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On Wednesday, around 6:55 p.m., Dora Sieber received a call she said she could not believe.

After receiving the call, the owner of Liberal's Sieber's Palace at Suite 9 in The Plaza came to her business to see what had happened.

What had happened was there was a car in her shop, but initially, Sieber said she believed the car was only in the entry way of the shop.

"The car was actually all the way to the middle of the shop," she said. "I just couldn't believe it."

Sieber's Palace has only been open for about a year and a half, according to its owner, who emphasized her disbelief about what had happened.

"It just knocked out the whole brick wall, glass, glass doors," she said. "The first two stations were destroyed. The car stopped where the tanning bed is at."

Sieber said a 14-year-old girl, whose name is not known, was driving a Dodge Durango, and she had driven it approximately 50 to 60 feet before the car made a complete stop.

"If it wasn't for the brick walls, they might have come completely through the other end," she said. "That's what (insurance agent) Jerry Harding had stated."

Sieber said no one was injured in the accident.

"Melinda Williams was leaving that night, and as she was locking the door, she turned around and there was a car coming towards her and flew up into the building," she said. "The car barely missed her. I was pretty shook up about it, but I'm just glad that nobody got hurt.

We're going to fix it and get back in gear and start working again on Friday."

While she initially thought the damage was going to be limited to glass and brick walls, Sieber said the damage had forced the whole foundation from the roof on to drop.

"It's going to take 2 to 3 months to repair this," she said. "It's going to take several months to fix it, but we will still be open. We don't really know how much damage has been done. It's several thousands of dollars."

Sieber said Liberal police arrived at Sieber's Palace about five minutes after the Durango hit the business.

"They actually were here before I was," she said. "They had said that the car had went through the building, and it was a young girl. They had to tow the car off. It wouldn't start. They were all here to help clean up."

Sieber said no alcohol was involved in the accident.

"I'm still in shock about what had happened," she said. "I just can't believe it. We are planning on expanding into the other side, but this will delay the expanding process. I just want everybody to know we still plan on doing it. We're just not going to do it as soon as we planned on."

Sieber noted that a customer had cancelled an appointment Wednesday that was scheduled for the approximate time of the accident. She said if the appointment was not cancelled, she and the customer might not be alive.