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Natoma Corporation addition almost done

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Three years ago the Natoma Corporation was out of space.

So it made sense at the time to apply for a United States Agriculture Department Rural Economic Development Loan through Rural Telephone of Lenora to expand the manufacturing part of the building, said Gail Boller, president of the company.

The zero interest 10 year loan is designed to help expand existing businesses and create economic opportunities for rural residents. The loan to the Natoma Corp for \$740,000, was approved in October 2008, just about the time the economy started going downhill, Boller said.

Faced with a decrease in orders for goods and possible lay-offs, Boller asked to postpone the start of the expansion for a few months. The delay was granted, and construction on the 30,000 square foot addition didn't begin until May of this year.

The new building at the rear of the current structure should be completed some time around the first of next year.

In addition to the \$740,000 loan, the company provided approximately \$775,000, additional funds, making the total amount for the project about \$1,515,000.

Natoma received a similar loan ten Addition - Continued on Page 5)



Construction on the 30,000 square foot addition at the Natoma Corporation, begun in May, should be complete at the end of the year. Until the interior is fitted for manufacturing, the building will be used for storage.

The business received a \$740,000 United States Agriculture Department Rural Economic Development Loan through Rural Telephone of Lenora which was approved in 2008.

—Telegram photo by Judy Sherard

Briefly Triple Delight program Saturday

The Norton County Arts Council will present Triple Delight, a family friendly performance of Dixieland and swing era harmonies, Saturday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. in the East Campus Auditorium.

The group Triple Delight is based in Kansas City, and features Cynthia Ziesman, Tammy Heath and Terry Thaelke.

The performance will include music reminiscent of the Andrews Sisters and the McGuire sisters.

Admission is adults \$8, students \$2, 12 and under \$1, reciprocity \$4 and Arts Council members free.

Some local offices closed for holiday

The Norton City Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 and 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Norton County Courthouse also will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25 and 26 for the holiday.

Both will reopen Monday, Nov. 29. The Norton County Commissioners will not meet Monday, Nov. 29. They will meet Tuesday, Nov. 30 instead so they may pay the end of the month bills.

Holiday the reason papers to be mailed

The Friday, Nov. 26 edition of The Norton Telegram will be mailed to all subscribers.

The papers will be mailed so that your newspaper carriers may have Thanksgiving at home with their families.

Home delivery of newspapers will resume Monday, Nov. 29 as usual.

Also because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the ad deadline for the Friday, Nov. 26 newspaper, is Monday, Nov. 22 at noon.

The ad deadline for the Monday, Nov. 29 paper is Tuesday, Nov. 23.

Markets

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Wheat	\$4.76
Milo	\$3.00
Soybeans	\$9.32
Corn	\$3.31

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy with a low around 68. Northeast wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. **Wednesday** - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a high near 90. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Kingham Report

Sunday, August 1 Low 66, High 100
Monday, August 2 Low 68, High 99
Tuesday, August 3 Low 67, .15 Rain
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the prayers of others that sustain us in our worst times. Help us to be mindful of others' needs and to remember them in prayer. Amen.

City council approves auditing contract

By HARRIETT GILL
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The three year contract with Mapes and Miller for audit services was presented to the Norton City Council at their regular meeting on Wednesday. The contract is for the audit years of 2010, 2011 and 2012 with an ending date of December 2012. The current contract will end December 31. Audits are for the prior year which explains the discrepancy between the contract year and service year. The contract was approved by the council.

A building permit was given to F & F Iron and Metal Company to demolish a brick building and steel attachment on the southeast corner of Graves and Washington.

Karen Griffiths said that the property at 401 E. Main was purchased at an auction on Nov. 16. A Dec. 1 hearing had been scheduled for the property in the council meeting on Oct. 20.

"The new owner has requested that the hearing on the property be continued until Dec. 15. The notice of the hearing has been already been published; however,

there should be no problem with the date change," said Griffiths.

Griffiths said she would contact the Code Inspector regarding this matter.

Jeff Otter said the finance committee had met and discussed storage containers. There is no city ordinance that addresses this issue. The code inspector will research regulations used by other cities on the subject of storage containers.

