

Council

(Continued from Page 1) liquidated damages. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to approve the request from the Norton Classic Cruisers to block off the streets around the Norton County Courthouse square on July 10, for their seventh annual car show. Vote taken, motion passed.

- City Administrator Rob Lawson reported Dale Henry's last day was today, and he is retiring after working 30 years for the city. He also stated Wednesday was Administrative Assistants' day and thanked the ladies in the office for all of their work.

- Kansas Department of Health and Environment has requested access to the city of Norton's right-of-way and easement properties to collect some groundwater samples to determine the extent and magnitude of carbon tetrachloride contamination at the Norton Carbon Tetrachloride Site. The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the agreement. A motion was made to approve the Access to Property Agreement.

Vote taken, motion passed 5-1 with Jeff Otter voting no.

- Rob Lawson reported Dave Barber is tentatively setting the closing date for the United States Department of Agriculture loan payment for June 1 but it will probably be closer to July 1.

- Jeff Otter stated the Public Safety Committee met and reviewed the capital outlay requests for 2011 from the police and fire departments. The committee is going to hold off on many capital outlay items until some city improvements can be made.

- A motion was made to purchase a cage for the police department's Ford Explorer at a cost not to exceed \$1,800. Vote taken, motion passed.

- Bids were received from Weis Fire Company and Conrad Fire Equipment on the trade in value of the old SCBA compressor. A motion was made to approve the low bid from Weis Fire Company of Salina for an air compressor Cascade System at a cost of \$34,376. Vote taken, motion passed.

- Foley reported the installa-

tion of the sewer plant aeration system will be completed this fall. The Public Works Committee also reviewed the 2011 budget requests.

- A motion was made to approve the appointments made by the mayor to various committees and sub-committees. Vote taken, motion passed.

Jeff Otter, chairperson, Donna Foley and Toby Kuhn will be on the finance committee; Joe Leroux, chairperson, Kim Snyder and Donna Foley will be on the utility committee; Roberta Ryan, chairperson, Toby Kuhn and Joe Leroux will be on the personnel committee; Donna Foley, chairperson, Roberta Ryan and Jeff Otter will be on the safety committee; Kim Snyder, chairperson, Jeff Otter and Roberta Ryan will be on the parks committee; and Toby Kuhn, chairperson, Jeff Otter and Kim Snyder will be on the public works committee.

Snyder and Lawson will be on the airport board and K.M.E.A. Leroux will represent the city on the county commission, Kuhn

will be on the Bed Tax Committee, Corns will stay on the library board, Foley, Corns and Lawson will be on the solid waste board, Roberta Ryan and Jeff Otter will be the council representatives on the economic development board, Foley will be on the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce board and Leroux will be on the 20/20 Emergency Planning Committee.

- A motion was made to approve the appointment of Darla Ellis as Norton City Clerk. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to approve the appointment of Patty Rowh as Norton City Treasurer. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to approve the appointment of Pat Morel as Norton Chief of Police. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to approve Karen Griffiths as the Norton City Attorney. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to approve the appointment of Doug Sebelius as the Norton City Prosecutor. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to approve the appointment of Mitch Jones as the Norton Fire Chief. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to approve the appointment of Kirk Nuzum as the Assistant Fire Chief. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to approve the appointment of Jerry Hawks as the Norton Municipal Judge. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to approve the appointment of the Norton Telegram as the Official City Newspaper. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to approve the appointment of KQNK as the Official City Radio Station. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to approve the appointment of Dr. Jeff McKinley as the City Health Officer. Vote taken, motion passed.

- Corns read the Fair Housing Proclamation, declaring the month of April as Fair Housing Month, which he had signed.

- Corns stated Jerry Jones, Laurie Cliff and Jennifer Henrick-

son have submitted their names for the vacancy on the Housing Authority Board. A motion was made to approve the Mayor's appointment of Jerry Jones to the Housing Authority Board to fill the unexpired term which expires November 30, 2012. Vote taken, motion passed.

