



City of Lawton

November 2010

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Water meter readings are generally taken around the 20th day of each month.
Invoices for water, sewer, garbage and landfill are sent on the 1st of each month.
These invoices are delinquent if not paid by the 20th of that same month.
A 10% Late Fee will be assessed on all delinquent accounts.

READINGS ARE *ESTIMATED* THIS MONTH

City Hall Will be CLOSED the following dates in November:
Thanksgiving Day and the Friday afterwards, Nov. 25 & 26, 2010

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Lawton's American Legion Post # 718 will be serving a Hunter's Breakfast **THIS SATURDAY, October 30, from 6:00-10:00 a.m.** Al-

though it's called a Hunter's Breakfast, it is open to everyone! You don't have to be a hunter to come and enjoy their food. These men have been serving this breakfast for many years, and they are excellent cooks!

The money raised from this breakfast is what helps the Legion send boys to Boys State each year.

Please come and help support our local American Legion.

GARBAGE CAN PLACEMENT

With temps in the 20's and snow flurries in the air this past week, we're reminded that winter weather is closing in on us.

Winter weather brings snow and with that, the city snow plows will be on the streets. It never seems to fail that we get snow over the weekends, so the guys have to get out on the streets Monday mornings when all the garbage cans are setting out.

You are asked to set your cans at the end of your driveway rather than out on the street if we have snow in the forecast or already on the ground. The garbage hauler will still be able to pick it up, and the snow plows will be able to push snow without running the risk of hitting your can.



Veteran's Day *November 11*



If you enjoy your freedom, thank our military men and women

REMEMBER

Replace your smoke alarm batteries when you turn your clocks back!!



Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 7, 2010 at 2:00 a.m.



ATTITUDE and EFFORT are the only two things we can control every day

AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION and AN INVESTMENT IN A CHILD'S FUTURE

Recently I attended a conference in Des Moines and listened to a session put on by State Treasurer Michael L Fitzgerald. After listening to Mr. Fitzgerald, I felt this was a topic I wanted to inform the citizens of Lawton about. **TALK TO YOUR TAX ADVISOR** before making any commitment, but give this some thought.

What I took out of the session is that each one of us can, this year, put up to \$2,811 into an account for our kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews...even friends or ourselves...to be used for higher education expenses. This is not limited to an Iowa school...it can be used toward any eligible higher education school across the country...or even abroad.

As an example, if you and your spouse have three grandchildren, you can **EACH** contribute \$2,811 into **EACH** account. Therefore, you could potentially contribute \$16,866 this year and deduct that amount from your state taxable income based on the above mentioned scenario. The State Treasurer's office has provided me with the following information. If you have any questions, please use the contacts listed below:

A college education enriches minds and opens the door to a world of opportunities. Saving for this time in life is important and families have a better chance of doing so successfully if they have the right investment plan.

College Savings Iowa, administered by State Treasurer Michael L. Fitzgerald, is a state-sponsored 529 plan designed to give families a flexible, affordable way to save money for college. College Savings Iowa lets anyone – parents, grandparents, friends and relatives – invest for college on behalf of a child. Iowa taxpayers contributing to College Savings Iowa can deduct up to \$2,811 per account from their state taxable income in 2010, and there are no income or residency restrictions.

Withdrawals used to pay for qualified higher education expenses including tuition, books, supplies and room and board at any eligible college, university, community college or accredited technical training school in the United States or abroad. It doesn't take much time or money to open a College Savings Iowa account so plan for the future and start saving today! For more information about College Savings Iowa, call 888-672-9116 or visit www.collegesavingsiowa.com.

Woodbury County Library 625 Main St., Merville, IA

Story hour is held every Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

November 2, 8:00-4:30 - cookies & coffee

November 4, 10:00 am - Story Hour
Squirrels / Hibernation

November 5 - Bookmobile in Lawton
9:45 a.m.—Char-Mac Assisted Living
2:00—Old Grocery Store Antiques

November 11, 7:00 p.m. - Woodbury County Library Public Budget Hearing Meeting to be held at the Library.

BUILDING PERMITS: The City of Lawton requires a building permit for ALL outside projects with the exception of some landscaping. You **MUST** get an application, and it **MUST** be approved by the Building Permit Committee prior to any construction...including the moving of dirt prior to building. Pouring a cement slab or putting up a fence also require building permits from the City. Blank applications may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded from the city website.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG: Before doing any digging or disturbing of the ground, remember to call Iowa One Call at 1-800-292-8989 or **811**. This is necessary with all projects, even the planting of trees or bushes. Iowa One Call will notify all necessary utility companies of the impending dig. Within 48 hours each company will come to your property and "locate" their underground lines. ***If you dig before calling Iowa One Call, you are responsible for any damage that may occur.***