

# Speeder takes out high school sign

Norton Police report that on Nov. 6, Alex Shugart, 17, Norton, was speeding in a 1988 Chevy four-door on North Jones. Shugart lost control of the car and struck a brick sign, belonging to Norton Community High School. The sign is about 16 feet from the street.

Shugart then left the scene and failed to report the incident. Property damages were reported over \$500.

Several deer accidents have kept the Norton County Sheriff's Department busy.

On Nov. 5, Starla D. LeClair, 40, Norton, was northbound on U.S. 283 when two deer came out of the west ditch. While the first deer crossed the highway, the second animal was hit by LeClair's 1994 Ford van.

Mrs. LeClair was wearing her seat belt and was not injured. Damages to the van were estimated to be over \$500.

Another non-injury, deer accident occurred along K-383 on Nov. 7.

Jeffrey D. Stout, 43, Alma, was driving a 1998 Ford east when a deer ran out of the north ditch and struck the vehicle. Damages were under \$500. Mr. Stout was wearing his seat belt.

On Nov. 8, a 2002 Mercury Grand Marquis traveling north on K-383 hit a deer. Donald A. Stuvick, 74, the driver, said he tried to avoid the animal but could not when it jumped out of the west ditch.

Mr. Stuvick was wearing his seat belt. Damages to the Grand Marquis were over \$500.

On Nov. 14, David W. Shearer, 30, Alma, was northbound on U.S. 283 when a deer came out of the east ditch. The 1993 Dodge pickup that Mr. Shearer was driving hit the animal and sustained

over \$500 in damages. Mr. Shearer was not wearing his seat belt and was not injured.

Another deer accident occurred Nov. 14 when Eric G. Johnson, 32, New Almelo, struck a deer with the 1994 Oldsmobile Delta he was driving west on K-9.

The car came over a hill and struck a deer standing in the middle of the road. The airbags deployed upon impact, causing Mr. Johnson to lose control of the vehicle. The Oldsmobile spun around and struck both sides of a nearby bridge.

The car had over \$500 in property damages. Mr. Johnson was not injured.

The Norton City Police have also been busy with accidents this month.

A non-injury accident occurred on Nov. 6, when two vehicles attempted to enter U.S. 36 at the intersection of U.S. 283.

A 1999 Chevrolet pickup, driven by Frederick J. Nelson, 78, Lenora, was southbound on U.S. 283 and made a right turn onto U.S. 36 when he struck a 1988 Ford Aerostar.

The Aerostar was northbound on U.S. 283, and attempting to make a left turn onto U.S. 36. Both drivers entered the same lane of traffic at the same time. Both drivers were wearing their seat belts. Damages to both vehicles were over \$500.

On Nov. 8, Michael W. Sprigg, 17, Norton, was driving his 1988 Ford Taurus west on KQNK Road. He made a right turn onto South Archer, and struck a 1981 Ford Mustang. Jessica R. Adamson, 21, Norton, the driver of the southbound Mustang, was making a left turn when the vehicles collided.

Property damages were over \$500. Both drivers were wearing their seat belts.

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gram to be held Nov. 11.

• Heard that damages to Bus No. 10, which hit a deer, were estimated at \$1,661.

• Gave Mr. Vallin permission to take a personal leave day on Nov. 24, so that he could attend Grand-

parents' Day with his grandchildren in Colorado.

• Congratulated all the coaches for their fine work and dedication during the fall sports season.

• Approved a five-year agreement with Smokey Hill Education Service Center effective July 1.



# Logo creator seeks copyright for beak

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Her Bluejay face first appeared on the headgear for the Norton wrestlers last year. They asked her to make something for them, and so she cut the stickers of the Bluejay face, and from there, everybody seemed to want one.

After that, she made a banner for the wrestlers and then magnets. Next came the decals that are in the windows of many of the vehicles in Norton, and then sweatshirts and T-shirts.

Ms. Posson had thought about getting her design copyrighted since she made it, and finally sent in the paperwork, along with a copy of the face and \$30, a couple of weeks ago. She said the U.S. Copyright Office will be calling her to let her know if the copyright

has been accepted.

