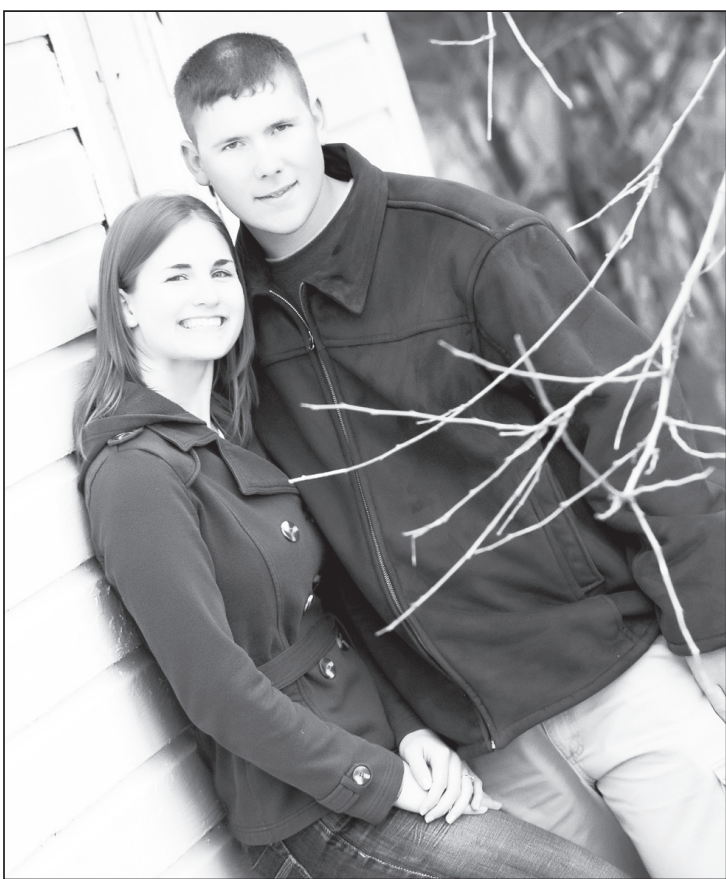


Engagement announcement



John and Teresa Janzing announce the engagement of their daughter, Breann Joy Janzing, to McKinley Wayne Harshbarger, son of Dani Hinson of Bertrand Neb., and David Harshbarger of Norton.

Breann is a graduate of West Holt High School in Atkinson, Neb. and received her associates degree in media arts from Central Community College of Hastings, Neb.

McKinley is a graduate of Bertrand High School, Bertrand Neb., and received his certification in construction technology from Central Community College of Hastings, Neb. Mac is currently working for Case IH in Grand Island, Neb.

They are planning a Jan. 28, 2012 wedding at Faith Community Church in O'Neill Neb. A reception will follow at the Atkinson Community Center.

JENNINGS NEWS

Frank and Becky Foster and Ethan from Texas and Matt Hall and Jenan Rodriguez from Brighton, Colo. visited Pat Hall and Violet Foster during the Christmas holiday. All of the above spent Christmas Eve at the home of Terry and Marsha Richards, Oberlin.

Family at the Tom Votopka farm for Christmas Eve were Rollie and Jean Halligan, Goodland; Ann Rowh, Jodi Inguanza, Meagan and Christopher, Cimarron; Jason Rowh, Drake and Brecken and Sue Long, Jennings; Lori Schiefin and Katlyn, Overland Park.

Lori Schiefin and Katlyn, Overland Park were guests of Sue Long Friday to Sunday for Christmas.

Mary Votopka fell and was a surgery patient at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. She was moved back to the Oberlin hospital on Monday.

Missy and Adam Cawfield and two children of San Diego, Calif. and Allan and Sherry Carter of Kansas City made a pre-Christmas visit with Rachel Carter the week before Christmas. On Tuesday before Christmas, Denise and Scott Taylor and their children and Carol Carter and Heather West and her children visited with the Cawfields at the Rachel Carter home.

Christmas Day, Rachel Carter spent at Pat McKenna's with the Max Ward family. That evening Ann and Dick Graner of Bethany, Mo. came to spend a week with Rachel. Pat and Shelley

McKenna's family members home over the Christmas holiday included Sarah from Topeka; Jacque of Macomb, Ill.; Chris of Scott City; and Marcus of Wichita. While they were home they helped their parents host a Christmas Eve supper for the McKenna family. Guests included Nick and Kathy Otter and Sean, Hoxie; DiAnn and Dick Gardner, Jalen and Rylan, Mankato; Pam and Nathan Dieckmann, Parker and Mason, Woodbine; Mike and Joan McKenna, Jennings; Becca and Brock Peterson, Will and Henry, Demotte, Ind.; Amy Osborn, Overland Park; Brett and Tracy McKenna, Claffin; Jerry McKenna; Greg and Paula McKenna, Marlee, Landee, Hallee and Baylee of Selden.

