

City of Lawton

March 2011

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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

Water Meter Replacements

As many of you already know, the Lawton City Council has decided to upgrade our current water meters to radio read meters. Once the entire town is re-metered, it will allow for quicker and more accurate water meter readings. This new system will do away with the need to install a remote reader on the outsides of new homes and will do away with estimated readings two out of three months.

A HUGE plus for all of us, as homeowners, is that water leaks will more easily be detected as the new meters will be able to track minute by minute water usage in a home.

If your meter has recently been replaced due to a faulty meter, we will probably only change the "head" of your meter, rather than the entire meter itself. If you have at least 700,000 gallons on your meter (or it is nearly 10 years old) the entire meter will likely be replaced. The installers will make the call when they get to your meter and take a look at it.

This notice is to let you know of the upcoming installation. The guys will have to get into your home, so it is important we know what days/times will work best for you. Many of you have already responded to an email that was sent out earlier stating the best times to contact you. We really appreciate your cooperation in this.

As the guys are looking at over 300 meters that will need to be replaced, some of you may not be contacted for a few months. Others may get a call tomorrow. Weather will also be a factor in the installation process. Although no work will be done outside, the guys will have to shut off your water in order to replace the inside meter. If the ground is frozen, it is difficult to find your curb stop. Bear with us.

Plans are to install meters across the highway on Skyview East and Skyview West, then begin in the West Creek Development. The majority of the meters in West Creek will only need to have the "head" replaced since they are relatively new and have low usage. The next phase will likely be from the City shop east along Oak St. It will also encompass the 500 block of Pine St and a small portion of Tara Way. If meters appear to be broken or the outside readers are in a difficult location to read, you may be moved up on the list.

More information will be in each City Newsletter and I will also try to keep progress updated on the city sign downtown. **One more IMPORTANT thing...there is no cost to you to have your home re-metered.**

Feel free to email or call me to let me know what times/dates would work best for you.

One nice thing about egotists ... they don't talk about other people. ~Steven Wright

2010 Census Number: 908

Although still unofficial, the numbers being released are showing that the City of Lawton had tremendous growth this past decade. Our official 2000 Census showed Lawton with a population of 697. If this number of 908 is accurate, that is a 30.3% increase in our population in just ten years. That's amazing!

Thank you to everyone that took time to submit your census forms. Lawton had one of the highest percentages of census forms that were returned completed.

YOU are the reason we are showing such tremendous growth in Lawton. Thank you!!



**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME
BEGINS**

MARCH 13, 2011

2010 City Clerk of the Year

The Iowa Rural Water Association is pleased to announce that Pat Washburn with the City of Lawton has been named the 2010 City Clerk of the Year. Mrs. Washburn was presented with this award during the Iowa Rural Water Association's 36th Annual Conference held at the Coralville Marriott Hotel February 14-16 in Coralville, Iowa.



This award is presented to an outstanding City Clerk who has gone above and beyond the normal requirements of their job. Mrs. Washburn performs a wide variety of duties and has made a positive impact on her city in the 10 years she has been there. She is actively involved in a number of projects to benefit her community. In addition, upon the illness of the city's operator, Mrs. Washburn has helped to ensure that the water and wastewater utilities continue to run smoothly in his absence.

For her dedication and commitment to her community, the Iowa Rural Water Association was proud to present Mrs. Pat Washburn with the 2010 City Clerk of the Year Award.

~~Press Release from Iowa Rural Water Association

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME...

L-B Summer Ball Sign-up Nights Announced

Sunday, March 13, 4pm – 5:30 pm LB High School Library
Wednesday, March 16, 7pm- 8:30 pm LB High School Library

- Boys and girls 5 years by April 30th 2011 thru middle school. T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Softball, and Baseball.
- Sign-up Forms will be sent home with children in school shortly. If you have questions or need a form, please contact Shelley Doenhoefer at 944-5593 or shellbob04@wiatel.net.

Wanted: LB Summer League Volunteer Help

In order for the 2011 season to run smoothly, we are asking for help from the community. You may be a parent, grandparent, or friend in the league that just loves ball. Anyone young or old! We need help for general field maintenance, concession stand set-up, umpires and sign sales. Any help during the 6 week season of ball would be greatly appreciated! If interested please contact Shelley Doenhoefer @ 944-5593 or Collin Meister @ 712-574-9925.

