

Councilman appointed as new Municipal Court Judge

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
 Long-time Norton City Councilman, Jerry Hawks, was appointed the new Municipal Court Judge at Monday night's council meeting. Mayor Corns reported that he and the Public Safety Committee had reviewed the applications before making the appointment.
 Mr. Hawks had been advised by the city attorney that if he was confirmed, he could no longer serve on the city council effective as of the date of appointment, which will be Jan. 10.
 In a parting statement to the council, Mr. Hawks said, that in his opinion, the top priority item for the council to address would be

providing water to the city from other sources.
 Mayor Corns expressed the thanks of the council for the 19 years of service Mr. Hawks has given the City of Norton. He commended Mr. Hawks for being instrumental in many city accomplishments.
 In other business the council:
 • Commended the refuse truck employees for completing the trash routes and the Public Works crew for their snow removal efforts this week despite the extremely cold temperatures.
 • Authorized the city administrator to request bids for the replacement of the curb and guttering in the pod areas on Main

Street.
 • Learned that Norton Correctional Facility will be painting the new sludge truck and a small dump truck.
 • Learned the county had agreed to approve Doug and Kerri Ray's easement request to install a two-inch water line.
 • Approved a date change on the Elmwood Park race schedule. The date was changed from April 25 to April 23.
 • Learned the Public Safety Committee is discussing the purchase of a new patrol car for the police department.
 • Learned the new playground equipment has been shipped.



Michelle Patterson, left, wanted her fiance's son, to love animals. That was one of the reasons she created, "Mittens for Kittens" to benefit the Norton Animal Shelter. Ms. Patterson invited area children to decorate Christmas stockings expressing why they loved their pets. The stockings were on display at "Twice Sold Treasures" owned by Mary Oswald, back right. The public was invited to donate items to benefit the shelter. Thursday, Sherry Hickman, kneeling, accepted the wide variety of donated items on behalf of the animal shelter. Mrs. Hickman is holding Ce-Ce, a three-month old kitten that had been abandoned, which is owned by Ms. Patterson.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts



City crews were busy Wednesday removing snow that had been piled in the middle of streets the day before. Front loaders and dump trucks made quick work of the snow banks.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Commissioners say first responders should have more driving courses

By CYNTHIA HAYNES
 The Norton County ambulances were busy last year making 463 calls compared to 397 in 2003. Acting Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen told county commissioner on Monday that he was working with first responders in Almena. Several of them don't feel comfortable driving the ambulance, which the county has put there, he said.
 The commissioners said they thought the first responders should have a course in defensive driving to make them feel more comfortable driving the equipment.
 Mr. Nielsen said he was planning to go to Almena to provide more training for the first responders there.
 He also told the commissioners that he wanted to look at the hourly pay provided to volunteers. With more full-time emergency medical technicians on the staff, he said, the pay issue needs to be re-evaluated.

Hourly pay was instituted when the service didn't have enough people to cover most of its runs. That has now changed.
 The commissioners suggested that he talk to his people about proposed changes during the next monthly ambulance personnel meeting.
 In other business, the commissioners:
 • Heard from Sheriff Troy Thomson that the jail was full with eight male prisoners.
 • Talked to City Administrator Rob Lawson briefly about the airport.
 • Heard that the landfill had taken delivery on a Bobcat from Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald.
 He also said he is setting up a demonstration on a covering for the landfill. The county is trying to find something less bulky to replace the six inches of dirt the state

requires so the landfill doesn't fill up so fast.
 • Discussed end-of-the-year inventories from the county departments. County Clerk Robert Wyatt said he requests inventories from everyone but some departments are better than others at getting them to him.
 • Learned from Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan that his crews were out sanding roads to help with the ice problem.
 • Heard that a loader used at the landfill has been sent to the shop for repairs, which will cost about \$9,000. Mr. Brannan suggested that a new maintenance schedule be set up for the machine because, he said, the repairs could be avoided with better maintenance. The commissioners agreed and said that a service worksheet should be adopted and filled out daily.

Sheriff is named acting coordinator

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 emergency agencies, like the Norton Police Department, emergency medical services and fire departments, to find out what they wanted to purchase from the next round of Homeland Security money.
 Pretty much anything you want if you can tie it to Homeland Security can be purchased with the money, the sheriff said.
 Sheriff Thomson said he wanted to hold the meeting as scheduled and also to go to one scheduled for today in Phillipsburg for area emergency preparedness officials.
 The sheriff said that he was going to ask Acting Ambulance Di-

rector Andy Nielson to attend a meeting on changing the county communications over to an 800 MHz system, which is what the federal government is pushing.
 "I'm not a radio guy," the sheriff said explaining that he just doesn't understand it and would like to send someone else who is more up to speed.
 The sheriff and commissioners agreed that the county cannot really afford the new system but will probably have no choice in the future.
 "We have a very good system; even the highway patrol hooks onto it," said Commission John

Miller.
 The sheriff said the state will probably require some documentation saying that he has been named the emergency preparedness officer.
 The sheriff said he will keep an eye on grants and the paperwork for them but that he only plans to apply for those with minimal strings.
 Some grants look good, he said, but if it is for payroll or upkeep you get into trouble when the grant runs out.
 "You can't fire somebody just because the grant runs out," he said.

Genealogical Society will meet Monday Youth archery begins on Sunday

The Norton County Genealogical Society has rescheduled their monthly meeting. They will meet at 1:30 p.m., Monday at the Norton Public Library. The guest speaker will be Charlene Wurm, curator at Decatur County Museum, Oberlin.