- Mayor Corns stated numerous applications were received for the economic development board. A motion was made to approve the reappointment of Deena Wente for the Economic Development Board at-large position for a two year term. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to waive the formal second reading of Charter Ordinance 13, repealing Charter Ordinance 9 and levying an annual tax for the purposes of maintaining the Norton Public Library at a rate not to exceed seven mills. Vote taken, motion passed.

The next city council meeting will be held May 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the city office. All meetings are open to the public.

Renewal

(Continued from Page 1) submitted late applications.

Murnahan's Decorating does not have regular business hours.

"It doesn't meet our guidelines," said board member Curtis Eveleigh.

A motion was made to deny Murnahan Decorating, Endzone, Mortensen's Computer Services and Assured Investment and Loan. Vote taken, motion passed.

The board discussed opening a new deadline for the program

so the late applications could be considered.

A motion was made to open a new deadline of April 30. Vote taken, motion passed.

In other economic development business:

- The board discussed the contract between the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce and economic development. A motion was made to sign the contract. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to pay for a title insurance for the chamber

building. Vote taken, motion passed.

- Stiles updated the board on the historic district project. She said she submitted the application for the second grant, but at least \$3,104 would be needed to match the Historic Trust Fund grant. A motion was made to pay \$3,104 to match the grant. Vote taken, motion passed.

- Stiles discussed a housing feasibility study for the City of Almena. She said the city would like to partner with Northwest

Kansas Housing to construct duplexes and single family homes for farm workers. The first step is to complete a housing survey, and Stiles said Almena is requesting \$1,000 from economic development to contribute towards the \$4,500 it would take for the survey. The total cost for the project would be \$35,000. A motion was made to contribute \$1,000 on the condition Almena raises \$34,000. Vote taken, motion passed.

- Stiles updated the board on the Young Professionals group.

She said she met with Aaron Herman and Scott Sproul to discuss the group. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 25. She said the details are still being worked out, but the group will be open for professionals in the county between the ages of 21 and 40.

She said they are currently raising money, with the chamber and several banks making contributions. She asked the board for a contribution of \$500. A motion was made to approve the

contribution. Vote taken, motion passed.

- Toby Kuhn thanked the board and said Jeff Otter will be taking over his Norton City Council seat on the board. Foley said Roberta Ryan would be taking over her seat.

The next Norton City/County Economic Development meeting will be held May 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the economic development office, 113 N. Norton. All meetings are open to the public.

Grads

(Continued from Page 1) chance to think differently and look forward to something outside the fence," Granger said.

McCall said he wants to open a business after release and said the class prepared him for that possibility.

Christiane Cole was one of the

instructors for the course. Classes included business communication, keyboarding, Quickbooks, practical office and customer relations.

Perkins said he wasn't aware of some of the computer programs, especially Quickbooks.

"It was challenging. A few of

them I didn't even know existed, but I think it's something I'll use," Perkins said.

"It gave me the opportunity to re-navigate my computer skills. It will help me with powerpoint presentations," Holmes said.

Tuesday was a special day for one inmate in particular with

Scranton celebrating his 24th birthday and completing the program. He said the business skills he learned will help him in the job market after he is released.

"All of it is necessary these days," he said.

For some of the inmates, the chance to further themselves

made a difference.

"I'm going to use this to continue my degree. This is a corrections facility, but there are few opportunities for improvement. I think it's awesome that they do this," said Jeremy Fisher.

"It's nice to have people come in who see us as people, not

people who have made mistakes," Perkins said.

