

Arts council schedules Vietnam Moving Wall

The Norton County Arts Council, Inc. is sponsoring the display of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, The Moving Wall.

It will be arriving in Norton on Sept. 22 and be available for viewing Sept. 23 through Sept. 27.

While the Norton County Arts Council is the liaison between the sponsor and the media, President Carol Erlenbusch said, "This is

very much a community affair. We hope to involve as many people and organizations throughout the county as possible. This is our chance to show honor and respect to those that made the ultimate sacrifice."

Many volunteers are needed to make the event a success. Requirements of the display include constructing a level platform for the wall plus planning various

ceremonies while the wall is on display.

Mrs. Erlenbusch invites any interested person or organization to attend a planning meeting on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Norton American Legion.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are willing to volunteer your talents, please contact Carol at 785-877-5611 or stop by First State Bank in Norton.

Innovative system created by resident in rural Kansas

By **RON WILSON**

Director of the Huck Boyd National Institute

Need a lift? No, I'm not talking about giving hitchhikers a ride. I'm referring to an innovative hydraulic jacking system which allows grain bins and other cylindrical towers to be lifted into place as they are constructed. This ingenious system is being utilized around the world, but it was created and produced in rural Kansas.

Wes Bainter is the founder and owner of Bainter Construction, which created and produces this innovative jacking and lifting system.

Wes has been described as a "prolific inventor." He is an entrepreneur with deep roots in rural Kansas. In fact, Wes lives on ground which his family homesteaded more than a hundred years ago east of Hoxie.

Wes went into the construction business after school and found that he loved it. In 1972, he started his own construction company in Hoxie. Today, Bainter Construction includes several businesses. One specializes in the construction and operation of senior independent living complexes. Wes has an apartment complex under construction in Cimarron and is already operating complexes in such rural communities as Hoxie, Smith Center and Hill City, population 1,543 people. Now, that's rural.

These senior apartment complexes include dining and meeting rooms plus roomy, two-bedroom apartments that are wheelchair and scooter accessible with no-

step shower stalls.

Wes said, "This allows our older citizens to continue to make their own decisions and live independently. Since there's no government money that goes into these, there are no regulations that would keep a family member from living with them, for example. We offer a lot of flexibility and service."

Bainter Construction also specializes in the hydraulic bin jacking business. Wes designed and patented a system for lifting and building grain bins. He started out building grain bins on western Kansas farms, but today his business has gone global.

"We have a patented jacking system for nearly every cylindrical tower-type structure made in the U.S.," he said. The system starts with a center support and a rolling stairway. Curved metal panels are bolted into a ring, which the hydraulic jacks simultaneously lift into place until another ring can be placed below it. As the process is repeated, the round metal bin is essentially lifted up into position.

Today, Bainter Construction makes the jacking system for both on-farm and large commercial construction. A set of 40 commercial jacks, for example, can build a 105 foot diameter bin weighing up to 500,000 pounds.

The Bainter Hydraulic Grain Bin Jacking System is used from coast to coast and around the world. Wes said, "We have 95 percent of the all the (bin jacking) business in this country, and we've shipped them to every continent in the world except the Antarctic." Gee, I think those pen-

guins should get a grain bin.

In the U.S., grain bins are used for storage and export. In countries such as Israel, grain bins are used for storage of imported grains. In both cases, grain bins are an essential part of the operation, and the Bainter system is utilized.

Wes Bainter's innovative mind continues to work. When skid loaders became popular several years ago, many attachments were developed for them. The only such trencher, however, would dig only while backing up. Wes said, "For our construction, we needed that trencher to dig forward so we could see exactly where it needed to go." Wes designed such a piece of equipment, and now his patented trencher sells coast to coast.

