

# Council

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the position of meter reader, due to the upcoming retirement of the current meter reader. Vote taken, motion passed.

- Lawson reported that Jim Frack submitted a letter stating that due to unforeseen circumstances, he has withdrawn his offer for the 1994 Ford, which the city council had approved the purchase of during the last city council meeting.

- Jeff Otter reported the Public Safety Committee met with the code inspector regarding some definitions which he would like to have added into the City Code. The Code Inspector has obtained definitions from other cities and would like them added in order to clarify some issues. Jeff Otter asked the City Attorney and Code Inspector to meet to review the issues and then meet with the Public Safety Committee.

- Otter reported the Police Chief obtained bids from three local licensed gun dealers for three shotguns for his department. A motion was made to accept the low bid from Vern's Gun Room for 3 Remington 870, 12 gauge pump shotguns at a total cost of \$912, to be paid from budget line item 01.11.359. The council discussed the purchase with Roberta Ryan asking why it was necessary. Police Chief Pat Morel said shotguns are needed in the six police vehicles, there are currently three that have shotguns.

He said there are certain situations where a shotgun is needed to protect the public. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to approve change order 3 for the contract with Downey Drilling for the well renovations. The change order adds the USDA Rural Development requirements to the Downey Drilling contract, to make the expenditures eligible for USDA reimbursement. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to adopt Resolution 4-2010, authorizing improvements to the city public water supply system; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof. The estimated cost of the project to be funded by USDA is \$3,862,500. A portion of those costs shall be payable from the proceeds of general obligation bonds of the City in an amount not to exceed \$3,234,000, with the balance of said estimated costs to be paid from a USDA Rural Development grant in the amount of \$628,500. Vote taken, motion passed.

- Lawson reported the Airport Board discussed the 20 year master plan, which includes three new hangars, a helicopter landing pad, new approach lighting at the ends of the runway to allow for GPS landings, a lighted wind sock and electric and water line upgrades. They also discussed the possibility of extending the runway an additional 500 feet.

The items will be submitted to the FAA and KDOT for possible funding through government fund matching programs.

- Lawson stated Dan Steffen from the Department of Commerce and James Foster with the Office of Rural Opportunity will help the city develop a five year plan and vision statement.

- A motion was made to have Lawson proceed with setting up a meeting with Steffen and Foster to help the City develop a five year plan and vision statement. Vote taken, motion passed.

- Lawson stated Downey Drilling has completed the wellfield project. The city will need to decide how much in liquidated damages they will require due to the project not being done by the deadline.

- Jerry Bantam would like to move the personnel in the timing tower at the racetrack to the northwest corner of the grandstand. The issue will be discussed at a parks committee meeting.

- Mayor Corns appointed Kim Snyder to the KMEA Director 2 Board position. Motion was made to accept the appointment. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to have the city staff advertise for bids on the sewer plant aeration. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made by Donna Foley and seconded by Toby Kuhn to have city staff contact at least three qualified engineering

firms for a price quote to design a new engine cooling system for the power plant, which includes a complete set of specifications and drawings. Vote taken, motion passed.

- Foley said the Utility Committee met with several individuals to discuss various utility issues and the City will be discussing this further.

- Insurance bids were requested for the business protection policy for the city. The city requests bids every three years. Boxler Insurance was the only agency that submitted a bid. A motion was made to approve the bid from Boxler Insurance for the city's business protection policy in the amount of \$101,977. Vote taken, motion passed.

- Toby Kuhn stated the city received a letter from Greg Mann, to inform the city that USD 211 is choosing to exercise its option of extending the lease on its offices at 105 E. Waverly for another five years.

- A motion was made to approve the annual contract for a "testing only maintenance agreement" with Fire Alarm Specialist, Inc. for the Norton Recreation Center, at a cost of \$380. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to have the city pay Nex-Tech for the installation of a security system at the library, at a cost of \$226. The library will pay the monthly charge thereafter. Vote taken, mo-

tion passed 4-0 with Donna Foley abstaining due to her employment with Nex-Tech.

- Toby Kuhn stated representatives from the Norton Public Library met with the Finance Committee to request a 1 mill increase for the operation of the library. The library is currently limited to 6 mills, which was set in 1998. A motion was made by Toby Kuhn and seconded by Kim Snyder to have the city attorney prepare a Charter Ordinance to increase the mill levy limit from 6 mills to 7 mills for the Norton Public Library. Vote taken, motion passed.

- Kuhn reminded everyone that on March 22, the Finance Committee will meet with the Mayor of Atwood to discuss their experiences with the use of inmate labor for various projects in their community. It will be at 5:15 at the Economic Development Office.

- Roberta Ryan stated the annual Chamber Banquet and Winner's Circle have been scheduled. They are trying to set up the Golf tournament for May 14, and discussed the Moving Wall. The Car Show will be July 9-10 and they are planning on a beer garden again during that event.

