

Business in the spotlight

Each month, a Norton County business is featured for their valuable contribution to our economy. This month's article was submitted by economic development board member, Aaron Hale.

Lawson Autobody & Customs, LLC.

Jarrod and Trisha Lawson, Owners

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Lawson Autobody & Customs, LLC. has been serving the Norton community with high quality auto body and custom painting work since September of 2005. The owners, Jarrod and Trisha Lawson, are passionate about what they do and often times ask their customers to challenge them with unique custom projects. When asked about what they paint, there was a bit of a chuckle when Trisha replied "just about anything but the kitchen sink. Well, we'll paint that too!" This statement leaves much to the imagination as she rattled off a variety of projects the couple have undertaken. "We've painted boats,

jet skis, kitchen sinks, bathtubs, fence poles, fire hydrants, cabinets, semi-trucks, motorcycles, mailboxes, bird feeders, plant stands and of course automobiles of all kinds."

Jarrod got his start in auto body work when he began his training at Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland, in 1995, graduating in 1997. Upon completing his education, Jarrod took a position at Hays Mac Truck in Hays, where he received his first hands on experience. Having a desire to move back to his hometown of Norton, Jarrod accepted a position at New Look Body Shop in 1999. After several years of honing his craft, he decided to take a leap of faith and start his own custom auto body shop. Jarrod and Trisha were married the same year which proved to be a challenging start to their relationship. Over time, with great attention to detail and hard work, together, they have created a business in Norton with many loyal customers.

Several years ago, they were approached by a trucker in desperate need of their help. He had driven his semi-truck, complete

with a sleeper in the back, under the bridge east of the Elmwood Park and didn't have the clearance to make it past the bridge. The entire top of his truck was peeled back and hanging off the back of his truck much like the lid of a tin can. Local authorities directed the trucker to have Lawson Autobody & Custom take a look at the situation. Jarrod assessed the extensive damage and went to work reconstructing the cab of the semi with gorilla tape, sheet metal, rivets and cardboard for the rear windows. The trucker was amazed at the work Jarrod had miraculously accomplished in order to get him home safely. While this was a temporary repair in order to get him on the road, the trucker later reported that he was able to drive full speed all the way home to Oklahoma without any road noise.

The couple's willingness to tackle projects as small as a bird feeder, to a full custom paint job on a semi-truck, have shown the Norton community and surrounding areas that Lawson Autobody & Customs, LLC is open for business and ready to be of service.

Opening up the hydrant



A fire started in a local house on Sunday afternoon, with a quick response from the local firemen. First Lieutenant Kyle Jones opened up the fire hydrant getting the hoses ready.

-Telegram photo by Shylo Paxton

COLLEGE NOTES

The Norton Community High School Scholarships

The winners of the Patricia Eicher-Butler Scholarship are; Alissa Otter, Ashley Hildebrand, Landon Slipke, Austin Hager, Alec Hager, Zachary Bird, Drew Schrum, Hannah Pollock, Sierra Black, and Eli Bozarth.

For the Ida Tansill Memorial Scholarship; Chris Chambers, Gabriel Bird, Trevor Lewis, Cristine Nelson.

The J. Byrum Memorial Scholarship was won by Katelyn Engelbert and Alec Hager.

Louis Welter Memorial Scholarship was won by Cristine Nelson.

The Citizenship Award Scholarship was won by Kolton Harting and Ashley Hildebrand.

Tracy Runnion Memorial Scholarship was won by Ashley Hildebrand.

The winners of the KAY Scholarship were Cristine Nelson and Chris Chambers.

Norton Wrestling Club scholarship was won by Branson Addington and Alec Hager.

The Leo Moody Memorial Scholarship was won by Bailey Ambrosier.

The winners of the Rotary Scholarship were Alec Hager, Darcy Bainter and Ashley Hildebrand.

