

# JENNINGS NEWS

The American Legion will sponsor a Food Sale at the Legion Hall on Fireman's Funday, Aug. 25 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donated food items will be appreciated. All proceeds will be used for the hall improvements.

Anyone interested in donating cakes or baked items for the Cake Walk on Fireman's Funday can either leave them at the Community Hall on Saturday morning, Aug. 25 or if they need someone to pick up items, call Mary Wahlmeier 785-678-2652.

Guests of Joan and Mike McKenna for Decatur County fair Week were their children, Becca and Brock Peterson with Will and Henry; Amy Osborn and Brett and Tracey and Tate McKenna. Joining them on Sunday to celebrate Mike's birthday were Maxine Sauvage, Bill Sauvage, Micheal and Cheryl Sauvage, John and Donna Sauvage, Justin Sauvage, Lindsey Niermeier, Trudy Sumner, Nick and Kathy Otter, Sean Otter, Pat McKenna, Jerry McKenna, Greg and Paula McKenna, Marlee, Landee, Hallee and Baylee.

Guests of Kay and Doyle Brown the week of the Fair were Chad and Kim Kuntz, Madison and Jacob from Olathe; Gordon and Kara Kuntz, Zachary and Katherine from Hays; Ben Kershner, Overland Park; Kurt Brown, Millie and Dashiell, Quinter; Joan Schieferecke, McPherson; Kent and Robin Brown, Jordan and McKenzie, Estes Park, Colo.

The Children's Reading Program at the Jennings Library was held Saturday. Those attending were the five children of Scott and Denise Taylor and the two Coffman boys. Mosaic pictures were made from cut up paint color cards. The pictures will be displayed for Fireman's Funday.

Playing cards Wednesday at the Sunflower Senior Center were Scott Taylor, Ramona Shaw, Alice Wagoner, Eleanor Morel, Diane Carter, Stan Shaw, Ann Szweistis, Wayne Cressler and Louise Cressler. We always welcome card players Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

The community extends sympathy to the family of Maxie Marine (Jones) Wickizer. Maxie, 69 years old, passed away in Broken Bow, Wyo. She was the daughter of Dorothy Jones and the late Jesse Jones, sister of Bob Jones and Carla Latimer of Jennings.

Lila Jennings ask for prayers for her great-grandson, Ben Norman. His parents are Luke and Erin (Musgrave) Norman, Crawford, Neb. He was born Tuesday Aug. 7 at Chadron, Neb. He was having breathing problems and was sent to Rapid City, S.D. on Tuesday. On Wednesday, he was flown to the Children's Hospital in Omaha, Neb. where he is scheduled to have open heart surgery Monday morning, Aug. 13. His grandparents are Dale and Tammie Musgrave, Ong, Neb. His great-grandfather was the late Lawrence Jennings.

## A new twist



Norton area girls, ages five to eight years old, had a baton twirling performance in the gymnasium at the Norton Recreational Center on Friday evening. Pictured are (front) Mattison Barrett, Allison Peterson and Rylee Haresnape, (middle) Rayanne Wait and Heather Kier, (back) Brooke Kier, Serenity Porter and Brooke Davis. Lessons were held twice a week for six weeks during the summer. Fifteen girls completed summer lessons and each student received a Certificate of Completion and individual awards after the final performances were completed. Several girls are going to continue with private lessons now that group lessons have ended. Lessons were taught by Lisa Herman and Darilyn Peterson served as Directing Assistant for the summer.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

## Decode the secret to tomatoes

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Most of us wouldn't know a genome from a giraffe. For the record, a giraffe is a long-necked quadruped, found in the zoo and in African jungles, and has nothing to do with what you are about to read. But I think I have your attention now.

On the other hand, a genome, simply put in layman's terms, is a kind of road map of the genetic makeup of just about any living organism you can name. If it were possible to "decode" that makeup, say of a tomato, then plant geneticists would likely have the capability of improving yield, nutrition, flavor, disease resistance, and color of the tomato, as well as other crops. Well, hang on to your spading fork and listen closely!

The decoding of the tomato genome, after decades of effort, has been accomplished!! According to the journal NATURE, May 31, 2012 the full genome sequence, as well as the sequence of a relative growing in the wild, as been completed, due to the cooperation of top scientists around the world.

A global organization known as the Tomato Consortium, is responsible for the breakthrough. Dr. James Giovannoni, a scientist at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research located on the campus of Cornell University, led the American effort. So what, you may ask, does all this mean to the average backyard tomato gardener? Well, it so happens that a

tomato possesses 35,000 genes, arranged on 12 chromosomes. Dr. Giovannoni said "Just name any characteristic of a tomato, and we have captured virtually all those genes." That capture will allow scientists to move quickly to produce new varieties of tomatoes with specific characteristics such as better taste, higher yield, and perhaps even better shipping quality from farm to supermarket. The discovery even has implications for other plant species. Strawberries, apples, melons, bananas, and many other fleshy fruits share some of the same genetic makeup as tomatoes, so information about the genes and pathways involved in fruit ripening can potentially be applied to them.

Whereas the first tomato genome decoding came at a cost

of millions of dollars, future sequencing might cost only \$10,000 or less, by building on the initial findings concerning tomatoes.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that Americans consume, on average, 72 pounds of tomatoes per person annually. The tomato has long been the world's favorite garden product, and represents an annual 82 billion dollar market in America alone! This is probably the most important scientific breakthrough in garden produce, ever!