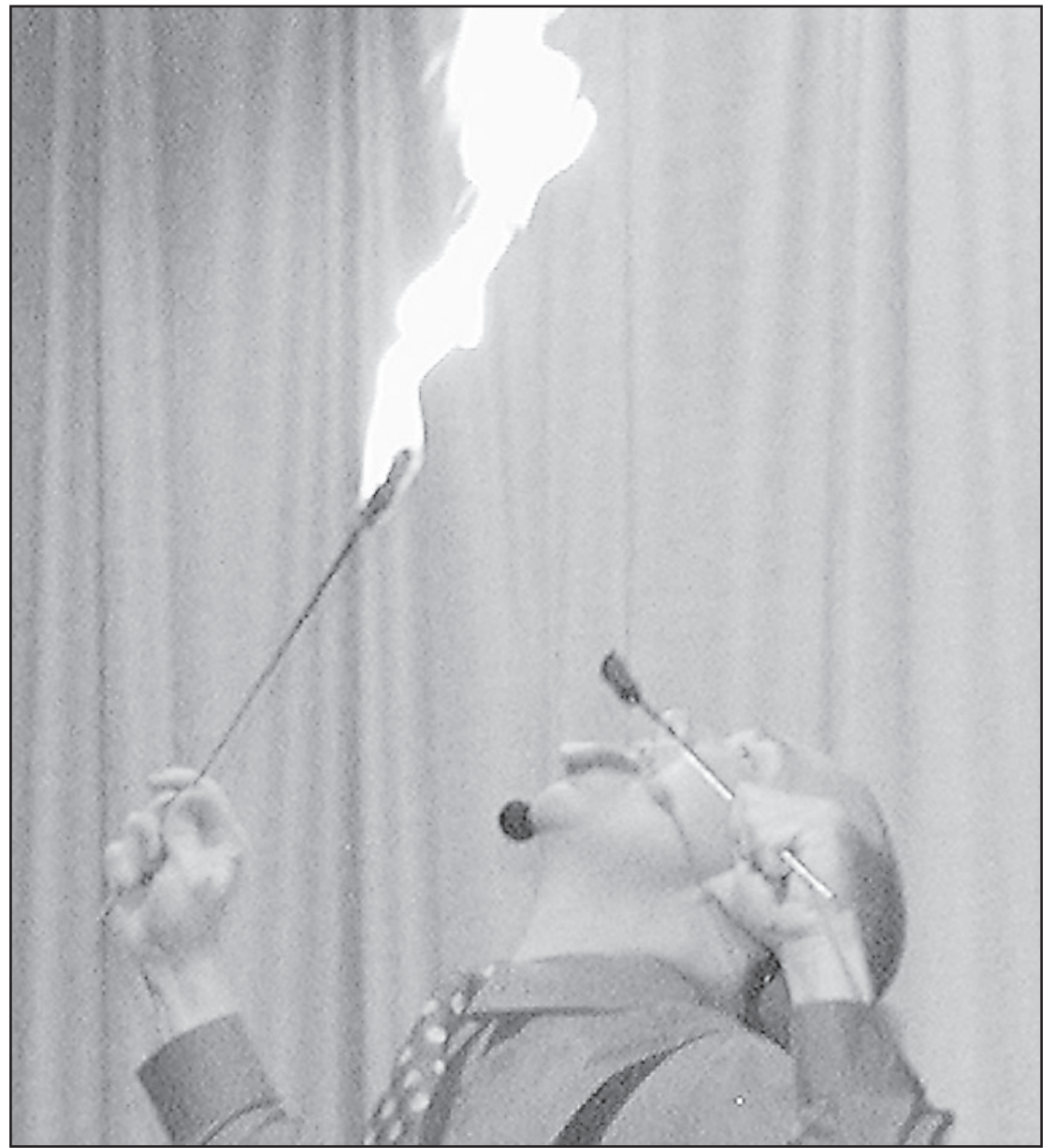
"We've got to build our business in these rural communities if they're going to survive," Wes said. "We're trying to help our community and serve our fellow man."

For more information, go to www.bainterconstruction.com.

Need a lift? No, not a ride to town. I'm referring to this innovative hydraulic jacking system from Hoxie, Kansas which is being used around the globe. We commend Wes Bainter for his entrepreneurship and innovation, which is making a difference for rural Kansas. Not only is his hydraulic jacking system lifting grain bins, it is helping to lift rural communities.

And there's more. Wes Bainter's innovation now extends into your kitchen. We'll learn about that in next week's Kansas Profile.

Hot to the touch



Richard Holmgren's Flying Debris show played to a small but enthusiastic crowd at Norton's East Campus on Feb. 11. Earlier in the day, he had performed at Eisenhower Elementary School.

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Sheriff's Log

January 20

7:25 a.m. Received a call from reporting party of a black Chevy Avalanche sitting on Rd I

8:17 a.m. Advised Deputy Land of an abandoned black Chevy Avalanche on Rd I

10:31 a.m. Received a call from subject needing a VIN done on a trailer in Almena

10:31 a.m. Advised Deputy Land of above

3:06 p.m. Received a request for a Deputy to check Highway 9, 2 miles west of Lenora to make sure Highway is safe due to mud on highway

3:08 p.m. Dispatched Deputy Annon to above

January 21

9:12 a.m. Trooper Schoenberger called in reference to an oversized load he met on Highway 36 eastbound from mile marker 98. Semi was speeding and also needs to be shut down due to the fog. Requesting a Deputy assist.

9:13 a.m. Advised Sheriff Thomson and Deputy Land of above. They will be en route

9:16 a.m. Advised Deputy Land and Sheriff Thomson of vehicle description. It is a semi hauling a farm implement and has a big glowing strobe light on front of semi.

9:29 a.m. Advised Deputy Annon of above

9:37 a.m. Sheriff Thomson advised of another over-sized load that just pulled into Total and will be out with subject.

11:36 a.m. Received a report of a two vehicle non-injury accident at Lenora.

