

On the job...



Norton city crews have been busy cleaning streets of the large piles of snow that accumulated after a spring snow storm.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



# Motorcross track to get city water

By VERONICA MONIER  
The Motorcross Racing Association will get to use city water at its new track.

Councilman Ron Briery said the motorcross association asked for permission to use city water at its new track, located by the county landfill. The association already has permission to hook onto the county's water line and bore across the road.

He said they proposed to charge a 50 cent head tax for every person who goes through gates, except the motorcycle riders who are racing.

Mr. Briery said last year at Elmwood Park Speedway, which also charges a head tax to pay for utilities, just under 703,000 gallons of water was used, which would have cost \$1,718.65 in town and \$1,776.72 out of town.

He said it would be a one-year agreement, which would be renewable each year.

Councilman Jerry Jones said something in the agreement would have to say that if water becomes scarce, then the association wouldn't be able to use it.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said it was already in the contract the association would have to sign.

Also, said Mr. Briery, if the city or rural fire departments need to use water to put out a fire, the association would make its 40,000 gallon water tanks available.

The council agreed to the proposal. The association will charge a 50 cent head tax and will pay for boring under the road.

In other business, the council:  
• Heard from Mr. Jones that July 19 is "Ride Your Motorcycle to Work" day, which is to help con-

serve gas.

• Heard from Jon Boxler, who expressed his concerns over the condition of property which is next to his properties. He said a house owned by Barbara Bangle caught on fire last May and has still not been cleaned up. The property owned by Claire Ann Poage is also a mess, he said. Mr. Boxler said these properties are destroying the value of the adjoining properties.

Mr. Lawson said the properties were some of those being looked at for this year's clean-up project.

• Learned from Councilwoman Elaine Mann that the Norton Manor held a tornado drill recently. The problem, she said, is that you can't hear the sirens from inside the building.

Mr. Lawson said the sirens are to warn people who are outside to take shelter. People inside should hear the warning on television or radio.

Mrs. Mann said it is something that may need to be looked into.

• Heard from Councilwoman Donna Foley that the Public Safety Committee talked about a meth lab awareness program, which is in place. The city will be getting signs to put up around town for the meth watch program.

• Approved the renewal of the Class A Club License for Harmonson Redd Post No. 63 of the American Legion.

• Approved the cereal malt beverage license for Pamida Stores Operating Co., LLC, which will be effective April 2. The license is currently held by Pamida, Inc., but the company was bought and everything will be changed on that date.

## History will be speaker's topic at genealogical society meeting

Professional speaker, author and black historian, Angela Bates of Nicodemus, will be the guest speaker at the 7 p.m. Monday meeting of the Norton County Genealogical Society. It will be in the Community Room of Norton Public Library.

Ms. Bates, an educational consultant, is a descendant of the first

settlers of the, once, all black town of Nicodemus. She also performs first person characters of African American women in the West. Local children will remember her performance of "Stagecoach Mary" at Norton Public Library.

Monday, her topic will be "The History of Nicodemus" and "African American Genealogy".



Angela Bates, seen here in her first-person portrayal as "Stagecoach Mary", is the guest speaker Monday night at the Norton County Genealogical Society. Ms. Bates will be speaking on "The History of Nicodemus" and "African American Genealogy".

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## Trivia to send youth to college

The first Alif Be Khe Scholarship Trivia Night will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Oberlin American Legion hall. Registration of teams begins at 6:30 p.m.

Teams of 5 to 10 members are being formed to compete in the event, which will raise money for scholarships. The winning team will receive a television set and cash prizes.

K-State, KU and Nebraska items, including tickets to spring football games, as well as other

prizes, may be won throughout the evening. Tickets may be purchased for \$1 that night or from any club member prior to the contest. Cost to participate is \$5 per person and concessions will be available.

Everyone is invited to form a team for the competition, which will consist of questions in 10 categories. For details, call Beth Sliter at (785) 475-3234 or any club member.

## GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, sericea lespedeza, Johnson grass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quack grass, Russian, knapweed, kudzu and pignut. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Norton County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

### Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

(1.) Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowners expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,

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Additional information may be obtained from the Norton County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, 901 S. Kansas, Topeka, KS 66612.

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