



Hazel Bates

# Police Log

**Monday Dec. 27**  
 12:40 a.m. Parking citation  
 3:30 p.m. Vehicle pedestrian accident  
 6:02 p.m. Request for ride, NCH  
 8:00 p.m. Dog complaint  
 9:10 p.m. Report of noisy dog

**Tuesday Dec. 28**  
 1:00 a.m. Report of individual sleeping in vehicle  
 8:06 a.m. Report of dog running loose  
 9:30 a.m. Report of dog running loose  
 10:02 a.m. Welfare check  
 12:53 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning civil matter  
 1:00 p.m. Civil standby  
 4:21 p.m. Report of dog running loose  
 6:09 p.m. Assist Sheriff's Dept.  
 7:17 p.m. Welfare check  
 8:15 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
 10:42 p.m. Report of individual burying a dog in vacant lot

**Wednesday Dec. 29**  
 1:37 a.m. Welfare check

7:02 a.m. Report of harassing text messages  
 12:48 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
 8:00 p.m. Report of found cat  
 10:19 p.m. Civil standby

**Thursday Dec. 30**  
 12:10 a.m. EMS assist  
 7:35 a.m. Assist Sheriff's Dept. traffic control  
 9:30 a.m. Dog complaint  
 9:38 a.m. Report of check fraud  
 11:22 a.m. Funeral escort  
 2:37 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
 2:40 p.m. Report of two dogs that have cat pinned under porch  
 3:44 p.m. Activated alarm, Pawn Shop  
 4:42 p.m. Civil standby  
 5:25 p.m. Request for welfare check  
 7:48 p.m. 911 hang-up  
 11:14 p.m. Report of vehicle with door open and unattended  
 11:51 p.m. Report of underage party

**Friday Dec. 31**  
 7:45 a.m. Assist Sheriff's Dept.

traffic control  
 2:47 p.m. Report of two dogs running loose  
 3:46 p.m. Activated alarm, Pawn Shop  
 3:55 p.m. Report of one vehicle accident  
 5:20 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
 5:30 p.m. Verbal dispute  
 11:17 p.m. Request by owner to close open door on vehicle  
 11:51 p.m. Report of underage party

**Saturday Jan. 1**  
 12:21 a.m. Activated alarm, DQ  
 12:43 a.m. Vehicle stop, DUI arrest  
 1:01 a.m. Civil standby  
 3:23 a.m. DUI arrest  
 7:00 a.m. Report of stolen vehicle  
 7:50 a.m. Found vehicle reported stolen  
 8:00 a.m. Activated alarm, DQ  
 8:43 a.m. Vehicle accident reported  
 9:28 a.m. Activated alarm,

Credit Union  
 11:04 a.m. Report of two dogs running loose  
 12:57 p.m. Report of mail box damaged  
 1:17 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
 2:40 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning civil standby  
 5:09 p.m. Report of lost I-pod  
 8:45 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle  
 9:25 p.m. Report of gunshot

**Sunday Jan. 2**  
 7:48 a.m. Received information on theft  
 6:02 p.m. 911 hang-up  
 6:34 p.m. Individual refused to give information on damage to mailbox  
 7:02 p.m. Report of erratic driver  
 8:33 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle

Norton Police Department reported five vehicle stops from Dec. 27 to Jan. 2.

# Ninety nine years young

Hazel Bates celebrated her 99th birthday on Thursday with cake, flowers and balloons.

Bates was born on a farm near Morland on December 30, 1911. Today she lives at the Andbe Home in Norton.

She and her late husband James Bates operated a Standard Oil Tank Wagon Service out of Lenora for many years.

The couple had two children

Carol Rhul and Edwin Bates. Both are deceased.

On Thursday, a niece, nephew-in-law and former neighbor joined her at the Andbe Home for a special lunch and celebration.

While her hearing isn't too good, there's nothing wrong with her wits.

When asked if she was sweet 16, Bates smiled and answered, "And, then some."

