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Briefly

Northern Valley's Prom is Saturday

Northern Valley High School will have its Prom on Saturday. Promenade will be in the lobby at 6 p.m., the Prom Dinner will be in the auditorium at 6:30 p.m., and the Prom will be in the auditorium from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Prairie Dog State Park adjusts April's hours

The office at Prairie Dog State Park will have adjusted hours beginning the week of Monday, April 14 continuing through Friday, April 25. The hours during those two weeks will be Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

BB Gun Team to State 4-H Shoot

The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team will shoot in the Kansas State 4-H Shoot this Saturday in Alma.

The top three teams will qualify for the Daisy National BB Gun Championships, which will be held again this year in Rogers, Ark. the first week of July.

Norton qualified for the state shoot by placing first in the regional shoot in Oakley.

FFA Banquet will be held Saturday

The 2013-14 Norton FFA Chapter Banquet will be held on Saturday in the junior high gymnasium in Norton. Everyone is invited to view the ag shop projects from 6-6:30 p.m. The banquet meal will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program featuring the current FFA State President Lindy Bilberry as the keynote speaker, presentation of chapter awards, recognition of chapter sponsors and installation of new chapter officers.

Markets

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Wheat	\$6.76
Milo	\$4.38
Soybeans	\$14.02
Corn	\$4.67

