

# Norton County Hospital to install wireless network

(Continued from Page 1) said the computers will have screen protectors, so only the person standing in front of the computer will be able to see what is on the screen. She said the nurses are excited about getting a wireless network.

Mr. Boller said also included in the proposal are four laptops and one tablet computer, which will allow doctors to write directly onto it, eliminating the need for them to type their notes. Also, he said, the laptops will lock into the cart, so no one can steal them.

Mrs. Cuthbertson said she had spoken with Dairyland trainers, the hospital's information system, about training on the wireless network. The soonest the hospital can get on their training schedule is at the end of June. But, she said, the trainers require that the network be in place, working and certified 30 days before training. If the hospital doesn't do it this year, she said, then the next time it can get on the training schedule is the fol-

lowing June.

Board President Dennis Gilhousen said he's encouraged that the nurses are enthusiastic about using a wireless network.

"This brings us up to the standard of hospitals that are a good deal bigger than we are," he said. He said the two proposals add up to just over \$50,000.

"The next question is where it's going to come from," he said.

Hospital Administrator Rich Miller said they have this project budgeted, but not for several more years. However, he said, they have \$50,000 set aside in the capital assets fund for remodeling the Doctor's Clinic. He said some work has been done toward adding more privacy in the waiting area, but nothing major. He said they could use that money to pay for the wireless network.

The board wanted to know if the Doctor's Clinic staff was okay with that. Mr. Miller said they were.

Board member Steve Berry asked if there would be a marked improvement in billing with this

new system.

Chief Financial Officer Ryan Stover said there will be more accuracy, but couldn't say it would be a huge difference. Primarily, he said, it will be a matter of convenience and will help improve patient care. It will also be a good retention and recruitment tool in hiring and keeping doctors, nurses and other medical staff.

Mr. Berry wanted to know if the power going out would affect the system.

Mr. Boller said each laptop cart has a battery that will last 11 hours. The hospital has a generator that can be used to recharge the batteries, said Mrs. Cuthbertson.

The board passed a motion to take \$50,000 from the Doctor's Clinic remodel and put it in capital assets to pay for the network and accepted Nex-Tech's two proposals.

The total cost was \$50,362, but Mr. Boller said they could make it an even \$50,000, as the \$362 was mainly shipping costs.

# Police department fills positions

(Continued from Page 1) and Environment. Mr. Lawson said they can put the project out to bid once the U.S. Department of Agriculture gives the city the "OK" on money, which should be within the next 30 days.

- Learned from Mr. Lawson that the sewer plant project is 28 percent complete. The pipe has been delivered and construction crews will start on the main building in the near future. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, he said, is happy with the project's progress.
- Approved a disc golf tournament on Aug. 5 at Elmwood Park. There is nothing else on the park's schedule on that day.
- Changed Article 4-3 in the city's personnel code, regarding the employee discretionary day. Employees now have to finish their six-month probation period before they are allowed to take their discretionary day.
- Amended Article 7-3 in the city's personnel code to include a clause that says no vacation leave may be taken during the two-week notice period. Employees leaving the city's employ in good standing will still be paid their vacation time, even though they can't use it during those two weeks. The motion passed 5-1 with Councilwoman Donna Foley voting no.
- Thanked whoever took the initiative to clean snow off the sidewalks downtown Sunday night before the streets were plowed on Monday.
- Set a parks committee meeting for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5. The committee will meet with representatives from the Norton School District and the Norton Lions Club.
- Asked Mr. Lawson to prepare a job description which would include the duties of dog catcher, building inspector, code enforcer and any other applicable duties, and what kind of training would be needed for this position and an estimated salary for the position.
- Accepted the utility write-offs for 2006. The city will still attempt to collect for the unpaid utilities, although they have been taken off the books.
- Heard that the finance committee discussed the Environmental Code and asked Mrs. Griffiths to see if the code could be made stricter, so the city could have a more efficient policy for property clean up issues.
- Set a finance committee meeting for Monday with Mrs. Griffiths, Roofmasters and Jay Connelly to discuss necessary improvements at the public library and Washington Square, and funding options including general obligation bonds.
- Contributed \$150 to Norton Community High School's post prom from the special parks fund.
- Directed Sebelius and Griffiths Law office to proceed with collection efforts on the 2006 utility write-offs.