- Motion was made to approve Norton Elmwood Park Racing Association's use of the grandstand area for consumption of cereal malt beverages during the sanctioned race dates of March

28, April 10, April 24, May 8, May 22, June 12, June 19, July 10, July 31, August 1, August 21, September 4, September 5 and September 18, 2010, as per Section 3-103(e) of the Norton City Code. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to approve the cereal malt beverage license for Jerry Bantam, doing business as Norton Elmwood Park Racing Association, to have a beer garden in the grandstand area in Elmwood Park, during sanctioned races for the 2010 race season. Vote taken, motion passed.

- A motion was made to move into executive session at 6:34 p.m., for a period of time not to exceed 20 minutes with the mayor, city council, city attorney and city administrator present for discussion of non-elected personnel. Vote taken, motion passed. The council resumed in regular session at 6:54 p.m. No motions were made as a result of the executive session.

- A motion was made to approve the renewal of the Class A Club License for Harmonson Redd Post 63 of the American Legion. Vote taken, motion passed.

The next Norton City Council meeting will be held March 31 at 5:30 p.m. at the city office, 301 E. Washington St.

All meetings are open to the public.

# EMS

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The basement is currently unfinished but is holding training equipment. The staff has used the basement for training purposes as well. Pomeroy said the stairs have been very useful for training purposes.

"We improved the training system at Norton County Emergency Medical Services by 1,000 percent," Pomeroy said.

Emergency Medical Services moved to the new ambulance barn in March. Wyatt said planning for the project began in 2004. Construction started in March of 2009.

The facility was funded through

a \$283,750 community development block grant, \$650,000 from county bonds, a \$200,000 loan from Prairie Land and \$450,000 in C.O.P bonds.

The new ambulance went into service March 12 and made its first transfer March 13 to Hays, shortly after emergency medical services moved into their new building. The unit is a 2009 Chevy and is the main transport unit for Norton County Emergency Medical Services.

Wyatt said the new ambulance was paid for with an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant. The unit cost was \$144,989.

"This was 100 percent paid for with a grant. No taxpayer money was used," Wyatt said.

Lifeline Emergency Vehicles manufactured the unit, which was built to match the other Lifeline Emergency unit used by Norton County. The new unit is equipped with a 6 foot ceiling, unusual for an ambulance, but Wyatt said it is easier to work in and better for transporting patients. Transport times can vary in rural areas with most transfers going to Kearney or Hays from Norton County.

Wyatt said there is also a CD/DVD player, and the staff will try to offer different selections for its patients.

"Whatever we have available, we will offer it," she said.

Another feature is the LED emergency lights, which are brighter and crisper than other lights.

Wyatt said there were 83 transfers to other hospitals, 94 standbys and 321 patients were transported in 2009.

Norton County Emergency Medical Services has three units in Norton, one in Lenora and one in Alma. Last year 83 transfers were done, and Wyatt expects more will be done this year.

"I do foresee that it will be used more," she said.

# Scanner

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vascular studies. The new CT scanner arrived at Norton County Hospital in September of 2009. Since then it has been used an average of 65 times per month, indicated Bartels.

In addition to reducing the need for biopsies or exploratory surgeries, and providing far more accurate test results with less patient discomfort during testing, the new equipment can ensure radiology staff keeps the patient's exposure to radiation at a minimum.

"Our goal is to have available state-of-the-art equipment for

our patients," explained Rich Miller, Norton County Hospital administrator/CEO. "A 16-slice scanner is our commitment to provide the highest level of technology in our rural hospital."

Other imaging services offered at the Norton County Hospital include:

- Ultrasound
- Mammography
- Diagnostic radiography & fluoroscopy
- EKG and Treadmill testing
- Mobile MRI
- Mobile Echocardiography
- Mobile Nuclear Medicine
- Mobile DEXA Scanning (bone density)

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Norton Community High School**  
**Monday, March 22**  
High school cheerleader try-out practice 7 a.m. - Stull gym - 3/22 to 3/26

Å.P. - Jay singers  
A.P. - Math Assessment Prep 6 p.m. High school Cheer parent meeting

**Tuesday, March 23**  
7:30 a.m. Jay Singers  
A.P. - Math Assessment Prep  
A.P. - KAYS

**Wednesday, March 24**  
8 a.m. FFA Livestock and Horse contest at Oakley  
3 p.m. NHS induction at Stull gym

4:15 p.m. Golf and Track Media, Photo day  
5 p.m. Site council: Band room; joint meeting with junior high council

**Thursday, March 25**  
A.P. - FCCLA meeting  
7:30 a.m. Jay singers  
7:45 a.m. S.I.T.  
3 p.m. Forensics at Smith Center

A.P. - KAY meeting  
A.P. - math assessment prep  
7 p.m. 8th grade parents meeting: music room

**Friday, March 26**  
A.P. - Artist of the month  
9 a.m. FFA Ag. Entrepreneur Fair at Atwood

A.P. - Math assessment prep  
Jazz Band rehearsal  
**Saturday, March 27**  
7:30 a.m. Forensics at Ellis  
6:30 p.m. Norton FFA Chapter Banquet at junior high gym

