



Phyllis Willey shows off her hat. The hat sang and danced. Phyllis shared her joyful hat with the residents of the Andbe Home and the Eisenhower Students that caroled at the home on Tuesday.
- Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

City accepts heating bid

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Tuesday evening, the Norton City Council resumed its meeting of December 15, which had been recessed in order to clarify bids received for the heating and air conditioning system at the Recreation Center.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said two local bids were received

for the project. Norton Sheet Metal bid \$8,340 and Garrett Plumbing's, \$7,996.65.

A motion was made by Kim McRoberts and seconded by Justina Smith to accept the lower Garrett Plumbing bid. The motion was approved with Jeff Otter abstaining due to his employment with Norton Sheet Metal.

A request by Ron Kent for utility services for his Norton Ice

Business outside of city limits was approved by the council. The required forms that request service of water and sewer outside of city limits and the consent to annexation were completed by Mr. Kent.

The meeting was recessed to reconvene on Thursday, Dec. 30, at 12:15 p.m. to conduct end of the year business.

School

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Community High School; 214 students, 27 Staff and 24 parents; Norton Junior High; 107 students, 12 staff and 24 parents; Eisenhower Elementary; 89 Students (5th and 6th grade only), 28 staff and 48 parents. Fourteen questions were common on all the surveys with four extra questions included in the survey for the high school and junior high.

Questions that had the lowest percent among the students were:

Students are willing to seek help for personal problems from their teacher(s).

The high school had the lowest with 45 percent of the students responding with yes and 45 percent no. This was closely followed by the parents at 46 percent yes. The

staff response was 56 percent yes.

- Students have a positive attitude towards the school.

Forty three percent of high school students responded by saying yes and 57 percent said no. Junior high students: 49 percent yes, 45 percent no. Eisenhower students: 42 percent yes and 54 percent no. The faculty at all schools ranged from 89 percent yes at Norton Community High School to 100 percent yes at both the junior high and elementary. Among students this question had the lowest yes percentage.

- My ideas and opinions are valued.

This question was the lowest at the high school level with 48 percent of the students responding yes and 52 percent no. High school parents said yes, 62 percent, while

the junior high parents responded with 55 percent yes.

The high school and junior high statement that was the most divided was: There is too much emphasis placed on extracurricular activities.

Fifty five percent of high school and 47 percent of the junior high students said yes. Staff was even more divided with 49 percent of the high school faculty saying yes and the junior high responding 25 percent yes. Parents at the high school said 63 percent yes. Junior high parents said 46 percent yes.

An overall positive census was given to the Norton schools by the survey. The survey was for information only and there were no actions taken at the board meeting on the composited results.

Center

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during the week.

Other activities include providing space for visiting after funerals, wedding receptions, commodity distribution, health clinic screenings, inside garage sales, a farmers market outlet, lunch stand for auctions and meetings and dispatch for the public transportation service and Norton CARES. In addition the space is used to make cookie trays for shut ins, hold fund raisers, gather mittens and food for God's Pantry and Lions boxes, make things for the hospital like tote bags and baby Christmas stockings, provide an area for canning produce and as a social service information station.

The building can be rented for \$35 a day, is handicapped accessible and has been inspected and complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Pabian said.

Ms. Pabian also spoke to the commissioners as the manager and dispatcher for the county's public transportation system.

She said she was asking for the same amount the service got last year and a letter that says the county will pay for part of the costs.

"I'm not going to ask for an increase," she said with a smile.

"I wouldn't get it."

The transportation service, which is for everyone in the county, not just for the elderly, she noted, gets money from the state and federal government as well as the county, which will be asked to

contribute about \$6,000 out of a \$21,000 budget.

Commissioner Applegate, looked at figures of bus ridership and noted that less than one-half of those riding the bus were seniors.

In November, 254 people rode the bus. Of those 112 were 60 or over, 32 were in wheelchairs and 142 were from the general public.

The ridership is increasing, Pabian said. In June, the bus had 196 passengers of which 105 were over 60.

Pabian said that she plans to make sure there is enough money to pay drivers through the end of the budget year, which is June 2011, even if she has to volunteer her time as the dispatcher. Right now, she said, she gets paid \$3,500 a year but is also on call 24/7 and takes calls at home. She also gets money from Norton CARES and the senior meal site.

"We are taking school children and we are also asked to cover Graham County," she said.

The state requires that the service help other counties out, she said, and all five of the Graham County trips have been for people in wheelchairs since the Graham County bus is not wheelchair accessible.

All of those people on those out-of-county trips, which have been to and from the hospital and doctors offices, have given a nice donation for the service, she noted.

There are two ways that the

service can increase the amount of money it brings in, she said. One is sell advertising on the outside of the bus and the second is go to a mandatory fare.

Pabian said that she would prefer the fare since it is hard enough for many people to spot the transportation bus as it is and if it were covered with ads it might be really difficult.

Right now donations are requested for rides, she said \$2 in town, \$5 in the county and \$10 out.