Guests of the Pat McKenna family for dinner on Christmas Day were Max and Norma Ward, Dave Ward of Clayton; Jodi and Braxton Ward; Ken and Julie Carter; Rachel Carter; Becky Carter and Stann Hartzog; Clayton and Anna Carter of Jennings; Ann and Wes DuBois, Abby, Madison and Aubrey from Norton; Lori and Kelly Wycoff and Kelly of Scott City.

The Imogene Keenan family held their Christmas dinner at the Sunflower Senior Center on Saturday, Dec. 31.

Decatur Tomorrow Committee met with the Decatur County Commissioners on Monday, Dec. 19 about having bus service from Jennings to Oberlin for a doctor's appointment and to Raye's Grocery once a week. Decatur Health Systems,

Decatur County Commissioners and Decatur Tomorrow have worked to arrange regular bus service to follow-up doctor's appointments and Raye's Grocery each week. Each Wednesday the Decatur County Bus will pick up passengers at the Jennings Clinic at 8:30 a.m. leaving for Oberlin at 9 a.m. The bus will go to the Oberlin Clinic to deliver patients for follow-up appointments made on Tuesday at the clinic or made by the patients themselves. Anyone wishing to shop will be taken to the Golden Age Center or to the Business Building on Penn for coffee, (suggestions are welcome). Riders will meet at Raye's Grocery at noon for the return trip to Jennings. As always, the bus will be available to Jennings residents as needed at other times by appointment. For further information call Connie Grafel at 785-475-8101. This service was requested by Jennings residents at the Decatur Tomorrow meetings and is greatly appreciated.

Senior Citizens dinner will be held Tuesday, Jan. 10 at noon. Bingo will be played following the meal. Please bring two bingo prizes and join us.

Call Mike with all your social news. 877-3361

PUBLIC RECORD

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. These cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

Dec. 22
Nov. 30-Lane Vanover, Norton; Charge: 1. Defective headlamp, 2. No proof of insurance; Other action: 2. Dismissed/proof, 1. Dismissed/vehicle totaled.

Sept. 19-Justin Brill, Norton; Charge: Battery; Plea: Guilty as amended; Other action: Amended to disorderly conduct; Found: Guilty as amended; Sentence: Fine \$250, costs \$76, total \$326.

Oct. 15-Starla LeClair, Norton; Charge: 1. Leaving scene of accident, 2. Inattentive driving, 3. Duty to give information, 4. Duty upon striking, 5. Duty to

District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse. Traffic and Wildlife and Parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.

Dec. 22
Oct. 26-Galen E. Wentz, Decatur; Charge: Speeding 82 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fines and fees: \$185.

report accident; Plea: 1 and 2 Guilty; Other action: Plea agreement, 3, 4, and 5 dropped for guilty plea for 1 and 2; Found: 1 and 2 Guilty; Sentence: 1. \$200, 2. \$100, costs \$76, total \$376.

Dec. 29
Dec. 9-Cheryl Parrish, Norton; Charge: Disorderly conduct; Other action: Combined with Dec. 14 (below).

Dec. 14-Cheryl Parrish, Norton; Charge: 1. Disorderly conduct, 2. Battery on law enforcement officer; Other action: Diversion; Sentence: 1 year diversion assessment, each case \$100 + \$100=\$200, costs each case \$76 + \$76=\$152, diversion

fee waived, total \$352. Twelve months probation, attend AA meetings three times per week, mental health counseling and no contact with Mark Johnson and Anna Bullins.

Dec. 7-Alonso Rutiaga, Dodge City; Charge: Expired tag/registration on trailer; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine waived/borrowed trailer, costs \$76.

Oct. 9-Jason Garnett, Tulsa, Okla.; Charge: 1. No proof of insurance, 2. Expired tag; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fines waived with proof of insurance and new registration with tag, costs \$76.

6th, 7th and 8th Grade Boys, join us for a Night of Adventure at PURE ROCK 2012 with FBI Agent Doug McCary!!

Mr. McCary has fought in various battles as a helicopter pilot, has worked for the FBI and now is devoted to a life following Christ. Come for stories, challenges and real life struggles as you enter this adventure called adolescence.

Are you looking for answers to tough questions, find out more and register at www.mypurerock.com

Friday, January 13, starting at 4 p.m.

LOCATION: The Rock, Norton, KS



LYLE NEWS

On Saturday, the wind blew and it rained and snowed. It was terrible. But this is a new year, and thank the good Lord, it cleared up and we had a nice Sunday.

Everyone I have seen said they had a good Christmas. Veda Wood and Dennis enjoyed a good Christmas dinner at home with John and Carol Moye, Brandy Cohart and Tom Baker. We had a delicious dinner at Dwight and Teresa Wood's home in McCook, Neb. on Dec. 24 with Carol, John Moye and Sheryl and Richard Patterson.

