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**Friday**

**April 4, 2014**

*Briefly*

## Norton high school will hold its prom

Norton Community High School's Junior-Senior prom will be held Saturday night. Promenade will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by the banquet and dance with coronation at 10:15 p.m. Public viewing will be open from 1 - 4 p.m.

## Services to be held at Maple Grove

There will be a memorial service held for Evelyn F. Ankenman on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Maple Grove Church.

## Vocal concert set for Monday night

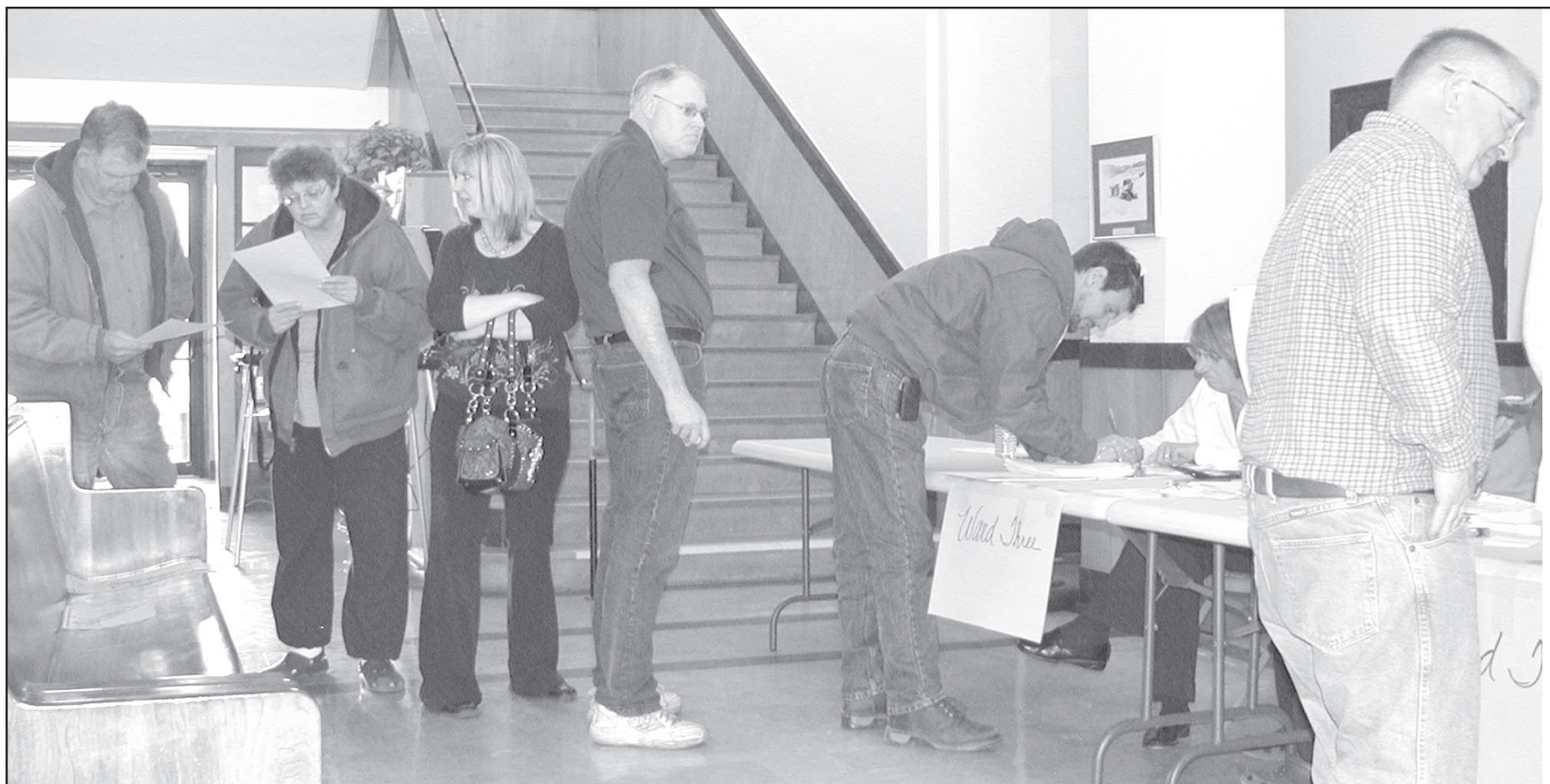
Fifth and sixth graders at Eisenhower Elementary School will hold a vocal concert at the East Campus Auditorium on Monday at 7 p.m.

