

Property taxes discussed

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The county commissioners were visited by Sleep Inn Suites representatives, Mark Griffin, Norman Nelson and Alan Hale to discuss property taxes of the hotel.

Mr. Hale started off by reminding the commissioners about the Neighborhood Revitalization Program that Norton County takes part in. This program is to encourage the improvement of blighted areas in communities and in turn they would qualify for a rebate back on a portion of taxes on new construction. In 2007 the program was set up it put a cap on the limit a business would be taxed based on income. The cap

for residential improvements was \$50,000 and \$250,000 for agricultural improvements. This cap would be reduced 10 percent every ten years. At the time Dairy Queen, Sleep Inn and the Christmas distribution store all qualified for the program.

Since starting the program for these businesses they have exceeded the \$250,000 cap and in 2012 when it was reviewed the caps were raised to \$150,000 for residential and the cap on the agricultural and commercial businesses were removed with no limit to qualify. The problem is that the three businesses were stuck with the cap still pertaining to them. The men were there to say that Sleep Inn is limited and only getting a re-

bate on \$250,000 and since the limit was done away with could the Sleep Inn and other business have the limit raised for get a better rate on the rebate. Griffin asked, "Can we take the cap off from here on out since the hotel is doing what we wanted it to do?" Nelson spoke up to say, "The hotel is not going broke but the taxes are killing us."

Commissioner Posson said, "If we give it to one we will have to give it to all three. We will need to crunch the numbers and look at the tax base before giving you a decision."

Nelson said that they would appreciate any help the commissioners could give them in this matter and thanked them for their time.

JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler
Those enjoying cards at the Sunflower Senior Center on Wednesday included: Agnes Wahlmeier, Eleanor Morel, Alice Mizer, Linda Spresser, Diane Carter, Stan and Ramona Shaw and Louise Cressler.

The Center has been a busy place the past few days. The Jennings Alumni banquet was held Saturday evening. A delicious meal was catered by Leanna Sloan, Hoxie and her employees. The group gets smaller each year.

On Sunday a community potluck dinner at the center was en-

joyed by many visitors and local people.

Lots of families have been enjoying family members home for the festivities.

Patsy Harold, Grand Junction, Colo.; Britt Cressler and Elias, Grand Junction, Colo.; Genia and Don Tetrault, Jemison, Ala.; Gwen and Jeff Anderson, Council Grove; Megan Faris, Ben and Jessica Lemmons, Gabe, Josie and Daniel, Manhattan, Kan.; Sharon Gaston, Ames, Iowa; Russell and Mary Cressler, Bison have been enjoying the week at home with their parents, Wayne and Louise

Cressler. Memorial service were held at Big Timber cemetery and at Jennings Cemetery with the Jennings American Legion in charge. Many attended the services.

Wayne and Louise Cressler are happy to announce the arrival of their newest great-grandson. Easton Reid was born three weeks early on May 24th at Salina hospital. Preston and Christina Jacob Cressler, Salina are the proud parents. Russell and Mary Cressler, Bison and Theresa Harris, Dodge City are the grandparents.

LYLE NEWS

By Veda Wood
We had rain the first of the week, and I wondered how the roads would be for the cemetery services on Sunday, but they were fine. Another beautiful day for remembering the service men. At Lyle, our service at the cemetery was at 11 a.m., and our potluck dinner was at noon, with fifty signing the book.

Darryl Rippe visited Toots Magers on Friday. Judy and Charlie Easton, Jane Engelhardt, and Pam and Mike Horning of Colo., were at her home after the dinner. On Saturday,

Von Sumner, her daughter, Michelle and children, Spencer and Shelby visited, and others calling were Sherry and Sarah Browning and Neola Hoover of Lenora.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen went to the memorial service at Norcat, and to the Educational Building for snacks and visiting. They visited with Donna Knutsen and David Knutsen of Omaha, Neb. and other friends, then went to Cambridge, Neb. for the annual alumni banquet.

Teilia High and family were

in Norcat over the weekend, fishing, cleaning the yard and garage and odd jobs. She helped Emily and Darin trim a large broken limb from their cedar tree. Terry Rippe dropped by so I got to visit with him, also. Mariah Bader and friend, Kiley rode to Lyle with me.

Ward Sumner picked Joyce up after the dinner after a short visit. She saw Larry, Greg, Von, Michelle and children, and Todd and Deanna's family over the weekend.

Phillipsburg is bull riders destination

The contestant list for the Phillipsburg Professional Bull Riders has been set, and 30 bull riders will be making their way to the rodeo grounds on June 7.

Highlighting the list are several accomplished bull riders. Austin Meier, who returns to Phillipsburg, is the 2013 Iron Man winner and has qualified for the Professional Bull Riders World Finals eight consecutive years. Ryan Dirteater, currently ranked number 21 in the Professional Bull Riders Built Ford Tough Series standings, will ride, as will Clayton Savage, a three-time National Finals Rodeo qualifier.

For Meier, who is from Kinta, Okla., the Phillipsburg Professional Bull Riders is special.

"The atmosphere of it is really nice. It's outdoors, and it's a rodeo atmosphere that a lot of guys enjoy, including myself."

Another reason Meier enjoys coming to Phillipsburg is because of the bulls.

