



Sgt. Jason Brannan, and men from his squad, unloaded picnic tables at an Iraqi school. The students were able to use the tables as desks. — Photo courtesy of Tom and Cathy Brannan

School begins hunt for new principal

(Continued from Page 1) a unit for natural gas. He said he feels the price is reasonable to have someone who knows what they're doing lock in gas prices for them.

- Held two closed sessions lasting a total of 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.
- Hired Shirley Wilcox as the junior/senior high in-school suspension supervisor.
- Extended the contract with Eisenhower Principal Corey Roy through the 2009-10 school year with salary and benefits to be determined later.
- Extended the contract with High School Principal Rudy Perez through the 2009-10 school year with salary and benefits to be determined later.
- Extended the contract with Technology Coordinator Keith Hauser through the 2009-10 school year with salary and benefits to be determined later.
- Approved the minutes of the Professional Development Council as presented.
- Approved the principal job description as presented.

Community comes together to help

(Continued from Page 1) a pair of new shoes.

Mr. Brannan said his son has helped rebuild a school in the neighborhood he patrols. He said he knew enough from his days of working construction to repair the water lines. Sgt. Brannan saw the need and tried to help.

In an e-mail letter to his parents, Sgt. Brannan said, "We are staying busy. Right now our thing is the Iraqi schools. I was wondering if you guys could put something together to send over a bunch of school supplies. These schools really have nothing right now. There are 70 kids to every teacher and most of their supplies got tore up over the last four years of fighting. If there is anything you guys can

rally up in town or at the school, it would be greatly appreciated by these families. Believe it or not, these kids are the future of Iraq. The government isn't focusing any money for these schools, so whatever you can do will make a difference in someone's life."

So far, the Norton community has raised over \$1,000 to buy supplies. Mr. and Mrs. Brannan have already packed six boxes of school supplies. Mr. Brannan said the deadline to send boxes is Feb. 23 because it will take at least two weeks for them to reach his son. He said he hopes to ship at least 20 boxes of supplies.

Mr. Brannan said his son wanted to do one more thing before he leaves Iraq to come home in April.

If you want to help the Brannans send school supplies to Iraqi children you may bring them to the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce, 104 South State. Cash donations are also being accepted to help pay shipping costs and buy supplies.

Mr. Brannan said, "I'm overwhelmed with the response from the people of Norton and the surrounding area. It's been great."

Sgt. Brannan and his wife, Lindsey, live on base at Ft. Riley with their two children, Grace and Gavin. He plans to make the Army his career.

Instruments top project list

(Continued from Page 1) \$52,000 they've already committed to roof repairs and a new vo-ag pick-up, would put them a little over their limit, but not by much.

The board agreed to the three projects. Estimated costs are \$12,500 for musical instruments, \$37,000 for the junior/senior high freezer and concrete, and \$75,000 for the Stull gym parking lot.

In other business, the board:

- Accepted high bids from Eric Farber for \$4,200 for the 1999 suburban and from Vern Jacobs for \$2,000 for the 1995 suburban. The blue-book value on the 1999 suburban is \$3,930 and on the 1995 suburban is \$2,240. Other bids received were \$2,655 from Clayton Cox for the 1999 suburban and \$956 from Jeff Otter for the 1995 suburban.

- Heard budget projections for the 2008-09 school year from Mr. Mann. He said the enrollment numbers look good and they should be in the positive. He said

the Lenora numbers are going down, but that it was expected.

- Learned that the district still has about three and a half snow days left. Barring any major storms, Mr. Mann said they should be fine. If they use the rest of those days and need more, he said they will have to start making up days.

- Heard from Eisenhower Principal Corey Roy that Linda Burge, fifth and sixth grade teacher, has been awarded the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom's Teacher of the Year. He said she will be presented with her award on March 20 and can choose either a \$250 scholarship for agriculture teaching supplies for her class or an all expense paid trip to Casa Mesa on June 23-28.

- Heard a wellness curriculum presentation from Wellness Coordinator Pam Menagh.
- Held three closed sessions lasting a total of 35 minutes to discuss employer/employee negotiations.

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ADOPTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON ADOPTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN BEFORE THE CITY OF LENORA, HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP, SLOMON VALLEY RURAL FIRE, AND LENORA CEMETERY

You are hereby advised, pursuant to the provisions of KSA 12-17, 117, a public hearing will be held at the Lenora City Hall, 125 E. Washington Street in Lenora on the 18th day of February, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. to consider

whether the above mentioned taxing districts should adopt a "Neighborhood Revitalization Plan" for all of the area and territory lying within the corporate limits of their district. The Norton county commission enacted the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for Norton County, Kansas on November 13, 2007.

The proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan is available for public review and consideration at the office of the Norton County Clerk in the Norton County Courthouse during regular business hours or online at <http://www.discovernorton.com>.