Dr. Giovannoni, the Thompson Institute, Cornell University, The USDA, and many other nations have played a part. Tomato lovers, everywhere say "thank you" and we'll all be watching closely for results we can all understand.

### •PUBLIC NOTICE•

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS

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#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS

The City Council of the City of Norton, Kansas (the "City"), has heretofore, pursuant to Resolution No. 6-2012 adopted on August 1, 2012, declared it advisable to conduct a special question election relating to the imposition of a three-quarter percent (0.75%) City-wide general purpose retailers' sales tax. Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the City that such special question election has been called and will be held on November 6, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City that such special question election has been called and will be held on November 6, 2012, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the following proposition:

Shall the following be adopted:

Shall the City of Norton, Kansas be authorized to impose a three-quarter percent (0.75%) city-wide general purpose retailers' sales tax, the revenue from which will be applied to finance the costs to construct and equip a City swimming pool project, to pay the costs of operating and maintaining that swimming pool and to finance general operating and capital improvement expenses of the City, with collection of such sales tax to commence on April 1, 2013 or as soon thereafter as permitted by law, and to terminate twenty (20) years from the date of commencement, all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-187 et seq., as amended?

To vote in favor of the question submitted on this ballot, darken the oval to the left of the word "Yes." To vote against it, darken the oval to the left of the word "No."

YES  
 NO

The polls will open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on November 6, 2012, the election day. The voting places in the City, and the area each voting place will serve, will be as follows:

Voters Residing In City of Norton, Kansas	Will Vote At American Legion 1120 N. Norton Avenue
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The election will be conducted by the officers and/or persons provided by law for holding elections, and the method of voting will be by ballot. Registered voters are eligible to vote by advance voting ballot upon application to the Norton County Clerk at the address set forth below pursuant to K.S.A. 25-1117.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**General**  
The following additional information is provided by the City with respect to the aforementioned sales tax proposition. This information has been obtained from sources deemed reliable by the City and is based upon projections. No assurances can be given that these projections will be accurate due to the changing conditions, and other matters unknown or unavailable at this time.

Projected Annual Revenues of 0.75%  
City-Wide Retailers' Sales Tax  
\$353,500

(based on Kansas Department of Revenue data and 2011 historical collection in City)

The governing body of the City has found and determined that the aforementioned sales tax would be a general purpose sales tax under K.S.A. 12-187 et seq.

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The election officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Norton County, Kansas, whose address is: Norton County Courthouse, 105 South Kansas, Norton, Kansas 67654.

DATED: August 1, 2012.

Robert Wyatt, County Clerk  
Norton County, Kansas

## Energy assistance is available

Kansas Department for Children and Families Secretary Phyllis Gilmore has announced that the federally funded Low Income Energy Assistance Program, administered by the department, will provide a supplemental benefit to help with summer utility bills to those already participating in the program.

The payments are made to the participants' utility providers, not to beneficiaries.

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program provides an annual payment to help qualifying households pay winter heating bills.

Individuals with disabilities, elderly persons, and families with children are the primary groups assisted. In the winter of 2012, nearly 54,000 Kansas households received an average benefit of \$182.

This year, funding is available

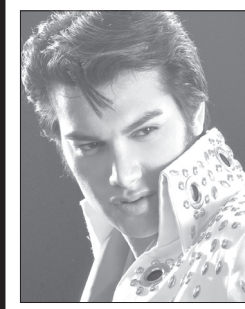
to provide an additional payment to the utility providers on behalf of participant households for energy costs incurred during the heat of summer.

This is not a new application period; individuals who applied and received the benefit during the regular application period will automatically be issued a supplemental benefit of approximately \$340, bringing the average benefit for the year to over \$522.

Funding for the Low Income

Energy Assistance Program is provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Service through the Federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

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### Elvis and Patsy

Joseph Hall and Melinda Ferree

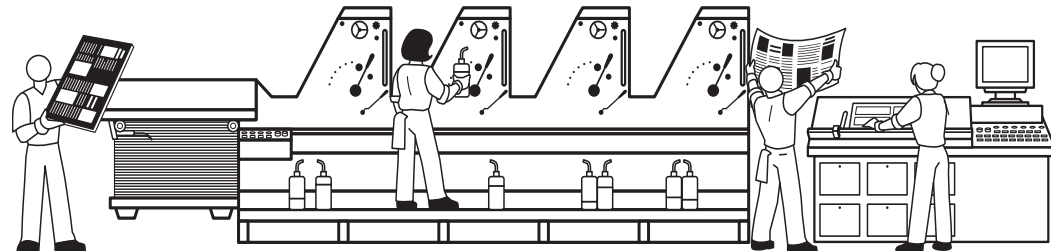
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Fairbury, Nebraska

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## MUSEUM NEWS

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum presents "Between Fear and Faith: John Steuart Curry." The Kiechel Fine Arts out of Lincoln, Neb. organized the exhibit. This exhibit opened July 6 and will run through Aug. 26. It consists of approximately 40 works with an emphasis on the forces of nature.

Our August Artist of the Month is Carol Reicheneker from Kearney, Neb. Carol has potpourri, oils, garlands and ornaments on display and for sale.

**For help with your advertising needs please give Dana a call 877-3361**  
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