Otter said there is a finance committee and Norton County Commissioners meeting set for Dec. 6 at 5:30 p.m.

This meeting will review work detail assignments and finances. The Kansas Department of Corrections and economic development also will be invited to attend.

Otter said the finance committee discussed a goal setting meeting for the city council and city administrator. He said the city administrator asked the mayor and council to make a list of 10 goals, so they could be prioritized. No goal setting meeting was scheduled.

Donna Foley reported that the Norton Auditing - Continued on Page 5)

Adding layers



Darren Schmitz of Hi-Tech Interiors works installing insulation in a doorway during construction of the new Doctors Clinic at the Norton County Hospital. — Telegram photo by Judy Sherard

Economic Development Board discusses stands on current issues

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Norton City/County Economic Development Director Scott Sproul reported to board members at the November meeting he supports a Kansas Economic Development Alliance initiative to rewrite enterprise zone project sales tax exemptions language. The exemptions are available to retail businesses in unincorporated areas of a county with 10,000 or less and a city with a population of 2,500 or less and create two new jobs.

According to Sproul this is in opposition to revitalizing efforts for downtown business districts of cities of more than 2,500 people. Instead it provides incentives for retail businesses to locate outside city limits.

One solution would change city population criteria to 10,000 or less and leave the county criteria at 10,000 as well. In addition it could include any retail business in a county or city with a county population of 10,000 or less.

Sproul also told the board that the

National Broadband Plan would reduce funding of the rural incumbent local exchange carriers nationally. The funds are meant to offset unrecoverable costs to provide service to sparsely populated areas. However, the plan promotes an industry standard that is 25 times slower than most connections already provided by the rural carriers.

The plan reduces or eliminates funding for rural carriers if 75 percent of their service area has access to broadband internet. Investment into infrastructure could slow or stop. It affects Norton County because Rural Telephone Service, which is headquartered here, and its subsidiaries could lose up to \$80.7 million. It's also important to advance county technology, Sproul said.

The National Congress for Community Development office has sent a letter to Senators in opposition of the plan.

Lisa Brooksher, Treanor Architects, is designing the renovation plans for the Heaton Building. Len Schamber of Damar is the general contractor.

First Christmas on Us drawing

A total of 2,663 tickets were collected during the first week of Christmas On Us. This year's first week total is an increase from last year when 1,537 tickets were collected during the first week.

So far, no \$50 instant winners have claimed winning tickets. Check for matching ticket numbers in the sponsors' ads every Tuesday. Winners have until

Monday to bring their tickets in to The Telegram office. Prizes are in the form of script money spendable only at Christmas on Us participating businesses. Tickets are picked up every Monday for the instant winner drawing.

The grand prize drawing will be held at the Senior Center on Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. Any unclaimed instant \$50 winners will be drawn at that time, as well.



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Auditing

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Chamber Board has been meeting on a weekly basis to organize all of the upcoming events and projects.

The Chamber is advertising for a director.

Roberta Ryan said the economic development is working

on 14 projects.

Director Scott Sproul will attend the historic district meeting in Topeka.

Justina Smith said the utility committee had met and discussed the installation of private water wells within the city limits.

No recommendation to change any of the current regulations was

made at this time.

Smith said samples were taken from the engines and radiators at the power plant and MidStates Erectors will help to determine what is inside the pipes and what will need to be done to clean them. The samples were available for inspection by the council.

A ten minute recess was called

by Mayor David Corns at 5:44 p.m. The council resumed at 5:54 p.m.

Juan Carlos Lopez requested a 2010 cereal malt beverage license for Las Canteras Mexican Restaurant. The license was approved.

Meeting was adjourned. Next scheduled meeting is Dec. 1 at 5:30.

LYLE NEWS

Outside of strong winds, the weather has been pleasant for November, but we do need rain. When we get moisture, it will probably be snow, and we should be getting ready.

Charles and Inez Keller came to Lyle to visit Toots Magers and show their young minister and wife the sewing operation which he jokingly calls the "sweat shop".