# New year's resolutions to solve finance woes

When the big ball dropped at midnight New Year's Eve, the calendar changed, but will you?

After two years of recession and recovery that is moving slower than molasses going uphill in January, Certified Financial Planner Louis Scatigna, author of *The Financial Physician*, believes that 2011 is the time for people to make some solid resolutions to change those old habits.

"Most people think that their financial problems revolve around not earning enough money to make ends meet," said Scatigna, whose Financial Physician radio show is heard nationwide. "The truth is, everyone can improve their financial health by using the following five tips, and they don't have to make a dime more than they are making today in order to feel more financially healthy."

Scatigna's tips include:  
**Calculate Your Net Worth:** If you want to get healthy, you need a check up. Your net worth tells you how financially healthy you are right now, so you know where you're starting. Here's how you do it: Take a piece of paper and make two columns. On the left side of the paper list the value of all your assets and on the right side the balances of all your loans, using the totals from the end of 2009. Now, subtract your total debts from the total value of your assets and you arrive at your net worth, the exact amount of money you would have if you liquidated all your assets and paid off all your debts. The goal is to grow your net worth each and every year.

**Prepare a Budget:** Take another piece of paper, and make two columns, one for monthly expenses and one for annual expenses. On top of the page list all your sources of income (wages, interest, dividends, odd jobs, etc.). Total up all your income. Now list every expense in your life as accurately as you can. Make sure you keep track of your cash expenditures, like those Starbucks coffees and lunches at work. Spend one month writing down every penny you spend. Now, total up all your expenses, and then subtract your expenses from your income. If

you're in the hole, it's time to reduce your spending. If you're ahead, now you have an idea of how much you might be able to put away and save every month. The truth is that most families can cut 5 to 10 percent of their monthly expenses without too much trouble.

**Manage the Money Together:** If you're married, it's imperative that you manage the money as a couple. In most families either the husband or the wife handle the monthly bills, but that often leads to miscommunication and overspending. Sit down together and pay the bills and discuss with each other how you can reduce the household expenses. Review bills for accuracy and resolve to pay down the balances as fast as possible. Review each investment account statement for performance and risk. Doing it together ensures fewer crises and more savings.

**Learn More About Money:** The majority of Americans have little knowledge about finances, so they make costly mistakes. There are many books and websites that you can read to learn the basics about investing, buying cars and homes, insurance, the different types of mortgages, and credit cards. Knowledge is power, especially when it comes to your money.

**Be Financially Responsible:** What do you really need? What do you really want? These days, it's difficult to have both, so we each need to evaluate our lives to determine what we can do without. Do you need to buy lunch at work every day, or does your break room have a kitchen where you could keep a loaf of bread and lunchmeat? Do we need 20 HBO channels, when there's never anything good on, anyway? We now live in frugal times and must adjust our behavior in order to survive and become financially healthy.

Louis Scatigna, a Certified Financial Planner, national radio talk show host and author of *The Financial Physician: How To Cure Your Money Problems and Boost Your Financial Health* is a regular guest on national programs and has been quoted in hundreds of publications and Web sites.

For some people living with a life-limiting illness, there comes a point when cure is no longer possible.

While the possibility of a cure is gone that does not mean a patient and family must abandon all hope.

Through hospice care, there is still hope for a peaceful death; hope to spend final months, weeks or days free of pain; and hope for quality time with loved ones in the familiar surroundings of home.

"While there isn't one specific point in an illness when a person should ask about hospice care, many hospice professionals would suggest that a person think about hospice long before he or she is in a medical crisis," advises J. Donald Schumacher, president and CEO of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. "In fact, learning about palliative care and hospice as options is something that should happen early in the course of a serious illness and not just in the final days."

Hospices utilize a team of professionals and trained volunteers

to provide expert medical care, pain-and-symptom management, and emotional and spiritual support to patients and family caregivers. All care is tailored to the patient's needs and wishes.

