

Sheriff's Log

August 1
 10:04 p.m. Received a call from Phillips County about a gas skip from Loves and vehicle left heading west bound on Highway 36. Told Deputy Annon about gas skip. Asst. Chief Hartwell advised he would be out with possible driver and vehicle, this is the individual from the gas skip even though he is denying it, spoke with Loves and they want to press charges, called Phillips County and see if they will come and pick him up. Phillips County called and said they would meet at the county line to pick him up. Called Deputy Annon about taking individual to the county line to meet Phillips County, he will be en route to pick individual up. Phillips County called they have a positive id on individual. Told them my Deputy is en route and please send their deputy towards the county line. Deputy Annon called stating he gave custody of male individual to Phillips County Deputy.

August 2
 7:46 a.m. Received a report of cows out on Highway K9 at mile marker 21, they are off the road now but there's a mix of cows and calves. Received second call reporting 30 to 40 head of cattle out on Highway 9 near mile marker 36. Told Sheriff Thomson and Under Sheriff Wenzl about the cattle. Called Sheriff Thomson to tell him about making contact with possible owner and he will be en route.

9:45 p.m. Received a call about a white cow out 1/2 mile north on Highway 60 from Highway 36. Called Deputy Douglas about cow and that there was no contact with owner.

August 3
 4:32 p.m. Received a call from Phillips County about a silver Lincoln SUV with a pink smiley face on the front tag that is speeding and all over the road. Vehicle is heading west bound on Highway 383 from Long Island

4:34 p.m. Told Deputy Douglas about report from Phillips County.

August 4
 1:50 a.m. Received a call from subject saying he was driving to a friend's house on Washington and got his car stuck. He advised he did not know there was road construction because the signs have been blown off road due to the storm. His friend tried to pull him out and just pulled his muffler off.

2:01 a.m. Received a 911 call from Lenora. Called 911 number, female subject answered and advised she had been sleeping and no one else is up, she advised this is a land line phone and everything is okay. Called Deputy Annon and told him of 911 call and about the pickup that is stuck on Washington.

11:46 a.m. Received a call from subject saying someone had shot at a window with a bb gun and it happened sometime last night. Told Under Sheriff Wenzl about window.

1:56 p.m. Received a report of three 500 to 600 pound calves out between W14 and W15 on the south side of Highway 36 in the ditch. Told Under Sheriff Wenzl about calves. Told Sheriff Thomson about calves and he will be en route. Told Sheriff Thomson that contact was made with possible owner and he is en route to check on them.

August 6
 11:48 a.m. Told Deputy Wahlmeier there is a Deputy from Phillips County en route to the Norton and Phillips County line on

Highway 36 with a male subject who is needing brought back to Norton Sheriff's Office to pay his tow bill and pick up his pickup. Deputy Wahlmeier left Sheriff's Office en route to Phillips County line to pick up subject. Deputy Wahlmeier arrived at the Sheriff's Office with individual for payment of his tow bill and to pick up his vehicle.

10:32 p.m. Under Sheriff Wenzl said he took a call from subject about a semi pulling a flatbed and vehicle is all over the road heading east bound on Highway 36 from mile marker 126, he said he would go check report.

August 7
 12:27 p.m. Received a report of cattle out on Highway 9, 1 3/4 miles West of New Alamo reporting party ran cattle off highway but they are not back in pasture. Reporting party tried to contact owners but no answer. Told Deputy Douglas about cattle.

August 8
 6:27 a.m. Received a 911 call from a male subject reporting a motorcycle rider hit a deer 4 miles west of Norton on Highway 36, the rider is injured and the motorcycle is in the highway. Told Under Sheriff Wenzl about the accident.

Received a report from subject saying he hit a deer with his motorcycle and is sitting in Clayton now, he advised that he was not injured, just need a report.

Called Kansas Highway Patrol and advised that we have two deer hits with motorcycles and they advised they didn't have a trooper out, will check with deputy and see what he wants to do. Under Sheriff was advised about call, he said to have them call out a trooper for the Clayton wreck. Under Sheriff called and said a tow truck was needed at his location.