June Jolly sewed at Lyle on Tuesday, attended her KT club on Thursday, played cards at Norcat on Friday and McCook Friday evening, and at the Norton American Legion, along with Toots

Magers on Sunday evening.

Jane Engelhardt came to the church dinner at Lyle on Sunday, and visited her mother and cut her hair later.

Tracy Pershing, my granddaughter, took IV's at home for a while rather than spend that time in the hospital. She is improving but is not to be on her foot too long at a time.

Funeral services for an old friend, Marie Rohnke McClesney, was held at St. Mark's Church on the lot of the Decatur County Museum. It is the Old Lutheran Church that was moved from Norcat.

NORCATUR NEWS

A community benefit of ham and beans with cornbread and a dessert will be held at the Norcat City Building for Louis Anderson on Saturday, Nov. 27. Serving time will be 5 to 7 p.m. with a free will donation to help pay their Decatur County ambulance bills. It is sponsored by the Norcat Royal Neighbors of America, assisted by the Norcat News Volunteers.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar & Grill Wednesday, Oct. 27, were: Don Relaford, first; Von Johnson, second.

Bob and Anita Montgomery and Ron Montgomery went to Curtis, Neb., Oct. 11, 14 and 23, to watch Alyssa Montgomery

play volleyball and for Parents Day. Won some-lost some. The 23rd was Parent's Day and the last game of the season. Alyssa is standing 10th in the nation for service aces.

Bob and Anita Montgomery joined the Frakes family in Morland on Oct. 23 for the second birthday celebration for Jay Frakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller left on Nov. 4 for El Dorado where they visited and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle, then went on to Topeka on Friday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Sophia. They toured the Mulvane Art Center at Washburn University on Saturday and returned home on Nov. 8.

Happy Birthday to Amy Wentz, Howard Sumner, Mary Lesle, Nov. 12; Rea Magers, Nov. 14; Paul Lange, Nov. 15.

Happy Anniversary to Ronald and Jerry Temple, Nov. 12.

Dave and Patty Stapp went to Erie on Nov. 5 to spend the weekend with Jerrod and Kortney Poire and Kyleigh. Dan and Debbie Poire, Colony, were visitors Saturday night at their home.

Bonnie Yule and her daughter, Karen Mason, Amarillo, Texas, visited Rea and Dee Magers on Nov. 2. They have been friends for 50 years plus, as their friendship started in Denver as neighbors. The Yules returned home on Thursday, Nov. 4.

One of our newly purchased

books at the Norcat Library is Lou's Dirty Dozen by Ranny Grady. This is a story that was written about his mother, Lou, who was a widow with a dozen children during the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl years who used the Bible, dictionary, McGuffey's Readers and ingenuity to create her own form of "spiritual" baling wire.

Museum Tidbits

The Nocat Museum would like to thank Derrick Bolliger and Linda Bolliger Broyles for donating Rex Lee Bolliger's class ring. He graduated from Norcat High School in 1954. We really appreciate you thinking of our Museum to display this.

Sheriff's Log

Sept. 25

7:12 p.m. Received a 911 call about two male individuals in a smaller white pickup with a thin blue stripe.

Grass clippings, mower and gas cans are in the bed and both the passenger and driver were drinking, they pulled into a parking lot. Told Deputy Wahlmeier.

Sept. 26

10:20 a.m. Received a call about a dead deer in the east bound lane on Highway 383 just north-east of the Highway 36 and 383 junction. Received second call about deer. Deputy Wahlmeier contacted.

Sept. 28

8 a.m. Received a call in reference about a pickup that ran into a tractor and disc 1/2 west of E9 on Cemetery Road.

Called Deputy Land to inform him of the call. Deputy Land requested a wrecker to come to the scene of the accident location. He advised that the right front tire is off the pickup.

Told Deputy Land that a wrecker is on its way to his location.

8:12 a.m. Told Deputy Annon of report received on a male subject driving a white pickup that was weaving all over the roadway earlier this morning south of Norton on Highway 283 and now the pickup is parked.

