

Credit union has a successful year

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 \$24,284,013.63 in total assets.
 There were \$189,052.40 in liabilities; \$21,041,891.44 in shares deposited; and \$3,053,069.79 in reserves for \$24,284,013.63 in liabilities and owners equity.
 He said the credit union had a gross income of \$1,597,846.56; expenses were \$617,217.92; and \$594,105.41 was paid out in dividends for a net income of \$386,523.23.
 The assembly accepted the financial report.
 Bill Beale gave the supervisory committee report, saying the credit union had good audit reports on both the state and federal level.
 Board member elections were held. Mr. Green and Steve Mathes were re-elected. Also on the ballot were Laurie Cliff and Curt Wahlmeier.

Special recognition was given to Lori Duscher for her 10 years of service at the credit union.
 Board members are Mr. Green, Vice President Bette Townsend, Secretary Treasurer Greg Engel, Mr. Mathes and Don McClelland.
 Making up the supervisory committee are Mr. Beale, Don McMullen and Brenda Mann.
 Employees are Mr. Keilig, Denise Bailey, Sharon Black (Oberlin), Mrs. Duscher, Trisha Cressler, Kendra Baker and Mindy Unterseher.



Green



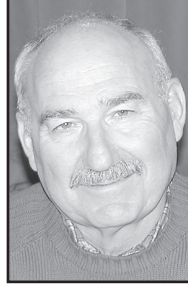
Townsend



Engel



Mathes



McClelland

Door prizes were given out.

City council looks at recycling

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 Norton County Solid Waste has an inmate crew hired to do so.
 In other business, the council:
 • Appointed Pat Morel at the Chief of Police. Assistant Police Chief Jeremy Hartwell welcome him and asked when he officially would be starting. Mr. Morel said his first full-time day would be Monday, Jan. 21.
 • Adopted Resolution 2-2008, authorizing a public hearing on the abatement of conditions in violation of the dangerous and unfit structure code for the Mofet property at 205 S. State Street, and for a hearing on the issue of any feasible or prudent alternative to abatement or demolition. The hearing will be held at 5:45 p.m. on March 5.
 • Learned that the Rural Fire Department is looking at its budget to see if it is interested in buying the 1990 rescue van that the city just replaced. The city bought the van for \$40,000 in 1998 with the county paying \$15,000 of that.
 • Heard that Mr. Lawson received an estimate for a fire alarm system for the city building from Fire Alarm Specialist, Inc., for \$7,480. The Public Safety Committee will be discussing the system.
 • Learned that the roof at the library is finished except for the caulking, which will be done when the ice melts. Also, he said the heating/cooling project is almost finished. Ted Sanko and Garrett's Heating and Cooling did a great job getting things finished on time. Mr. Lawson said he will be meeting with the library board to

discuss the community room and when it will be done.
 • Discussed the high crowns on some of the city's streets. Councilman Jerry Jones wanted to know if anything could be done to fix them. Mr. Lawson said the streets will need to be ripped up, leveled and lowered, and then relaid with asphalt. The project will be a high dollar one, he said, and if the council wants to do it, it needs to be budgeted.
 Mr. Briery asked if the cost could be assessed to the homeowners' property taxes. City Attorney Karen Griffiths said that was possible, but the homeowners would have to be notified first and a public hearing would need to be held first.
 • Set the Public Safety Committee meeting for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22; and the Finance Committee meeting for 5:30 p.m. and the Utility Committee meeting for 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 28.
 • Bought a Pearpoint 332 sewer camera from Subsurface Solutions for \$9,225.
 • Accepted the utility write-offs for 2007.
 • Hired Sebelius and Griffiths Law Office to proceed with collection of the write-off accounts.
 • Donated \$150 to Norton Post Prom.
 • Set aside \$18,000 of the Hansen Foundation grant money to upgrade Ward Field, including a new fence, infield grass and a sprinkler system.
 • Authorized Mr. Lawson to look into a new restroom at Elmwood Park between the play-

ground equipment and where the carnival is set up. Mr. Briery said there is \$50,000 in the budget for the new restroom. Mr. Jones said they should check into using an inmate crew to help with building; any money they save can be used for another project. Mr. Lawson said it will need to meet ADA specifications.

Birdie paradise...



The bird feeder at the Dick Boyd home, Norton, has been a popular spot for real Norton Blue Jays. Mrs. Boyd has kept the feeder well-stocked with the bird's favorite treat — unsalted, in-the-shell peanuts.
 — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Hospital puts surgery renovation on hold

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 • Bought a new striker bed for the emergency room for \$5,173.63.
 • Reviewed personnel matters.
 • Approved changing the hospital's workmen's compensation insurance to Kansas Health Services Corp., who are with the Kansas Hospital Association, in the amount of \$45,697.
 • Approved Blue Cross Blue

Shield's proposal for a modified self-funded group health insurance plan with the premiums and benefits as presented.
 • Reviewed patient surveys.
 • Learned that the federal mileage reimbursement rate has gone up to 50.5 cents per mile, making the hospital's reimbursement rate 50.5 cents per mile as well.

Soybean performance test results are online

MANHATTAN — Kansas agricultural producers are always looking for crops and crop varieties that will work best in their operation. The 2007 Kansas Soybean Performance Test report can help growers with those choices for the upcoming crop year.
 The test results, found at <http://kscroptests.agron.ksu.edu/07/07beans/7b-test.asp>, are a program of Kansas State University Research and Extension with support from the Kansas Soybean Commission.
 A key part of the information available is the 2007 ratings for the soybean cyst nematode (SCN) and sudden death syndrome (SDS) resistance of all soybean varieties.

The data on the site are broken down by location (research field in a particular county or counties) and by region (e.g., north central).
 Summaries of yield, maturity, height and lodging at numerous locations in Kansas are included in the data. The report also provides two- and three-year yield summaries in bushels per acre and percent of test average.
 Also on the site is information about variety characteristics, a Kansas rainfall image map, and a place where growers and others can sign up to receive e-mail notification when performance test entry forms and new data become available.

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