

# Highway

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high priority top spot because of safety issues and the amount of commerce over the highway, Sproul said.

The modernization project from Highway 36 to 183 which is one mile from the Nebraska border, would cost \$48 million.

In addition to the in-person lobbying efforts, the group carried letters from residents, local governments, law enforcement officials and emergency services showing need and support for the project.

Even though it was designated a high priority, there is no guarantee the work will be completed, and

even if it is, it could be any time from 2011 to 2017, Sproul said.

The Hays meeting was one of six regional meetings held across the state in October to gather public input on how to spend money in a new transportation program passed by the Legislature earlier this year.

# Sheriff's Log

Sept. 10

**8:21 p.m.** Received a call about a white convertible with a black top that had gone into the ditch just east of Calvert on Highway 383, spun around and then got back onto the highway and continued eastbound speeding.

Vehicle turned off onto Township road still speeding and kept turning their headlights on and off. Vehicle then turned onto Pratt into Alma and was still speeding.

Called Undersheriff Wenzl about the report, he said he was on his way to Lenora to take a theft report and to see if Trooper Schoenberger could check it out. Received another call with tag information on vehicle. Driver told them that he swerved to miss a deer but they didn't see any deer in the area.

**9:23 p.m.** Received a call about 3 white calves out on K-9. Undersheriff Wenzl was told about 3 white calves and that owner had been contacted.

Undersheriff Wenzl told Sheriff's Office that he was out with a transient that was reported earlier to Kansas Highway Patrol. He asked dispatch to start looking for a room through Ministerial Aid for the night. He said the transient would also need food, and that he is on his way to the Sheriff's Office.

Sept 11

**6:23 a.m.** Received a call from reporting party that she straddled a dead deer on Highway 36 at mile marker 130, and she has a big piece hanging off her vehicle and needs help to get it off, so she can keep driving. Told Undersheriff Wenzl about the call.

**12:18 p.m.** Received a report of two male subjects and a female subject in a parking lot fighting. Told Undersheriff Wenzl about the fight in progress.

**2:19 p.m.** Received a call from male subject in Alma requesting to speak with Deputy Land or Undersheriff Wenzl about an urgent issue. Told Undersheriff Wenzl about call and he will be en route.

**5:41 p.m.** Received a 911 call about a possible suicide. Told Undersheriff Wenzl and Deputy DuBois.

Received a call from Undersheriff requesting the coroner to be called out and sent to his location.

**11:08 p.m.** Undersheriff Wenzl requested a wrecker on Highway 36 at mile marker for a vehicle with expired tags.

Sept. 13

**11:55 a.m.** Received a call from Phillips County of a transient that they will be dropping off at the Norton/Phillips county line on Highway 36. Transient has several bags of luggage and a wagon. Told Sheriff Thomson and Deputy Annon about the transient.

**12:30 p.m.** Received a call from subject who advised of a non-injury accident that her son was involved in on Sept. 12 on Road E-8, north of the Alma Cemetery where the road curves. Told Deputy Wahlmeier of above accident report and gave him reporting party's phone number.

**1:28 p.m.** Received a report of a male subject walking west bound on Highway 36 for the Norton and Phillips County line push-

ing several shopping carts and reporting party said he is close to the white line. Deputy Wahlmeier will check on the male subject when he is finished working the accident on Road E-8.

Sept. 14

**10:48 a.m.** Received a call from subject who has found a baby at the corner of N. Wabash and Second Street and caller will stay with child until an officer arrives.

Advised Sheriff Thomson of above. He is en route to the location. Chief Morel and Sheriff Thomson arrived back at the Sheriff's Office with the child.

**11:11 a.m.** Received a call from subject advising that a mail carrier had found a 3-year-old child while on mail route, and she brought child to reporting party's address who lives on E. Lincoln. Told Sheriff Thomson and Chief Morel of above 3-year-old child that was found and taken to a residence on E. Lincoln.

**4:18 p.m.** Deputy Annon called to say there are cattle out south of Norton on the lower dam road at mile marker 204. Deputy Annon called back to say someone helped him get the cattle back into the pasture.

Sept. 15

**1:32 a.m.** Deputy Land called to advise there was a semi rollover on Highway 383 in Alma by the road side park. Called Kansas Highway Patrol about the rollover.