But, she said, people will still be able to use the Bluejay face if it is copyrighted. They just have to ask her. But people have already done that.

She said she has been asked if the face can be put on the football field, in the paper and on a school brochure.

She has also worked with Jerry Laughlin to make coffee mugs for Post Prom. She said Mr. Laughlin asked her to print 200 of the Bluejay face stickers, and then another 100, so he could put them on the coffee mugs. Then he sold them to Post Prom, and Post Prom is selling them to the general public.

It already seems as if the Bluejay face is everywhere, but it's sure to pop up in more places.

# Police still seeking help finding assault suspect

The Norton Police Department is working to find the assailant in the Nov. 11 sexual assault of a 23-year old Norton woman.

Police Chief Lynn Menagh said they are following the tips they've received.

So far, he said, they've gotten about four or five calls from people hoping to help.

The description given to the police was of a white male, about 50 years old, who had dark hair with gray hair extending towards the ears and a full white beard of medium length. He was described

as being 5-foot, 9-inches to 5-foot, 10-inches tall with a medium build and large stomach.

The assailant was last seen wearing large wire-framed glasses, a red baseball cap, a green flannel shirt and brown leather jacket, dark colored jeans with a large silver belt buckle, and black shoes.

The Norton Police Department is asking for assistance from anyone who might have seen this man or has any information concerning this incident. The public is asked to call (785) 877-5010.

# Hospital board picks computer system

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7,242 outpatient procedures, 1,556 doctors clinic visits and no babies were delivered.

Recipients of the George Jones loan/scholarships program were announced. Colby Community College nursing students Nikki Murray, Oberlin; Sandra Cummings, Phillipsburg; and Leigh Davis, LeAnn Wyatt and Claire Rotering, Norton are the scholarship winners.

In other business, the board:

• Heard a Kansas Hospital Association Convention report by Richard Miller. Mr. Miller reported that he enjoyed a motivational speech given by Harley Davidson Chief Executive Officer

Ken Schmidt.

• Discussed new Blue Cross and Blue Shield policies, which will reduce the reimbursements going to small hospitals.

• Heard that Justin Ramsey, a fourth year University of Kansas medical student, is observing doctors at the hospital/doctors clinic. Dr. Glenda Mauer is his sponsor.

• Was told that one part-time and one full-time employee have been hired in the housekeeping department and a new position has been created in the dietary department as Betty Glennemeier is on sick leave. A position to assist in radiology/mammography department will soon be advertised.

# Council agrees to pay for airport engineering

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county commissioners.

The council also reaffirmed its pledge to pay for consulting on a new apron for the airport. The airport board had received two bids, one from Kirkham and Michael for \$9,500 and one from BG Consultants for \$4,900.

Councilman Ron Briery suggested an ordinance which would move the council meetings to Wednesday night so that council members could attend high school basketball games and other school and community events.

He said the council could still meet on the first and third week of the month but move the day from Tuesday to Wednesday.

The only one to disagree with the idea was Councilman Jerry Hawks.

"Wednesday in Norton has been considered church night," he said. "If you go to Wednesday night, I'll probably have to resign because I'm on several church boards and choir practice, etc."

The other members present voted to approve the first reading of the ordinance changing the meeting day.

In other business, the council:

• Met Amanda Shannon, the new city clerk assistant and Brian Shannon, her husband, the new police officer.

• Heard a second reading on the franchise agreement with Midwest Energy increasing the taxes collected on natural gas on transportation of gas.

• Reappointed Police Chief Lynn Menagh to a two-year term on the Northwest Kansas Community Corrections governing board.

• Appointed Councilman Jerry Hawks and City Attorney Karen Griffiths to a committee, which will include people appointed by the county commission and the county attorney, to study the possibility of an airport authority.

• Learned that law clerk Brandi Keith is the city employee of the month.

• Asked why there was so much overtime on the city payroll. Council members were told the overtime came from the city crew repairing water leaks and the police department because of short handedness, training, vacation and court appearances.

• Agreed to see if people needing to do community service could trim weeds, which are growing on the curbs on State Street.

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