New dispatcher hired

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The Norton County dispatch service will be getting a new employee the first of the month.

Sheriff Troy Thomson told the county commissioners on Monday, Oct. 22, that he needed a female dispatcher to replace Jane Engelhardt, who is retiring. He said that he has interviewed and hired Dana Hillebrand and she will start training on Thursday, Nov. 1.

told the sheriff commissioners that he needs to replace Ms. Engelhart with another woman for when he has female prisoners.

He also noted that he has

had very little overtime in his cost about \$1,200 a year, on department, partly because he has enough personnel to cover most of the busy times.

"Theservices we are providing; we can't stop providing," he said. "So we need the staff to keep overtime down. There are times when there's not enough (staff) and times when you have plenty and they're cleaning the kitchen."

He noted, however, that he would pay more in overtime than he pays in regular wages if he didn't have enough employees.

He also told the commissioners that several years ago he decided not to continue with a yearly maintenance contract, which the county's cross match digital fingerprint machine.

However, now he said, the state is changing computer systems on the fingerprinting equipment in their offices, where all the counties send their data. This is going to require Norton County to update its fingerprint computer and that will cost about \$1,000.

He also noted that the system is a bit messed up.

If we have someone who writes five bad checks in a couple of days, he said, and we pick them up, we have to fingerprint them five times one for each check.

City of Norton gets new officer

By Carlleen Bell

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After a resignation from the department, the Norton City Council has approved the hiring of an Assistant Chief for the Norton Police Department.

The city council approved earlier this fall the hiring of Michelle Shannon for the position.

Shannon took over duties as Assistant Chief on Monday.

Originally from Logan, she graduated from Emporia State University in 2003 with a degree in Psychology. After college, she moved to Denver, Colo. where she graduated from Arapahoe Community College's law en-



Michelle Shannon

forcement academy.

In 2004, Shannon attended the Colorado State Patrol Academy

and since then, she has been working as a state patrol officer in the Vail, Colo, region, As a patrol officer, she served as a field training officer and a child passenger safety technician.

Now assistant police chief, Shannon and her husband, Jason have relocated to Norton.

"I wanted to continue my law enforcement career and get back to the area," she said. "My family is here and I wanted to get

Shannon said that when she isn't working, she enjoys playing flute and piano and she and her husband like to play with their three dogs.

Boat Tax

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facilities; inspecting marinas; enforcing vessel operation, sanitation, sound muffling and boating under the influence laws; investigating accidents and thefts; officer training; search and rescue operations; administering boating education and water safety programs; publishing boating information; and appearing at fairs and boat

The department does not receive the property tax revenues. Each county is responsible for how it uses its portion of the

property tax receipts. Boating information is available at

ksoutdoors.com/Boating. Ron Kaufman

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN L. ROACH

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of HELEN L. ROACH, Deceased

Case No. 2012-PR-13 **NOTICE OF HEARING** THE STATE OF KANSAS TO

ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Pamela Ballinger, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Helen L. Roach, Deceased, praying that her acts be approved; that her account be settled and allowed, that the claim of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment be allowed and the estate be assigned to the State of Kansas; that

fees and expenses be allowed; that the

costs be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the Administrator be discharged and that she be released from further liability

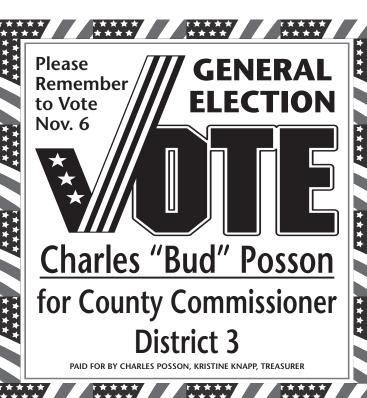
YOU ARE REQUIRED TO FILE your written defenses thereto on or before the 20th day of November, 2012, at 9:15 o'clock A.M. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the

Pamela Ballinger,

R. Douglas Sebelius, #09157 **SEBELIUS & GRIFFITHS, LLP** 105 South Norton Street

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Don't forget to Vote November 6!





TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Romney



Paul Ryan

for **President and Vice President**



Tim Huelskamp for House of Representatives



Preston Pratt for **District Court Judge**



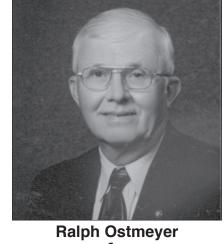
Troy M. Thomson for



Cynthia Joan Linner for **County Treasurer**



R.A. Peterson for County Commissioner **Second District**



for **State Senator**



Travis Couture-Lovelady for **State Representative**



R. Douglas Sebelius for **County Attorney**



Robert D. Wvatt for **County Clerk**



Wanda M. Vincent for **Register of Deeds**



Charles W. Posson for County Commissioner **Third District** PAID FOR BY THE REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE, JOE BALLINGER, TREASURER