

Committee closer to vision statement

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton City/County Economic Development Committee is a lot closer to coming up with a vision statement after Wednesday's meeting.

With a little help from Project Manager Don Ballek, who is with the Department of Commerce Business Development Division, the committee now has a focus on what it wants to improve in the county and cities — job creation, downtown areas and housing.

The committee built on the fact that in the county there is a good industrial and business base, good schools, low crime, a good environment, a good corporate and community attitude, and the attraction of the Elmwood Park race track and Sebelius Reservoir.

In five to ten years, the committee wants to see a new industrial park, better and higher paying jobs, more small industries, possibly more organic and smaller farms, more cooperation between all of the taxing entities, more young people moving to the county, and maintaining the downtown areas and making them more attractive.

To do these things, the committee decided it needed to focus on job creation, the downtown areas, and housing.

The goals to improve these things were: job creation — having a unified website between all of the taxing entities in the county, hiring an economic development

director to expand and maintain the existing businesses, and taking advantage of the resources of a rural community; downtown — help existing businesses to thrive, helping those who want to retire find someone to take over their business, finding each town's strengths and capitalizing on them, and improving the appearance of each community's downtown area; and housing — finding funding, grants and programs to help pay for revitalization of housing, tearing down the houses that are falling down, and rebuilding houses and building apartments, duplexes and fourplexes.

Mr. Ballek said the county and its communities have a tremendous amount of assets.

"There is a lot of opportunity here," he said. "And the cooperation already shown will go a long way toward reaching your goals. I really feel like your three areas of economic development are all worth pursuing."

Mr. Ballek said it was an ambitious work plan, but the committee is already doing what it needs to do to get things done.

"You basically have the foundation for your vision statement done," he said. "Now all you need to do is write it using the three areas you've chosen."

He said nothing was set in stone and the committee could change its goals in the future if it needed to.



It's all part of the job...

A Norton city crew spent last Friday cutting trees back away from a power line on KQNK Road. Richard McKenna made sure the bundle of branches was tight so that Mike Cliff could haul them up out of the creek area. —
Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

PUBLIC NOTICE

Alcoholic beverages in Norcatour city limits

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ORDINANCE NO. 249

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NORCATOUR, KANSAS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Norcatour, Decatur County, Kansas, that:

Section 1: It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, serve or dispense any cereal malt beverage or alcoholic beverage in any public place not licensed to sell, serve or dispense such beverage at such public place within or under the jurisdiction of the City of Norcatour or at a public place that is so licensed but does not have a required permit.

Section 2: It shall be unlawful for any person to drink or consume a cereal malt beverage or alcoholic beverage in any public place not licensed to sell and serve such beverage for public consumption at such public place within or under the jurisdiction of the City of Norcatour or at a public place that is so licensed but does not have a required permit.

Section 3: For the purpose of this section the term "public place" shall include upon any street, public thoroughfare, public parking lot or any privately-owned parking area made available to the public generally, within any parked or driven motor vehicle situated in any of the aforesaid places or upon any property owned by the State of Kansas or any governmental subdivision thereof, unless such

property is leased to others under K.S.A. 12-1740 et seq. If the property is being used for hotel or motel purposes or purposes incidental thereto or is owned or operated by an Airport Authority created pursuant to Chapter 27 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated or upon property specifically listed in Section 4; and the selling, serving, dispensing, drinking or consuming of cereal malt beverages or alcoholic beverages is by or with the permission of the lessee of the City of Norcatour or that person's guests.

Section 4: The following-described property with title vested in the City is exempt from Section 3 above:

Inside the old Norcatour school building, which is located upon the following-described real estate:

Section 5: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR on this 21 day of February, 2005.

Doug Dempewolf,
Mayor

ATTEST:
Chris Dempewolf
City Clerk

Educational programs deal with caretaking

By BYRON HALE and CYNTHIA DIXSON

Kansas, like many other states, has an aging population, according to the current Kansas Statistical Abstract. And, with the aging Baby Boomer population this number will rise drastically in the coming years.

If you are the caretaker of an aging parent, or an aging person facing life decisions, like moving to a care facility, this program is for you.

Caretakers are faced with issues from paper work, to finances, to health care on a daily basis. This is a difficult life stage for all involved.

A pair of educational programs designed to educate caregivers is set for April 21, at the Gateway in Oberlin and on April 22, in Hays at the First Presbyterian Church.

The program, Full Circle — An Aging Expo, with its two locations, has been designed to provide information to caregivers in Northwest Kansas. There are many topics on the program ranging from dementia, to long-term care insurance, to prescription drug programs.

The keynote speaker is Scott Teeselink, from Kansas Farm Bureau. His address is about identity theft and personal safety. A trade show will offer additional oppor-

tunities to gather information and develop networks.

Continuing Education Units are available for caregivers. The registration deadline for both locations is April 12.

Check with local county transportation authority to see if transportation arrangements can be made to attend this program.

With advance arrangements, adult daycare may be provided at

local nursing facilities, so caregivers may attend this program.

