

City appointments approved

By **MIKE STEPHENS**
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 The Norton City Council elected Jerry Jones as its new president at its Wednesday meeting and Mayor David Corns' committee appointments were unanimously approved.

The following committee appointments consist of a chairperson, a vice chairperson and a member, and are listed in that order:

Finance - Ron Briery, Jerry Jones and Roberta Ryan.

Utility - Roberta Ryan, Chriss McDiffett and Ron Briery.

Personnel - Chriss McDiffett, Roberta Ryan and Gary Lacy.

Public Safety - Jerry Jones, Jeff Urban and Chriss McDiffett.

Parks/Cemetery - Jeff Urban, Gary Lacy and Jerry Jones.

Public Works - Gary Lacy, Ron Briery and Jeff Urban.

Airport Board - Chriss McDiffett and Jeff Urban.

K.M.E.A Council Representatives - Mayor David Corns, Darla Ellis and Curt Bozarth.

County Commission Council Representative - Roberta Ryan.

Bed Tax Committee Council Representative - Gary Lacy.

Library Board - Mayor Corns.

Solid Waste Committee Representatives - Mayor Corns, Pat Morel and Jerry Jones.

Economic Development Committee - Gary Lacy and Jerry Jones.

Chamber of Commerce Council Representative - Roberta Ryan.

20/20 Emergency Planning Committee - Ron Briery.

The council also approved the following: Darla Ellis as City Clerk, Patty Rowh as City Treasurer, Pat Morel as Chief of Police, Karen Griffiths as City Attorney, Doug Sebelius as City Prosecutor, Mitch Jones as Fire Chief, Cameron Archer as as-

sistant Fire Chief, Jerry Hawks as Municipal Judge, The Norton Telegram as official city newspaper, KQNK as the official city radio station and Dr. Jeff McKinley as City Health Officer.

The Public Building Commission elected new officers as well. Roberta Ryan was chosen president, Gary Lacy vice president and Chriss McDiffett secretary.

Jon Boxler, on behalf of Boxler Insurance Agency and EMC Insurance, presented a dividend check to the city council in the amount of \$9578.51. The Kansas Municipal Utilities Safety Group Insurance program through EMC Insurance includes over 450 cities, and a proportionate share of the total group dividend is paid out to all participants.

Police Chief Pat Morel said the drywall is finished at the new Norton Aquatic Center and is being painted, and two additional plumbers have been hired in order to get back on schedule. Workers are hanging fixtures in the bathroom, and the windows, doors and stainless steel countertop are ready to be installed. Morel said the Diamond Brite finish will be applied next week and the parking lot is near completion. Jerry Jones asked city staff to find out if the slides need to be maintained or polished. He also asked about the landscaping where the dirt is around the swimming pool. Morel said the contractor will slope off the area. Jones also inquired about the cost to turn on the pool heater and warm up the water and stated the thermostat for the heater needs to be locked, so only the pool manager has access.

Other council news:

-Mayor Corns reported the city general sales tax receipts collected in March of 2014

totaled \$16,959.97, the city pool sales tax receipts totaled \$25,439.95, and the county sales tax receipts totaled \$12,087.82, for a total of \$54,487.74. The 2014 year to date sales tax receipts total \$263,590.36.

-waived the formal second reading of Ordinance #1656, designating a stop intersection on South First Avenue at the intersection of S. First and W. Washington St.

-waived the formal second reading of Ordinance #1657, designating yield conditions at a point when approaching Graves Ave.

-waived the formal second reading of Ordinance #1658, designating yield conditions when approaching N. Second Ave.

-approved Appropriating Ordinance #9.

-approved the April 16, 2014, council meeting minutes as written.

-approved the minutes of the Feb. 6, 2013 Public Building Commission.

The following building permits were presented:

Greg Graham - \$200, demolition of garage at 209 S. Wabash First United Methodist Church - \$23,360, re-roof building at 805 W. Wilberforce

Bob VanEaton - \$3,000, construct roof over existing deck at 1020 Truman Dr.

