



The mountain of boxes being shipped to Iraq stood almost as tall as Tom Brannan. Mr. Brannan and his wife, Cathy, packed and shipped 20 boxes of school supplies to their son, Sgt. Jason Brannan, who is on his second tour of duty in Iraq. Sgt. Brannan wanted to do something to help a school in the area he patrolled before leaving Iraq in April.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Sunshine gets help for improvements

(Continued from Page 1) who need somewhere for their children to go during the day.

Councilwoman Elaine Mann said Sunshine was a good thing, but she didn't know if it affected the entire community.

Economic Development Director Diane Becker, who was at the meeting, said there were grants available for non-profit day cares, but they took awhile to get. Possibly, the Sunshine could apply for some of them in the future.

Councilman Jerry Jones said he is in favor of them painting the outside of the building as it might encourage other building owners in downtown Norton to fix up their buildings. However,

he didn't feel like the city should be paying for it.

In the end, the council gave Sunshine \$7,000 for capital improvement projects from the Hansen money with a 4-2 vote. Mr. Briery, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Mann and Councilman Jim Williams voted yes and Mr. Jones and Mrs. Foley voted no.

In other business, the council:

- Will be putting a question on the April utility bill asking the public if they would be in favor of a bond issue for a new swimming pool. Mr. Briery said one of these days the pool is not going to be repairable and he didn't want to have to tell people that they wouldn't be opening the pool because of it.

The question will have a yes/no response that people can mark in some way and send back in with their bill.

• Set the Parks Committee meeting for 5 p.m. on Monday, March 3. The committee will be discussing the restroom project.

• Set the Public Safety Committee meeting for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 3. The committee will be discussing the information gathered from the police department for a requested stop sign and will be talking about a potential safe ride program for the public.

Mr. Jones said they needed to come up with a way that all major events are covered by safe ride.

Norton council gives itself a raise

(Continued from Page 1) help people with the cost of tearing down dilapidated buildings.

• Learned that Mr. Corns will be signing a proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month.

• Appointed Kirk Nuzum as the assistant fire chief for the Volunteer Norton Fire Department.

• Adopted Resolution 3-2008, amending the city's employee handbook regarding the New Year's vacation. City employees will now have two days off for New Year's like they do for Christmas.

Mr. Jones said when they revised the handbook in 2005, they thought they were revising both the Christmas and New Year's holidays. But only Christmas was changed in the handbook.

City Attorney Karen Griffiths said by giving the employees the extra day off, the city would have to pay the employees who have to work, such as the police department, time and a half. She said that was also not budgeted.

Mr. Jones said he felt this would be a good thing for the city's employees.

• Were reminded that the Mofet property demolition hearing would be at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5 in the council room. Mrs. Griffiths said economic development would be bringing a proposal at that time for the property.

• Learned that the police department gave presentations to the three fourth grade classes at Eisenhower on consequences.

Police Chief Pat Morel said the department was available to give presentations to groups who wanted them.

• Heard from Mr. Lawson that the contractors were finishing the punch list at the sewer plant and that it should be completed soon. He said the warranty at the plant would begin as soon as the council approved the project's completion.

Mr. Lawson said the bids have been sent out for both the library project and the new line shop. Also, he said they core drilled the streets in the Valley Vista area and now know that a milling machine will not work for the project.

• Authorized staff to advertise for part-time summer help and swimming pool staff.

Community helps children in need

(Continued from Page 1) an interview on the radio; and he needs to talk to the paper."

Items sent included: notebooks, note pads, construction paper, pens, pencils, paint sets, crayons,

rubber bands, glue, calculators, pencil sharpeners, stick pens, staples, folders, back packs, copy paper, markers, scissors, compasses and protractors.

Sgt. Brannan is expected to

return home in late April or early May. He will have a 30-day leave when he returns. If possible, he plans to bring one or two men from his company home with him to Kansas.

Walk Kansas offers low-cost benefits

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• Most of those who enroll meet their goal. And, people who have participated in the program in recent years often will say they look better, feel better, have more energy, improved sleep habits, lower blood pressure, lose weight and notice a difference in how their clothes feel.

• Regular moderate physical activity also is known to reduce the risks of heart disease, diabetes and some cancers, including colorectal and breast cancer, Jackson said.

The cost to participate is affordable, she said. A \$5 registration fee covers program materials and weekly newsletters with food, nutrition and health tips and recipes. An optional T-shirt — this year's color choices include lavender and grey — also can be purchased.

In 2008, the "Healthy Eating for Life" series of cooking videos is being expanded to include instructions for roasting summer vegetables, making crispy, whole

grain waffles and a roast turkey panini sandwich.