In January every county with bus service will need to have wheelchair access, she said,

"I don't know what Graham County will do then," she said.

Commissioner John Miller suggested checking on the advertising idea to help pay the costs and Commissioner Applegate suggested that ads on the back of the bus might be the way to go.

Pabian said that she doesn't object to advertising inside the bus but would look at other ideas.

Pabian also noted that Norton CARES acts as a backup. When the bus is out she can call on Norton CARES to help people so they will not have to wait too long.

"Most directors aren't willing to take as little as you do and be on call 24/7 to do this work," Commissioner Miller, said.

"I am very satisfied with my job," Pabian said. "It's a challenge to see that we can accomplish what we can with what we have."

SHERIFF'S LOG

October 21

7:07 p.m. Received a call from subject needing an accident report on a deer hit on U.S. 36 and W-4. Told Deputy Land about subject needing a report.

October 22

2:45 p.m. Received a call reporting calves out on W-14 and Rd I. Told Sheriff Thomson, Undersheriff Wenzl and Deputy Annon about the calves.

5:00 p.m. Undersheriff Wenzl took a 911 call about three people fighting on N. Graves just north of the cement plant and more vehicles are showing up. Undersheriff Wenzl told Officer Zweygardt about the fight. At 5:02 p.m. Officer Zweygardt requested another officer be sent to his location, Undersheriff Wenzl and Deputy Annon responded and both were en route.

7:38 p.m. Received a call from subject about hitting a deer on the way into town. She is working at the Norton Theatre and will call when finished working. Told Deputy Annon about the deer hit.

8:08 p.m. Deputy Land left the Sheriff's Office with subject to meet Decatur County at the county line. Deputy Land also took the returned Bench Warrant back to give to Decatur County.

8:17 p.m. Reporting party called in to say there is a dead deer in the middle of the highway just east of Reager. Told Deputy Land about the reported dead deer.

October 23

4:49 p.m. Sent Sgt. Enfield to Elmwood park by the horse barn for a one vehicle accident. At 4:58 p.m. Sgt. Enfield requested dispatch to send Deputy Wahlmeier to his location when he is done picking up supper meals.

11:12 p.m. Received a 911 call about a herd of black cattle out on Highway 36 and W8 and he hit one; it went into the south ditch. Told Deputy Wahlmeier about the accident. Phoned owner and told him cattle were out and one had been hit. He is out of town and but his wife should be home and he will give her a call. Told Deputy Wahlmeier about the contact with owner.

October 24

2:19 p.m. Received a 911 call with static on line and no address available on 911 map. Dialed 911 number back at 2:20 p.m. and received a busy signal. Called a different phone number at 2:43 p.m. and received an answering machine. Called Undersheriff Wenzl in reference to 911 call and inability to reach anyone, address is on Road E-4. 911 caller called back at 2:49 p.m. and reported that everything is fine and call was an accident. Informed Undersheriff Wenzl about the return call.

October 25

7:57 a.m. Answered a 911 call from subject saying she had hit a deer on Highway 36 by Eagles Road. Told Deputy Annon about the call.

October 26

12:34 p.m. Received a report of two horses out on KQNK Road. One horse is white and the other is red. Called possible owner and she said it sounded like her horses and she will be en route now to check. Told Deputy Wahlmeier about the horses.

3:56 p.m. Received a report from Decatur County dispatch in reference to two trucks driving erratic on Highway 36 eastbound into Norton. Told Deputy Land about the drivers.

October 27

9:17 a.m. Received a report of a gold colored older model four door sedan with a female driver who is southbound from mile marker 190 on Highway 283 and is reported as traveling at a very high rate of speed. Told Deputy Annon and Wahlmeier about the call.

5:08 p.m. Received a call in reference to a white belly dump truck traveling west bound on Highway 383 from mile marker 103 with gravel flying out of the back end and spraying vehicles. Told Undersheriff Wenzl and Deputy Land about the dump truck.

October 28

4:48 p.m. Deputy Annon, Wahlmeier, Land and Undersheriff Wenzl went to the jail area to conduct a shakedown. The deputies left the jail area after the shakedown at 5:15 p.m.

7:41 p.m. Received a 911 call from subject in Almena wanting to report a driveby shooting, he heard

a loud noise outside his house and did not see what kind of vehicle. Told Undersheriff Wenzl about the call.

8:17 p.m. Received a 911 call saying there is an older dodge pickup driving around by the football field that is driving fast and she is worried he will hit some kid. Told Undersheriff Wenzl about the call.

October 29

4:23 a.m. Received a call from Phillips County in reference to a 911 call about a transient just west of mile marker 131 on Highway 36. The transient flagged down the reporting party and said he had two broken legs but wouldn't say how they were broken. Called Deputy Annon about the call from Phillips County and he said if we got more calls to call him back. Phillips County called back and advised that their deputy checked on the transient and everything is fine and his ride should be there in 30 minutes or so.

10:20 a.m. Received a call from subject reporting a suspicious vehicle coming and going at a residence in Lenora. Told Deputy Land about the report.