11:37 a.m. Advised Deputy Land of above

9:34 p.m. Received a call from a trucker that is stuck off of Highway 36 and Rd N, 1 mile south and 1 mile west. He advised he had called a tow truck but was waiting for a call back he wanted to know if we had a tow truck that could get him out.

9:41 p.m. PS Deputy Bohl in reference above to above. He advised he will go check it out and see if we have a tow truck that could help him.

10:32 p.m. Received a call from Deputy Bohl reference he is still trying to find trucker

10:33 p.m. Advised Under Sheriff Wenzl in reference to above

January 22

3:12 p.m. Deputy Land advised that he would be out with an individual on 3rd Street and Highway 9 in Lenora in reference to criminal damage to property.

3:46 p.m. Received a report of vehicles on WI and Rd N that are tearing through the mud, tearing up the county road and driving reckless.

3:47 p.m. Advised Under Sheriff Wenzl of above

6:17 p.m. Subject was on the line in reference to a deer hit south of Norton on Highway 283 3/4 of a mile. He advised his air bags were out and his horn honking and won't quit

6:19 p.m. Advised Deputy Annon in reference to above

6:52 p.m. Received a call from subject in reference to a semi truck hitting a deer 2 miles west of Norton

January 23

8:27 a.m. Received 911 call from subject reference to a deer hit between the fourteen and sixteen mile junctions of Highway

283 and K-9

8:28 a.m. Public services Deputy Annon of above

4:19 p.m. Deputy Annon advised he will be going to Almena for 2 disorderly complaints

6:43 p.m. Received a call from subject in reference to having problems with people in Almena and the Deputy needs to come to Almena because her husband is going to hit someone. Put through to Deputy Annon.

7:06 p.m. Deputy Annon advised he will be out with RP in Almena taking a disturbing the peace report.

7:20 p.m. Deputy Annon advised he will be out with subject in Almena reference the other half of this problem.

January 25

10:36 a.m. Received a report of an injury accident on Highway 60 unknown location on 60 but was coming from Phillipsburg and going to Almena

10:38 a.m. Dispatched Deputy Land and Sheriff Thomson to injury accident on Highway 60

11 a.m. Deputy Land public serviced to see if we could get someone en route with a wrecker

11:01 a.m. Public serviced for a wrecker for accident on Highway 60 and they will be en route

6:24 p.m. Received call from subject on PDRA Rd reference to someone is out riding a dune buggy and he almost hit them.

6:25 p.m. Advised Under Sheriff Wenzl of above

8:06 p.m. Received call from RP about someone hitting a deer and it is still alive in the highway about 2 1/2 miles east of Norton

8:08 p.m. Advised Under Sheriff Wenzl of above report

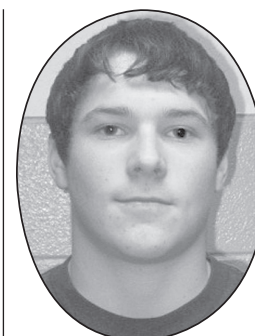
Student of the Month

Norton Community High School

JANUARY 2010



Student:
Dustyna Sprigg
 Parents:
 Dwight and Michelle Sprigg
 Grade:
 Junior



Student:
Robert Blecha
 Parents:
 Bob and Charlotte Stephenson
 Grade:
 Sophomore

Nominating Staff Member: Mr. David Will. Comment from nominating Staff Member: "I would like to nominate Dustyna Sprigg for Student of the Month. Dustyna does everything expected of her in a most efficient and timely manner. As I have observed her around school she has set a very good example for other students by her work in class, her efforts in cross country, her work ethic in basketball, and her naturally good behavior. For our marching band she did a great job as a squad leader. I believe she exemplifies what an NCHS Student of the Month should be."

Factoids About Dustyna

Favorite Class: Advanced Math
 Favorite Drink: Gatorade
 Favorite Color: Purple
 Favorite Food: Spaghetti
 Favorite Movie: The Proposal
 Favorite Saying: None
 Favorite Song: The Truth by Jason Aldean
 Favorite Hangout: None
 Personal Hero: Mrs. Bailey and Mr. Jilka
 Future Plans: Attend College

Nominating Staff Members: Mr. Kevin Jilka and Mr. Wade Church. Comments from nominating staff members: "Robert works hard in the classroom and has everything in on time." — Mr. Kevin Jilka "Robert Blecha joined my drafting class at the beginning of the semester and picked up on CAD very quickly. He has been working hard and been doing some challenging drawing on CAD. He is helpful to other students and been following instructions very well." — Mr. Wade Church

Factoids About Robert

Favorite Class: Cabinetmaking
 Favorite Drink: Mountain Dew
 Favorite Color: Red
 Favorite Food: KC Strip Steak
 Favorite Movie: Shooter
 Favorite Saying: "Pain is temporary, pride is forever."
 Favorite Song: Smack Down by Thousand Foot Krutch
 Favorite Hangout: My House
 Personal Hero: Coach Melvin
 Future Plans: Join the Army

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