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Norton Economic Development Director Diane Becker is trying to give Orschelns plenty of incentive to put a store in Norton, including having several sites they could rent, buy or put a building upon.

Ms. Becker met with the Norton County Commissioners on Monday and told them that she was working with local people to find suitable locations for the proposed farm and home store so she could give the company several proposals.

Commissioner Leroy Lang said that he has heard from several people that they would like to have the store in Norton and that his wife has written a letter to the company on its web site requesting that it put a store here.

"You get on web site under customer relations and those are forwarded to the proper person," he told the commissioners.

Ms. Becker also gave the commissioners an update on the Mof-

fett property, which is being renovated.

She said she is working with the Lions Club for painting and was busy there herself last week taking up tile and removing old boards from the wall.

She said she has gotten three bids for a traditional roof but is now considering a metal roof.

She asked if the commissioners would consider a 20-year lease on the property so the Chamber and Travel and Tourism could use it as an office and as a visitors' center.

She said that work on the property and the new park is going well and that most of the downtown people are excited about the project.

Commissioner John Miller noted that the reactions he's heard about the park are mixed.

"Some people are excited and some people are not," he said.

Ms. Becker replied that while she knows not everyone is for the project she prefers to dwell on the positives.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Discussed roads that need work and drainage problems with Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan.

- Agreed with Mr. Brannan and Noxious Weed Supervisor Reggie Beckman on which roads will be sprayed and which mowed during the year.

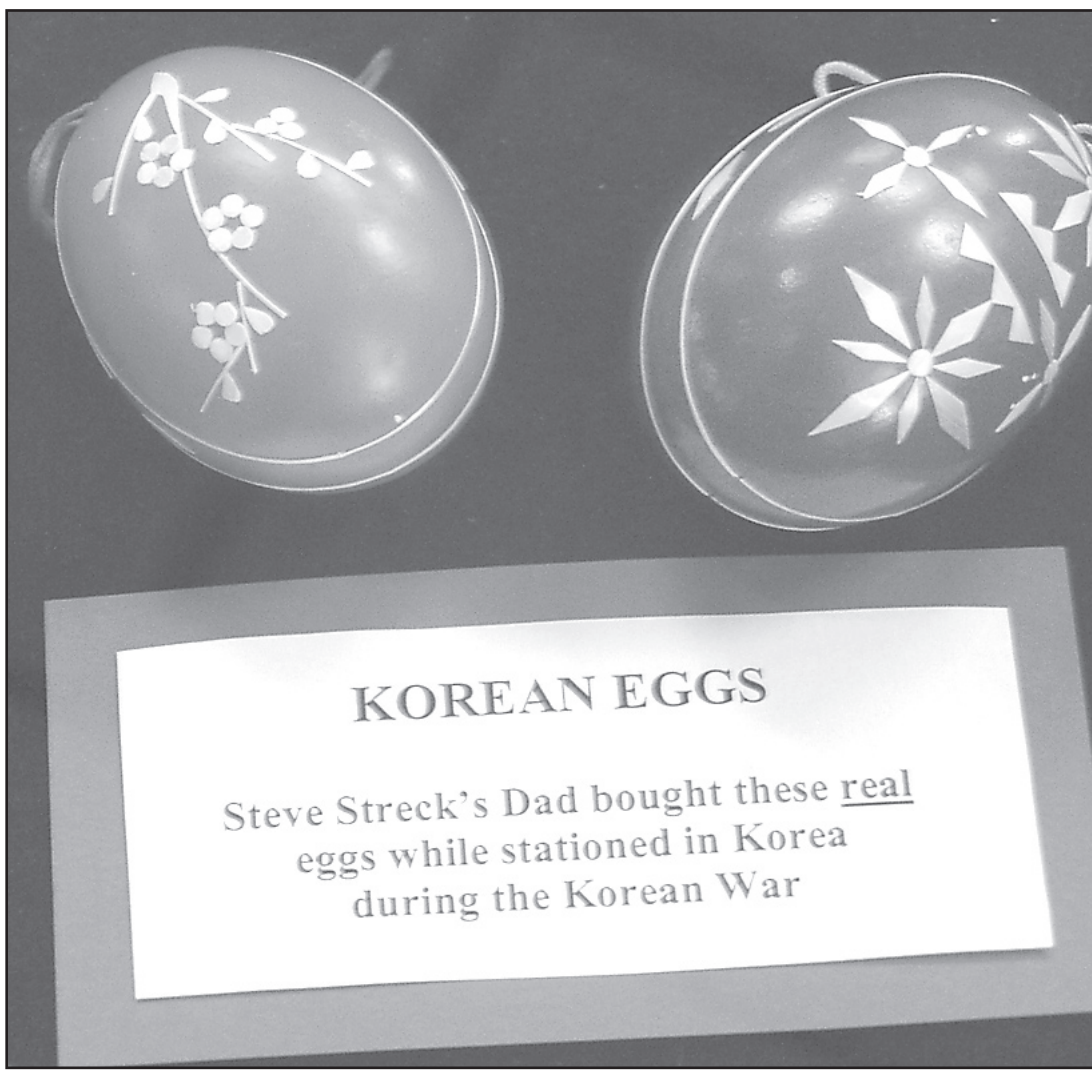
The men said they have tried to come up with the most economical way to keep the weeds down on the sides of the roads.