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

ORDINANCE NO. 413 AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE REMOVAL OF VEHICLES FROM CERTAIN STREETS IN ALMENA, KANSAS, DURING EMERGENCIES AND SNOW EVENTS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF

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AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE REMOVAL OF VEHICLES FROM CERTAIN STREETS IN ALMENA, KANSAS, DURING EMERGENCIES AND SNOW EVENTS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Almena, Kansas, to provide access to all areas of the City by emergency vehicles during disasters and heavy snow conditions.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALMENA, KANSAS:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS. The words and phrases used in this ordinance shall have the following meanings:

A. Emergency Routes. Routes herein specified in this ordinance to provide access to major portions of the City, the business district and emergency facilities, such as the fire department and ambulance barn.

B. Vehicle. Every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway or street.

C. Emergency Condition. Any natural or civil disaster or heavy snowfall necessitating the removal or mitigation of any impediments or hazards to vehicular traffic upon streets of the City.

Section 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY ROUTE ORDINANCE. The Mayor shall publicly announce, through all news media available at the time, when an emergency condition exists, that the "Emergency Route Ordinance" is in effect, on streets marked by "Emergency Route" or "Snow Route" signs.

Section 3. VEHICLES ON STREET. Any person who parks a car or other vehicle or trailer on any emergency route is bound by the Emergency Parking Prohibition, which may be ordered by the Mayor and is expected to learn when such emergency parking restrictions are in effect. The City shall make reasonable effort to inform the public of the emergency measures; however, it is the responsibility of anyone leaving a car on the streets to keep aware of whether the Emergency Route Ordinance is in effect.

Section 4. VEHICLES IN VIOLATION. Any vehicle owner or operator who permits the vehicle, or trailer, to remain in a restricted parking area, or who in any manner interferes with snow removal from the streets shall be in violation of this article, the penalty upon conviction thereof to be not less than \$25.00, nor more than \$100.00. The penalty provided for violation of

parking prohibition by a vehicle rests with the registered owner thereof. The fact that the vehicle was not last parked or driven by the owner thereof, or that the driver or owner was not aware of the emergency traffic provisions in effect, shall not be a defense to a charge of violating this ordinance.

Section 5. DUMPING SNOW IN STREET. Following a snow clearance, it shall be a violation of this ordinance for any person, corporation or firm to pile or dump snow on any cleared street from a private driveway or sidewalk so as to constitute an impediment or hazard to normal traffic on the street. The penalty for violation of this section shall be the same as provided for in Section 4.

Section 6. DUTY TO REMOVE SNOW. Following the snow clearance, it shall be the responsibility of property owners or occupants to remove any blockages of snow from driveways, sidewalks and vehicles in conformity with Section 5.

Section 7. EMERGENCY ROUTES DESIGNATED. Upon announcement by the mayor that the "Emergency Route Ordinance" is in effect, the streets listed in this section shall be designated and signed "Emergency Route" or "Snow Route" and there shall be no parking thereon, and violating vehicles and trailers shall have violation notices placed thereon. "Emergency Route" or "Snow Route" signs shall be posted on the right-hand side of the driving lane at intervals not to exceed two (2) blocks. The emergency routes are as follows: All portions of Pratt and Bryant Streets, all portions of Mills Street, all portions of Railroad Street, all portions of Van Horn Street, and Main Street extending North from Kansas Highway 383. All portions of Benton Street.

Section 8. REPEAL OF EXISTING ORDINANCE. The prior ordinance on this subject entitled "An Ordinance Directing the Removal of Vehicles from Certain Streets in Almena, Kansas, during Emergencies, and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof" passed by the governing body on March 1, 2004, and inadvertently misnumbered Ordinance 402, is hereby repealed.

Section 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon its adoption and publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the governing body of the City of Almena, Kansas, this 11th day of February, 2008.

CITY OF ALMENA, KANSAS
Gerald Wilson,
Mayor

ATTEST:
Twila Ingram, City Clerk

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARTER WARREN WILSON

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of CARTER WARREN WILSON, Deceased Case No. 2008-PR-6

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a petition has been filed in this Court by Larry W. Wilson, as son and one of the heirs of Carter Warren Wilson, Deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate:

An Undivided One-Fifth (1/5) interest in and to the East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E/2NE/4) of Section One (1), Township Five (5) South, Range Twenty-four (24)

West of the Sixth P.M. in Norton County, Kansas;

and all other property, real and personal, or interest therein owned by the decedent at the time of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 11, 2008, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. of said day in said Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Larry W. Wilson,
Petitioner

R. Douglas Sebelius, #09157 SEBELIUS & GRIFFITHS, LLP 105 South Norton Street P.O. Box 10 Norton, KS 67654-0010 (785) 877-5143 Attorneys for Petitioner

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of ELMER H. ZIERLEIN, Deceased Case No. 2007-PR-40

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that Lloyd Zierlein, executor of the above entitled estate, will offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate situated in Norton County, Kansas, to wit:

1. The Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Thirty-six (36), Township four (4) South, Range Twenty-five (25) West of the 6th P.M., Norton County, Kansas.

