

LYLE NEWS

What is that saying, "When an irresistible force meets an immovable object?" In my case it was my knee and the cement driveway. I certainly wouldn't claim that my knee is irresistible, and the cement didn't move at all, but the force was enough to cause me a few days of immobility and pain. The good part was that it was temporary and I see a lot of improvement every day. Enough about me.

On the good news list, Joyce Sumner is doing really well and is expected to be home in a day or two. Von Sumner's kids and grandkids are at her place and are having fun.

Kathy Van Meter says she feels that she has finally turned the corner and can walk about as usual. They had .6 inches of rain.

Merlin Wood is feeling better but says his blood pressure may be going a little too low now, and medication may need a little adjustment.

Dixie Wood has made a second trip to Tulsa, Okla. and says she may be a little better. She is coping anyway. She may come for a visit, but no

definite plans yet. She and David, who lives a short distance away, have had 110 degrees.

Dwight and Teresa Wood came by on Saturday and left a good batch of home-grown blackberries to be made into jelly. They were headed for Westmoreland to celebrate birthdays, her Mother, Dad and other members of the family.

When I told June Jolly we had a nice rain, she said, "Shut up!" June went to the fair and played Bingo, played cards on Friday, and 'fair sat' at the open class 4H building on Saturday.

We have not heard if Virgil Price is better yet. He is still at Kearney and Joyce and their son Bob Price are with him. They are in our prayers.

There were 32 members of the Powell family from Kansas and Nebraska at their picnic which was held at the Lyle Community Building on Sunday.

The community picnic sponsored by the Liberty Star Club will be held Sunday, Aug. 19 this year. Everyone is welcome. It is potluck, drinks furnished, bring table service.

JENNINGS NEWS

There was a busy weekend in Jennings. A family reunion of Adrian Mowry descendants was held in the Sunflower Senior Center on Saturday.

Also on Saturday, the wedding of Clint Krizek and Danyel Jeffery was at the United Methodist Church with a reception held in the Jennings Community Hall, followed by a dance in the evening. Congratulations to the young couple.

Enjoying cards at the Sunflower Senior Center on Wednesday were Agnes Wahlmeier, Debbie Shields, Eleanor Morel, Diane Carter, Stan Shaw, Ramona Shaw, Wayne Cressler and Louise Cressler.

The hearing of the Jennings City budget will be on Monday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Sunflower Senior Center, followed by the city council meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

Paul and Kathy Nauer have welcomed a new grandson, Jayson David, born July 27, 2012 weighing eight pounds and six ounces. Marc and Roxanna

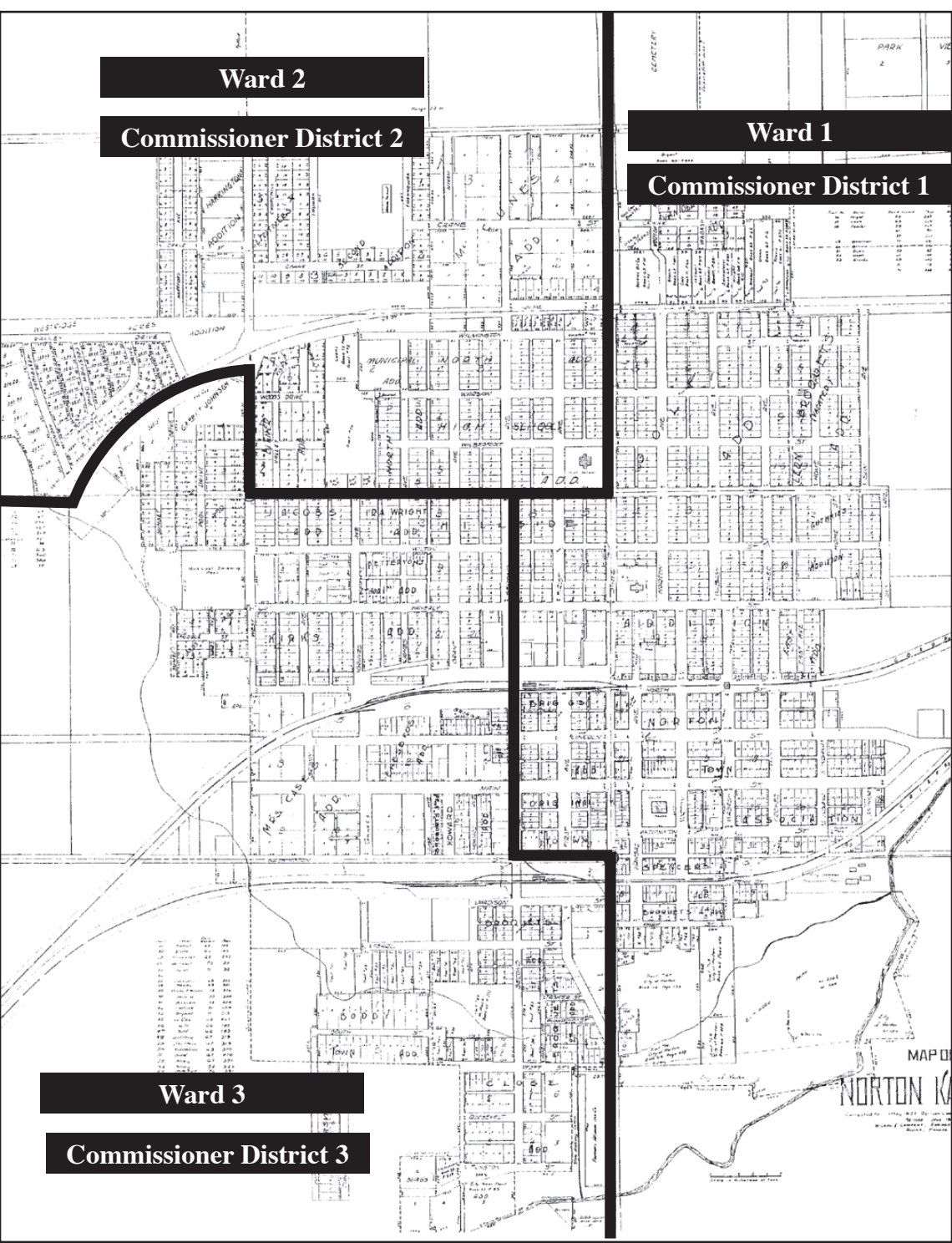
Groff of Garland, Neb. are the proud parents. Also welcoming the new baby are brothers, Jake and Jordan, and sister, Jaden.