**3:22 p.m.** Received a call from female subject concerned about a man pushing a stroller with baby on Highway 36 between Reager and 6 mile corner. Advised Deputy Annon of above report.

**3:49 p.m.** Phillips County called reporting a vehicle that hit a deer on Highway 36 at mile marker 128 and the vehicle went on. The deer is in the ditch still alive. Told Deputy Annon and Deputy Land about deer. Deputy

Land will take care of the deer.

**7:52 p.m.** Received a call about a young man walking east bound on Highway 36 by the prison and it is getting hard to see him. Told Deputy Land about the hitchhiker. Received a second call about the hitchhiker, now he is 1 mile east of the prison.

Received third call on hitchhiker, he is about 1 mile east of the Highway 36 and 383 junction on Highway 36.

Told Deputy Land about calls on hitchhiker. Received another call on hitchhiker and also bike riders on Highway 36.

Sept. 16

**3:31 p.m.** Received a report of a rude hitchhiker on Highway 36, 7 miles East of Norton. He is flipping everyone off as they drive by. Told Undersheriff Wenzl about rude hitchhiker.

**8:15 p.m.** Received a call from a gentleman that said he was not able to see the red blinking light for the communication tower south of town. Told Undersheriff Wenzl about the call and he will check on light.

**8:29 p.m.** Deputy Land advised he would be on Highway 36 just west of W13 working a deer accident.

Sept. 17

**10:19 a.m.** Undersheriff Wenzl called and said there is a significant water leak in Alma, a block north of Alma City Office, employees are working on the leak. Told Sheriff Thomson about the information on the water leak.

**12:35 p.m.** Received a call from subject wanting to speak with a deputy in reference to a student that has not been in school for the last four days, unexcused and reporting party would like a deputy to speak with student about coming back to school.

Told Undersheriff Wenzl about the call, and he will call and speak with subject about the student.

# NORCATUR NEWS

The Red Hat Society of Chatty Hatters held a Halloween Party Oct. 20 in the Norcatatur Educational Building.

Halloween costumes were optional. Games were played such as Red Hat Word Search; Halloween word scramble and bowling with gourds that didn't always roll in a straight line!

The cleverly decorated Red Hat Halloween Party cake was made by Rhetta Hare.

Bee Nelson took Oran Milner on Oct. 22, to Hays to the Orthopedic Clinic where he was told he had a badly fractured right wrist.

Surgery was not an answer for him. They returned to Norton with Oran wearing a neat green cast on his right arm. He again is getting around in a wheel chair instead of his walker.

Happy Birthday to K.J. Ward, Oct. 28; Dee Magers, Oct. 29; Zane Lange, Nov. 2; Rex and Lidia Knapp, Oct. 28; Greg and Yvonne Sumner, Oct. 31.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Oct. 13, were: Steve Miller, first; Carl Lyon, second; and Don Relaford, third.

Senior citizens will meet Friday with a covered dish dinner and

cards will follow. Come join us!

Bee Nelson was a guest of LaVerne Milner at the Andbe Home Sunday evening, Oct. 24, for their Chili-Cook-Off. Oran and Bob Sawdon were to be present also but both were under the weather.

LaVerne and Bee visited with their table mates, Evelyn Lyon, formerly of Norcatatur, as we sampled our many little bowls of chili.

They also visited Alta Mae Vangundy and Grace Reeves. The evening ended with a clever play with resident actors, one being Norcatatur's own Bob Shick. The Narrator was Libby Forte, Dorothy Briener's granddaughter.

Joyce Anderson Was in the Oberlin Hospital and not feeling well, along with taking chemo. Cards will reach her at PO Box 288, Oberlin, 67749. Keep her in your prayers.

Mark and Debby Ward of Hugo, Colo., came to visit Dorothy Ward over the weekend and attend the Methodist soup supper and bazaar. Mark installed a computer for his mother.

Guests of Dorothy Ward before graveside rites for for Edyth Mavity, were Jay and Marilyn Mavity, and Robert Mavity, the

Rev. and Mrs. Bill Stapleton of Cunningham; Judy Jo Eilts of Fresno, Calif.; Kenneth and Shirley Jones, and Carolyn and John Rhoden, of North Platte, Neb. They met Fay Mavity and son Robert, Lochbule, Colo. at the cemetery.