2. The West Half of the Northwest Quarter (W/2 NW/4), the Northeast

Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE/4 NW/4) and the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW/4 NE/4) all in Section Six (6), Township Five (5) South, Range Twenty-four (24) West of the 6th P.M., Norton County, Kansas

3. The Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Seven (7), Township Five (5) South, Range Twenty-four (24) West of the 6th P.M., Norton County, Kansas. on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lenora Community Building, Lenora, Kansas 67645, to the highest bidder for cash. All parties interested should take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Lloyd Zierlein, Executor

John F. McClymont, #09379 RYAN, WALTER & McCLYMONT, chtd. 120 S. State - PO Box 364 Norton, Kansas 67654 785-877-5183 Attorney for Executor

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on November 27, 1979, a certain mortgage was executed by Norton Commons Limited as mortgagor in favor of Heritage Savings Association as mortgagee and was recorded on the 3rd day of December, 1979, in Book 35A of Records at pages 267-271 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Norton County, Kansas; and subsequently, amended by a certain corrective mortgage executed by mortgagor in favor of mortgagee dated September 22, 1981, and was recorded on the 25th day of September, 1981, in Book 45A of Records at pages 43-46 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Norton County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was insured by the United States (Secretary) of Housing and Urban Development the Secretary pursuant to Section 221(d)(4) of the National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 17151, for the purpose of providing multifamily housing; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated August 2, 2005, and recorded on August 15, 2005, in Book 140A at pages 471-474, and re-recorded on September 22, 2005, in Book 141A at pages 187-190, all in the office of the Register of Deeds, Norton County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the mortgage in that the payment due on June 1, 2005, was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency, and

WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the mortgage to be immediately due and payable.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Multifamily Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1981, 12 U.S.C. 3701, et seq., by 24 CFR Part 27, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, notice is hereby given that on Monday, March 3, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises located at 1001 A Kennedy Street, Norton, Kansas (the Project), will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

A tract of land in the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 34, Township 2 South, Range 23 West of the 6th Principal Meridian in Norton County, Kansas, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 34, thence West along the North line of said section a distance of 611.00 feet, thence South parallel with the East line of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 34 a distance of 30.00 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing on the last described course a distance of 726.60 feet, thence West parallel with the North line of said section a distance of 310.00 feet; thence North parallel with the East line of said Northwest Quarter (NW/4) a distance of 726.60 feet; thence East parallel with the North line of said section a distance of 310.00 feet to the point of beginning;

said sale will be held at the Courtroom on the third floor of the Norton County Courthouse at 101 South Kansas Street, Norton, Kansas.

The successful bidder (other than the Secretary) will, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 3706(b)(2)(A), be required to operate the Project in accordance with the terms,

as appropriate, of Section 221 (d)(4) of the National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 17151. The successful bidder (other than the Secretary) will be required to execute a Use Agreement with the Secretary, which contains the terms, and conditions under which the Project must be operated. The Commissioner's deed to the successful bidder will contain covenants, which obligate the grantee to operate the Project in accordance with the appropriate conditions. Also, the successful bidder (other than the Secretary) must receive previous participation clearance in accordance with procedures set out in 24 C.F.R. 200.210, et seq.

Additional information about this sale, including the terms under which the sale is being conducted, is provided in a bid package, which is available from: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 801 Cherry Street, Unit #45 Fort Worth, TX 76102 Phone: 570-387-8942 Fax 570-387-3303 e-mail: hud@mailroometc.com

All parties who are interested in bidding at the sale must obtain a bid package. The bid package contains sample copies of documents that the purchaser must deliver at the sale and copies of documents that the purchaser must execute at closing. The bid package also describes, among other things, the procedure for prorating real estate taxes, and the purchaser's obligations after the sale. In addition, the bid package describes the specific repairs that the purchaser must perform.

When making their bid, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$50,000.00 in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyance fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the date of closing and all other costs associated with the transfer of title.

Before being accepted as the purchaser, the high bidder must deliver to the Commissioner, at the time of sale, an executed Acknowledgment by Bidder form. In this form, the high bidder acknowledges that he understands the terms of the sale and the obligations to which he will be bound after the sale.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to close. All extensions will be for 30 days, and purchaser must pay a fee, which is the greater of 1.5% of the purchase price or HUD's current holding cost. The extension fee shall be paid in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due at closing.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder's deposit will be forfeited, and the Commissioner may offer the Project to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. All other terms of the sale would remain the same. If the second highest bidder rejects the Commissioner's offer, no further offers will be made and the sale will be canceled.

Dated: February 1, 2008

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