The Maxine Marsh Memorial Scholarship was won by Austin Hager, Darcy Bainter, Cristine Nelson and Travis Cressler.

The winner of the Thelma Dilemann Memorial Art Scholarship was Gabe Bird.

The winners of the Jack and Wanda Mechser Scholarship are; Bailey Ambrosier, Darcy Bainter, Johnyner Ruder, Leif Carlson, Katelyn Engelbert, Ashley Hildebrand, Cody O'Hare, Landon Slipke, Marisa Maddy, Jared Shelton, Hannah Pollock and Austin Hager.

The LongSpur Pheasants Forever winners are; Bailey Ambrosier, Darcy Bainter, Johnyner Ruder, Marisa Maddy and Ashley Hildebrand.

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The Citizen Scholarship was won by Kolton Harting and Katelyn Engelbert.

The winner of the PEO Chapter AA Scholarship was Cristine Nelson.

The Nan Smith Memorial Scholarship winner was Jared Shelton.

The United Northwest Credit Union winner was Landon Slipke.

The winner of the Gertrude Steichen Nursing Scholarship was Alexis Lively.

The Alumni for Athletes winners were Katelyn Engelbert and Jared Shelton.

American Red Cross scholarship winner was Jessica White.

The winners of the National Turkey Federation scholarship were Austin Hager and Johnyner Ruder.

Dean and Mryth Blickenstaff scholarship winners were Darcy Bainter and Jared Shelton.

STUDENT NEWS

Norton Junior High School 2013-2014 4th 9 weeks

Honor Roll

Highest Honors 4.00

7th Grade

Allison Engelbert

Hadley Hauser

Taryn Kuhn

Raelynn Slipke

Hayden Wiltfong

8th Grade

Mariah Addington

Dustin Harting

Jace Ruder

Callie Uehlin

Honor Roll I 3.50-3.99

7th Grade

Sylence Auker

Katianna Burge

Leah David

Anastasia (Stacie) Elliott

Matthew Gordon

Tucker Gosselin

Emily Henderson

James Sturgill

Shelby Tanner

8th Grade

Jessica Ambrosier

Anna Burge

Kara Frack

Weston Harting

Ryan Johnson

Seth Otter

Cale Patterson

Tevin Petrie

Justis Posson

Nicole Thraillkill

Matthew Vacura

Honor Roll II 3.00-3.49

7th Grade

Monica Dial

Emily Estes

Kailey Gill

Miles Harrington

Ashley Karnopp

Austin Koerperich

Amy Leroux

Samantha Mulford

Reagan Musquiz

Jacob Peterson

Zachary Rowh

Lena Shelton

Emily Woodyard

8th Grade

Nikolas Armbrister

Collyn Auker

Andrew Davis

Jessie Dawley

Kiana Estes

Johnathan Gassmann

Dallas Gosselin

Dalaina Karnes

Dennis (Raye) Kasson

Connor Obermiller

Emily Riley

Jace Smothers

Nicole Vahling-Rumback

Logan High School Scholarships

Chad Becker -

Jeff Chestnut Memorial Scholarship - Logan Student Council Scholarship - Chad will attend Fort Hays State University and major in Animal Science.

Cynthia Bressler -

Frieda States Scholarship

KSU Alumni Legacy - KSU Leadership - ST. & Mabel Nuttycomb Scholarship - Logan Teacher Association Scholarship - Carrie Sansom Memorial Scholarship - Logan Student Appreciation Scholarship - Wanda May Vinson Scholarship - American Red Cross Scholarship -

Cynthia will be attending Kansas State University where she will study Sociology and Criminology.

Nathalia Cruz -

Hansen Vocational Scholarship - Jeff Chestnut Memorial - ST. & Mabel Nuttycomb Scholarship - Logan Booster Club Scholarship - Logan Community Development Foundation Scholarship

This fall Nathalia will be in Hays pursuing her degree at the Hays Academy of Hair Design. She then plans to move back to Phillips County and go to work.