Colby Community College, Norton Correctional Facility and Kansas Works partnered for the program, which will end in July when the third class will graduate. The first class graduated Jan. 29.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Norton Community High School

Monday - Friday April 26 to April 30 State Science Assessments

Monday, April 26
4 p.m. 9th and 10th Track at Hill City

Tuesday, April 27
7:30 a.m. Jay Singers
3 p.m. JV Golf at Smith Center

Wednesday, April 28
B.A.S.S. meetings
9 a.m. FFA Livestock Contest at Cheylin

9 a.m. Gifted Seminar at Fort Hays State University
A.P. Band council meeting

Thursday, April 29
7:30 a.m. Jay Singers
9 a.m. Golf at Trego Invitational

Friday, April 30
AP High School Artist of the month

A.P. Jazz Band Rehearsal
3:30 p.m. High School track Goldsmith Relays at Trego

Saturday, May 1
State Forensics at Wichita

Sunday, May 2
Sun day - Tuesday FFA State contests; KSU, Manhattan
2 p.m. FCCLA Adopt-a-high-way

Norton Junior High
Monday, April 26
11:45 a. m. Service Learning Day

Tuesday, April 27
7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Cheerleader try-out practice
11 a.m. Track at Phillipsburg

Wednesday, April 28
5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Cheerleader try-out practice
10 a.m. MCEL meeting at Ellis

Thursday, April 29
7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Cheerleader try-out practice

Friday, April 30
7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Cheerleader try-out practice
2:45 p.m. 6th grade visitation

Monday, April 26
7 p.m. 5th and 6th grade vocal concert at East Campus Auditorium

Tuesday, April 27
CMS's second grade

Wednesday, April 28
7:30 a.m. S.I.T. meeting

Thursday, April 29
CBM's Kindergarten grade
8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lenora Students visit

Friday, April 30
Kindergarten screening-No kindergarten classes
2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. 6th grade students visit Norton Junior High School

All Schools
Wednesday, April 28
10 a.m. KASA BoD at Topeka

Norton High School and Junior High Menu
Monday
Breakfast: Waffles, sausage links, fruit or juice or toast w/margarine and jelly, cereal, milk

Lunch: Cheese pizza, combo salad, garlic bread, peaches, chocolate chip cookie or chef salad, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast: Chocolate chip muffin, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, milk

Lunch: Country fried steak, Whipped potatoes w/gravy, rolls w/margarine, carrots, pear or chef salad, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast: Biscuit w/ham and cheese, fruit or juice or cereal, toast w/margarine, milk

Lunch: Slivered ham sandwich, lettuce, corn, applesauce with cinnamon, strawberry shortcake, or chef salad, milk

Thursday
Breakfast: Long john, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, milk

Lunch: Chicken wrap, onions and green peppers, lettuce, french bread w/margarine, fruit cup, lemon delight, milk

Friday
Breakfast: Breakfast quesadilla, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast

w/margarine and jelly, milk
Lunch: Chicken noodles, whipped potatoes, carrots, french bread w/margarine applesauce or chef salad, milk

Eisenhower Elementary School
Monday
Breakfast: Golden waffles, warm maple syrup, fruit cocktail, apple juice, milk

Lunch: Spaghetti, tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, peaches, orange juice, milk

Lunch: Corn dog, tater tots, baby carrots, fruit cocktail, cookie, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast: Applesauce muffins, peaches, grape juice, milk

Lunch: Scalloped chicken, corn, sweet heart pears, celery stick, whole wheat roll, milk

Thursday
Breakfast: Canadian bacon with cheese, biscuit, apple juice, milk

Lunch: Beef burrito, cheesy broccoli, rosy applesauce, blonde brownies, milk

Friday
Breakfast: Warm pumpkin bread, rosy applesauce, orange juice, milk

Lunch: Chicken and noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, mandarin oranges, cheese rolls, milk

Northern Valley Schools
Monday, April 26
6 p.m. Junior High Awards Banquet in the gym at Long Island

Tuesday, April 27
KAY End of Year Celebration in Almena

8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. 7th and 8th grade field trip to Hastings and Kearney

