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## ANTLER NORTH DAKOTA SANTA BANK DEMOLITION

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ANTLER, North Dakota - Tearing down a dilapidated building that white supremacist Craig Cobb once tried to buy puts a symbolic end to Antler's effort to block him, the town's mayor said.

The town of about two dozen people on Monday razed a nearly century old former bank building that Cobb had wanted to turn into a church for his religion. Several people turned out to watch the demolition.

"We're hoping to close this chapter and end this page in the book and get it done," Mayor Bruce Hanson told KXMC-TV "This had to be done."

City officials thwarted Cobb's plans by buying all of the town's vacant property, and they're trying to recoup nearly \$50,000 spent on land purchases and legal fees. They have set up a GoFundMe account and hosted a fundraising lunch Monday as the demolition took place.

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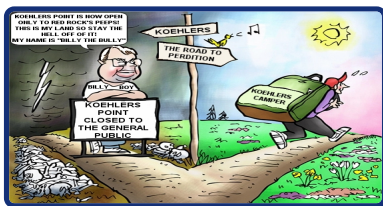


*This Monday, Feb. 29, 2016 photo provided by Sarah McDowall shows heavy equipment being used to raze a former bank building in Antler, N.D., that white supremacist Craig Cobb had wanted to turn into a church for his religion. City officials thwarted his plans by buying all of the town's vacant property. Antler Mayor Bruce Hanson says tearing down the dilapidated building puts a symbolic end to the town's effort to block him. (Sarah McDowall via AP)*

*Associated Press Photo By Sarah McDowall (The Restless Photographer)*

"It was quite a building over the years," said Kenny Young, 94, who has spent his life in Antler.

Cobb lives in nearby Sherwood, where he's serving four years of probation for terrorizing and menacing residents of Leith in 2013. He has told The Associated Press that he thinks he wasn't treated fairly by Antler. Town officials maintain they acted properly.



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