Ron and Jackie Porter - \$17,000, construct building addition at 1021 Churchill Dr.

Thomas Stacey - \$5,000, re-roof and remodel building at 406 S. Second

Norman Nelson - \$40,000, re-roof building at 505 Sunset Ave.

Lynn Ward - \$2,800, construct accessory building at 207 N. Kansas

Garrett Plumbing, Heating and Electrical - \$4,200, street opening at 309 W. Wilberforce

Kindness Unites Us!



For the past few years Norton Community High School Seniors have held a Kindness Unites Us Recognition Night. This event took place last Thursday night with a large crowd in attendance. Three brave seniors got on stage with those they wanted to recognize and read essays they had written about that person who had made a positive impact on their lives. From the left is George Rossi honored by Marisa Maddy then Ashley Hildebrand with her honorees, Candace and Brandon Gay and lastly, Heather Dubois and her honoree Kelli Scott.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Bull riders in Phillipsburg June 7

DeAnn Nelson loves her bull riding.

She loves it so much, last year she and her husband made a 540 mile round trip from their home in Council Bluffs, Iowa to Phillipsburg for the Professional Bull Riders.

And it was worth every mile.

"It's a great little town and the people are very nice, and it was a fun weekend," she said.

The light-hearted woman has always liked bull riding, but when the Professional Bull Riders began more than a decade ago, she was thrilled.

"When they started up the PBR, it was my dream come true, because I go to rodeos to watch the bull riding. It worked out great because then I didn't have to sit through the calf roping anymore," she laughed.

They've been to Professional Bull Riders events all over the year, and someday they'd like to go to the Professional Bull Riders Finals in Las Vegas, Nev., but the budget hasn't stretched that far yet. But they'll be back to Phillipsburg this year.

"We don't usually drive that far, (to a bull riding). That was

the first long distance PBR trip we made. It's such a nice arena, such a nice town, it was just great. We will come back."

She loves the bulls and the riders.

"I like Austin Meier. He actually rode in Phillipsburg last year. Kody Lostroh (who also rode in Phillipsburg), Ben Jones, J.B. Mauney... I can tell you that I don't remember the names of the people I have to deal with every day, and I can remember the riders' names. They're good looking, and from everything I've read, the interviews I've seen, they're all very nice guys. They're nice country boys who believe in God and country and the flag, and respect our troops, and that all means a lot to me."

She loves the bulls, too.

"They are the only hamburger on the hoof that has their own trailers, pens, and special diets. They're living pretty well for an eight second fly on their back."

Last year, DeAnn and husband Darrell Marean drove their '97 Ford F-250 with 252,000 miles on it to Phillipsburg.

"We're a Built Ford Tough

family," she laughed. "We have five Fords in various degrees of age."

And this June, they'll fire up the Ford, hit the road, and end up in Phillipsburg for the Professional Bull Riders.

"I'm not a rabid fan," DeAnn says, "but I do enjoy it. I really appreciate the athleticism of the bulls and the riders. It's an amazing sport."

The Phillipsburg Professional Bull Riders is June 7, beginning at 8 p.m. at the rodeo grounds one mile north of town. Tickets went on sale May 12 through Heritage Insurance in Phillipsburg and can be purchased over the phone. Call 785-543-2448 to purchase tickets or for more information. Keep updated with information at Kansasbiggestrodeo.com and the Facebook page at facebook.com/phillipsburgpr.



Understand life cycle to grow strawberries

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About 75 years ago when I was just a bothersome kid, there was a nice looking strawberry patch over there in the far southwest corner of my Mom's expansive vegetable garden. My brother Max and I were carefully instructed not to go anywhere near that strawberry patch while we were doing our hoeing and watering duties. Like, you know...pick those sweet berries and eat 'em. Max and I spent most of the summer working in the garden, but "leave the strawberries alone!"