Marjorie Prince of Liberty, Mo. returned to her home Oct. 20, after being in Norcatatur three weeks visiting her mother, Arlene Hix and brother, Gail Bailey and family. She also visited Veryl and Vi Van De Wege in Norton and other relatives and friends.

She was blessed to be able to go to church with her mother and to attend the Norcatatur senior card playing a couple of Fridays at the Norcatatur educational building.

Bee Nelson had a great visit with Helen McVay, a former Norcatatur area resident on Oct. 24. She is living in a retirement home in San Antonio, Texas, where she is closer to her daughter Kathy Bergkamp and her family.

Wava Reames stopped in Oberlin Oct. 20 and enjoyed visiting the ladies at Wheatridge: Juanita Eckhart, Alice Shirley and Merle Shirley. On Saturday, Lynn Ward and Steve McMurry visited Wava.

# JENNINGS NEWS

By WAYNE CRESSLER

Ann and Dick Graner of Bethany, Mo. spent the week with her mother, Rachel Carter. Monday evening Jane Wahlmeier, Concordia came to spend Tuesday with them. Wednesday evening Ken and Julie Carter, Becky Carter, Stann Hartzog, Jennings; Megan Carter, Clayton and Anna, Oberlin and Ann DuBois, Abby, Madi, and Aubry, Norton joined them for an evening of visiting.

Paul and Kathy Nauer; Ted and Lynn Thiele, Norton, visited last weekend with cousins, Lonnie and Suzie Wagner, Boring, Ore.

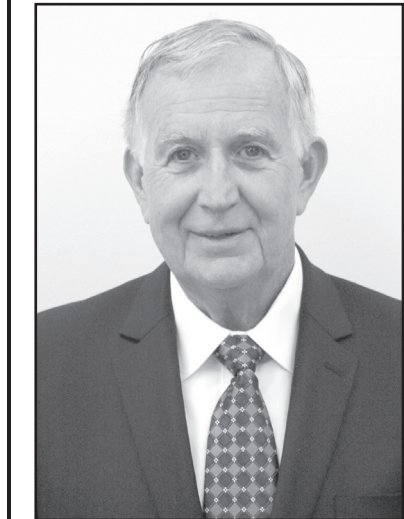
On Sunday, Oct. 24, Wayne and Louise Cressler drove to the home of their son, Russell Cressler, Bison. He accompanied

them to Salina to their granddaughter's home, Amber and Johnny Klassen, Keith, Landon, Issac and Aleah. Robert Cressler, Preston Cressler and friend Julia, Salina; Nicole and Jon Probasco and Phoenix, Pierce, Aysun and Adalie Schroter. Many of Amber and Johnny's employees and some of Keith's friends came to celebrate Keith and Russell's birthday. We stayed overnight Sunday with Russell.

Tuesday's Study Club met Oct. 27 at 11 a.m. at the Broken Wheel and Bar for lunch. Then they went to the church for the monthly meeting and program. Ann Carter Graner, Bethany, Mo. gave the program on "Underground Railroad Quilts." Each block

represented signals from safe houses to those trying to escape slavery. Several quilts made by different individuals were shown. Rachel served cookies and drinks. Those present were: Joan Metz, Helen Muirhead, Sue Long, Carla Latimer, Ruth Chance, Lila Jennings, Helen Rhodes, Pat Hall, Violet Foster, Patty Foster, Pat Foster, Kathy Nauer, Rachel Carter, Lynn Tacha, Vendla Tacha, Neoma Tacha, Joan McKenna, Shelly McKenna and visitors Jane Wahlmeier, Concordia, Imogene Keenan, Vi Krizek, Barbara Patterson and Louise Cressler.

Larry Mizer is a patient in the Norton County Hospital. He is improving daily. Enjoy these beautiful fall days.



**Ward Cassidy**  
Kansas House of Representatives  
120th District

I really appreciate my friends who first supported me in Norton County and the new friends I have made.

Thank you for your votes, your financial contributions, the signs in the yards and your encouragement.

I will do my best to "Stand Up for Northwest Kansas" in Topeka during the 2011 legislative session.

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