9:28 a.m. Received a report of a black cow out on Highway 383 about 1 to 1 1/2 miles east of Calvert.

Sheriff Thomson received another report of black cows out at the same location and he is en route.

Received a call from possible owner and he is on his way to see if the cows are his. Told Deputy Land and Sheriff Thomson.

1:32 p.m. Phillips County called about a call they had received from a subject traveling east bound on Highway 9 saying there is a cow out just west of the Phillips county line.

Told Deputy Annon about the cow and being unable to reach possible owner. Received a second call about the cow being out at Highway 9 and Rd E-12, the cow is standing on the south shoulder by the white line.

Advised Deputy Annon that contact has been made with the owner of the cow and he is on his way to take care of it.

8:09 p.m. Told Deputy Douglas that an individual needs a report of a deer hit. Deputy Douglas said he was on his way back to the Sheriff's Office.

10:17 p.m. Received a 911 call about a black cow out 1/2 mile south of Kansas 9 on Highway 283 on the west side of road. Told Under Sheriff Wenzl about the cow. Contacted owner.

Sept. 29

6:53 a.m. Received a call from owner of the calf that was out yesterday, she was busy picking beans and missed the call. She said the cattle she takes in have a brand on the left hip and she is missing 3 cows.

7:35 a.m. Received a call about a deer hit 2 miles west of Clayton, there is lots of glass on the highway.

Called Decatur County and gave them the number of the person who had the deer hit.

1:31 p.m. Received a call regarding a patient that needs a ride home after being released. Deputy Annon said he would be en route to give subject a ride home.

Sept. 30
12:24 p.m. Received a report of a small blue car with disabled tag that is west bound on Highway 36 and crossing the yellow line. Told Deputy Annon about the report.

1:37 p.m. Received a call from subject saying that a blue 4-door sedan passed him going like a bat out of hell. Told Deputy Annon about the report.

1:42 p.m. A call came in from Lenora reporting a vehicle parked on the wrong side of the street in Lenora. Told Deputy Annon about the vehicle.

7:28 p.m. Received a 911 call from Lenora saying that she and a friend were walking and they saw 4 kids kicking the library door like they were trying to break in. Called Under Sheriff Wenzl in reference to above.

Oct. 1

2:08 p.m. Deputy Land advised the Sheriff's Office about a pickup that is disabled at mile marker 121, vehicle is on the north side of Highway 36 and is well off the roadway.

10:22 p.m. Subject arrived at the Sheriff's Office saying that there is a two tone brown pickup on the north side of the building and a person that looks suspicious keeps ducking down when someone drives by. Told Deputy Annon about the report.

11:38 p.m. Deputy Annon called to say he will be out at the Lower Dam Road and just up from the spillway.

Told Deputy Annon to mark the time down. He advised that he will be coming back to the Sheriff's Office with a male subject.

Oct. 2

1:59 a.m. Received a 911 call about a head on collision and advising that the female subject may be drunk and is trying to leave, no injuries.

Told Officer Zwegardt and Deputy Annon about the report.

5:54 p.m. Received a call about Llamas out just west of Norton. Notified Kansas Highway Patrol about Llamas out and wanting them to check to see if they are on the highway.

Told Deputy Annon about the call and he advised of some other contact names.

10:29 p.m. Received a call from subject reporting someone just knocked over his mailbox with a baseball bat. Told Deputy Annon about the call.

Oct. 3

8:02 a.m. Received a call reporting more mail boxes being knocked down and smashed in Alma. Told Deputy Annon.

10:25 a.m. Report came from subject reporting the construction

crew working on Highway 383 near the Lenora Road turn off has machinery blocking the highway and no construction warning signs. Told Deputy Annon about the report.

Oct. 4

9:33 a.m. Received a call about needing VIN inspections on four cars. Told Under Sheriff Wenzl.

12:11 p.m. Received a report that there have been several mail boxes destroyed. Reporting party said it happened around 10:30 p.m. on Oct. 2. Advised Deputy Land of above report.