The strawberry bed was Mom's strawberry bed. She tended the patch with gusto, and as a result, we ate bowl after bowl of strawberries with sugar and home separated cream. We ate serving after serving of strawberry shortcake. Not to mention strawberries with home whipped cream piled on!

And I will always remember that Mom would complain about her extremely sore back which was always the most noticeable during strawberry tending and picking season. As a result of that memory, I never

planted and tended a strawberry patch. But you know what? I still have a severe backache during most of the gardening season anyway!

As a result, this old gardener doesn't know a whole lot about raising strawberries. I've grown just about everything else (except arugula) including Kuta squash and fingerling potatoes. But my knowledge of growing strawberries is practically nil. And that's kinda sad. Moreover, I've never really understood whether you should plant "June bearing" strawberry plants or those called "ever-bearing." Seems like every strawberry gardener would choose to grow the ever-bearers as opposed to those that only allowed you to pick in June.

Despite my fading memory, I recall that just about all strawberry patches years and years ago were of the Ogallala variety of ever-bearers. They're still available today and are advertised as "producing plump red, sweet berries all season long even in extremely dry conditions." No wonder everyone grew them during the Great Depression, or even today. Nowa-

days, we call them heirlooms.

The J.W. Jung seed catalog people report their best-selling June bearing strawberry today is one called "Wendy," which they say "combines early fruiting with Canadian hardiness." Jung will sell you 25 plants of the Wendy variety for \$11.95. The old Ogallala variety of ever-bearers are available from Jung for \$10.95 for 25 plants.

I do know this much about strawberries. Growing them with success demands that you understand their life cycle. There are numerous types of strawberries, and it is important to know the problems that can crop up with the variety you choose to plant.

I guess I'll still go down to the store and buy a box of pretty good tasting strawberries that were grown in some far off state or country, knowing they would be a whole lot better if I only had some farm separated cream to pour on them.

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Kansas cattle on feed down

Kansas feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.09 million cattle on feed on April 1, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was down slightly from last year.

Placements during March totaled 390,000 head, down eight percent from 2013.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of March totaled 345,000 head, down one percent from last year. This is the lowest March marketings since 1995.

Other disappearance during March totaled 15,000 head, down 10,000 head from last year.

Find agricultural statistics for your county, state, and the nation at www.nass.usda.gov.

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLARA IRENE OMAN

Published in The Norton Telegram on Tuesday, May 6, Tuesday, May 13, and Tuesday, May 20, 2014

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of CLARA IRENE OMAN, Deceased

Case No. 2012-PR-17

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified a Petition for Final Settlement has been filed in this Court by Allen Ray Brassfield, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Clara Irene Oman, deceased, praying that Petitioner's acts as Executor be approved, and that his accounting be settled and allowed; further, that the legatee and devisee under the Last Will and Testament of Clara Irene Oman be determined; that the estate be assigned to the devisee and legatee, entitled thereto, in accordance with said Last Will and Testament; further, that fees and expenses be allowed, and costs be determined and ordered paid; further, that the administration of the estate

be closed and that the Executor be discharged and released from further liability.

The following real property shall be distributed to Allen Ray Brassfield, to-wit: The property commonly known as 611 Williams Street, Alma, Kansas 67622, and legally described as: Stevens 2nd Addition, Block 1, Lot 3 and 4, Acres 1.9, to the City of Alma, Norton County, Kansas.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 29th day of May, 2014 at 9:00 o'clock a.m., in the Norton County District Court, at the Norton County Courthouse, in Norton, Kansas, at which time and place the cause shall be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Allen Ray Brassfield, Executor

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 Attorneys for Executors

HANSEN MUSEUM

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum, Logan, takes great pride in hosting a 16 session water aerobics class. Shari Buss from Logan will be the instructor. Classes will be held June 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 and July 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22 and 24, at the Logan Municipal Swimming Pool from 7-8 p.m. For more information or to register by phone, call 785-689-4846.

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