- Heard from Norton City Administrator Rob Lawson that the city would like to know what the budgets will be for the airport, sheriff and economic development by July 2 if possible.

The city's contribution to these things is tied to their budgets and he needs to know how much it will need to pay for them next year.

Mr. Lawson said things are working well with city/county law enforcement and the city plans to keep with the program.

New at the library



Final water questions aired

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The story in Tuesday's *Telegram* regarding the use of chloramines in the disinfection process of the city's water supply, provoked quite a bit of chatter with much of that having to do with the question and answer portion of the report.

As reported in the Tuesday story, *The Telegram* today presents the remaining questions and answers.

Q: If chloramines are such effective disinfectants, why haven't they been used more?

A: Given enough contact time, chloramines are just as effective as chlorine at doing their job — killing bacteria. However, chlorine, while it works more quickly, doesn't last as long as chloramines. Both disinfectants have advantages and disadvantages — which one is used depends on local water conditions.

Q: How about using chloraminated water on ornamental plants, vegetable or fruit and nut trees? Will beneficial soil bacteria be harmed?

A: The small amount of chloramines should have no effect on plants of any type. Beneficial bacteria will generally be protected by the soil in which they live. Chloramines will be removed by the high chlorine demand in the soil.

A: Won't letting water sit for

a few days remove chloramines from tank or pond water?

A: No. Unlike chlorine, which dissipates when water sits for a few days, chloramines may take weeks to disappear. If you won't want to use a dechlorinating chemical, the next best solution is to install a granular activated carbon filter and allow sufficient contact time.

Q: If only a small amount of water is added to an aquarium or pond to make up for evaporation loss, do chloramines still have to be removed?

A: This will depend on the amount of water added in relation to the size of the aquarium or pond and the time period over which it's added.

An alternative is to monitor for a total chlorine residual in the aquarium or pond water while adding the chloraminated water. Chloramine residuals in water used to keep fish should be kept below 0.1 mg/l. Total chlorine test kits are available from pet stores, pool supply stores and chemical supply houses.

Q: Are both salt- and freshwater fish affect by chloramines?

A: Chloramines will have to be removed if tap water is used to make the salt-water solution. Chloramines affect salt-water fish just as they affect fresh-water fish.

Q: Will a carbon filter remove

chloramines?

Yes. However, it must contain high-quality granular-activated carbon and you must permit sufficient contact time.

Q: Will reverse osmosis remove chloramines?

A: No. Salts can be caught by the permeable membranes, but chloramines pass through easily.

Q: How much of a dechlorinating agent or what type of GAC filter should be used?

A: Ask your pet supplier or read the instructions on the container or equipment.

Q: What are the effects of ammonia on fish?