For registration and further information, about Full Circle — An Aging Expo, contact your local County Extension Office, the Decatur County Extension Office at 785-475-8121, the Ellis County Extension Office at 785-628-9430 or the Northwest Area Extension Center in Colby at 785-462-6281.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL Dodge Truck Sale

New 2005 Dodge Ram 3/4 Ton Quad Cab — Short box 4 wheel drive, Atlantic blue with gray cloth, SLT, 5.9 liter H.O. Cummins Turbo Diesel, automatic overdrive, tilt, cruise, power seat, windows, locks and trailer tow mirrors, trailer tow package, stereo with CD player, keyless entry, chrome wheels.

New 2005 Dodge Ram 3/4 Ton Quad Cab Short Box 4 Wheel Drive — Flame red with silver lower two-tone, SLT, gray cloth, 5.9 liter H.O. Cummins Turbo Diesel, automatic, air, tilt, cruise, power seat-windows-locks, trailer tow mirrors, stereo with CD player, tow hooks, shift on the fly transfer case, trailer tow.

New 2005 Dodge Ram 3500 Single Rear Wheel Quad Cab Long Box 4 Wheel Drive — Two-tone mineral gray with bright silver lower and gray cloth seating, H.O. Cummins Turbo Diesel, H.D. 6 speed manual, anti spin, tilt, cruise, power windows-locks, trailer tow mirrors, stereo with CD player, protection group, trailer tow group, keyless entry.

New 2005 Dodge Ram 1500 Regular Cab Short Box 2 Wheel Drive — Solar yellow with gray cloth seating, SLT, sport group, Rumble Bee group, 5.7 liter Hemi V-8, 5 speed automatic, air, tilt, cruise, power seat-windows-locks-mirrors, stereo with CD player, trailer tow group, 20" polished wheels, keyless entry, Rhino liner.

1991 Ford 1/2 Ton Club Cab 4X4 — Blue and gray color with blue gray 40/20/40 seats, power windows-locks-mirrors, tilt, speed, air, cassette radio, 81,000 miles.

2004 Dodge Durango SUV 4 WD — Bright silver metallic with gray leather 7 passenger seating, SLT, 4.7 liter, V-8, automatic, front and rear air, heating, tilt, cruise, power seat-windows-locks-mirrors, stereo with CD player, touch shift transfer case, sunscreen glass, keyless entry, aluminum wheels, 16,000 miles.

2003 Jeep Liberty Sport 4 Dr., 4 WD — Summit white with gray cloth bucket seats, 3.7 liter V-6, automatic, air, tilt, cruise, power seat-windows-locks-mirrors, stereo with CD player, styled steel wheels, keyless entry, 18,000 miles.

2001 Chevrolet Suburban 1/2 Ton 4 WD — Summit white with neutral leather interior, Lt decor, 5300 V-8, automatic, climate control with front and rear air and heating, tilt, cruise, power seats, heated front seats, center bucket seats, power windows-locks-mirrors, stereo CD player with rear seat audio, running boards, On-Star, auto-ride suspension, trailer tow, sunscreen, keyless entry, aluminum wheels, new tires, 63,000 miles.

2004 Dodge Dakota Quad Cab 4 WD — Bright white with gray cloth bucket seats, SLT decor, 4.7 liter V-8, 5 speed automatic, air, tilt, cruise, power windows-locks-mirrors, stereo with CD player, bed liner, aluminum wheels, keyless entry, 23,000 miles.

2004 Dodge Ram 1/2 Ton Quad Cab Short Box — 4 WD, bright silver metallic with gray cloth 40/20/40 seating, SLT, 5.7 Hemi V-8, 5 speed automatic, air, tilt, cruise, power windows-locks-mirrors, stereo with CD player, keyless entry, trailer tow, chrome wheels, 23,000 miles.

2003 Dodge 3/4 Ton Quad Cab Short Box 4 WD — Patriot blue with silver lower two-tone, gray cloth 40/20/40 seating, SLT, 5.9 liter Cummins Turbo Diesel, automatic, air, tilt, cruise, power seat-windows-locks-mirrors, stereo with CD player, 5th wheel ball, nerf bars, bed liner, new tires, 44,000 miles.

1996 Dodge 1/2 Ton Regular Cab Long Box 4 WD — Light jade pearl with gray cloth 40/20/40 seating, ST decor, 318 Magnum V-8, H.D. 5 speed manual, air, tilt, cruise, AM/FM stereo, 95,000 miles.

2001 3/4 Ton Quad Cab 8' Box 4X4 — Diesel, silver gray premium cloth seats, power windows-locks-mirrors, cassette and CD radio, aluminum wheels, keno box liner, keyless entry, cruise, nerf bars.

1996 Nissan XE 1/2 Ton 2 WD — 4 cyl. with automatic transmission, air conditioner, cassette radio, red color, gray cloth seats, kino liner, local owner, 19,000 miles.

2002 Dakota Quad Cab 2 WD — V6 automatic transmission, Atlantic blue with gray 40/20/40 seats, AM/FM/CD sound, power windows-locks-mirrors, speed control, tilt, aluminum wheels, 31,000 miles.

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