

Tearing down the walls



Norton County Commission Chairman Richard Thompson, left, and his son, Brian, tore down a wall in the Heaton Building Saturday morning. The building was donated to the Norton County Community Foundation, and will hopefully be turned into apartments once it is remodeled.

- Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Accident report

Monday, Feb. 23 — Sheriff's deputy Scott Bohl responded to a deer-related accident on Highway 383. Steven Rewerts, Hastings, Neb., was driving east on Highway 383 when a deer came onto the road. Mr. Rewerts was unable to avoid hitting the deer. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000. Martha Rewerts, also of Hastings, was listed as a passenger. No injuries were reported.

Wednesday, Feb. 25 — Under-sheriff Rich Wenzl responded to a deer-related accident on Lenora road. Jade Baalman, Hoxie, was driving north on Lenora road when a deer came onto the road. Ms. Baalman was unable to avoid hitting the deer. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

Friday, March 6 — Sheriff's deputy Scott Bohl responded to a deer-related accident on

Highway 383. Charles Vstecka, Almena, was driving east on Highway 383 when a deer came onto the road. Mr. Vstecka was unable to avoid hitting the deer. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

Friday, March 6 — Sheriff's deputy Scott Bohl responded to a deer-related accident on Highway 383. Steven Seifert, Monument, Colo., was driving east on Highway 383 when a deer came onto the road. Mr. Seifert was unable to avoid hitting the deer. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000. Diane Seifert and Ben Seifert were listed as passengers in the vehicle. No injuries were reported.

Saturday, March 7 — Sheriff's deputy Scott Bohl responded to a one-vehicle accident on Road L. Andrew Wells, Norton, said he was driving on Road L when he dozed off. His vehicle

entered the ditch on Road W 13. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

Sunday, March 8 — Sheriff's deputy Pat Douglas responded to a deer-related accident on Highway 36. Dennis Corbin, Norton, was driving east on Highway 36 when a deer came onto the road. Mr. Corbin was unable to avoid hitting the deer. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000. No injuries were reported.

Friday, March 13 — Under sheriff Rich Wenzl responded to a one-vehicle accident on Road L. Kegan Vanover, Norton, pulled out of his driveway spinning his tires and lost control of his vehicle, which ended up in the south ditch. Damage was listed as more than \$1,000. Clay Vanover, Norton, was listed as a passenger. No injuries were reported.

Commissioners approve purchase

The Norton County Sheriff's office will be getting a new vehicle soon, thanks to action taken by the Norton County Commission at its March 9 meeting.

The commissioners approved the purchase of a 2009 Dodge Charger for \$22,452.60 from Odessa Ford in Kansas City. There were two other bids, a 2009 Chevy Impala for \$21,748 from Money Chevrolet, Hill City and a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria from Tubbs and Sons, Colby for \$22,928.64.

Though it was not the lowest bid, Sheriff Troy Thomson said he felt the Charger would be the best purchase because the Impala doesn't hold up well to all the driving and it has a low ground clearance.

In other county news:

- The commissioners had a

telephone conference call with Rob Mahoney from Haake Companies about the county's health reimbursement account. Mr. Mahoney said he felt a health savings account would be more beneficial.

The commissioners approved having Mr. Mahoney set up a health plan for 2010.

- Walt Hill, Executive Director of High Plains Mental Health, gave the commissioners a report on sources of revenue, budget, annual comparison of clients served and mill levy comparison. Mr. Hill said the state funding is still unknown, and that there may be as much as a 50 percent cut to High Plains. He said he is asking the counties in north-west Kansas to maintain their current funding levels.

- Tom Brannan, Norton County Road and Bridge supervisor,

presented contracts for bridge structure OS83.

The total cost will be \$28,000. Norton County will pay only \$7,000 of the total, with the rest of the money coming from the state from the stimulus package.

Mr. Brannan said his crews are continuing to run the reclaimer, do road maintenance where needed and hauling the material for chip and seal projects that will be done in the spring.

- Cynthia Linner, Norton County Treasurer, said a deposit was made for the business and machinery equipment tax slider in the amount of \$20,911.57, and a deposit for the railroad tax for \$525.94 was also deposited.

No more business was brought before the commission, and the meeting was adjourned.

PUBLIC RECORD

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. The traffic and criminal cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

Traffic

March 19 — Kimberly Leiker, Abilene, speeding 27 in a 20 mph school zone, fine \$100, court cost \$75.

March 19 — Brittany Otter, Norton, speeding 39 in a 30 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

March 19 — Hiren Patel, Oklahoma City, speeding 36 in a 20 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$75.

March 19 — Shelly Nicholas, Arapahoe, Neb., speeding 34 in a 20 mph school zone, fine \$124, court cost \$75.

March 19 — Roy Skrdlant, Norton, speeding 44 in a 30 mph zone, fine \$54, court cost \$75.

March 19 — Richard Goulet, Fergus Falls, Minn., speeding 31 in a 20 mph school zone, fine \$106, court cost \$75.

March 19 — Chance McMullen, Norton, stop sign violation, fine \$60, court cost \$75.

March 19 — Jenna Rolland, Hays, speeding 38 in a 30 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

March 19 — Lindsey Tacha, Norton, stop sign violation, driving in violation of restrictions. Community service in

lieu of fines and costs. To pick up all trash weekly in Elmwood Park, March 19 through October 31, 2009.

March 19 — Thomas Huber, Norton, failure to have insurance, fine \$100, court cost \$75.

March 19 — Brandon Bullcock, failure to provide verification of insurance. Dismissed as verification provided.

March 19 — Joanne Eagleburger, Norton, stop sign violation, fine \$60, court cost \$75.

March 19 — Bradley Anderson, domestic battery. To receive one year probation, and must successfully complete counseling. \$200 Assessment fee, \$100, Diversion fee, court cost \$75.

March 19 — Amanda Hageman, Norton, defective headlamp and failure to provide verification of insurance. Both dismissed. Court cost \$75.

March 19 — Shawn Sheldon, Scott City, driving under the influence of alcohol. Dismissed by City Prosecutor.

March 19 — Catrina Kuncles, speeding 29 in a 20 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse. Traffic, criminal

and wildlife parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid. Limited action and small claim cases are reported only after the defendant is served.

Traffic

March 19 — Nathan R. Bischoff, Burr, Neb., speeding 79 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$63, court cost \$66.

March 19 — Joseph J. Black, Colby, failure to provide verification of insurance, fine \$234, court cost \$66.

March 19 — Steven G. Fugleberg, Mayville, N.D., speeding 65 in a 55 mph zone, fine \$39, court cost \$66.

March 19 — Randy J. Hisey, Albuquerque, N.M., speeding 82 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$86, court cost \$66.

March 19 — Todd O. Stampfer, Oberlin, speeding 80 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$69, court cost \$66.

March 19 — Kent C. Thornton, Copeland, speeding 94 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$180, court cost \$66.

March 19 — Shannon C. Titus, Colby, failure to use child safety restraints systems and seat belt, fine \$69, court cost \$66.

March 19 — Joyce J. Tremblay, Hoxie, speeding 80 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$69, court cost \$66.

Stopping for a visit



Albert Runnion, right, spoke with Duane Wray about his woodworking hobby Saturday at the Farm Toy and Collectible Show sponsored by the Norton Methodist Men at the National Guard Armory. Mr. Runnion uses several different types of wood for his pieces. His wife, JoAnn, does glasswork.

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