Tori Fringer -

Chassidy Breese Memorial Scholarship-

LHS Student Council Schol-

arship - Logan Teachers Association Scholarship - Friends Presidential Scholarship - Friends Volleyball Scholarship - Marci Glennemeier -

Logan FFA Scholarship - Chassidy Breese Memorial Scholarship - ST & Mabel Nuttycomb Scholarship - Phillips County KLA Scholarship - St. John's Catholic Church Scholarship - Colby Community College Livestock Judging Scholarship -

Marci will attend Colby Community College where she will study PreVeterinary Medicine and compete for the Colby Livestock Judging team.

Logan Kiser -

Dane G. Hansen Scholarship - Frieda States Scholarship - Chassidy Breese Memorial Scholarship - Carrie Sansom Memorial Scholarship - St. John's Catholic Church Scholarship - University of Kansas Crimson & Blue Scholarship -

In the fall Logan will be going to Kansas University where he will major in pharmacy.

Timothy Ko -

ST & Mabel Nuttycomb Vo-Tech/JuCo Scholarship

Lawrence & Jeannette Lohrmeyer Scholarship Logan Student Appreciation Scholarship -

Timothy will be attending Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland in the fall. While there he will be studying

Graphic Design

Kyle Pakkebieer -

Logan FFA Scholarship - Chassidy Breese Memorial Scholarship - ST & Mabel Nuttycomb Scholarship Hays Academic Opportunity Award - Hays City Silver Award -

Kyle will be attending Fort Hays State University and major in Ag. Business.

Brett Pinkerton -

LHS Student Council Scholarship In the fall Brett will be attending Kansas State at Salina where he will major in Aviation Maintenance Management.

Clayton Rundle -

CCC Heritage Scholarship - St. John's Catholic Church Scholarship - Central Christian Scholarship - Austin Scales Memorial Scholarship -

Clayton will attend Central Christian College and major in youth Ministry and minor in education.

Libby Schneider -

COALS Texas A&M Scholarship - Kansas Quarter Horse Youth Association Scholarship - Logan FFA Scholarship - U.S. Custom Harvester Scholarship -

Libby will be heading south to attend Texas A & M University and major in Pre-Veterinary Medicine and minor in Animal Nutrition. While there, she will ride on the A & M Equestrian team.

Municipal Court

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

May 22

May 3-Jared Tallent, Norton; Charge: No seat belt; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$60.

May 2- Jason Bowen, Norton; Charge: No motorcycle driver license; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine waived, obtained license, costs \$76.

May 21-Connie Johnson, Norton; Charge: Speeding 40 in 20; Plea: Guilty; Other actions: Amended by city prosecutor to 60 in 50; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

April 27-Ricky Jones, Norton; Found: 2. Guilty; Sentence: 1. Charges: 1. Driving while under the influence, 2. No drivers license; Plea: 2. Guilty; Other actions: 1. 12 month diversion; Assessment \$750, KBI lab fee \$400, court appointed attorney fees, 2. \$250, costs \$76, probation 12 months.

Fund Raiser

TO BE HELD FOR

Michael Coffey

Husband of Amy Nelson Coffey, and son-in-law of Bill and Doris Nelson

At the Eagles Aerie on Sat., June 7

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or until food is gone

Michael has been in the KU Medical Center for eight weeks and will continue to be there for an extended period of time. The dinner will be a free will donation and the family thanks everyone for all the prayers and and kind words of encouragement

Local graduates with bachelors



Jacob graduated with a bachelors degree in Worship Arts at Nebraska Christian College. He is currently working at a new Christian Church plant in Plattsmouth, Neb., named One Life Church. He is in charge of visual arts and communions and often leads the worship service.

He will, once again, be traveling with the New Way Singers in June working with the instrumental students. The choir is comprised of high school students who come together to worship and go on a 10 day worship concert tour.

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