

# County road and bridge turns in report for 2004

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan recently gave the Norton County Commissioners a report on what his department did in 2004.

The report said the 22 full- and part-time road and bridge employees were paid a total of \$485,829 in wages, \$74,616.99 in fringe benefits such as sick leave, vacation, holiday and funeral pay, and \$226,404.24 in other benefits including retirement, social security and health insurance.

In 2004, the department bought two Mack trucks for a total of \$67,000.

The report said 5,378.13 tons of asphalt millings were purchased from Sporer Land Development for \$2/ton for a total of \$10,756.25 and 14,968 tons of millings were bought from Venture Corporation for \$2.45/ton, totaling \$36,672.74.

Also, 3,366 cubic yards of gravel was purchased for a total of

\$2,524.50.

The report said the department spread millings on approximately 54 miles of county road with an average cost per mile of \$3,090.12, while gravel was spread on approximately 30 miles of county road for an average cost per mile of \$678.09.

Bridge repair cost the department \$1,615.17 in labor, \$5,401.60 in materials and \$1,066.48 in equipment for a total of \$8,083.85. Bridge construction totaled \$28,283.69 for labor, \$14,987.62 for materials and \$18,242.51 for equipment, making the total cost \$176,071.26 plus \$16,893.95 for engineering. For federally aided bridges, the department spent \$52,470 on construction costs and \$45,935.59 on engineering costs for a total of \$98,405.59.

For countywide operations, including labor, equipment and ma-

terial, the department totaled \$63,844.32 in administrative and office costs, \$1,083.14 for asphalt and chip sealing, \$250,595.30 on bridge construction, \$10,594.15 on bridge maintenance, \$22,498.13 for work at the landfill, \$152,068.43 for grading and checking roads, \$130,690.29 on shouldered and ditches, \$42,448.25 on culverts, \$146,395.67 for mowing and tree control, 78,389.55 to haul and spread gravel, \$208,176.10 to haul and spread millings, \$33,580.95 on equipment repair, \$7,311.93 for equipment service, \$45,742.04 for shop and yard projects, \$9,778.76 on signs, and \$11,092.40 for snow removal, which all came to a total of \$1,214,289.41.

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The Lenten season officially began with Ash Wednesday. Richard McKenna, left, receives ashes from Father Vincent Thu Laing during evening mass at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Norton. — Telegram photo by Charlotte Stephenson

## Deer, ice cause of several accidents

On Jan. 16, Cory R. Martin, 16, and passenger, Bobby Dole, 20, both of Almena, were driving north on Norton County Road E-14 when Mr. Martin lost control of the vehicle on an icy road. The 2004 Chevrolet Blazer slid into a ditch on the west side of the road and struck the embankment which caused the vehicle to then spin around and face south. It is unknown if seatbelts were used, however no injuries were reported. Estimated damages were over \$500.

Charlene M. Weskamp, 63, Norton, was driving east on U.S. 36 when a deer came out of the north ditch. She was unable to avoid the animal. Damage to the

2004 Chevrolet Suburban in the Jan. 17 accident was estimated to be over \$500. Seatbelts were used and no injuries were reported.

An accident on Jan. 20, was also due to deer crossing the road. Betty A. Sheley, 70, Norton, was driving a 1993 Chevrolet four-door north on U.S. 283, when a deer came out of the east ditch. She was unable to avoid the animal. Passenger, Geneva L. Persinger, 88, Norton, and Ms. Sheley were wearing their seatbelts and neither was injured. Estimated damages to the vehicle were over \$500.

On Jan. 26, Mable Bohl, 80, Norton, was driving a 1991 Plymouth four-door passenger car when she failed to notice a 2000

Dodge Neon stopped at an intersection on Wilberforce and hit the other vehicle from behind. Myron Bietz, 70, and Sherland Bietz, 60, both of Norton, were unhurt. Seatbelts were used in both vehicles and estimated damages were over \$500.

A non-injury accident on Jan. 29 involved Charles M. Brown, 16, Norton, and Walter L. LeBeau, 71, Norton. Mr. Brown was driving east on U.S. 36 and attempted to make a left hand turn onto N. Second St., but failed to yield to Mr. LeBeau, who was traveling west on U.S. 36. Mr. LeBeau was wearing his seat belt however, Mr. Brown was not. Estimated damages were over \$1000.



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Recipients of the scholarships must agree to return to the Phillips County Hospital to serve in their professional capacities for at least one year for each year the scholarship is awarded. If there are no openings in the hospital, recipients must offer their services to the Norton County Hospital.

The scholarships are adminis-

tered by the board of trustees of the Phillips County Hospital, which is managed by Great Plains Health Alliance.

After receiving applications, an interview will be set up with the trustees.

To request an application write Health Scholarships, Attn: Human Resources, Phillips County Hospital, Box 607, Phillipsburg, Kan. 67661.

Deadline for applications is Monday, March 7.

22nd Annual

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