Oct. 5

1:36 p.m. Received a call from a subject in Alma advising their mailbox had been destroyed, reporting party said they had been out of town all weekend and noticed damage when they arrived home. Told Under sheriff Wenzl that another mailbox had been destroyed in Alma.

2:03 p.m. Received a call from Phillips County advising us about a male transient that is walking west bound on Highway 383 from the Norton/Phillips County line and is wanting to make it to the park in Alma and then stay the night. Told Under Sheriff Wenzl and Deputy Land about the transient.

Oct. 6

9:59 p.m. Received a 911 call saying he sees a fire somewhere southeast of his location at mile marker 96 on Highway 383. Told Deputy Annon about the call. He will check it out.

Deputy Annon advised he has located the reported fire, it is 6/10 of a mile south of Highway 383 on Highway 60 on the east side and to page Alma Fire Department. Alma advised that this is a dump area and they burn trees there and it should be okay, but if someone wants to check it out that would be fine.

Oct. 7

5:34 p.m. Received a call reporting a gas skip possibly a dark maroon car that went west bound with an unknown Kansas tag. Told Deputy Annon and Wahlmeier in the Sheriff's Office.

9:50 p.m. Subject arrived at the Sheriff's Office to report a deer hit, told Deputy's Annon and Wahlmeier about the subjects in the office needing a report. Deputy Annon left with the subjects to go to their residence where the vehicle was parked for a deer hit.

Oct. 8

1:15 a.m. Received a call advising they were getting a 17-year-old male from Jewell County needing to go to Norton. She wanted to know if we could have a Deputy meet their Deputy at the Norton Phillips County line at 2:45 a.m. Told Deputy Annon, and he said we needed to get more information since he was a juvenile. She advised we are no longer needed. The other county decided to keep the juvenile. Advised Deputy Annon he is no longer needed to assist with juvenile.

10:33 a.m. Received a report of two black cows out at the intersec-

tion of Hwy 36 and W-8. Advised Sheriff Thomson. He is in Norton and will be enroute.

11:22 Received a call that a dead deer was found in a pasture. Reporting party wanted to know who to contact to pick up the deer. Advised Sheriff Thomson. He advised to check with Wildlife and Parks Officer Kelly. Called Officer Kelly. He advised of options reporting party could do in reference to the deer. Advised Sheriff Thomson of options from Officer Kelly. Sheriff will call reporting party.

Addition

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years ago from the United States Agriculture Department that it is just finishing repaying.

Though the interior of the new structure won't be fitted for manufacturing for awhile, it will be used for storing materials as soon as the exterior is finished.

Boller predicts that space will be needed for manufacturing in due time.

"Orders are up 28 percent this year. We've stopped bleeding," he said.

The company now has 48 employees, up from 40 employees two years ago, and just started a second shift. Each shift runs ten hours for four days a week. Boller

said the second shift was needed because some employees were putting in a lot of overtime keeping up with orders.

"I predict we'll add ten (employees) a year for the next five years. I'm an optimist. I don't expect to need the room today, but in two years it will make me look like a genius," he said. "We have move-ins and new orders rather than push outs and cancellations."

When Boller moved his manufacturing business to Norton in 1985, he was the sole employee. Soon after he hired another employee, and has added about two each year until there were about 70 at its highest point to date.


Scout sprint is planned

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland Second Annual Thin Mint Sprint 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Run! The Thin Mint Sprint is Saturday, Dec. 4. Registration will be from 9-9:45 a.m. at Fort Hays State University, Gross Memorial Coliseum, Gate 2.

Race begins at 10 a.m.

There is a 5K Run/Walk, a One Mile Fun Run and a "Sleep In" option. Registration is open now. Participants can register at <http://www.kansasgirlscouts.org>, www.kansasgirlscouts.org or at the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland Hays office, 2707 Vine, Suite 8.

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AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:

The bulk of this sale is mainly tools from a lifetime of putting them together from Alvin Mapes. There is a large selection. This is only a partial listing of the tools that Alvin offers. It is a sale that "Come, See and Buy!" is the order of the day! The rest of the items are ones that you will enjoy bidding and buying for yourself or home.

The furniture items are especially nice!



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