The 4-H archery program for youth is planned to begin at 2 p.m. Sunday at Norton Archery Range. The suggested age is 9 to 18 years of age but you need not be in a 4-H club to take part. The weekly sessions include five mandatory sessions to be able to complete the practice sessions and take part in

the competitions. After the beginning training sessions there will be regular practices for some of the spring-time shoots.
 The fee is \$5 for the class and will be taught by certified instructor, John Baker, 877-3253.
 To enter the archery range, use the back entrance.

Outreach Classes in Norton

COLBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

THURS., JAN. 6 & TUES., JAN. 11

7:00 TO 8:30 P.M.

Enrollment will be held in the Norton Junior High School Cafeteria

Call Connie Miller, 785-877-5649 or Cheryl Roberts, 785-877-2305. Please see note below if enrolling in Nurse Aide or Medication Aide. Classes not listed may be offered if sufficient interest exists.

NO.	COURSE	CR.	INSTRUCTOR	PLACE	TIME/DAY
PI276	Introduction to Ethics	3#	M. McVay	Hospital	4:00p/MW 13
PO176	American Government (Meets alternating Monday/Sunday)	3*	L. Davis-Stephens	Hospital	6:00p/Mon 14 1:00p/Sunday
PS276	Developmental Psychology	3*	K. Carter	Hospital	6:30p/Thur 15
HE101	Basic Nutrition	3	R. Stark	Jr.Hi	6:00p/Wed 1
GR105	Beginning Photography (Digital)	1	K. Hauser	Jr.Hi	6:00p/Mon 9
PS162	Topics Applied Psych-Sports Psychology	1*	Staff	Jr.Hi	TBA/TBA 16
AR123	Intro to Crafts - Scrapbook	1	C. Renner	Jr.Hi	6:00p/Mon 9
AR117	Art Appreciation	3	V. Robison	Jr.Hi	6:30p/Wed 4
EN176	English Composition I	3	L. Solomon	Jr.Hi	6:00p/Wed 1
EN177	English Composition II	3	J. Votapka	Jr.Hi	6:00p/Wed 1
ED277	Children's Literature	3	R. McMullen	Jr.Hi	6:30p/Tues 7
PS214	Abnormal Psychology	3	C. Miller	Jr.Hi	5:30p/Tue 10
HI177	American History 1865 to Present	3	R. Walz	Jr.Hi	6:00p/Thr 2
PI200	Philosophy of Thought & Logic	3	J. Woodyard	Jr.Hi	6:00p/Thr 2
MA220	Analytical Geometry & Calculus I	3	J. Woodyard	Jr.Hi	6:00p/Tue 11
MA169	Survey of Math	3	J. Woodyard	Jr.Hi	6:00p/Tue 11
MA205	Elements of Statistics	3	J. Woodyard	Jr.Hi	6:00p/Wed 1
MA178	College Algebra	3	J. Woodyard	Jr.Hi	6:00p/Mon 9
PH103	Earth Science	5	G. Rossi	Jr.Hi	7:00p/Wed 3
PH103L	Earth Science Lab	0	G. Rossi	Jr.Hi	7:00p/Wed 3
BI277	Anatomy & Physiology II	4	C. Otter	Hospital	5:30p/Thr 8
BI277L	Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	0	C. Otter	Hospital	5:30p/Thr 8
AL105	Nurse Aide I	2	J. Rima	Andbe	6:00p/M&R 5
AL106	Nurse Aide II	3	J. Rima	Andbe	6:00p/M&R 5
AL110	Medication Aide	4	J. Rima	Andbe	6:00p/Tue 6
BU237	Principles of Management	3	TBA	Jr.Hi	6:00p/Mon. 9
BU221	Human Resource Management	3	TBA	Jr.Hi	6:00p/Mon 9
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1—Class will meet 6:00-9:00 p.m. Wednesday and begin January 26
 2—Class will meet 6:00-9:00 p.m. Thursday and begin January 27
 3—Class will meet 7:00-10:00 p.m. Wednesday, and begin February 2
 4—Class will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and begin January 26
 5—Enrollment is January 6 at the Andbe Nursing Home from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Students will purchase books and receive first class assignment. Class will meet 6:00-10:00 p.m. Monday and Thursday beginning January 10. Class has a \$35 fee
 6—Enrollment is January 6 at the Andbe Nursing Home from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Students will purchase books and receive first class assignment. Class will meet 6:00-9:00 p.m. Tuesday beginning January 11. Class has a \$35 fee
 7—Class will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Tuesday and begin January 25
 8—Class will meet 5:30-10:00 p.m. on Thursday and begin January 13. The lab fee is \$43
 9—Class will meet Monday at 6:00-9:00 p.m. and begin January 24.
 10—Class will meet 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday and begin January 25
 11—Class will meet at 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Tuesday and begin January 25
 12—G.E.D. and Adult Basic Education classes meet on Monday and Wednesday from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the Norton Junior High School, Room 165. Classes are provided free of charge. The G.E.D. test fee is \$68. Contact Cheryl Scott at 785-877-2222 for additional information
 13—Class will meet Monday and Wednesday 4:00-5:30 p.m. beginning January 12.
 14—Class will meet 6:00-9:00 p.m. on alternating Mondays and 1:00-6:00 p.m. on alternating Sundays (for tours) and begin on January 24.
 15—Class will meet 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursday and begin January 20
 16 Class will meet one weekend (Friday evening and Saturday) in March, 2005.
 *Interactive television classes have an additional \$5 per credit hour course fee. Contact the coordinator at the site you will attend an ITV class to pre-register. Refer to the ITV schedules for additional information on courses and sites.