

# Two new faces on council, appointments approved

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It could easily be dubbed, "The Name Game."

But it's nothing new when the elections are over and new faces join the city council, and the mayor announces the many appointments needed to define the city's role.

The oath of office was administered by City Clerk Darla Ellis, at the mid-April meeting, to two new council members, Jeff Otter, Ward I and Toby Kuhn, Ward III, and also to Ward II incumbent Donna Foley.

Kim Snyder was nominated and confirmed to serve as Council President.

Mayor David Corns made the following appointments, which were approved by the council:

- Finance Committee — Ron Briery, chairperson; Kim Snyder, vice chair; Elaine Mann, member.

- Utility Committee — Elaine Mann, chairperson; Donna Foley, vice chair; Kim Snyder, member.

- Personnel Committee — Jeff Otter, chairperson; Elaine Mann, vice chair; Toby Kuhn, member.

- Public Safety Committee — Toby Kuhn, chairperson; Jeff Otter, vice chair; Donna Foley, member.

- Parks/Cemetery Committee — Kim Snyder, chairperson; Ron Briery, vice chair; Jeff Otter, member.

- Public Works Committee — Donna Foley, chairperson; Toby Kuhn, vice chair; Ron Briery, member.

Other appointments included: Airport Board, Briery and Snyder; KMEA Council Representative, Briery/Rob Lawson; County Commission Council Representative, Otter; Bed Tax Committee Council Representative, Kuhn;

Chamber of Commerce Council Representative, Mann; Library Board, Mayor Corns; 20/20 Emergency Planning Committee, Snyder; Solid Waste Committee Representatives, Briery/Mayor Corns/City Administrator Rob Lawson; Economic Development Committee, Mann/Foley.

The remaining appointments were:

City Clerk Darla Ellis; City Treasurer Patty Rowh; City Attorney Karen Griffiths; City Prosecutor Doug Sebelius; Chief of Police Pat Morel; Fire Chief Mitch Jones; Assistant Fire Chief Kirk Nuzum; Municipal Judge Jerry Hawks; Official City Newspaper *The Norton Telegram*; Official City Radio Station KQNK; and City Health Officer Dr. Jeff McKinley.

Following this activity, the mayor called for a five minute recess for pictures and then it was back to business.

Kathy Zimmerman appeared before the governing board representing the Norton Rotary Club regarding the club's interest in bringing a circus to town on Tuesday, June 3. She sought permission to use the area in Elmwood Park west of the horse arena. She said this would be a fund raiser for the club. The council approved the request, thus the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus will be in Norton to perform on June 3 at 5 and 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Corns told the council that Toby Kuhn has resigned his position on the Housing Authority Board, due to his election to the city council. He sought council approval to name Kyle Jones to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Kuhn which expires Nov. 30, 2008.

The appointment was confirmed.

In other matters, briefly: City Administrator Lawson

reported interviews were held for the Utility Plant Supervisor's position, and Bill Vacura has been hired for the post. He was scheduled to begin employment May 5 and train with Dick Hahn until his retirement.

Mr. Lawson also said he will meet with two people to get quotes to install sheet rock and finish the community room at the library. He said if neither one submits a bid the city can afford, city personnel will finish the walls, paint them and install new ceiling tiles. His hopes are to meet the May 13 deadline for the project.

Additionally, Mr. Lawson said there are still some electrical problems at the sewer plant and consequently the project has not as yet been accepted. The water plant project, he said, is progressing and a May 15 completion date has been set.

A request for 215 feet of sidewalk replacement at 322 N. Norton Street by Jeff Wolf was approved, with the stipulation the city will provide the labor and the property owner pay the cost of the materials directly to the concrete provider.

A Safe Ride Program was discussed. The council moved to use \$100 per year of the Elmwood Park head tax funds for the program. A discussion centered around whether someone needs to be 21 to use the program. City Attorney Griffiths said she wants a licensed taxi service to provide the service who would be licensed through the city and carry liability coverage. She will prepare an ordinance for the Public Safety Committee to review.

The council adopted Ordinance 1573, designating a stop intersection at E. Waverly and N. Archer, stopping southbound traffic on N. Archer Street.

## 'You're growing, girl'



Does she measure up? Shelbi McKenna, a seventh grader at Norton Junior High School, was one of dozens of students from Logan, Lenora, Northern Valley and Norton who had sports physicals Wednesday. Checking her height was junior high para-professional Claire Herman. The staff at the Doctors Clinic conducted the exams.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Logan 8th grade graduation Sunday

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Nine eighth graders from Logan will receive their diplomas at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Logan School Auditorium. The processional will be played by Vesta Jo Still and the invocation given by Paige Buss and Kaylene Reese. School counselor Robin Van Laeys will introduce the speakers, Shelley Kemper, Zach Long and Leandra Sparks.