## SNOW SALE



- NEW 2007 CHRYSLER SEBRING TOURING SEDAN — Inferno red, 2.7 liter Flex fuel V-6, automatic overdrive.
- NEW 2007 DODGE CALIBER SXT 4 DOOR HATCHBACK — Marine Blue — \$500 REBATE.
- NEW 2006 CHRYSLER SEBRING TSI 4 DOOR SEDAN — Bright silver, 2.7 liter V-6.
- NEW 2007 CHRYSLER TOWN AND COUNTRY TOURING LONG WHEEL BASE — Inferno red, V-6 — \$4,000 REBATE.
- NEW 2007 DODGE RAM 2500 MEGA CAB SLT 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Electric blue, Cummins turbo diesel, automatic — \$2,500 REBATE.
- NEW 2007 DODGE RAM 3/4 TON REGULAR CAB 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Bright white, Cummins turbo diesel, 6 speed manual — \$3,000 REBATE.
- NEW 2007 DODGE RAM 3/4 TON QUAD CAB SHORT BOX 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Flame red, Cummins turbo diesel, automatic overdrive — \$3,000 REBATE.
- NEW 2007 DODGE RAM 3/4 TON QUAD CAB SHORT BOX 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Bright white, SLT decor, Cummins turbo diesel, automatic overdrive — \$3,000 REBATE.
- NEW 2007 DODGE RAM 3/4 TON QUAD CAB SHORT BOX 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Bright white SLT decor, Cummins turbo diesel, automatic overdrive — \$3,000 REBATE.
- NEW 2007 DODGE RAM ONE TON QUAD CAB/CAB AND CHASSIS WITH DUAL REAR WHEELS — Bright white, 6.7 liter Cummins turbo diesel, 6 speed manual transmission.
- 2006 DODGE STRATUS SXT 4 DOOR — Sterling Silver, automatic overdrive, 16,000 miles.
- 2006 CHRYSLER 300 4 DOOR TOURING EDITION — Cool vanilla, gray cloth bucket seats, 20,000 miles.
- 2004 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO LS COUPE — Sandstone beige, 3.4 liter V-6, automatic, 28,000 miles.
- 2002 TOYOTA CAMRY 4 DOOR SEDAN — Light gold metallic, 2.5 liter 4 cylinder, automatic overdrive, 57,000 miles.
- 1999 DODGE INTREPID 4 DOOR — Bright platinum 2.7 liter V-6, 68,000 miles.
- 1994 HONDA ACCORD LX 4 DOOR SEDAN — Blue green metallic, 2.2 liter engine, automatic, new tires, 109,000 miles.
- 2006 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SE WAGON — Linen gold metallic, 9,000 miles.
- 2006 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SE — Butane blue, REAR SEAT VIDEO SYSTEM, 23,000 miles.
- 2006 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SE — Butane blue, 29,000 miles.
- 2005 CHRYSLER TOWN AND COUNTRY LX — Stone white, 21,000 miles.
- 2004 CHRYSLER TOWN AND COUNTRY LXI — Light almond, 3.8 liter V-6, 44,000 miles.
- 2004 FORD FREESTAR LIMITED PASSENGER VAN — Gunmetal blue with silver lower two-tone leather seating, 28,000 miles.
- 1997 CHEVROLET VENTURE EXT WAGON — Green, 126,000 miles.
- 2004 JEEP LIBERTY 4 DOOR 4 WHEEL DRIVE SPORT UTILITY — Inferno red, automatic overdrive, 38,000 miles.
- 2006 DODGE DURANGO LIMITED SPORT UTILITY 4X4 — Bright silver, leather, bucket seats and 7 passenger seating, 4.7 liter V-6, five speed automatic overdrive, REAR SEAT VIDEO SYSTEM, 30,000 miles.
- 2004 CHRYSLER PACIFICA UTILITY VEHICLE — Inferno red, taupe leather, 44,000 miles.
- 2004 CHRYSLER PACIFICA SPORTS TOURER ALL WHEEL DRIVE — Butane Blue, 51,000 miles.
- 2004 CHRYSLER PACIFICA SPORTS TOURER FRONT WHEEL DRIVE — Bright silver, 39,000 miles.
- 2004 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER 4 DOOR 4X4 — Sandstone beige, LS decor, 36,000 miles.
- 2001 FORD EXPEDITION 4 DOOR 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Dark red with 8 passenger seating, XLT, 93,000 miles.
- 2006 DODGE DAKOTA QUAD CAB 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Bright silver SLT 4.7 liter V-8, 5 speed automatic, 21,000 miles.
- 2005 DODGE DAKOTA QUAD CAB 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Atlantic blue, SLT 4.7 liter V-6, automatic overdrive, 16,000 miles.
- 2004 DODGE RAM QUAD CAB 1/2 TON SHORT BOX 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Black with gray cloth, SLT decor, 5.7, V-8, 5 speed automatic, chrome side steps, 30,000 miles.
- 2004 DODGE RAM 1/2 TON QUAD CAB SHORT BOX 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Bright white with leather, SLT Larmie, new tires, 88,000 miles.
- 2004 CHEVROLET AVALANCHE 1500 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Sport red, 53,000 Vortec v-8, automatic overdrive, 30,000 miles.
- 2003 DODGE RAM 1/2 TON QUAD CAB SHORT BOX 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Mineral gray with silver lower two-tone, SLT, automatic overdrive, 65,000 miles.
- 2003 CHEVROLET 1500HD CREW CAB SHORT BOX 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Bright white, LS decor, 6.0 liter V-8, automatic overdrive, 70,000 miles.
- 2003 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 3/4 TON CREW CAB SHORT BOX 4 WHEEL DRIVE — Victory red, 6600 Duramax diesel, Allison automatic, running boards, 134,000 miles.
- 2003 DODGE RAM 1/2 TON SHORT BOX REGULAR CAB 2 WHEEL DRIVE PICKUP — Flame red, SLT, Sport Appearance Group, 4.7, V-8, five speed automatic, 29,000 miles.
- 2002 DODGE RAM QUAD CAB SHORT BOX 2 WHEEL DRIVE — Flame red, SLT, 35,000 miles.
- 1998 TOYOTA TACOMA EXTENDED CAB 4 WHEEL DRIVE — White with gray cloth seats, V-6, 126,000 miles, new tires.

