

Norcatatur woman holds several jobs



IN THE NORCATATUR city office, Clerk Chris Dempewolf worked on the computer.

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Chris Dempewolf of Norcatatur is a busy working woman, who wears several hats in her various occupations.

A lifetime resident of Norcatatur, she is a daughter of Ray D. Thornton and the late Eunice Thornton. She attended school from kindergarten through sixth grade at the Norcatatur Grade School, graduated from Decatur Community High School and completed school at the McCook Beauty Academy as a cosmetologist/nail technician.

Every weekday finds her busy at the Norcatatur City Office, where she serves as city clerk/librarian from 8 a.m. to noon, a position she has held since 1995.

She worked at the Washboard Beauty Salon in Oberlin from 1995 to 1997 and has been at Shelli's Hair Design since 1997, where she works Friday afternoons. She also assists at Prairie Petals on Thursday afternoons and Saturdays.

She is founder/curator of the Norcatatur Museum, which she started in 2005 in the former Norcatatur School. Through her efforts, many interesting items and memorabilia from the area are being preserved. The museum is open from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

She is a past member of the Norcatatur Commercial Club and has been active on several committees, including the Norcatatur Celebration, Decatur Community High School Alumni Association, serving as treasurer; American Cancer Society Relay for Life member and past president; United Methodist Church youth group leader at Norcatatur; calendar committee for Decatur Community High School, Norcatatur Library board member and is a volunteer for the *Norcatatur News Sheet*.

She is also assisting with the newly-organized Decatur County Helping Hands for Healthcare, a program to help people offset medical expenses. She also helps on the Decatur Community High School Family and Consumer Science board, as well helping with the Norcatatur Library Summer Reading Program, and the Elden Auker Park in downtown Norcatatur.

She and her husband, Doug, have two daughters: Sharee, who is taking on-line classes and working in Colby, and MJ, who is attending nursing classes through Colby Community College in Norton.

The family attends the United Methodist Church in Oberlin. She said that in her spare time, she likes to watch sports, read and scrapbook.



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