10:04 a.m. Received a report of a white Chevy Malibu with unknown Kansas plate, male driver in mid 30's to 40's that was reported driving at a high rate of speed and passing vehicles in a No Passing Zone on Highway 383, vehicle is now by E-9 at Almena and is eastbound on Highway 383. Received second report on white Chevy advising he had turned off of Highway 383 on to Main Street in Almena and reporting party continued on east bound on Highway 383. Told Deputy Douglas about both reports.

11:56 a.m. Received a call from Phillips County saying they had received a report of 15 head of black cattle out on Highway 9 just east of mile marker 43. Called Deputy Douglas and told him about cattle and that owner was not contacted.

Owner called and said they are on their way to put them back in. Told Deputy Douglas.

4:51 p.m. Received a call from subject who just hit a deer on way home, no injuries, and subject will bring vehicle to the Sheriff's Office for a report. Deputy Douglas took report from subject.

August 9
 2:05 p.m. Received an abandoned 911 call from residence, rang once then hung up. Called number back and spoke with subject about the 911 calls, she advised everything is fine and might have been her granddaughter playing with phone. Told Sheriff Thomson about calls.

8:21 p.m. Received a call from subject in reference to needing an Officer to do a report of missing tailgate on her pickup.

10:23 p.m. Sgt. Asa Stiles call dispatch to say that a subject is going to be walking to Almena and is not hitchhiking and to let deputies know. Told Deputy Wahlmeier and Deputy Annon about subject walking.

August 10
 10:27 p.m. Received a call from reporting party about a blue Dodge pickup that was parked in the middle of the Highway with the lights off. Called Deputy Annon about pickup. He said he did not see anything at that location.

August 11
 11:11 a.m. Received a 911 call from subject reporting a black cow out east on Highway 36. Told Deputy Land about cow.

3:21 p.m. Received a call reporting a semi at W6 and Rd H partially blocking roadway. Told Under Sheriff Wenzl about semi.

August 12
 7:55 a.m. Subject called to report cows out at the Norton and Graham county line on Highway 283. Called possible owner of cows and advised Under Sheriff Wenzl of problem.

9:33 a.m. Received a report of a cow out on Highway 9 between the 14 mile corner and W5. Reporting party said cow ran off of roadway to the north of Highway 9. Told Under Sheriff Wenzl about cow and he will be en route. Received second call on cow out. Subject called Sheriff's Office, he thinks it is his dad's cow. Under Sheriff Wenzl was told about conversation.

10:34 a.m. Received a report of a disabled tan Mercury Marquis with flashers going just east of Almena on Highway 383 off of the roadway on the grass and reporting party has help coming to get vehicle. Told Deputy Land and Under Sheriff Wenzl about disabled vehicle.

Business in the spotlight

Each month this column features one Norton County business selected at random in honor of all our local businesses large and small, well-established and newly-established for their valuable contribution to our economy. Economic development board member Curtis Eveleigh submitted this month's article.

When Trent purchased the Bridges Insurance Agency from Don and Carol Ryan in 1999, he says he had no idea what he was getting into. He wasn't an insurance agent or college graduate, but had worked at Norton Decatur Electric for 10 years. He told his wife he thought he was going to get into the insurance business. He quit his job even before getting his license to sell insurance.

Bridges Insurance has operated in Norton since 1894 as an Independent Agency. In 1999 they had three employees and approximately 526 clients in two communities. Eleven years later they have 14 full-time and 3 part-time employees with 3,395 clients in 4 communities: Norton, Oberlin, Hill City and Winona.

Trent said his biggest success has been the growth of the business through strong relationships

with a diverse group of insurance carriers. Those relationships have provided them a wider variety of products to offer their clients. Their recent affiliation with Combined Agents of America a national network of independent agencies based in Texas, has given them access to a much larger number of insurance markets. They have been recognized as a "Best Practice Agency" by the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America for the past six years. Two of those years they were selected as THE TOP AGENCY in the nation for their size.

