCarvalho
Fourth Tuesday
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