



Maia Carlson signed books at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday. She has written several books with three appearing in print. The proceeds from the books are going towards her college education, although she has not decided where she would like to attend.

—Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

Local student an author, too

By HARRIETT GILL
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The Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Norton on Sunday was full of activity as one of Norton's own authors held a book signing.

Maia Carlson, daughter of Dr. Glenda Maurer and Dale Carlson, was on hand to sign copies of her published works. Maia is 16 years old and is a junior at Norton Community High School. She has accomplished what few authors dream of doing at her age.

"I have been writing for four

years," said Maia. "It usually takes me a year to write a book, however, I was working on two books at the same time."

Maia's books are fantasy novels and she has three of a series of five in print. The series is called "Life Web Series." She has published "Web Walker," "Spider Weaving," and "Many Threads." Still to come are "Perilous Strands" and "The Final Weaving." Maia has one stand alone novel, "From Ice to Ashes."

Leif Carlson, her 14-year-old brother, designed the covers of

her books. All inside illustrations have been drawn by Maia.

"I am very proud of her," Mr. Carlson said. "She is very organized and conscientious about keeping her stories straight."

"She is a very dedicated writer," Dr. Maurer said.

Maia is marketing her books to put the profits towards her college education. She stated she did not have a firm idea on which college she would attend. She did seem to think that the college for her would be in Canada.

Public Record

Municipal Court

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

Driver License Suspensions

Failure to Appear Or To Pay Fine

Marylou Cole, Atkinson, Neb., failure to use child safety restraints. Owes \$60.

Amber M. Combs, Norton, stop sign violation. Owes \$135.

Jose Luna, Omaha, Neb., defective taillight. Owes \$105.

Ettamae Runnels, Batesland, S.D., failure to have insurance and illegal tags. Owes \$275.

Edward J. Schulte II, Ansley, Neb., speeding 42 in a 35 mph zone. Owes \$105.

Traffic

Nov. 5 - Kasey Hamilton, Peyton, Colo., speeding 56 in a 40 mph zone, fine \$80, court cost \$75.

Nov. 5 - Christopher Clothier, San Diego, Calif., speeding 29 in a 20 mph School zone, fine \$160, court cost \$75.

Nov. 12 - Ashley Tritt, Norton, speeding 31 in a 20 mph zone, fine \$36, court cost \$75.

Nov. 12 - Carla Geringer, Norton, speeding 40 in a 30 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

Nov. 12 - Christopher Robeson, Enumclaw, Wash., defective taillights. Dismissed with payment of fine and cost by owner of vehicle. Fine \$30, court cost \$75.

Nov. 12 - John Risewick, Norton, was driving in violation of age restrictions and failure to stop at stop sign. Amended to no driver's license on person. To serve community service from April 1 to Oct. 31, 2010. Fine \$100.

Nov. 12 - Jordan Durham, Norton, stopping obstructing traffic. Plead not guilty. Trial set.

Nov. 12 - Jordan Durham, Norton, speeding 28 in a 20 mph school zone, fine \$100, court cost \$75.

Nov. 12 - Michael Adkins, Dover, Mo., speeding 30 in a 20 mph school zone. Amended to 29 in a 20 mph zone, fine \$100, court cost \$75.

Nov. 12 - Janet Look, Norton, speeding 45 in a 30 mph zone, fine \$48, court cost \$75.

Nov. 19 - Diana Montoia, Norton, failure to report accident, fine

\$200, court cost \$75.

Nov. 19 - Kyra Fulton, Norton, basic speed violation, fine \$60, court cost \$75.

Nov. 19 - Tye Nickell, Norton, following too closely, failure to provide verification of insurance. Verification of insurance provided at hearing. To serve community service. To pull all weeds and grass on west side of State St. from railroad to Pine Ridge Park every week from March 2010 through Oct. 2010.

Dec. 3 - Belinda Turman, Norton, speeding 39 in a 30 mph zone, fine \$30, court cost \$75.

CodeRED a useful alert system

By ERICA BRADLEY

CodeRED, the reverse 911 calling system, has been in use by Norton County for three years and has been useful in alerting residents to emergency situations like the blizzard conditions last week.

Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson said calls were made Sunday, to inform city residents to move their cars from emergency snow routes; on Monday to let

people know which precautions to take in the blizzard and on Tuesday calls went out to Norton County Courthouse employees to let them know the courthouse would be closed.

On Sunday, 1,558 calls were attempted with 1,106 being reached, and on Monday 2,493 calls were attempted with 1,805 being reached.

Thomson said the system helped keep accidents down because people knew to avoid

driving in the weather.

"During different weather and emergency situations, CodeRED has contributed to the safety of our citizens," he said.

To register for CodeRED calls, go to <https://login.coderedweb.com/codereddataentry/index.cfm?GroupID=1370>.

A link is also available at the bottom of the discovernorton.com Web site.

Police Log

December 7

7:20 a.m. Semi and trailer parked wrong way in street

8:33 a.m. Funeral escort

11:15 a.m. Report of individual wanting to buy cigarettes with fuel voucher

4:50 p.m. Gas skip, Loves

5:00 p.m. Report of harassing phone calls

5:50 p.m. Report of check being mailed to wrong address

7:15 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning snow removal

9:12 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, Brooks Motel

11:41 p.m. Motorist assist, 500 block E. Washington

December 8

12:00 a.m. Motorist assist

7:20 a.m. Fire at Hillcrest Motel

7:40 a.m. Activated alarm, Credit Union

8:30 a.m. Report of vehicle needing moved

10:13 a.m. Semi stuck, Hwy 36 & Hwy 283

10:30 a.m. Report of dog carrying tuna can, 300 block N. Jones

12:00 p.m. Motorist assist

1:39 p.m. Request for ride

7:34 p.m. Report of vehicle blocking driveway, 600 block N. Jones

10:56 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, 600 block E. Washington

December 9

12:50 a.m. Motorist assist

2:06 a.m. Report of vehicle blocking drive, 100 block S. Brown

4:00 a.m. Request for ride

5:18 a.m. Request for ride

8:15 a.m. Request for ride

12:40 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, 400 block N. Wabash

1:37 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning parking citation

2:29 p.m. Report of semi truck blocking roadway, Total

2:37 p.m. Motorist assist, Lincoln & Second

6:14 p.m. Activated alarm, Nex-Tech

8:45 p.m. Request for ride

9:57 p.m. Vehicle stop, 200

December 10

8:31 a.m. Complaint of snow being piled too high, not able to see traffic

10:10 a.m. Report of 4X4 almost hitting other cars

3:07 p.m. Civil standby, 300 block S. First

3:35 p.m. Civil standby, 200 block E. Woodsfield

6:21 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, 300 block N. Graves

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