October 30

12:08 p.m. Received a 911 call reporting four red steers out just east of Highway 36 and Highway 60 junction. Told Deputy Wahlmeier about the steers.

2:07 p.m. Received a 911 call from a female subject reporting a black Angus cow out on Highway 36 just east of mile marker 126.

October 31

6:53 p.m. Received a call from subject needing an officer at her parents residence in New Almelo. Someone broke in sometime this weekend while her parents were gone. Told Deputy Wahlmeier about the call.

November 1

3:30 a.m. Received a call reporting cows out at mile marker 127 on U.S. 36. Checked to find owner. Undersheriff Wenzl checked on cattle. Received another call saying that there were no longer any cows out on the highway.

9:15 a.m. Received a call saying that a dog in Almena has been killing cats. Undersheriff talked to reporting party about the problem.

3:46 p.m. Received a report of burgundy Kenworth pulling a grain wagon that is weaving all over the road and passing on hills on Highway 383 westbound into Norton.

November 2

12:24 p.m. Advised Sheriff Thomson of a possible suicidal subject. Sheriff enroute to scene.

1:03 p.m. Received request for traffic control on E2 from the Prairie Dog to U.S. 36 for burning off grass. Checked with Rural Fire Chief Steve Otter to make sure that approval had been given for controlled burn.

1:34 p.m. Received a call requesting traffic control in the afternoon when cattle are moved across Highway 383 from the north, 1 mile east of the east U.S. 36-Highway 383 junction.

1:36 p.m. Received a call saying that there were several black and brown cows out at U.S. 36 at E2 just each of Ag Valley's new construction site. Deputy Land will check. Deputy called back asking for traffic control while cattle are moved across highway.

2:49 p.m. Received request for a controlled burn on E13 and Highway 383. Contacted Fire Chief Leo Graham and he approved the burn.

3:30 p.m. Called Deputy Land to do a vehicle inspection.

6:13 p.m. Received a call that a girl had side swiped a state pickup. Dispatched Sgt. Enfield to take the accident report. The officer requested a wrecker.

6:42 p.m. Received a 911 call that an ambulance was needed for

a 74-year-old man who had fallen about three feet off of a ladder.

6:58 p.m. received a 911 call from a man who said there were people in his house and they were pushing him around and were up in his face. He said that the people were outside now and he had locked the door. Sgt. Enfield was dispatched to check.

7:43 p.m. Advised Sgt. Enfield that there had been a complaint on three barking dogs.

8:59 p.m. Received a call that an intoxicated driver was on the street at the stop light and was possibly going home. Sent Sgt. to check.

November 3

7:34 a.m. Received a call that a driver had hit a big fawn and moved it off the highway but that it was still alive. It was three miles south of Highway 9 about 1/4 mile north of the cell tower. The driver didn't think he had any vehicle damage. Called Game Warden Dick Kelly to check on the deer.

10:36 a.m. Received a call requesting Game Warden Dick Kelly check on a deer, which was acting strangely.

10:40 a.m. Received a call that a deer had been hit three to four miles west of Norton. The driver was at the truck stop.

12:02 p.m. Man arrived at sheriff's office to check and refill fire extinguishers.

12:59 p.m. Received a call from a person wanting a salvage tag for a deer that was just east of the Dam Road on U.S. 36. Deputy Land responded.

1:25 p.m. Received a report of a deer that was possibly injured in a field by Road E2 and U.S. 36. Deputy Annon checked out report.

1:35 p.m. Received a call that an Almena woman's life line had been activated because she fell and could not get back up. Asked Norton Emergency Medical Service to respond.


1:46 p.m. Received another report of a possible injured deer in a field just each of Norton.


2:23 p.m. Received a call asking to have an office available in 30 minutes to assist with traffic control while cattle were moved across U.S. 36 seven miles each of Norton. Deputy Land responded.


4:06 p.m. Received a call about an erratic driver on U.S. 36 heading west into Norton from the prison area.


5:39 p.m. Received a call about a deer, that was hit this morning. Driver said they just need a report. Deputy Wahlmeier repounded.


LODGE NOTICES


**American Legion**
Harmonson Redd
Post No. 63
Second and Fourth Monday
7:30 p.m.
Darren McMullen, Commander
Curt Archibald, Adjutant

**Eagles Lodge**
FOE 3288
Second and Fourth
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Larry Hawks, President
Secretary, Vacant

**Sons of the**
American Legion
Second Monday
7:30 p.m.
Steve VanDerVeen, Commander
Doyle Brooks, Adjutant

**Veterans of**
Foreign Wars
Reg. 7:00 p.m.
First Mon. of each Month
Curt Archibald, Commander
Joe Ballinger, Quartermaster

**I.O.O.F.**
No. 157
Meet at Eagles Club
First and Third Thursday
Each Month at 7:30 p.m.
Geneva Tier, Noble Grand
Randy Knoll, Secretary

**The American**
Legion Riders
Post 63
Meet at 5:00 p.m. at the
American Legion Building
on the Second Sunday
of Every Month
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