Hospice helps patients and families focus on living as fully as possible. "Hospice professionals can be important resources for patients and families, they can help a person figure out what goals are important and help them get their arms around the fact that their life may be coming to a close," noted Schumacher.

Considered to be the model for high-quality, compassionate care for people nearing the end of life, hospice offers the services and support that Americans want when coping with life-limiting illness.

Last year, hospice cared for more than 1.56 million patients in the US. The national organization estimates that 41.6 percent of all deaths in the US were under the care of a hospice program last year.

Facts about hospice:  
 Most hospice care is provided

in the home.

Care is also provided in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and hospice centers.

Hospice care is fully covered by Medicare, private insurance, and by Medicaid in most states.

Hospice care is not just for people with cancer.

Hospices serve those with advanced Alzheimer's disease, heart disease, lung disease, HIV/AIDS - anyone who is facing a life-limiting illness.

The hospice benefit pays for medications and medical equipment related to the illness.

Hospice care is available as long as a doctor believes the patient is eligible.

Hospice care can include complementary therapies, such as music and art, to bring additional comfort.

Hospice's offer grief support to the family following the death of a loved one.

"Ideally, an individual would receive hospice care for the final months of life - not just the final days," stated Schumacher.

"One of the most common

sentiments from families who have been helped by hospice care is that they wish they had known about hospice or been referred to hospice sooner."

A recent report from the Dartmouth Atlas Project looking at care for patients with advanced cancer at the end of life identified gaps between patient wishes and care received.

This highlights the need for people to learn about all options available for care.

Additional research published in the *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management* found that Medicare beneficiaries who received hospice care lived on average 29 days longer than those who did not opt for hospice near the end of life.

For more information, contact Hospice Services at 800-315-5122 or in Phillipsburg 543-2900 or visit [www.hospicenwks.net](http://www.hospicenwks.net) or contact: Julia Schemper or Sandy Kuhlman Hospice Services, Inc. PO Box 116, Phillipsburg, KS, 67661; 800-315-5122; hospice@ruraltel.net.

# The deadline for wool producers is looming

Wool and mohair producers are reminded that the final date to apply for non-recourse marketing assistance loans or loan deficiency payments (LDP) from the USDA Farm Service Agency is Jan. 31, 2011 for their 2010 wool and mohair.

"Producers have until Jan 31 of the year following the year in which the wool or mohair was sheared to apply for a nine-month marketing assistance loan or loan deficiency payment," announced, Adrian J. Polansky, state executive director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Kansas. This final deadline also applies to LDP's for unshorn pelts from unshorn lambs slaughtered in 2010.

Producers placing their wool and mohair under loan with FSA receive an established loan rate. National per pound loan rates are set at \$1.00 for graded wool, \$0.40 for ungraded wool and \$4.20 for mohair. In addition, unshorn pelts are eligible for loan deficiency payment at the ungraded wool LDP rate. When filing an LDP application, producers must have a good estimate of the pounds they want to certify. Polansky emphasized the wool or mohair must be produced and shorn from live animals of domestic origin in the

United States and be of merchantable quality.

"Producers can forego putting their wool and mohair under loan and receive a loan deficiency payment instead. In order to qualify for loans or LDPs, producers must meet program eligibility requirements," Polansky said. "Producers must have owned the sheep or goats for at least 30 days before shearing, and they must retain beneficial interest from the time of shearing through either repayment of the loan or, in the case of an LDP, the date the payment is requested. Also for unshorn pelts, the producer must sell the unshorn lamb for immediate slaughter or slaughter the unshorn lamb for personal use."

Producers that do not retain the wool or mohair on the farm when sheared may lose beneficial interest and should have filed a form CCC-633EZ Page 1 before shearing. Producers must file a CCC-633EZ Page 1 before they lose beneficial interest in the commodity and then file a CCC-633EZ Page 4 to apply for the LDP payment before the Jan. 31 deadline.

Producers shall contact the Norton FSA office at the USDA Service Center for more information.

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