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What's up at the Airport

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Cole Norton with a 1973 Beechcraft F33A

INDEPENDENCE – Cole Norton of P&N Flight and Charter was selected this fall to be the Interim Manager of the Independence Municipal Airport.

P&N was founded in 1966 is based at the Marion Airport. They have a long history of training new pilots and offering charter services. At the beginning of October P&N expanded their Flight School to the Independence Airport (KIIB). They have four Flight Instructors and as of early December 8 local students. For Norton, working out of the Independence Airport has been “business as usual.”

“We are working to fulfill tenant requests,” he said. “We’re making [the airport] more accessible to them.”

One of the project priorities for 2018 is a new self-service fueling station. Another project coming up is extending taxiways around current and future hangars.

Norton said he does not have any immediate construction plans as a long-term plan is “well established.”

As the name implies, P&N Flight and Charter currently offers Flight Training and Charter services at the Independence Airport, in addition to managing the airport (i.e. hangar rentals, snow removal, general aviation services and maintenance), but not for long.

“We look forward to providing more services pending a more permanent business relationship.”

Currently the Interim Airport Manager contract is month to month.

“We want to grow the airport by training new pilots,” Norton said. “Business and community growth will follow.”

Norton said P&N strives to exceed FAA rules and regulations, while giving personal service to a client according to their schedule.

“Things are going really well,” he said. “I just want to get up in the air more.”

P&N has been offer introductory flights to those interested pursuing a pilot’s license. More information may be found on the website, www.fly-iowa.com, or at P&N Flight and Charter - Independence Airport on Facebook or by calling them at Highlights info row image

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