# Op-Ed

## This one's just for you, dog lovers

Most people know that I'm more of a cat person than a dog person, but over the years, we've had three dogs, and we have Annie now.

So, for those dog lovers out there, I worked extra hard — and made Steve come up with a couple — and did a canine version of a recent column.

I even asked my sister-in-law Barb for her help. Barb does dog rescue and the last time I visited her she had five dogs — three of her own, one rescued puppy and an older dog that no one would adopt.

Of course, since dogs are more varied than cats, this won't apply quite as universally.

So —

You might be a dog if:

- Your ears flap when you run.
- There are two dozen tennis balls in your house but no rackets.
- You eat it first and try to figure out what it was later.
- You love to travel by car, preferably with your head out the window.

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listening to the jingle of your collar.

- You offer lots of kisses, but don't find a lot of takers.
- People aren't being mean when they call you a bit\*\*.
- You're the warmest thing around but your nose is cold.
- You find your way home by smell.
- Your place is in the back of the pickup.
- Your bark is worse than your bite.
- You warn the family of the approach of everyone — friend or foe.
- If you can reach it, you lick it.
- You head outside each morning and evening to do your "job."
- If it has two legs, think about it. If it has four legs, it's fair game.
- If it has fur, feathers or felt, it's a toy and it's yours.

There are plenty more and if I get enough good suggestions, I'll try to put together a dog and cat column from other people's ideas. Email cahaynes@nwkansas.com

## 100-hour surge had these results

The Democrats continued the First 100 Hours agenda in the House this week. The House passed legislation implementing more recommendations of the 9-11 Commission. The bill requires scanning of all sea and air cargo entering the U.S. and creates a new grant program for first responders to purchase emergency communications equipment. The House also passed the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act, which provides federal funding to support embryonic stem cell research. In addition, the House passed a bill to raise the federal minimum wage. Finally, the House passed the Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act, which allows the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate with pharmaceutical manufacturers for lower drug prices.

I attended the Salina Chamber of Commerce annual meeting. I introduced the speaker for the evening, former Attorney General John Ashcroft, and enjoyed hearing his thoughts about the national security challenges we face as a country.

I spent time in Canton, Marion, La Crosse and Ness City visiting with Kansans. I will next be in Dickinson County to attend the Chapman Lions Club meeting and then I will be in Wabaunsee County at the McFarland Senior Center.

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U.S. Department of Agriculture Air Quality Taskforce. As a member of the taskforce, Dr. Rice serves as the Chairman of the Greenhouse Gas Subcommittee. Jim and Ruth Anne French of Partridge were in with OxFam to discuss the organization's priorities for the 2007 Farm Bill. Todd Roberts of Emporia was in with the Kansas National Education Association Student Program to advocate for reducing student loan interest rates.

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## Health plan changed at hospital

(Continued from Page 1) hospital has for health insurance. Hospital Administrator Rich Miller said he hadn't heard any negative comments about the new plan from the hospital's employees.

- Heard an update on physician recruitment. The hospital is still looking for a doctor to replace Dr. Roy Hartley, who retired last year.
- Reviewed patient surveys.
- Adopted the concealed weapons policy as written.
- Heard from Mr. Miller that they are close to getting a proposal for the physical therapy/cardiac rehab renovation in the hospital's lower level.
- Learned the hospital would be holding a small Red Cross blood drive for its employees.
- Held a 20-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.

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