LB Summer League Can Cage

LB Summer League has acquired the old FAMILY Group can cage located by the maintenance building in Lawton. Please start depositing any clean cans you wish to donate. Proceeds will go to help children in the ball program, field upkeep and ball equipment. A sign will be posted on the can cage shortly. Thanks for helping out! Let's Play Ball!

Contributed by Loyanne Jensen

BENEFIT DINNER for Lowell Anderson

With SILENT AUCTION AND **TWO** RAFFLES

Raffle Tickets:

3/\$5.00

7/\$10.00

15/\$20.00

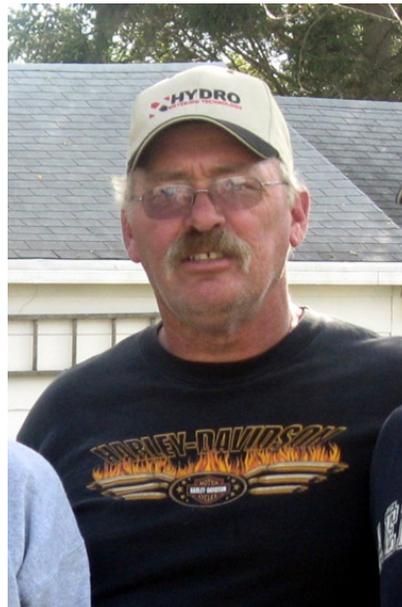
Tickets may be
purchased as all

RED or all
BLUE or any
combination of
the two.

The RED Raffle 42" Flat Screen TV



The Blue Raffle TriStar Automatic 12-gauge shot- gun



**NEED
NOT BE
PRESENT
TO WIN**

Raffle Tickets available from First Trust & Savings Bank in Lawton or from Pat at City Hall

Friday, March 11, 2011

Soup & Sandwich dinner serving from 4:00-8:00 p.m.

(Free Will Donation)

~~Lawton-Bronson High School Commons~~

Lowell has been the Public Works Director (aka "the City Man") for the City of Lawton for over 15 years.

IN FEBRUARY, 2010, HE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER OF THE ESOPHAGUS

Since that time, he has undergone chemotherapy, radiation and several surgeries
in both Sioux City and Rochester.

Family and friends are organizing this benefit to help defray medical expenses.

An account has been established at First Trust & Savings Bank in Lawton to receive donations.

Checks can be made payable to **Lowell Anderson Benefit** and can be either dropped off at, or sent to:

First Trust & Savings Bank, 315 Cedar St, PO Box 68, Lawton IA 51030 or

Lawton City Hall, 101 E Maple St, PO Box 275, Lawton IA 51030



Saturday March 19, 2011
Karl Zielich Benefit Dinner & Auction
With 3 on 3 Basketball Tourney
Lawton-Bronson High School- Lawton, IA

Karl Zielich, husband of Tonya Zielich (Moss), has been diagnosed with a progressive degenerative disease known as MSA- sometimes referred to as Parkinson's Plus Syndromes. MSA is a non-curable disease which has made him unable to work any longer. Karl was a Volunteer Firefighter for the Lawton Fire Department for 12 years. Tonya is & has been President of the L-B Spirit Club for several years & she is the Speech & Drama Coach. They have 2 daughters; Lacey & Karli. They are residents of Lawton.

Please help support the Zielich Family-

* Benefit Dinner from 4-7pm taverns, chips, condiments, desserts and beverages-
Free will donation

* Entertainment by Dianne's Dance

* 3 on 3 Basketball Tourney- open for all age groups- start time TBA- \$40.00 per team- Concession stand
will be open

Contact: Coach Kevin Mills for more details

* Auction- starting at 7pm
Accepting donations for the auction

Raffle Tickets for a Custom Painted Fireman's Helmet \$5 each or 5 for \$20
All proceeds go to Karl Zielich Benefit.

Team Karl T-Shirts for sale also: Black shirts w/ Red lettering \$12 each.

For any further information please contact:

Kory or Renee Eyres 712-944-5653

Susan Logsdon 712-253-6473

Kevin or Wendy Mills 712-944-5959

Monetary Donations can be sent to any Siouxland Federal Credit Union