

Shedding a little light

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The Norton County Road and Bridge building has little light at night but with a little luck that's going to get fixed soon.

Emergency Management Director Justina Smith, who has her office at the road and bridge building, asked the county commissioners at their meeting on yesterday, if she could get a light fixture for the front of the building.

"I thought it was lit by street lights," Commissioner Charles Posson said.

"Not really," Ms. Smith said. She went on to say that there is a box but no fixture on the front of the building and hopes that she can just have one of the road and bridge crew put up a fixture to provide lighting.

Ms. Smith said that since she holds meetings in the evenings to accommodate those who work during the day, it's important that there be more light. Meetings usually start about 7

p.m. and run to 8 to 9 p.m. Lighting on the front of the building should benefit both her office and the road and bridge department, Ms. Smith said, even though road and bridge doesn't come in much at night.

"I think you should (get a light)," Commissioner R.A. Peterson said. "It's a safety issue."

Commissioner Posson warned Ms. Smith that she needs to have the lines checked before buying a fixture because they could have been cut or removed. He suggested having one of the county crew check to see if they are working.

She said she would do so and check to see what the cost of the lighting would be.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Agreed to a mutual aid agreement with the hospital to provide water in case of an emergency.
- Said that the county burn ban is still in place. Anyone wanting to burn should contact

their fire chief.

• Were told that a fire district meeting with almost all the fire department in the county was successful and the departments have drawn up a job description for fire fighters.

• Were told that the road and bridge department has some sand bags available in case of need and that the top of the ramp at the building, which had broken concrete, has been repaired.

• Discussed training since Ms. Smith is planning a classroom seminar for an evening, so that the volunteer firefighters can attend, on pipeline safety. There are several pipelines that run through the county, she said.

• Heard that she will be going back to 30 hours a week. She was working 40 hours a week to catch up from the time she was helping out with the road and bridge department and the sheriff was helping with emergency management.

Time for county flu shots

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The Norton County Commissioners met with Gina Frack of the Norton County Health Department and Floyd Richards of the Road and Bridge Department at last Monday's meeting.

Frack came in to discuss how the commissioners wanted to take care of the county employees flu shots this year. In the past, about 30 employees took advantage of this and she gave a list of names to the county and they covered 80 percent of the cost. The other 20 percent is the responsibility of the employee. She wanted to know if they wanted her to do it the same

way this year and they agreed that would be fine.

Commissioner R.A. Peterson asked if she had ever tracked whether or not those that got the shots ever ended up with the flu and she stated that would be impossible because in order to verify it, lab work would have to be done on them all and this is a lot of time and money. Before leaving she stated that she planned on returning next week to discuss some new things that she will be working on.

Road and Bridge Manager, Floyd Richards also visited with the commissioners. He turned in two bids for tree trimming at the request of David Van Patten.

The bids came from Abel Tree Service and Rhea Tree Service. There was a large difference between the two bids and the commissioners agreed to accept the lower bid from Rhea Tree Service.

Richards also reported that the work on KQNK was complete and that five loads of rock was put on the road between K and J to take care of the wash outs in the bottoms of the very steep hills. Putting rock on road E10 was also mentioned due to washouts and the commissioners agreed this would be a good thing to do.

Landfill gives county update

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John Miller of the Norton County Solid Waste Department met with the Norton County Commissioners last Monday to discuss the goings on at the landfill.

Miller reported that he and Brian Smith had attended a Household Hazardous Waste Course and both passed. Better enabling them to do their jobs efficiently and safely.

A lot of work is being done in the area so rock had to be dumped around the landfill to fight the weather which was making things very muddy. Whitney Construction has been working on tearing a house down in Almema and they need

to get in and out to dump, so by using the rock it enabled everyone to keep the loads coming.

Miller also stated that the landfill got most of the debris from the tearing out of the swimming pool. He strongly encourages everyone to separate the loads, wood, metal, trash and trees. If it is all mixed together then it has to be dumped into the construction and debris pit which is filling up fast enough as it is. "The contractors have been good about separating what we don't want in the pit, for the most part, they have been doing really good." Miller stated.

They have been working on the pits. The North and South sides are done and now they are

working the middle. By compacting the debris they think they will have plenty of room. With this year's numbers that is great. As of now, 399,784 pounds per month of trash have been brought in and 86,000 pounds per month of recycling material have been brought in, giving the landfill a recycling rate of 21.7 percent. When talking about the recycling Miller stated that there really isn't a market for plastic but they are still taking it. He read about a company called TREK that makes patio flooring out of plastic bags and wood chips so he plans on looking further into that as an avenue for disposing of the plastic bags that fill the landfill.

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-Economic Development met and discussed the Ryan Addition project. Over 200 surveys were submitted for the downtown market study and the results will be available soon. The possibility of a bowling alley or family fun center was also discussed.

-Brad Hopkins was elected as Economic Development Board President and Deena Wente was elected Vice President.

-Donna Foley thanked Mayor David Corns for granting permission to block off Elmwood Park and approving the alternate route for the Valley Hope Color Run, when the original

route became unavailable.

-Jeff Urban stated he has observed constant abuse of the dumpsters down by the street shop. He said people who are not city residents are dumping there, including people from other counties and states. Urban would like to look into doing away with the dumpsters altogether. It will be discussed further in committee.

-waived the formal second reading of Ordinance #1645, amending Section 13-205 of the City Code, as to the cutting of curbs, the curb cutting deposit, and curb cutting standards within the City of Norton.

-waived the formal second reading of Ordinance #1646, adopting Section 15-430 of the City Code as to the disposal of wastewater sewer sludge

-waived the formal first reading of Ordinance #1647, authorizing two handicap spaces at the 100 block of E. Lincoln St. for the Norton County Museum.

-approved Appropriating Ordinance #18 as a whole.

The following building permits were presented:

Robin Somers - \$14,000, re-roof residential building at 507 N. Norton

John Mathes - \$2,800, replace deck at 906 Crestview

Seven

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This week's entries
The fourth week's entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday and received in the mail no later than Monday or you may bring them to the Telegram office before 5 p.m. on Friday.

See the Pick-Em page advertisement in today's Telegram

for this week's high school and college games.

The fan who picks the most winners during the 12-week contest will receive \$50 in scrip money plus an engraved trophy.

Scores of last week's games were:

Northern Valley 56, Hill City 22

Phillipsburg 14, Oakley 6

Smith Center 38, Oberlin 8
Thunder Ridge 58, Logan 12

Norton 28, Plainville 8
Florida 31, Tennessee 17

Kansas 13, Louisiana Tech 10

Nebraska 59, South Dakota State 20

Notre Dame 17, Michigan State 13

Texas 31, Kansas State 21

Up in smoke...



The Norton County Rural Fire Department and the Norton County Sheriff responded to a vehicle fire at mile-marker 112 on U.S. 36 on Wednesday afternoon. The vehicle, a red 1988 Dodge pickup, started losing power, according to the driver, Astelle Hawkins of Norcatur, and fire was coming from the engine compartment. She pulled over and the truck became fully engulfed in flames, resulting in a total loss of the vehicle. There were no injuries to the driver or passengers and the fire crews quickly extinguished the flames.

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 Buy tickets at the door or in advance at the Prairie Museum

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\$250 seating eight people
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6p.m. - BBQ
 8p.m. - Manly's Boys Opening Act
 10p.m. - Barn Crow Band Headlining Performance
 Junior Traeger Wood Pellet Grill Drawing, must be present to win

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