

Norris Propane Gas Company

With a knack for personalized customer service and deep roots in the Burdett community, Geoff Norris of Norris Propane Gas Company continues to grow his business in Pawnee County and surrounding areas.

What started out as a one-man, one-truck propane business more than seven years ago has grown to three trucks and three employees provid-

ing service to thirteen counties in southwest Kansas.

Geoff established Norris Propane Gas Company in December 2004 shortly after the Burdett Co-op ended its propane services. "I saw a need for reasonably priced propane in the area, and with our local dealer closing I took advantage of the opportunity," said Norris.

The people are what

Geoff likes most about his job. Growing up in a farming family in a rural community, he is no stranger to the issues and challenges that can bring.

Customer service is his main focus. Many companies require large quantity purchases, but Norris Propane Gas Company will customize deliveries to fit your budget.

The company's growth can be directly attributed

to the quality of service they provide. Whether you need new service, would like to convert from natural gas or are just ready for more personalized attention

to your propane needs, they are ready to be of service. They buy, sell or lease tanks and can help you if you are interested in converting your vehicle from gasoline to

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History of Burdett

Burdett became a settlement in 1876

Burdett, located 23 miles west of Larned on the old Santa Fe Trail highway, is a small town of 265 residents. Originally Burdett was named Brown's Grove for Dr. Gallatin Brown who staked out the town site in 1876. It became a thriving settlement. In 1897 Wright and Johnson built a flour mill on the Pawnee River. Power for the machinery was furnished by the river. The mill was the first to be located west of Hutchinson and was in operation for eight years. In 1885 the railroad was surveyed from Larned to one-half mile south of Brown's Grove. Businesses moved south to meet the railroad before the first train arrived in 1886. The town was renamed Burdett by the railroad officials for a famous writer and humorist, Robert Jones Burdette.

Burdett was then the end of the line and a hand-operated turntable was used.

These were boom years for the town.

School was first held in a dugout on the banks of the river. In 1877 a frame building was constructed. A grade school was built in 1911 and a high school in 1920. Mr. E. Row of Larned established a three-course study program for the high school. In 1916 four years of high school education was offered. The 64th class graduated from Burdett High School in 1966. In 1967 the first class graduated from the newly formed Pawnee Heights High School.

In 1877 the first religious meeting was a basket dinner on the creek bank organized by the Presbyterians. They built a church that was later sold to the Methodists in 1886. This building was struck by lightning and burned in 1897. The present Methodist church began construction in 1940, and the dedication of the newly constructed church was held in June 1941. During those early years the Catholic Church held services in various locations until 1949 when a building was moved from Jetmore. The new church was named Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Mass was held in the little church until its closing in 1997.

In 1961 Burdett incorporated with a mayor-city council form of government. Leon Jennings



Burdett Mayor Leon Jennings, with assistance by Clyde Tombaugh's niece Ruth Martinez, Wichita, cuts the ribbon Saturday, at the first hole of the community's newly-opened "Rediscover Pluto" miniature golf course after two years of dedicated volunteer labor and fundraising. (Reprinted from April 29, 2016 issue of The Tiller & Toiler.)

is the current mayor. The town has an excellent volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service. Currently there is one bank, a café, two insurance offices, an auto body shop, a welding shop, a community library, construction companies, an aerial crop spraying service, an electrical contractor, photographer, a guesthouse, commercial hay grinding, American Legion/Auxiliary/SAL, and the Farmer's Cooperative. A new housing subdivision has been built with three homes completed.

There is also a city park, which boasts a volleyball court, first class tennis courts, an outdoor basketball court, a large children's play area, a miniature golf course updated in 2015 with an astrology theme highlighting Pluto, and a horseshoe area. One of the shelter houses was built from limestone first used in the old W and J flourmill.

Burdett became world famous in 1930 when Clyde Tombaugh, who was reared on a nearby farm, discovered the ninth planet, Pluto. A highway marker located on the west edge of town was dedicated to Dr. Tombaugh in 1982. This marker was constructed completely by the community. Burdett celebrated the 75th anniversary of Tombaugh's discovery with a live amateur radio broadcast from the town's Senior Center.

There are numerous civic organizations and clubs that are beneficial to the Burdett community. An active group of Burdett Seniors host a weekly covered dish luncheon on Mondays. A Coffee and Donut Hour the third Friday of each month is sponsored by local businesses.

In May 2014, Phase I of the Fredrick A. Browne American Legion Post 280 Brown's

Grove Cemetery was completed, with installation of flag poles and flags honoring all branches of the military service, MIAs and Wounded Warriors.

Legion Members completed Phase II in 2015, with the placement of a granite marker near the flag poles noting all war veterans buried in Brown's Grove Cemetery, with space for additional names to be added.

Phase III will be granite benches installed by Memorial Day, 2016.

The residents of Burdett are proud of their community, and they all work together to make this town a great place to call home.

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