

# NORTON LIBRARY

The Norton Public Library will host "African American Women Domestic: The Story of Two Kansans," a presentation and discussion by Angela Bates on Monday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room at 1 Washington Square. Members of the community are invited to attend the free program. Contact the Norton Public Library at 785-877-2481 for more information. The program is made possible by the Kansas Humanities Council.

In conjunction with Ms. Bates' program the movie "The Help" will be shown at the Library on Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. These programs are being presented as a celebration of National Library Week.

Ernestine and Charlesetta

Williams of Nicodemus, Kansas, learned basic cleaning and cooking skills from their mother and grandmother who had been enslaved in Kentucky. When they moved to California in the 1950s, their domestic skills provided many employment opportunities, even in Hollywood. Bates will discuss the family legacy of domestic work and share mementos Ernestine and Charlesetta collected.

Angela Bates is the executive director of the Nicodemus Historical Society. She presents educational programs across the nation covering Nicodemus, Exodusters and black towns in the West, Buffalo Soldiers, and black women in the West.

"When I watched the movie The Help, I reflected on my

own experiences as a child of a domestic cook," said Bates. "My mother and aunt shared wonderful stories about their experiences with such greats as Walt Disney, John Wayne, Bob Hope, and others. This rich history makes me proud of their accomplishments and appreciate the skills that I now possess as a professional cook."

"African American Women Domestic: The Story of Two Kansans" is part of the Kansas Humanities Council's The Way We Worked Speakers Bureau, featuring presentations and discussions examining the theme of work and working in Kansas and how these stories help define us.

# STUDENT NEWS

Lance Griffey, a fifth grader at Eisenhower Elementary School, has been named as one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2013 Kansas National Geographic Bee.

Lance is the son of Mark and Amy Griffey of Norton.

This is the 25th anniversary of the Bee. Bees were held in schools with fourth- through eighth-grade students throughout the state to determine each school's Bee winner. School-level winners then took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. In each of the 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Dependent Schools, and the U.S. territories, the National Geographic Society invited the students with the top 100 scores to

compete at the state level. Lance Griffey was in the top 100 in Kansas.

The 2013 Kansas National Geographic Bee to select the state winner was held at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum in Abilene, on Friday, April 5, 2013.

The state winner will receive \$100, the "Complete National Geographic DVD," and a trip to Washington D.C., where he/she will represent Kansas in the national finals at National Geographic Society Headquarters, May 20-22, 2013.

The first-place winner of the national competition will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship and lifetime membership in the Society. The national winner will also travel (along with one parent or guardian),

all expenses paid, to the Galapagos Islands. The winner will experience geography firsthand through up-close encounters with the wildlife and landscape of Galapagos. Travel for the trip is provided by Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic. For additional information on the National Geographic Bee please visit [www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee).

National Geographic Channel and Nat Geo Wild will air the final round of the 2013 National Geographic Bee, moderated by Alex Trebek, on Thursday, May 23 (to be followed on public television stations). Please check local television listings for the date and time in your area.

March Northern Valley Elementary School Leadership Award Winners

**Kindergarten - Katrina Wilson**

Katrina has demonstrated she is a leader through treating her classmates with respect. Katrina is a good listener, she pays extra attention during teacher instructional time. Katrina is kind to others and helps her classmates out when they need a smile or a friend to talk to. Katrina shows good leadership outside the classroom reminding other Kindergarteners to follow the rules. Katrina is a well-rounded student who has demonstrated leadership in the Kindergarten classroom. -Michael Thompson

is always helpful. She will stop and tie classmate's shoes, assist with any task asked of her, and help her kindergarten friends. She always completes her work on time and does her very best. Austyn strives to continually improve herself and has a great work ethic. -Tammy Vincent

**2nd Grade - Lucas Kenney**

Lucas is the recipient of the second grade leadership award. Lucas consistently follows school rules and demonstrates respect. He shows curiosity and intrinsic motivation as he takes responsibility for his learning. Substitute teachers have noticed his politeness and helpfulness. Lucas exemplifies the class motto as he challenges himself to be the best student that he can possibly be. -Julie Thompson

**3rd Grade - Kevin Russell**

Kevin is the third grade leader for the month of March. Kevin follows rules and is a good listener in class. Kevin comes to school with a positive attitude

and a smile. He is a good friend to his peers and is continually encouraging others to do their best. He continues to be a top notch leader. -Jill Gebhard

**4th Grade - Ava Schemper**

Ava Schemper is the fourth grade Student of the Month. Ava is an excellent leader and role model for her peers. She comes to class prepared every day and always has her work done. She listens to and follows directions. Ava is a great encourager to all those around her. She sets a great example with her exemplary behavior. -Monica Wilson

Leadership award winners receive a certificate and a coupon from the Norton Dairy Queen for a free Mini-Blizzard.

