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Briefly

Norton musicians to compete at state

Southeast of Saline High School, 5056 E. Highway K4, Gypsum, (west of Salina, off Interstate 70) is the site for the State Music Festival. Thirty-seven musicians from Norton Community High School will participate in the event on Saturday. For Norton, the music will start to flow at 11:20 a.m. and will last until the last musician plays at 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend and enjoy the talents of Norton high school students.

Deadline soon for property taxes

May 10 is the deadline for paying the second half real estate, personal property, oil, intangible and 16/20M truck taxes without a penalty at the Norton County Treasurer's office in the Courthouse. Remember to bring or send your tax statement payment stubs. You can also pay your taxes online at www.kansas.gov/propertytax. You will need the Name ID and Statement number from each tax statement that you want to pay.

VA representative will be here Tuesday

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in Norton from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the City Office to assist Veterans and their dependents with VA Claims work on Tuesday, May 3. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs at that time, you may contact her in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.



It is planting time at the Andbe Home. Pauline Holterman, left, and Phyllis Willey wait patiently before digging into the soil. Catherine Leiker, did not waste time while planting the tub in front of her. The flower theme is

red, white, and blue. The planted tubs will be moved outside when the weather warms up for the residents and passersby to enjoy.

-Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

Andbe residents spruce up gardens

By CYNTHIA HAYNES
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It's spring time and a young man's fancy turns to love but the mature woman's goes for flowers.

So earlier this week, employees and residents of the Andbe Home did a little gardening.

On Tuesday, eight of the women headed for Norton Flowers, Gifts and Greenhouse to load up on plants and flowers.

Then on Wednesday, the staff and residents held a gardening party, planting the flowers in three large trays, which were set on carriers that put them at just the right height for a woman in a wheelchair to do her dirty work.

And dirty it was as the women pried the plants out of their protective sleeves, dug holes in the dirt and carefully planted each flower, arguing amicably over which one should go where and singing silly songs as they went.

Soon the trays were full and the work was done and it was time to water the new brood and enjoy a chat.

But wait, there were six more trays that will need to be planted this week, so the party will keep going.

There were plenty more plants waiting for a new home – petunias, snapdragons, pansies, lobelia, allysum, zinnias and marygolds.

The topic turned to their favorite flowers.

"I like roses and peonies," said Pauline Holterman, who will be 87 on Tuesday. "I've got a lot of peonies and roses. We live, lived on a farm."

Phyllis Willey, who's 88th birthday is today, agreed with the peonies but said she likes nasturtiums.

"I wanted some nasturtiums," she said. "But, they didn't have any. They smell so good."

"I had the kind that come up by themselves every year – phlox, penstemon, whatever," chimed in Lavonia Snodgrass, 87. "I lived in the country."

Catherine Leiker, 90, had other ideas. "Tomatoes," she said. "That's my favorite."

Several other women agreed that tomatoes were one of their favorite garden items.

Maybe next time, the garden party will put in some of those.



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Markets

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Wheat	\$7.59
Milo	\$6.31
Soybeans	\$12.65

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy and windy with a slight chance of thunderstorms in the evening. **Saturday** - Partly sunny with highs around 60. **Sunday** - Mostly sunny with highs in the upper 50s. **Monday** - Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 60s.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, April 26.....Low 37, High 64
Wednesday, April 27.....Low 38, High 62
Thursday, April 28.....Low 35, High 78
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Gracious God, help us know that your grace is sufficient for us. Help us always to forgive others. Amen



School board talks energy, fire compliance

By HARRIETT GILL
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On April 25, a special meeting of USD 211 Board of Education was held to discuss energy needs of the schools, the fire marshal compliance issues at the Chemistry Room in Norton Community High School, negotiations and non-elected personnel. In a special meeting other items not on the agenda cannot be added.

The board held a discussion on the various projects that have been proposed by 360 Energy Solutions. Seven projects were approved at an estimated cost of \$1,115,000. Savings are projected to be \$64,000 the first year. Approved were lighting upgrades, mechanical upgrades at East Campus, new boiler system at Norton Junior High and Norton Community High School, new boiler system at Eisenhower, district HVAC control system, electrical panel upgrades at the junior and high school and replacing a multi-zone unit at Eisen-

hower with separate furnaces.

A motion to direct Superintendent Greg Mann to submit an application to the Qualified School Construction Bond program for \$600,000 was approved by the Board.

The Board went into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. The executive session was required to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest. The board returned to the open meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The executive session on the agenda for non-elected personnel was not needed.

The resignation from Kayla Tacha Weskamp as 1st Grade Teacher at Eisenhower at the end of the school year was accepted.

The supplemental contract with Jeremy Hawks as an assistant Norton Community High School track coach for the 2011 season was approved.

Long Island woman joins newspaper staff

By DANA PAXTON
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The Norton Telegram has a new face and we would like to introduce you to her. Marcia Shelton of Long Island is our new office manager and we are very happy that she has joined us.

Marcia was born in Osceola, Neb. to Bill and Ida Zedicher. Bill was a carpenter and ran the local theatre. Ida was a homemaker, bookkeeper and secretary for a local doctor. She was the youngest of her siblings. She has one brother and two sisters. Marcia said, "I am youngest but not "the baby".

She graduated from the Osceola Public Schools and completed various specialized courses related to positions she has held.

Marcia's husband, Max Shelton, is originally from Central City, Neb. Max is employed at Valley Feeds out of Long Island as the Assistant Feedlot Manager

and Head Cowboy. They have three children, two sons and one daughter. They have nine grandchildren and another on the way.

Upon graduation Marcia wanted to study art. "I have always drawn," she said, but she got a job instead of going to school. She said she has taken home study courses among other things to improve her abilities. She has drawn portraits, designed memorials, and made stained glass balls along with becoming an accomplished photographer due to her love of art.

Art and photography are a great interest to Marcia. She is a member of the Thedford Art Guild and Gallery, a member of the Arrow Artists of Broken Bow, a founding member of the Wild Rose Art Gallery in Broken Bow and a member of the Association of Nebraska Arts Clubs. She has



M. Shelton

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