



IN NORCATUR Carl Lyon, owner of C.W. Welding put the finishing touches on a new sign to the cemetery. — Herald file photo

Norcatur is town with lots of pride

Norcatur, “An agricultural community with pride,” nestled on the east edge of Decatur County serves as the home to 140 people.

Just north of U.S. 36 the town has a cafe, post office, bank, service station, grain elevator and antique shop in the business district. Norcatur is also the home of the Elden Auker City Park, which is located downtown.

Norcatur has several community events throughout the year including Memorial Day service at the cemetery, a Christmas drawing with items donated by businesses, a community wide garage sale and an alumni banquet every five years.

Students either go to school in Oberlin or Norton which are both about 20 minutes away.

About 15 miles east of town is Keith Sebelius Reservoir which is known for its bass, catfish, crappie and walleye fishing.

For water and sewer service, call the city office at 693-4461.

For electricity, call Prairie Land Electric at (800) 783-9702.

For natural gas services, call Midwest Energy at (800) 222-3121.

For propane, call D&M Service at (785) 693-4331.

For telephone service call AT&T at (800) 288-2020.

For weekly trash pickup, call Bill Cathcart in Oberlin at (785) 475-3618.

The Norcatur city office building is in the former school at 301 E. Ossipee St. The library and newly formed museum are in the same building.

Medical services are about 20 minutes away at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin or at the Norton County Hospital in Norton.

Kolaches just one of many treats at the Jennings Firemen Funday

In the southeast corner of Decatur County is Jennings, home to kolaches, a favorite pastry in the area.

Each year the community comes together for Jennings Firemen Funday to help raise money for the volunteer service.

Before the day long event some of the Jennings women make dozens and dozens of kolaches to sell.

The Main Street event normally takes place on a Saturday in August.

Other community events include the Lions Club-sponsored Mother’s Day dinner, Santa Claus who visits in December, the chamber and Midwest Energy-sponsored Christmas light contest and the yearly alumni banquet over Memorial Day weekend.

Jennings has a medical clinic that is open on Mondays in the ambulance building. The town has both a volunteer ambulance and fire department to respond to emergencies.

For water, sewer and trash services contact the city office at 678-2348. The hook-up fee is \$25.

For propane call the Decatur Co-op at 678-2313 or Zodrow Gas and Construction out of Leoville at (785) 386-4489.

For electricity call Midwest Energy at (800) 222-3121.

The city offers a museum, a grocery store, a bank, post office, co-op and a restaurant.

Both the Broken Wheel and Mom’s ‘Lil Market offer meals at noon.

The Decatur Co-op also sells light bulbs, dog and cat food, do tire repair and offers a wide variety of services.

The town has a volleyball pit and shelter house at Heritage Park.



VOLUNTEER FIREMEN Rick Foster and Eric Green participated in the barrel contest at Jennings Firemen Funday. — Herald file photo