**1st Grade - Austyn Cox**

Austyn was chosen to receive the first grade leadership award for the month of March. Austyn is a great role model for her classmates and friends. She is very polite, waits her turn and

they did so they could make changes and improve for the next time. After the two preliminary rounds, these are the individuals that made it to the finals, their events, and their placings: Macy Kasson - Humorous Solo Acting - 2nd place, Jon Compton and Eli Lowry - Improvised Duet Acting - 6th place, Alex Tharman and Makayla Smith - Improvised Duet Acting - 3rd place, Macy Kasson and Ame Baird - Improvised Duet Acting - 2nd place Shilo Cline - Poetry - 5th place Eli Lowry - Poetry - 3rd place Makayla Smith - Poetry - 2nd place, Alex Tharman - Informative - 2nd place, Sarah Baird - Prose - 5th place Camden Cox - Prose - 4th, place Lance Armbrister - Serious Solo Acting - 4th place, Dakota Hilburn - Serious Solo Acting - 3rd place.

Kortney Cunningham did not make it to the finals but still had a great day. With her help, the Northern Valley Forensic team scored 178 points and won the Western Kansas Liberty League tournament. WAY TO GO TEAM!!

The Northern Valley Forensics team has just completed two meets in two days. Needless to say, some of them may be 'drama-ed' out for a while. I will break them down into the two individual meets. On Wednesday, April 2, we traveled to Phillipsburg for their annual tournament. This was a big meet with thirteen schools and over 180 entries.

Those students making the trip after a full day of school were: Eli Lowry, Dakota Hilburn, Sarah Baird, Ame Baird, Jon Compton, and Lance Armbrister. The Long Island cooks made a batch of cookies to keep for the kids to keep their spirits and energy levels high.

When tournaments are held in the afternoon, there are only two preliminary rounds and the final round. Kids have to be at the top of their game in order to make it to the finals. We had many personal bests on this night. Sarah made it to the finals and placed 6th in Poetry.

Wednesday, April 3, Northern Valley hosted the Western Kansas Liberty League Forensic tournament. Two schools outside of the league were invited to help get enough entries to make the individual events state qualifying. We really appreciate the Norton and Hill City Forensic teams sending students to our tournament.

All twelve forensic students were ready to show their stuff as the day started. Each round the kids were anxious to know how



# Wigging out for cancer



The Norton Junior High KAYS group held their second annual Wigging Out For Cancer Friday morning. The idea originally came from now Freshman, Mike Kasson. This event is held to raise money for Relay for Life. Eight selfless volunteers had their heads shaved for the event. From the left is Harrison Woodyard being shaved by his mother Bri Woodyard, he was awarded the name of Bald Eagle by Principal Rudy Perez. Next is Owen Brown with his mother Sandy doing the honors and he was named Uncle Fester. Third is Shayd Dicks who was shaved by Dawn Risewick and he got the name of The Rock. Next is Cale Patterson being shaved by his mother Jennie and he got the name of Britney Spears. Tyler Karabin was shaved by Lee Russell and was dubbed Dr. Evil. Chris Davis got his ears lowered by Peggy Cox and received the name of Mr. Clean. Ali Gordon got to shave her new husband, Ben Gordon and he got the Shiny Top Award. Lastly was second year head shaver Chance McKinney who was also shaved by Ali Gordon and his award was, Dude, Bad Idea! The KAYS group raised \$421 for this event and then donated another hundred for a total amount of \$521.

-Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

# PUBLIC RECORD

## District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse.

Traffic and Wildlife and Parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.

### April 4

March 1-Briannah Kay Cook, McCook, Neb.; Charge: Vehicles; Unlawful acts; e.g., registration; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$173.

Feb. 1-Timothy Edward Hadcock, Hays; Charge: Speeding 75 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$173.