The class will sing their song, "I'm a Small Part of the World," directed by Mrs. Still. Ms. Van Laeys will present the Citizenship Awards and Superintendent Robert Jackson will introduce the Salutatorian and Valedictorian. Mr. Jackson will also present the class and Rodney Sansom of the school's board of education will

call the class roll while Colby Greving, also of the board, presents the class their diplomas.

Hannah Pinkerton will give the benediction and Mrs. Still will play the recessional as the new graduates leave the auditorium.

Following the ceremony, the class invites everyone to join them for cookies and punch in the school cafeteria.

For their motto, the class has chosen the saying, "People say the sky's the limit, but there are footprints on the moon." The class flower is the Fire and Ice rose; and class colors are red, black and silver.

Class attendants are Gage LeRoux and Whitney Multer and class sponsors are Shannon Kats and Mrs. Still. Class officers are President, Tracy Archer; Vice-Presi-

dent, Whitney Mulder; Secretary, Katie Becker (seventh grade), Hannah Pinkerton (eighth grade); and Treasurer, Paige Buss.

Members of the 2008 eighth grade graduating class are: Tracy Lynn Archer, son of Bob and Cathy Archer; Aletha Maurshea Bennett, daughter of Todd and Jennifer Norris; Kacee Lynn Braun, daughter of Delton and Gina Braun; Paige Elizabeth Buss, daughter of Troy and Shari Buss; Caley Ann Greving, daughter of Colby and Cher Greving; Hannah Marie Pinkerton, daughter of Rob and Lisa Pinkerton; Kaylene Ashley Reese, daughter of Stephen and Karen Reese; Beverley Renee Sammons, daughter of David and Sheri Sammons; and Samantha Marie Tien, daughter of Jan and Dian Tien.

## Tuesday big night at high school

The highlight of the school year for Norton Community High School students is scheduled for Tuesday evening. It is the annual Exhibit Night and Spring Band Concert. The exhibits are open for viewing at 6 p.m.

Exhibit night gives many students a chance to show the public what projects they have completed as part of their learning process. Departments with students' work on display will be art, vo-ag, wood working, drafting and computer/video-tech.

The band members' final project is the Spring Concert. It will start in Stull Gymnasium at 8 p.m. The

concert will feature two medleys, a classic march, Broadway musical selections, pop music from the '60s, the jazz ensemble and two of the ensembles (clarinet choir and percussion ensemble) that went to State Music Festival.

Other highlights of the concert

will include recognition of the seniors for their dedication to the school's instrumental music program and the announcement of the John Philip Sousa Award recipient.

The public is invited to attend.

There is no charge.

## Drafting team makes presence felt at Hays

The Norton Community High School's drafting team won two grade level categories and medaled in three projects at the recent Western Kansas Technology Fair at Fort Hays State University.

Zac Dreher won top honors, winning the certificate for top Junior Drafting project in the fair on his set of house plans. Also winning the certificate for the top Sophomore Multi-Pupil category was the team of Cody Cook, DJ Ebner and Adam Myers. Their project was to redraw the city of Norton map for the EMT service in town.

Medalists were Cook, Dreher and the Sophomore Multi-Pupil Project.

Superior ratings went to Myers (2), Nolan Evans, Cook (2), David Roman, Dreher, Ebner, Kaid McKenna (2) and Troy Bainter.

Excellent ratings were earned by John Koch (3), Courtney Kaus, Caleb Gross, Grant McClymont (2), Zane Perez, Jake Romney, Kerstan Richmeier, Cook, Myers, Hannah Fulton, Nish Millan, Roman, Luke VanSkiike (2), Scotty Marx and Todd Bolt.

Good ratings were won by Ebner, Alex Simoneau and Marx.

"I congratulate the kids who won the top certificates as best projects in their grade level. It is very tough to win these awards," said Jim Myers instructor.

"We had two certificates, three medalists, 11 superior ratings, 19 excellent ratings, and three good ratings. So our kids did a very good job once again. The competition level was very high in this fair," Mr. Myers said.

He added, "I want to wish our senior members of our team good luck net year in their future endeavors. They are Todd Bolt, Nolan Evans, Aaron Husted, Scotty Marx and Luke VanSkiike. I thank them for their contributions

this year.

"I also want to thank my foreign exchange student David Roman for his participation on our team.

"They are all great kids and I appreciated having them in class this year."

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## AYSO Soccer Kids

IT'S TIME TO PICK UP YOUR BUTTER BRAID ORDERS TO BE DELIVERED!

*They can be picked up on Tuesday, May 13 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church*

(West of the Norton Animal Health Center)

*at 5:00 p.m.*

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

PLEASE CALL:

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