A: Ammonia can be toxic to fish, although all fish produced some ammonia as a natural by-product. Ammonia is also released when chloramines are chemically removed. Although ammonia levels may be tolerable in individual tanks or ponds, commercial products are available at pet supply stores to remove excess ammonia. Also, biological filters, natural zeolites and pH control methods are effective in reducing the toxic effects of ammonia.

Q: Are chloramines new?

A: No. Many cities in the U.S. and Canada have used chloramines for decades.

If readers have additional questions, they may direct them to the office of City Administrator Rob Lawson (785) 877-5000.

Logan High School graduates 17

Logan High School held graduation exercises May 11 with 17 seniors accepting their diplomas from Board of Education member John Sullivan. Class attendants were Carri Brobst, Kathryn Hartman, Levi Kiser and Charley Harmon.

The Class of 2008 entered the school's auditorium as Vesta Jo Still played the processional. Class members Savannah Sammons and Jessica Zillinger delivered the invocation and welcomed parents, friends and family to the ceremony.

The Class Song, "I'm Not Going to Cry", was performed by Kaitlyn Noone and Megan Brumbaugh. They were accompanied by Kelsey Noel.

Logan schools superintendent, Robert Jackson, introduced Joel Lovese who delivered the main address.

School counselor Robin Van Laeys presented the Charles and Evah Dougherty Scholarship to Zach Long. Ms. Long also presented Citizenship Awards. A three-way tie for valedictorian honors was split between Shelley Kemper, Zach Long and Leandra Sparks. Shaley Van Loenen was

named class Salutatorian.

Board of Education member Keith Forsberg read the class roll and a video featuring the senior class was shown.

To close the commencement service, Brian Pinkerton gave the benediction and the class left the auditorium as Ms. Still played the recessional.

Class officers are: President, Leandra Sparks; Vice President, Shaley Van Loenen; Secretary, Jessica Zillinger; Treasurer, Ethan Gottschalk; and Student Council representatives, Shelley Kemper and Payton Chestnut.

The class chose the rose as their class flower and red, black and

silver as class colors.

The phrase they chose as their class motto is, "Our past is behind us, our future is before us, but our memories are forever with us."

Class sponsors are Jerrod Hofaker, Renee Thompson and Chad Fox.

Members of the class are: Jenny Archer, Garrett Becker, Brady Breese, Payton Chestnut, Amberlea Edwards, Ashley Eshbaugh, Ethan Gottschalk, Shelley Kemper, Aspen Larson, Zachary Long, Brian Pinkerton, Savannah Sammons, Leandra Sparks, Bret Van Der Wege, Shaley Van Loenen, Kodi Wallgren and Jessica Zillinger.

Junior high graduation Monday

Eighth graders from Northern Valley Junior High School will hold a graduation exercise at 8 p.m. Monday at the school in Long Island.

The class will be escorted by seventh grade leaders Erika Chandler and Phillip Compton. The traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" processional will be played by Pat David and Stanton Nelson. Class members Ashley Constable and Gunnar Hays will present opening statements followed by the Junior High Mixed Chorus singing, "I Am a Small Part of the World".

Board of Education president Gale Hays will deliver the commencement address and Chris Robertson will present the class and the Citizenship Awards. The class will receive their diplomas

from the Board of Education.

The class has chosen for their motto, the expression, "In my hands, I hold today. In my dreams, I hold tomorrow. In my faith, I hold forever".

The class flower is the Midnight Bordeaux Rose and the class colors are black, white and burgundy.

Members of the class are: Calen Stephen Bach, Ashley Kay Constable, Cassie Mae Field, Daniel Jeremiah Field, Caitlyn Elizabeth Hale, Melissa Mae Hawks, Gunnar Charles Hays, Austin Wayne Herman, Dillon Ray Hogan, Kenzie Danielle Husted, Nate Thomas Land, Brandon Lee McDowell, Zane Brody Miller, Tyler Rex Montgomery, Kelsey Marie Raburn, Brittany Laurie Schutte, Kynzie Alexis Stevens, Kath-

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