## Get your entries in for Window Contest

The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Window Display Contest entries are due by Monday and will be judged on Thursday, April 10. Contact the chamber with any questions.

## Grief recovery group set to meet

Enfield Funeral Home and Hospice Services Inc. will be holding Grief Recovery group meetings at the Norton Library in the community room on Tuesdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. April 8 through June 24. Books and material will be provided.



Norton County voters denied the U.S.D. 211 School Board bond issue request of nearly \$15 million. Almost 1,100 registered voters cast their ballots on Tuesday. The bond failed with 466 total yes votes and 628

total no votes. In Norton, the votes tallied 292 yes votes and 362 no votes.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

# School bond doesn't pass in election

By MIKE STEPHENS  
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Norton School District voters have rejected the nearly \$15 million bond issue request by the U.S.D. 211 School Board. Nearly 1,100 voters showed up at the Courthouse throughout the day on Tuesday to cast their ballots. The bond failed with 466 total yes votes and 628 total no votes. In the city of Norton the votes tallied 292 yes votes and 362 no votes. In Graham and Decatur counties there were 163 yes votes

and 212 no votes, and in the city of Lenora the bond failed with 11 yes votes and 54 no votes.

The school board, according to superintendent Greg Mann, will have to go back to the drawing board to determine its next course of action.

"I'm disappointed for the kids, the staff and the community of Norton," Mann said. "I will have to talk to the board of education to see how they want to proceed. If we have a pared down version of the bond issue in the

future, costs will still go up, and we need to understand why this one didn't pass. I'm disappointed but not deterred."

Norton voters also decided on three city council seats. Two incumbents, Harriett Gill and Donna Foley, were defeated in their re-election bids. Ron Briery, who represents Ward 3, was the only incumbent re-elected. He ran unopposed and received 183 votes.

Gill, representing Ward 1, received 53 votes and was defeated by Chris

McDiffet, who received 128 votes.

Foley, representing Ward 2, received 71 votes and was defeated by Gary Lacy, who received 204 votes.

The city of Lenora elected three members to its city council. The three members ran unopposed. Incumbents Phillip Rule and Andrea Day were re-elected with 37 and 60 votes, respectively. Ed Jordan was elected to fill the position vacated by Deborah Anderson.

# Norton Public Library receives book grant

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The Norton Public Library is one of 12 public and school libraries that was awarded Kansas Book Festival Grants on Monday at the Statehouse.

The Library will receive an \$800 grant which will be used for family and educational DVD's for adults and children, according to library director Mary Luehrs.

"I was so excited," said Luehrs. "I applied for that grant in October and I hadn't heard anything. Then I heard on the radio yesterday (Tuesday) that we received the grant and then I received

an e-mail."

The Festival Grant comes at an opportune moment for the library. In February, the Library Board submitted a letter to the city council requesting a one mill increase for the year 2015. The Library is currently receiving seven mills and the last time the mill levy was increased was in 2010. The Board said it had to cut its submitted budget for 2014 by \$2,900, which was mostly from the book budget.

"Our book budget is pretty small," said Luehrs. "Anytime we can enhance our collection we do."

According to Luehrs, the Library has

700 DVD's, of which 300 to 400 are checked out each month. In its letter to the city council, the Board said the Library has been getting used a lot in the past year. In 2013, over 50,000 books, DVD's, videos and books on CD were checked out. The Board also pointed out the many special programs the library offers as well, and that providing all these services to the community will stretch its 2014 budget to the limit.