"What makes it good for us, is the bull quality. When 95 percent of the bulls you get on are going to give you an opportunity to win, that's good. You know, if you ride your bull, you're going to be getting into the short round."

The Riverless Festival will

be held in conjunction with the PBR on June 7. Activities ranging from a fun run to turtle races, talent show, car show, craft show, and inflatables for the kids will take place.

The Professional Bull Riders begins at 8 p.m. on June 7. Tickets are on sale at Heritage Insurance in Phillipsburg (785-543-2448) and are \$20 for adult reserved seating and \$18 for adult general admission seating. Kids general admission tickets are free with the purchase of an adult ticket. For more information, visit kansasbiggestrodeo.com or Facebook.com/phillipsburgpbr or call 785-543-2448.

Kids Day

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generous donations from the following sponsors:

Norton Pheasants Forever - Longspur Chapter, Norton Archery Club, Kansas Wildscape, Kansas State Troopers Foundation, Norton Travel and Tourism Committee, End Zone Sports and Office Supply, Larry and

Mary Smith Memorial, Jamboree Foods and Prairie Land Electric.

Registration will start at 8 a.m., with the events starting at 8:30 a.m. The day will conclude around 2 p.m., with a drawing for additional prizes. All youth participants should meet at the park office. Events will take place throughout the park, and

no transportation is provided, so parents are encouraged to accompany their kids and enjoy the experience. No vehicle permits are required for Saturday since it is a free entry day at the park. Anyone interested in sponsoring an event or helping that day, along with any questions, contact the park office at (785) 877-2953.

Hunt

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day, Dec. 5, on the Honor Hunt website, and in promotional advertising for the Honor Hunt.

Sponsorship levels are listed below:

Hunter Sponsor - \$1,000, only 20 available, cash only sponsorship, four free banquet tickets and business logo or name will be on the veteran's gift.

Gold Sponsor - \$750-999, cash or in-kind sponsorship and

two free banquet tickets.

Silver Sponsor - \$500-749, cash or in-kind sponsorship and one free banquet ticket.

Bronze Sponsor - \$250-499, cash or in-kind sponsorship.

For more information on the Norton County Honor Hunt contact the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce, 205 S. State St., at (785) 877-2501 or email to nortoncc@ruraltel.net.

Any money not spent on this

year's event, according to Madden, will be put in a fund for the 2015 Hunt and the American Legion.

All deer meat will be cut and packaged to the hunter's specifications or donated to charity.

Madden said, "this is not a Democrat, Republican or Independent hunt, this is an American hunt, for those who sacrificed."

BB Gun fundraiser



The Norton Rotary BB Gun team held a trap shoot on Saturday to raise money to attend the National Shoot in Rogers, Arkansas in July. Charles Posson and grandson Justis Posson are seen here as Justis shoots the clays out of the sky. The team intends on holding another fundraiser at the end of the month.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

PUBLIC RECORD

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.+

May 22

April 19-Charles T. Alexander, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

April 19-Austin M. Brown, Onaga, Kan.; Charge: Speeding 67 in 55; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

April 26-Dennis H. Coon, Colby; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty.

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May 8- Kent L. Freudenbrg, Axtell, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

April 19-Starr Garza, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty.

April 19-Starr Garza, Norton; Charge: Child passenger safety, restraining systems and seat belts; Found: Guilty; Fine:

\$166.

April 17-Justin Lee Gibson, Tooele, Utah; Charge: Speeding 81 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$177.

April 16-Kevin Lee Goble, Loveland, Colo.; Charge: Failure to yield at stop or yield sign; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

May 19- Donald L. Goscha, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

March 9-Thomas Ralph Holfert, St. Joseph, Mo.; Charge: Speeding 83 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$189.

May 15- Kenneth R. Kent, Norton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

April 17- Wanda Lee Schritter, Goodland; Charge: Speeding 74 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$153.

May 8- Anthony James Shellito, Bottineau, N.D.; Charge: Speeding 78 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$159.

April 19- Scott A. Sichler, Los Lunas, N.M.; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

May 20- Patricia Ann Smith, Logan; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

May 10- Lee V. Spann, Brecksville, Ohio; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

April 18- Joan Marie Streck, Norton; Charge: Speeding 56 in 45; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$147.


April 28- Richard Joseph Walden Jr., Lake Villa, Ill.; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$165.

April 26- Qudai Chithiphong, Garden City, Kan.; Charge: Violation of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism laws, Length limit violation less than 18 inches; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$196.

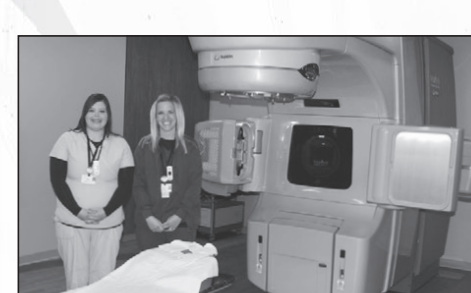
May 17- Brady M. Harbin, Leoti, Kan.; Charge: Violation of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism laws, Possess illegal length saugeye; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$146.

May 3- Sornsai Phetdara, Garden City, Kan.; Charge: Violation of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism laws, Took one short walleye; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$146.

May 4- Timothy J. Rippe, Ludell, Kan.; Charge: Boating and Water lifesaving devices, 12 year and under no personal flotation device; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$146



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