The dinner at Lyle on Sunday, Jan.1 was the scene of three birthday celebrations, Joyce Sumner, Judy Easton and Mike Horney. Pam had asked Toots if they could make taffy, as Mike

had never helped with it, so they had a taffy pulling party on Saturday. Greg and Von Sumner; Deanna and Todd Sumner, Brooke and Brady; Gracie Mae, Sumner and Sophia brought ice cream for Joyce, to go with a cake and candles from Toots Magers. Twenty-five people had dinner. Joyce and all her family had Christmas dinner at Greg's home. Last Monday, Joyce and family went to Ward's home.

Dewayne Jackson gave a wonderful sermon. We always enjoy having his family visit.

June Jolly had Christmas Dinner with Linda and Dennis McFarland. The Jolly and McFarland family: June, Dean and Rhonda, Louis and Laveda McFarland, and Jennifer's family, celebrated Christmas together

with finger food at Linda's. On Wednesday, June and Karen Brown played in a pitch tournament in Indianola.

Toots Magers enjoyed a visit with Helen Helm one day last week.

The Senior Citizens enjoyed a potluck dinner at the Community Building on Friday, and debated whether they should try to play cards, or if the roofers noise would be too disturbing. Of course, they opted to play, and probably out did the roofers for noise. It was fun and the meal was wonderful, as usual.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen joined the Lyle group for church and dinner on Sunday, and headed for Quinter.

Business in the spotlight

Each month this column features one Norton County business selected at random in honor of all our local businesses large and small, well-established and newly-established for their valuable contribution to our economy.

Economic development administrative coordinator Verla Grysch submitted this month's article.

January 2012
Business Name: Lamont Shirk, DDS

Address: 205 S. Kansas Avenue

Norton, KS 67654
Phone: (785) 877-2821

Dr. Lamont Shirk started practicing in Norton in July of 1985. He purchased the dental practice of Dr. Rex Keener who had practiced dentistry in Norton for 35 years. Dr. Shirk decided he wanted to make dentistry his profession during his senior year of high school. He enjoyed working with his hands and with people; a neighbor who was in dental school at that time also was instrumental in his interest in dentistry. Dr. Shirk graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Dentistry in 1984. He then completed a general practice dental

residency at the Topeka Veterans Administration Hospital. He entered the residency program due to a desire to acquire more skills before beginning in private practice.

Dr. Shirk and his wife, Pam, chose Norton because they were looking for a rural community in which to begin a practice and raise a family. In Norton, they found a strong school system and community support to do both. It has proven to be an outstanding place to raise two sons, Justin and Spencer. Both sons are Norton Community High School graduates who credit the Norton School system as one of the keys to their academic successes. Other reasons why they chose Norton were due to the strength of various economic aspects in this community – the State and Federal employment bases, the strong locally-owned

private manufacturing businesses and the progressive medical community. Norton is proactive in keeping their community vital.

Dr. Shirk says it has been rewarding forming long-term relationships with patients and caring for multiple generations of families. "We pride ourselves in being able to provide a broad range of services for our patients at affordable fees. It is exciting to incorporate the new techniques and utilize the most recent advances in materials and technologies to better serve our patients' needs," he said.

His advice for other business owners is: Be involved in your community, school, and church. Get to know people on a personal basis and do what you can to support your community. The rewards of doing so are immeasurable.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Harmonson Redd Post #63

Norton American Legion

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5
Special All You Can Eat Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast and One Trip Salad Bar or Order Off the Menu

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6
Club Room is Open Until 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8
Legion Riders Meeting 5:00 p.m.; Cards at 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9
Legion, SALS and Auxiliary Meeting at 7:30 p.m. If you are a member, please come to the meetings – your support is valued!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12
Chicken Fry Steak, Potato and One Trip Salad Bar or Order off the Menu

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13
Club Room is Open Until 9:00 p.m.

All members and guests are welcome. Free WIFI available. Look forward to Beer Tasting Gathering, Wine Tasting Get-together in January too! Send us your e-mail address to: horhun1@att.net and monthly calendar will be sent to you each month.

Club Hours: Club Room Open
Thursday: 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Friday: 5:00-10:00 p.m. and Saturday: 5:00-9:00 p.m.
Dining Room – Thursday: 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
BINGO Every Friday Night - Doors Open at 5:30 p.m.

PHONE: 785-877-5662
Bar Manager - Denise Schmitz-785-871-0464

CARD SHOWER
Marie Hewett will celebrate her 96th Birthday on January 3.

To help her celebrate, cards can be mailed to:
309 W. Holme
Norton, KS 67654

NOTICE OF 63rd

Annual Meeting

Monday, January 16, 2012

11:30 a.m.
to be held at the St. Francis Parish Hall
104 S. Wabash, Norton, Kansas

Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, January 13

\$1.00 PER PERSON

United Northwest Federal Credit Union

912 N. Archer Avenue, Norton, KS • Phone 785-877-5191
117 S. Penn, Oberlin, KS • Phone 785-475-2322

website: www.unwfcu.org