"It will really be nice to have that grant," said Luehrs.

Kansas First Lady Mary Brownback announced the 12 winners of the 2014 Kansas Book Festival Grants at a news

conference in Topeka on Monday.

"The Kansas Book Festival works year round to promote literacy and encourage life-long love of reading," First Lady Brownback said. "These grants will help libraries to purchase new technology and a wide range of reading materials for many reading levels."

The 2014 Kansas Book Festival will be held September 13 at the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka. All age groups are invited to attend the free, day-long event. To learn more, visit [kansasbook-festival.com](http://kansasbook-festival.com).

# Norton Telegram has a new society editor

By MIKE STEPHENS  
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The Norton Telegram's new Society Editor is Miss Shylo Paxton. Shylo is a hometown girl with lots of knowledge of Norton County and northwest Kansas.

She was born in Cambridge, Neb., and was raised in Norton. Shylo is a 2012 graduate of Norton Community High School and attended PIMA Medical Institute in Colorado Springs, Colo., for eight months, where she earned her certification as a dental assistant.

Shylo is the daughter of Dana Pax-

ton, general manager and advertising director at the Telegram, and Jim Paxton of Beaver City, Neb. She has two siblings: an older sister, Wiyanna and a younger sister, Althea.

In May, Shylo will travel to Africa, specifically Kenya and Tanzania, for 16 days with family friends Georgia and Ron Briery of Norton. Her grandmother, Sue Sharp of Rancho Viejo, Texas, is sending Shylo to Africa as a graduation gift and we look forward to her stories and pictures from her trip.

Her future plans may include going back to school in the Kansas City area. She said she would like to attend Heri-

tage College to study radiology, but in the meantime, we at the Telegram are happy to have her as part of the team.

"I like it here," said Shylo. "I think I'm going to enjoy doing page design."

General manager, Paxton said, "I think Shylo will be a great asset to us here at the paper. She is very computer savvy and knows Norton, the area and the people very well. She has a very good work ethic and will learn fast which is what we needed to help lighten the load on our current staff. We have been short handed for 17 months so it is a treat to have a full staff again."



Shylo Paxton

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At 12:01 the morning of Friday, March 28 the Norton County Sheriff's Department, the Norton City Police Department and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation served a search warrant which led to two arrests.

Sheriff Troy Thomson said, "This was a multi-week investigation that the Norton County Sheriff's Department

along with the Norton Police Department and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation had been working on which led to the service of a search warrant on a residence located at 430 South Street in Norton. The search led to the arrest of 24 year old Samantha Sharvin of Norton and 50 year old Todd Roepke of Kearney, Nebraska."

The two were seen by the court on Saturday and then had their first ap-

pearance yesterday. Both Sharvin and Roepke are scheduled to appear again on Friday, April 11, Roepke at 1:30 p.m. and Sharvin at 3 p.m.

Both defendants have been charged with five counts. First, distributing opiates, opium, narcotics and certain stimulants. The second charge is for possession of paraphernalia with intent to manufacture, plant and or cultivate a controlled substance. The third charge

is for no drug tax stamp for a controlled substance. Fourth is for possession of a hallucinogenic and the last charge is for unlawful action to acquire proceeds from drug transactions.

Thomson said, "Both are in custody here in Norton on \$100,000 cash bond."

# Search warrant leads to two drug related arrests



Saturday - Overcast with a high of 62.  
Saturday Night - Cloudy with showers. Low of 39 with a 50 percent chance of rain.  
Sunday - Rain showers in the morning with a high of 56. Chance of rain 60 percent.  
Sunday Night - Cloudy skies early with a low of 37. Monday - Showers developing in the afternoon with a high of 59. Monday Night - Few clouds with a low of 37.

## Markets

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Wheat .....	\$6.97
Milo .....	\$4.39
Soybeans .....	\$13.85
Corn .....	\$4.64

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, we pray that you give us the ability to love others as you loved us -- by dying for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