The cooking videos are practical, said Jackson, who offered the example of the tips for using leftover roasted vegetables to create a dinner salad, oven casserole or homemade pizza.

The videos will be added to the Web site (www.walkkansas.org) during the 2008 program, Jackson said.

The fitness program has typically proved popular with families, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

Don't know others who are interested? Call the local Extension office and ask to be paired with

others looking for a team.

"It's a great way to meet new people," said Jackson, who noted that during the six-year history of the program as many as 60 percent of the participants in Walk Kansas have had no prior experience with Extension programs.

More information about registration for Walk Kansas 2008 is available at county and district K-State Research and Extension offices and on the Walk Kansas Web site: www.walkkansas.org and Extension Web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu.

The Norton County Extension office can be reached at (785) 877-5755.

Farmers favored on trucking regulation issue; state backs down

The Kansas Corporation Commission no longer considers transportation from the farm field to the country elevator as interstate commerce, unless you actually cross a state line.

Congressman Jerry Moran said, "A farmer is a farmer, not a trucker. It is unrealistic to expect our producers to maintain the same standards as that of someone whose sole job responsibility is the transportation of goods throughout Kansas and America."

The commission, which regulates transportation in Kansas, had sought to change that designation using the logic that eventually, that grain will be shipped from state-to-state. Doing so would have brought the farm truck under a host of new regulations that, until now, have been reserved only for commercial over-the-road truckers.

"Ever since farm trucks were invented, we've hauled grain from the farm to the elevator and it's

worked great," said Kansas Senator Steve Morris (Hugoton), who serves as president of the Senate.

The commission has created new policy guidelines and is reviewing the case law they had relied upon to change their initial interpretation.

The bottom line — when it comes to the way farmers and ranchers operate and manage farm trucks, it's business as usual across Kansas.

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•PUBLIC NOTICE• ORDINANCE NO. 1571

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board entitled "Revitalization Plan" and each and every part thereof is, in all respects, approved, authorized, confirmed and adopted by the City of Norton as the Revitalization Plan for the City of Norton, County of Norton, Kansas, such Plan to be in force and effect on and after February 6, 2008. A fully executed copy of such Revitalization Plan shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk and shall be available for inspection by the public at any time during regular business hours.

ORDINANCE NO. 1571 ADOPTING A NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS, AND ALL PROVISIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR INTERLOCAL COOPERATION WITH NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS AND ALL PARTICIPATING PUBLIC AGENCIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A PROGRAM FOR NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION.

WHEREAS, The Kansas Neighborhood Revitalization Act as set forth in K.S.A. 1996 Supp. 12-17, 114 et. seq. authorizes and empowers the Governing Body of the City of Norton, Kansas (herein CITY) to designate any area within the CITY as a Neighborhood Revitalization area if the governing Body finds that one or more of the conditions described in K.S.A. 1996 Supp. 12-17, 115 (b) exists thereby encouraging and facilitating the rehabilitation, conservation and redevelopment of any such designated area and also thereby protecting and promoting the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the CITY; and,

WHEREAS, the CITY, pursuant to the aforesaid statute, has found and determined that all area and land lying within the corporate limits of the CITY is eligible for designation as a Neighborhood Revitalization area; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the CITY hereby determines it necessary and advisable to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Norton County, Kansas (the County) for the purpose of considering, adopting, and coordinating a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, and establishing a Neighborhood Revitalization Fund for the purpose of administering the redevelopment fund and to provide rebates as provided by law.

SECTION 2. EXECUTION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT. The City is hereby authorized to enter into, execute and deliver an Interlocal Agreement with Norton County, Kansas under which the City, County, and all participating public agencies shall cooperate in the consideration, adoption, and coordination of a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, and the establishment of a Neighborhood Revitalization Fund, upon the terms and condition as set forth in said Agreement.

SECTION 3. EXECUTION OF REVITALIZATION PLAN AUTHORIZED. The City shall, and the officers, agents and employees of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take such action, spend such funds and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary and desirable to carry out and comply with the provision of this Ordinance and to carry out, comply with and perform the duties of the City with respect to the Interlocal Agreement, all as necessary to carry out and give effect to the terms of the Agreement.

SECTION 4. AUTHORITY FOR ADOPTION. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Kansas Neighborhood Revitalization Act, as set forth in K.S.A. 1996 Supp. 12-17, 114 et. seq.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after the date of its approval and adoption as shown below and its publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Norton, Kansas on the 6th day of February, 2008.

David N. Corns, Mayor
City of Norton, Kansas

ATTEST:
Darla R. Ellis,

APPROVED AND ADOPTED. The four (4) page document produced and present at this meeting of the Governing