March 22-Dwane Holzmeis-

ter, Grainfield; Charge: Securing loads on vehicles; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$233.

Dec. 11-Alan J. Maunton, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 76 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$171.

Dec. 11-Alan J. Maunton, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Charge: Driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$100.

March 1-Jenna Lee Rolland, Norton; Charge: Speeding 70 in 55; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$173.

March 28-Dennis L. Walker, Clayton; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.

Call Mike with all your social news. 877-3361

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## TREASURER'S QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS

For the Period From January 1, 2013 to March 31, 2013

FUNDS	1 Old balances (last report)	2 Receipts	3 Disbursements (warrants paid)	4 Net treasury cash
GENERAL OPERATING	505,794.80	504,141.18	328,033.17	681,902.81
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	38,975.15	56,920.34	27,688.25	68,207.24
SPECIAL HIGHWAY	210,819.50	18,361.78	3,468.63	225,712.65
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	6,682.97	0.00	0.00	6,682.97
SPECIAL PARKS	19,434.99	987.17	1,282.47	19,139.69
CEMETERY DONATION	17,313.42	0.00	0.00	17,313.42
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	32,125.76	7,268.16	500.11	38,993.81
TOURISM	0.00	12,111.80	12,111.80	0.00
LIBRARY	0.00	51,541.14	48,084.69	3,456.45
LIBRARY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	0.00	16,336.31	15,372.66	963.65
FIRE PROCEEDS CASH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SPECIAL HEALTH	108,415.05	116,053.51	110,779.42	113,689.14
BOND & INTEREST	8,151.56	32,031.85	5,837.50	34,345.91
POOL PBC BONDS	0.00	4,535,069.27	240,553.74	4,294,515.53
IMPROVEMENT FUND GO BOND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
AIRPORT BOND & INTEREST	4,398.36	3,811.25	3,811.25	4,398.36
NORTHDRIDGE BOND & INT.	521.24	3,198.74	0.00	3,719.98
ELECTRIC	1,359,559.55	813,156.25	613,316.49	1,559,399.31
WATER	566,897.64	166,575.20	179,311.14	554,161.70
SEWER	592,555.40	160,520.23	191,129.04	561,946.59
REFUSE	270,914.18	90,592.53	66,582.15	294,924.56
REVOLVING LOAN	908.11	5,776.55	5,776.55	908.11
ELECTRIC REPLACEMENT	390,622.46	25,525.73	8,491.41	407,656.78
ELECTRIC DEPOSITS	76,294.76	7,146.52	5,087.02	78,354.26
WATER DEPOSITS	21,887.61	1,954.93	1,276.34	22,566.20
WATER REPLACEMENT	46,483.73	1,800.00	0.00	48,283.73
SEWER REPLACEMENT	52,816.60	1,800.00	0.00	54,616.60
REFUSE REPLACEMENT	42,389.89	1,500.00	0.00	43,889.89
PAYROLL	8,588.99	429,374.50	429,344.50	8,618.99
PRIOR YEAR	202,121.60	608.90	199,730.42	3,000.08
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TOTALS	4,584,673.32	7,064,263.84	2,497,568.75	9,151,368.41
Available Cash:				
FIRST STATE	Bank		8,806,368.41	
THE BANK	Bank		195,000.00	
FIRST STATE BANK	Bank		150,000.00	
Total Available Cash (To agree with total funds above)			9,151,368.41	
LIABILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS				
NORTHDRIDGE HOUSING REFUNDING BOND (2003)	\$		4,864.00	
AIRPORT REFUNDING BOND ISSUE	\$		230,000.00	
DIGGER DERRICK TRUCK	\$		20,753.22	
WASTEWATER PLANT KDHE REVOLVING LOAN	\$		3,061,395.16	
WATER PLANT KDHE REVOLVING LOAN	\$		1,373,425.48	
WASHINGTON SQUARE IMPROVEMENTS	\$		280,000.00	
RESCUE TRUCK	\$		32,623.23	
REFUSE TRUCK	\$		28,979.57	
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER PLANT BONDS	\$		3,151,828.00	
NORTON PBC POOL REVENUE BONDS	\$		4,535,000.00	
TOTAL	\$		12,718,868.66	

I, Patty Rowh do hereby certify that the above statement is correct. Signed, Patty Rowh, City Treasurer

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