All Day: Regional music solos and small ensembles  
**Norton Junior High**  
**Monday, March 22**  
4 p.m. Scholars Bowl 7/8 at Hill City

A.P. - Basketball, Wrestling, Cheer Letter Awards  
**Tuesday, March 23**  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Cheerleaders Dance

**Wednesday, March 24**  
5:30 p.m. Site Council: band room, joint meeting with high

school  
**Thursday, March 25**  
7 p.m. 8th grade parents meeting in music room

**Eisenhower Elementary School**

**Monday, March 22**  
5:30 p.m. Site Council

**Wednesday, March 24**  
7:30 a.m. SIT

**Thursday, March 25**  
3:40 p.m. 5/6 Grade Level Meeting

**Friday, March 26**  
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Early Childhood Screening

**Norton High School and Junior High Menu**  
**Monday**  
Breakfast: Cinnamon bun, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast w/ margarine and jelly, milk

Lunch: Chicken strips, whipped potatoes w/gravy, carrots, roll w/ margarine, pineapple chunks or chef salad, milk

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast: Coffee cake, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, milk

Lunch: Pizza Casserole, garden salad, breadsticks, rosy applesauce, or chef salad, milk

**Wednesday**  
Breakfast: Long john, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, milk

Lunch: Pig in a blanket, green beans, coleslaw, lime jello w/pear, peaches, or chef salad, milk

**Thursday**  
Breakfast: Coffee cake, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast w/margarine and jelly, milk

Lunch: Ham slice, scalloped potatoes, roll w/margarine, peaches, brownie, or chef salad, milk

**Friday**  
Breakfast: Breakfast pocket, fruit or juice, or cereal, toast w/ margarine and jelly, milk

Lunch: Hamburger on a bun, lettuce or tomato, french fries, pears, or chef salad, milk

**Eisenhower Elementary School**  
**Monday**  
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs,

ham, pears, grape juice, milk  
Lunch: Corn dog, tater tots, baby carrots, fruit cocktail, cookie, milk

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, rosy applesauce, orange juice, milk

Lunch: Scalloped chicken, corn, sweet heart pears, celery stick, dinner roll, milk

**Wednesday**  
Breakfast: Fruit crispitos, grape juice, milk

Lunch: Beef and noodles, whipped potatoes, green beans, mandarin oranges, cheese rolls, milk

**Thursday**  
Breakfast: Warm cereal w/toppers, orange juice, milk

Lunch: Beef burrito, cheesy broccoli, rosy applesauce, blonde brownies, milk

**Friday**  
Breakfast: Chilled yogurt, bagel w/cream cheese, apple juice, milk

Lunch: Tuna noodles, warm peas, peaches, pepper strips, dinner roll, milk

**Northern Valley Schools**  
**March 15th through March 25 - East Coast trip**  
**Monday, March 22**  
1:30 p.m. Junior High music contest recital in LI

**Tuesday, March 23**  
6th grade state math assessments

7 p.m. High School music contest recital in Alma

**Wednesday, March 24**  
6th grade state math assessments

TBD - G.N.E.C. Music Contest at Logan

8 a.m. Oakley District horse evaluation and livestock contest

**Thursday, March 25**  
6th grade state math assessments

KPERS meeting at Hays  
TBD - High School Forensics meet at Smith Center  
7 p.m. FFA Chapter banquet in the gym at Alma

High School Regional solo and Small Ensemble Contest at Oberlin

TBD - High School Forensics meet at Ellis

6 p.m. Norton FFA banquet - Northern Valley students help serve.

**Northern Valley Menu**  
**Monday**  
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, ham, hashbrowns, toast, orange juice, cereal

Lunch: Hamburger on a bun, french fries, baked beans, rosey applesauce

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast: Breakfast casserole, toast, pineapple, cereal

Lunch: Pizza, tossed salad w/ dressing, buttered broccoli, tapioca pudding

**Wednesday**  
Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, scrambled eggs, applesauce, cereal

Lunch: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, french bread, mixed vegetables, frosted banana

**Thursday**  
Breakfast: Ham and cheese biscuit, hashbrowns, apple juice, cereal

Lunch: Sierra chicken, tossed salad w/dressing, buttered beets, peach crisp

**Friday**  
Breakfast: Crumb top muffin, peaches, sausage links, scrambled eggs, cereal

Lunch: Fish sandwich, tri-tator, buttered carrots, spice cake (milk with all meals)

**Lenora School Menu**  
**Monday**  
Breakfast: Ham, french toast, juice, milk

Lunch: Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, chocolate cake, fruit, milk

**Tuesday**  
Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy, juice, milk

Lunch: Sub sandwich, chips, relishes, cherry crisp, milk  
**Wednesday**  
Breakfast: Sausage, cinnamon

toast, juice, milk  
Lunch: Ham and beans, cornbread, applesauce, cookie, milk

**Thursday**  
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, cereal, juice, milk

Lunch: Hamburger gravy,

whipped potatoes, peas, peaches, milk

**Friday**  
Breakfast: Smokies, pancakes, fruit, milk

Lunch: fish, baked potato, fruit, cookie, milk

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