Looking back, the only thing Trent would do differently is to have his insurance license before quitting his other job. He is thankful to have his wife's support through the transition.

For the future, Trent plans to keep doing what has led to his success. He said, "We need to know the needs of our insured's. A big part of providing that expertise is through hiring experts. A farmer/rancher leads our agricultural unit, our commercial unit has trucking and commercial expertise along with an agent with 44 years of Commercial Insurance experience. We want to create value to

our clients and value is what you get versus what it costs."

When asked what he sees for the future of the business economy in Norton County, Trent feels diversification is essential. Norton is a very unique town with a lot to offer other businesses and families, and as a community we need to continue to tell our story.

Trent said being a business owner in Norton is rewarding because of the people. He said, "God has blessed me with an amazing team of employees that I get to work with every day. The people we insure are some of the best people in the world. I think people in western Kansas know how to work, know how to be creative and know how to have fun. God has blessed me and my family and I want to continue to pour that back into our great town."

Trent's advice for other business owners in Norton County comes from advice he received. He explained, "Someone once told me that being a leader doesn't mean you're the smartest person in the room. You need to rely on experts, and sometimes those experts are within your own business. That challenged me to listen and learn from others."

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AUGUST NORTON COUNTY BILLS

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, September 10, 2010 1(T)
 Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at the Norton County Courthouse August 31, 2010 to allow the following bills: K.S.A. 19-337. An itemized copy of this report is available for inspection in the County Clerk's Office.

(*Juvenile Service Accounts)

CLAIMS-GROSS PAYROLL	FUND TOTALS ONLY
County General	\$67,880.58
Road & Bridge	\$32,972.47
Special Bridge	\$8,031.32
Ambulance	\$25,047.59
Appraiser's Cost	\$8,991.45
County Health	\$23,584.25
Economic Development	\$6,950.33
Election	\$2,500.00
4-H Maintenance	\$200.00
Noxious Weed	\$5,854.34
Solid Waste	\$7,769.10
*Court Trustee - State	\$12,073.31
*Case Management	\$11,579.50

*JISP	\$11,571.12
*Diversion	\$7,812.07
*Juvenile Intake	\$5,409.99
County General	\$50,695.11
Road and Bridge	\$20,400.17
Special Bridge	\$3,473.38
Ambulance	\$15,115.51
Andbe Home	\$7,000.00
Appraiser's Cost	\$5,721.59
County Health	\$13,875.47
Economic Development	\$3,819.19
Election	\$12,456.07
Employee Benefits	\$88,649.28
Fair Building	\$3,700.00
4-H Maintenance	\$1,468.68
Historical Preservation	\$1,800.00
Hospital Maintenance	\$32,000.00
Mental Health	\$9,000.00
Mental Retardation	\$17,000.00
Noxious Weed	\$2,250.37
Senior Citizens	\$16,500.00
Soil Conservation	\$3,800.00
Airports	\$15,000.00

Solid Waste	\$9,969.62
Bridge Construction #2	\$4,841.72
Solid Waste Cap Outlay	\$18,013.59
DISTRICT CORONER	\$539.25
Economic Dev Cap Outlay	\$4,280.43
GOB Recovery Zone Bond	\$6,320.00
Reg Deeds Tech Fund	\$4,422.00
911 Tax	\$1,788.76
Alcohol and Drug Test Fund	\$1,119.58
Co Attorney Diversion	\$291.89
*Court Trustee - State	\$5,258.14
*Court Trustee - Local	\$63.57
*Case Management	\$7,435.65
*Juvenile Director	\$678.52
*Parent Training	\$33.94
*JISP	\$8,154.88
*Diversion	\$8,695.54
*Juvenile Intake	\$5,640.72
Northwest BT Region	\$76.56
*Grant 4 Parental Modeling	\$3,050.00
*Thinking For A Change	\$685.50
HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT	\$5,587.78