

# Council proceeds with water plant

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 opted not to add the alternate bid at that time.

In other business, the council:

- Took the oath of office. City Clerk Darla Ellis gave the oath of office to those who were newly re-elected — Mayor David Corns, Councilman Kelly Gaer, Mrs. Mann and Mr. Briery.
- Waived the formal third reading of Ordinance 1559, allowing a loan agreement with the state to finance the water supply project.
- Adopted Ordinance 1559.
- Authorized Miller and Associates to let out bids for test hole drilling at the city's well site. The drilling will cost \$25,000. Once it is done, Miller and Associates will know more about the problems at the well site and why the flow of water has decreased.
- Discussed the legality of letting all terrain vehicles (ATV) drive on city streets. Mrs. Griffiths said the 1994 Attorney General's opinion doesn't take into account the Uniform Traffic Codes, which the city adopts each year. She said the state has made exceptions for motorized wheelchairs, but it is illegal for ATVs, mules and lawnmowers to be driven/ridden on city streets.

- Heard that the specifications for a fire rescue unit have been finished and will be discussed at the Public Safety Committee meeting, which will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 30. The committee will also talk to Judge Jerry Hawks about having a warrant night.

- Reminded city residents about cleaning up their yard debris, including branches that broke during this year's winter storms. Mr. Lawson encouraged everyone to put their debris next to the curb as it will be picked up for free next week because of clean-up week. He said he and the city attorney will be inspecting the city for housing and debris issues in the near future.

- Learned that a repair or demolish order has been sent out on the Moffet property on State Street and that they have 30 days to do either.

- Heard that the city bought two used dump trucks for \$8,800 each. They need to be picked up in Topeka and brought back to Norton.

- Issued a quitclaim deed for the transfer of property from the city to the Norton Housing Authority for the property east of the Norton Manor where the carport sits.

## Community support...



Manning the front door at Sunday's benefit for Krishna Kher were left to right: Katelyn Engelbert, Kendra Engelbert and Sara Lentz. Hundreds of people came to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church's Parish Hall for a baked potato bar to

benefit Krishna, the infant son of Ketan and Mani Kher, who has experienced severe health problems since shortly after his birth Jan. 3.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

# Kansas leads in advanced bioenergy research

MANHATTAN — Kansas is among 12 north central states with the potential to produce up to two-thirds of the nation's perennial bioenergy crops and crop residues, which brings the region into the national spotlight as the U.S. Congress considers federal farm policy that will help shift energy reliance from the Middle East to the Midwest.

To help guide this transition and ensure coordinated policy and research, directors from 12 state de-

partments of agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service and university agriculture experiment stations have formed the North Central Bioeconomy Consortium. The states are Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

"The north central region currently leads the nation in ethanol production, and we plan to also lead the transition to cellulosic biofuels

from perennial bioenergy crops and other biomass sources," said Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Adrian Polansky. "This shared goal will align our states to achieve the most possible from our abundant renewable resources while protecting our environment and boosting our rural economies."

The North Central Bioeconomy Consortium recently received a \$100,000 grant from the Energy Foundation of San Francisco to coordinate regional public policy development and research for a renewable energy future. A strategic partnership has been formed with the Great Plains Institute of Minneapolis to help coordinate, facilitate and implement the 12-state consortium agenda.

"We will use collaborative research through our Midwest universities to make sure that our valuable working lands of agriculture and forestry are used in a sustainable manner for future generations," said Forrest Chumley, associate director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Kansas State University and vice president of the consortium.

The consortium met for the first time in February to reach a memorandum of understanding for the three participating organizations.

"The long history of university extension offices working with local communities, producers and business leaders to make sure state-of-the-art research goes to

work in our farms, forests and local businesses helps guarantee that bioeconomy growth will benefit all," said Daryl Buchholz, associate director of Extension and Applied Research at Kansas State University.

The North Central Bioeconomy Consortium recently submitted summary work to the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture and House Agriculture Committee Chairman Collin Peterson (D-MN) documenting the region's achievements and potential in leading the transition to greater use of bioenergy, biofuels and bioproducts.

"These are exciting and changing times for the north central region and the United States as we move toward greater renewable energy and fuels," said Sara Bergan, executive director of the Great Plains Institute. "This consortium provides our region the opportunity to develop the next generation of biofuel feedstocks and energy technologies while providing the research and policy tools necessary to ensure long-term sustainability and economic vitality."