9 a.m. Livestock judging contest at Cheylin

1 p.m. High School golf at Mankato

Wednesday, April 28
3rd and 4th grade field trip to Hastings

8 a.m. 5th and 6th grade field trip to Minden and Holdrege

8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. 2nd year mentoring meeting at Hays

Thursday, April 29
7 p.m. K-4 and 9-12 Spring band and vocal concert in Almena

-K-4 concert at 7 p.m. with the High School following

Friday, April 30
10 a.m. Grade 7-8 Track meet at Quinter

1 p.m. 1st grade tour at Norton County Hospital

3 p.m. High school track at Quinter

Northern Valley Menu
Monday
Breakfast: Sausage gravy, biscuits, hash browns, juice, cereal, milk

Lunch: Senior Menu: Nachos with ground beef, tossed salad w/dressing, buttered beets, peach half, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast: Oatmeal w/topping, toast, hash browns, sliced peaches, cereal, milk

Lunch: Senior Menu: Chicken-noodles, mashed potatoes, roll, buttered broccoli, apple crisp, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast: Peanut butter muf-

fin, sausage links, scrambled eggs, fruit, cereal, milk

Lunch: Ham patty, bun, dill spear, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, chilled apricots, milk

Thursday
Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, scrambled eggs, juice cereal, milk

Lunch: Senior Menu: Chicken strips, steak fries, buttered green beans, frosted pear, milk

Friday
Breakfast: Breakfast taco, hash browns, fruit, cereal, milk

Lunch: Senior Menu: Cheeseburger, bun, french fries, buttered peas and carrots, rosey applesauce, milk

Lenora Elementary School
Monday
Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy, fruit, milk

Lunch: BBQ pork, pasta salad, steamed carrots, chocolate cake fruit, milk

Tuesday
Breakfast: Long johns, sausage, juice, milk

Lunch: Taco salad, deviled eggs, fruit, milk

Wednesday
Breakfast: Ham omelet, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: Fish, peas and carrots, cheesy potatoes, peaches, milk

Thursday
Breakfast: Ham, coffee cake, juice, milk

Lunch: Sloppy joes, salad, win-

ter mix, applesauce, milk

Friday
Breakfast: Hash browns, muffins, juice, milk

Lunch: Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, peas, pineapple cake, fruit, milk

UPCOMING EVENTS in Kansas

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Combat Air Celebrity Pancake Breakfast
April 24, Topeka
This fun event at Combat Air Museum allows you to experience 30+ aircraft from WWI to present. Enjoy entertainment by Judy Coder. (785) 862-3303, CombatAirMuseum.org

KU Spring Football Extravaganza
April 24, Lawrence
Enjoy KU's spring football game & the energy of Downtown Lawrence including a Family Fun Zone & enjoy shuttles to campus from downtown. VisitLawrence.com

Th' Gatherin'
April 30-May 2, WaKeeney
14th Annual Beltane Celebration in a gorgeous setting. Celtic Musicians & Artists, an evening feast, fire festival & competitions, food & wares vendors. ThGatherin.com

Kansas Sampler Festival
May 1-2, Leavenworth
Sample what there is to see, do, hear, taste, buy and learn in Kansas. Ray Miller Park A project of the Kansas Sampler Foundation (913) 417-7575, KansasSamplerFestival.com

Art in the Park
May 2, Lawrence
Artists display and sell their original artwork in a beautiful outdoor setting. Musical entertainment & children's activities. VisitLawrence.com

3i Show
May 5-7, Great Bend
Wed. - Fri., 9 am - 5 pm daily. Expo Center Over 500 agri-business exhibits, consumer programs, high school ag day and health screenings. (620) 227-8082, 3ishow.com

Wichita River Festival
May 7-15, Wichita
Nine days of food, fun and entertainment! Over 50 events including a parade, concerts, river events, kids' activities, fireworks and more. (316) 267-2817, WichitaRiverFestival.com

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