Voting time is near. Statistics show low turnout of voters in the primary elections in the past. There are several names on the Republican ballot for people to choose a candidate to run for County Commissioner District 3 in the general election. Vote for who you think can best serve

the people of Decatur County.

Stan and Ramona Shaw visited at the home of Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs on Sunday. Additional guests were Kyle and Lisa Bollars, Tyce and Tenley, Strasburg, Colo.

The Jennings American Legion will meet at the Legion Hall on Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 7:30 p.m.



Linner

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urers do business, especially in regards to technology.

In 2000, for example, the county got new tax software with a bar code system for tax receipts. In 2008, she said, Norton County took on instructional permit licenses, which allowed more services to be offered in the county instead of requiring citizens to drive to Phillipsburg for driver services.

"That was a customer service program we really needed," Linner explained. "Now surrounding counties are calling us about sending their citizens to Norton County for the services they can't get elsewhere."

In addition, Linner said, this year has brought some changes to motor vehicle services through the county, including a new system for registering vehicles in the county. That system upgrade is ongoing in Norton County.

Running a successful treasurer's office while continually learning new technology and programs, Linner said, is part of why she would like to continue in her position as county treasurer.

"I feel like I've done a good job with all the changes," she said. "We have experienced some slowdown in completion time, but that is a state-wide issue and it is getting better. With all of the changes in how we do things, 'changing the guard' may not be in the citizens' best interest."

Linner said along with dealing with continual change, she has helped reduce the delinquent tax list by communicating with the citizens of Norton County.

"When I took office, the delinquent tax list was much longer than it is now," she said. "When someone doesn't pay their taxes, I call them to see if they have simply forgotten. It is often a simple oversight and people often pay as soon as I remind them."

To go along with her professional experience, Linner is a representative for the county to the Kansas County Treasurer's Association and she has been involved in Norton County Leadership. She is also involved in helping with the Elmwood Park Speedway and the Norton Motocross track.

She and husband, Randy, have three children and eight grandchildren.

Durham

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than it is and get the office running more efficiently," she said. "Employees need to be cross trained for multiple duties so that when someone is out of the office, everyone is able to take over and help the customers who visit the office."

Durham also explained that she wanted to try to expand the driver and motor vehicle services offered through the treasurer's office.

"If the state allows it, I'd like to offer full service for testing for permits and driver's licenses, even if it is just one day a month," she said. "The public also needs to be made aware of exactly what services the county offers and where they need to go for services that aren't offered here."

The candidate said some of her goals also include being as savvy with technology as possible, building a network with other county treasurers and com-

municating well with the people who make decisions from the state level.

Some of Durham's leadership experience includes being a member of PEO, former treasurer for the American Legion Auxiliary, former Finance Chair for UMC, involvement with Relay For Life, the American Red Cross, being a Court Appointed Special Advocate and being an Education Advocate volunteer.

Sarah Durham and her husband, Joseph, live in Norton.

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R. A. Peterson for Commissioner District 2

Hello, I am Dr. R. A. Peterson. I have lived in Norton, Kansas in District #2 for 40 years. I was very recently widowed and have two sons, one daughter-in-law, and five grandchildren. I have served on the Norton City Council for two years. I was part of the Norton Housing Authority, HUD, for four years. I was also a member of the Norton Hospital Board for four years. But who cares, it's not what I did but what I am going to **try to do!** Norton County has a problem.

2012 BUDGETS FOR DECATUR, GRAHAM, AND NORTON COUNTIES			
	Decatur	Graham	Norton
Sheriff Department Budget	\$142,000	\$362,902	\$535,108
No. of Sheriff/Deputies	1 S - 2 D	1 S - 2 D	1 S - 6 D
Ambulance Budget	\$187,300	\$145,443	\$520,750
No. of Full-Time Staff	1	1	7

In my opinion this needs to be worked on!

I would like to combine the sheriff and police departments. We have seven employees in the sheriff and six employees in the police departments, which equals thirteen safety officers. The sheriff department has five vehicles and the police department has six vehicles.

If we could combine the two departments and cut the budget by 50%, think of what we could save a year!

I was disappointed the way the previous commissioner handled the road milling mess with the Braun family and the Tom Brannan situation!!! We need dignity and respect at the commissioner level again.

I was very happy with the way Commissioner Thompson voted on the 'new' hog confinement. I will listen to the majority and the minority not just the 'big operators'!!!

Yes, I now have more time than ever to devote to Norton and Norton County. If you would like to work with me to try and make a difference, cast a vote for R.A. Peterson. Remember, only you the voters CAN make the change.

I am accepting NO donations. I feel you should pay your own way; therefore, you owe favors to No One!!

Thank you in advance for your support,
Dr. R. A. Peterson

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