The North Central Bioeconomy Consortium also recently agreed to collaborate with the Midwestern Governors Association on policy review and development for a proposed energy summit later this year.

More information about the consortium is available at [www.ncbioconsortium.org](http://www.ncbioconsortium.org).



City Clerk Darla Ellis swore in David Corns as mayor at last Wednesday's Norton City Council meeting. She also swore in Councilman Kelly Gaer, Councilwoman Elaine Mann and Councilman Ron Briery. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

## Woman's study shows leadership is crucial

Tona Leiker, daughter of Myron Veh, Norton, and the late Darlene Veh, is the nursing department chair at the Tabor College Division of Adult Professional Studies in Wichita.

Mrs. Leiker recently presented her research findings on "Thriving or Surviving: Nursing Home Case Studies of Leadership, Communication and Teamwork Within the Lens of Complexity Theory".

She said, "The study is important because, as you know, we're all aging. The aging population is growing tremendously."

Her study used complexity science as a theoretical framework to describe working conditions in four nursing homes: two high-performing homes and two low-performing homes.

Her findings showed leadership in the high-performing homes created a clear, coherent organizational mission and identity that fostered a strong connection among staff, a constant flow of information, and the use of diverse mental models to provide resident care.

In contrast, the low-performing homes demonstrated a fragmented mission and identity that eroded trust and relationships between staff members, contributed to poor communication and fostered isolation and a lack of continuity in resident care.

Mrs. Leiker is a doctoral candidate at the University of Kansas

School of Nursing, concentrating in health professions education.

She has held positions on local, state and national boards, including the national Advisory Council for the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, the American Nurses Association Congress of Nursing Practice and the Board of Directors for the Kansas Nurses Assistance Program. She has

served as president of the National Nurses Society on Addictions and the Kansas School Nurse Organization.

Last year, she received the Sigma Theta Tau International Epsilon Gamma Chapter-at-Large Exemplar Award for her leadership in nursing over the last 28 years. She received the 2004 Patricia A. Devine Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Award from the Kansas State Nurses Association for excellence in psychiatric-mental health nursing. She also received the Joyce W. Markendorf Excellence in School Mental Health Award in 2001 and was a 1992 recipient of the Nursing: The Heart of Healthcare Award from the University of Kansas. She also received the Midwest Nursing Research Society's Doctoral research Scholarship in March to support dissemination of the research.



Tona Leiker

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Application to change name

Published in The Norton Telegram on Tuesday, April 24, May 1, 8, 2007. (3T)  
 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS  
 Case No. 2007-CV-12

In the Matter of the Application of **BRETT MICHAEL LANUS**, to Change Name

**NOTICE OF HEARING TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN — GREETING:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that the above-named Brett Michael Lanus has filed his petition in the above-named Court praying for judgment and decree changing his name to that of **Brett Michael Thomson**, and that said

petition will be heard by said Court at the Courthouse on the third floor of the Norton County Courthouse, Norton, Kansas, on the 6th day of June, 2007, at 1:30 o'clock p.m. and you are hereby required to plead to the petition on or before that time. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Brett Michael Lanus, Petitioner  
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 Attorney for Petitioner

## Mayor makes council committee appointments

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 • Solid Waste Committee Representatives — Mr. Briery, Mr. Corns, Mr. Lawson;

• Economic Development — Mrs. Foley, Mrs. Mann.

The appointments passed with a 4-1 vote with Mr. Briery voting no. Mr. Briery was elected as council president.

The council also approved the following appointments:

- Darla Ellis as city clerk;
- Patty Rowh as city treasurer;
- Karen Griffiths as city attorney;
- Doug Sebelius as city prosecutor;

- Mitch Jones as city fire chief;
- Jerry Hawks as municipal judge;

- *The Norton Telegram* as the official city newspaper; and
- KQNK Radio as the official city radio station.

## Newly Elected Norton City Council

APRIL 18, 2007



Pictured are from left, front row: City Attorney Karen Griffiths, Councilwoman Elaine Mann, Mayor David Corns, City Clerk Darla Ellis; back row: Councilman Ron Briery, Councilman Kelly Gaer, Councilman Jerry Jones, City Administrator Rob Lawson, Councilman Jim Williams. Not pictured: Councilwoman Donna Foley.

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