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

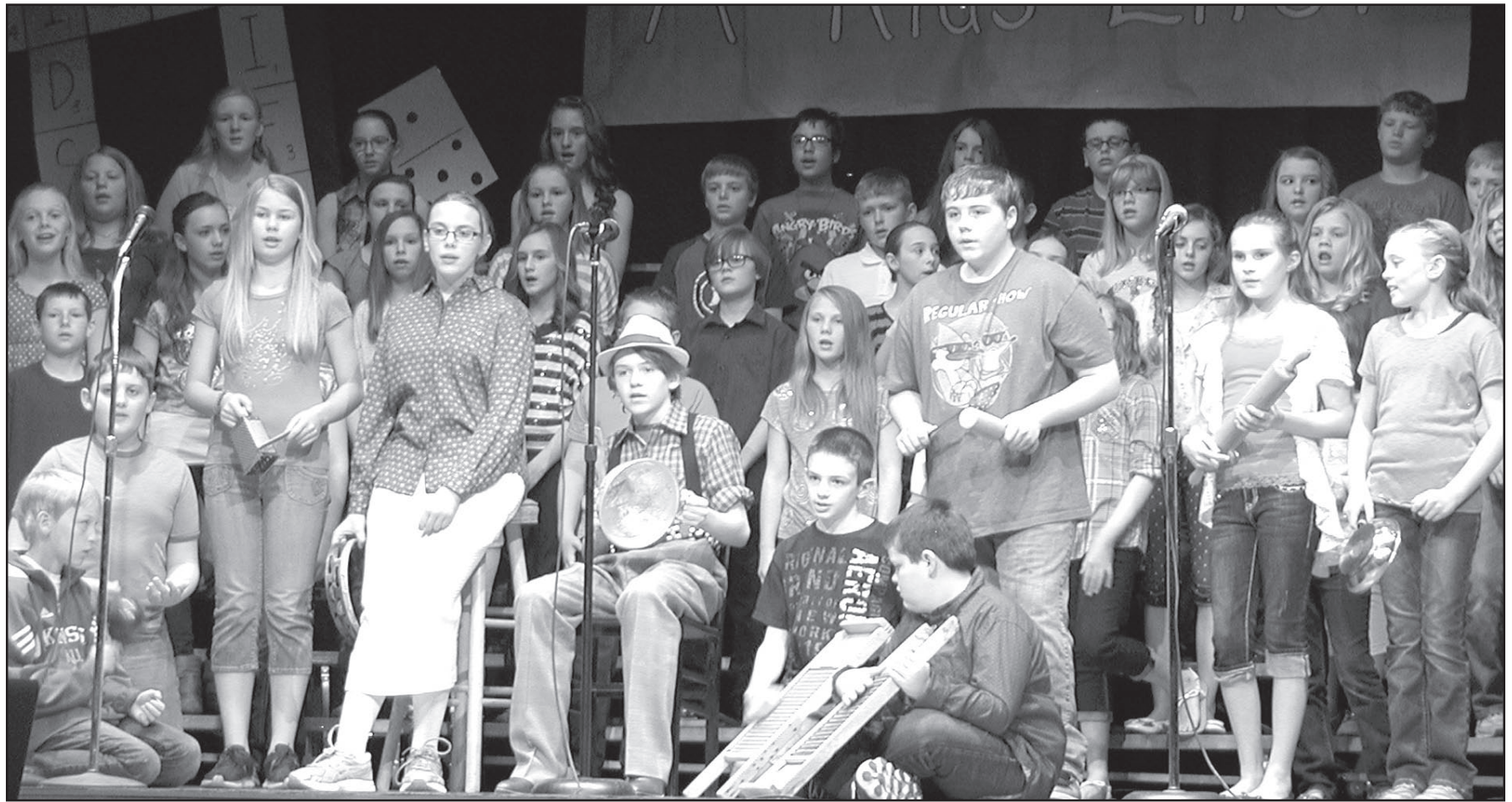
Weather

Saturday - Partly to mostly cloudy with a high of 81. Saturday Night - An isolated thunderstorm possible with a low of 49. Chance of rain 40 percent. Sunday - Cloudy with periods of light rain and a high of 49. Chance of rain 70 percent. Sunday Night - Rain and wet snow in the evening.

Prayer

Gracious God, as you call us into your service we ask for courage and compassion, that we may fulfill the tasks you assign to us. In Jesus' name. Amen

"A Kid's Life" concert



The Norton fifth and sixth grade music classes held a concert Monday night. "A Kid's Life" was the night's theme. What on Earth would today's children do without their modern technology, cell phones, ipads, ipods, and every other electronic gadget they have today? They

learn from parents and grandparents how to entertain themselves. Seven songs were part of the evening's skit filled with numerous solos.

— Telegram photo Dana Paxton

Whitney Building progressing smoothly

By MIKE STEPHENS
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The process to rehabilitate the Whitney Building is progressing smoothly, according to economic development director Scott Sproul. He told the board at its Tuesday meeting that he spoke with the architect and the square footage in the building will remain the same, but provisions will be made for a lintel which will make it easier to install an elevator if the decision is made to pursue upstairs housing in the future. "The process is moving along a lot faster than we thought it would," said

Sproul. "It could go to bid in a couple of months."

The environmental review for the building "is pretty much done now," Sproul informed the board. "I think it went fine."

"The process is moving smoothly along," said Sproul, which he said will help facilitate future grant applications.

June 1 is the target date that Economic Development hopes to learn if Norton will be awarded funds from the Kansas Department of Transportation Transportation Alternative Program. The project would revitalize State

Street from the east Washington intersection north through the Main Street intersection.

The site review by the Kansas Department of Transportation "went really well," said Sproul.

The Department of Commerce contacted Economic Development to participate in its Broadband Pilot Program. It will consist of a cross-section of community leaders who will identify and prioritize items to create an action plan that will assist businesses in using broadband more effectively and to develop Norton as a tech hub. It's

been described as a dashboard of tools for existing businesses to use.

Norton was one of four communities chosen by the Department for the program, and is by far the smallest.

"It does a lot of recruitment for us because businesses need the technical and social infrastructure," said Sproul. "We need to market ourselves as a community. It'll be interesting to see people's reactions. Hopefully this will be another feather in our cap."

Kansas band inducted into Music Hall of Fame

By MIKE STEPHENS
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Jimmy Dee and The Fabulous Destinations were among the 10 inductees at the 2014 Kansas Music Hall of Fame induction ceremony at Liberty Hall in Lawrence on March 1.

The band from northwest Kansas joined among other Kansas musical greats Melissa Ethridge, from Leavenworth (inducted in 2006) and Martina McBride, from Sharon (inducted in 2007) in the Hall of Fame.

Despite bad weather, a crowd estimated between 500-600 people filled Liberty Hall. Most of the inductees performed at the ceremony, including Jimmy Dee and The Fabulous Destinations, who according to Brenda Schmidtberger (Jimmy Dee's sister), "blew the roof off the building."

In 1975 the band was formed in Victoria and is comprised of friends and relatives. The Destinations are known for their classic rock sound from the 1950's, 60's and 70's, and got their

start playing 50's themed "Greasers" dances.

"In the 70's there was Happy Days, American Graffiti, Grease and Animal House. It was a nostalgic era (for classic rock and roll) and we latched onto it," said Jim Schmidtberger, also known as "Jimmy Dee."

Besides Schmidtberger as lead vocalist, the band members are Ray "Red" Schmidtberger ("Jimmy Dee's" cousin), plays bass, Joe Dreiling plays keyboard and vocalist, Tim Pfeifer plays saxophone and vocalist, Anthony Pfeifer plays lead guitar and vocalist, and Bill Gasper plays drums. The Destinations also have a band photographer and stage helper, Doug "Spook" Cunningham, Stockton, who has taken over 40,000 pictures of the band.

Former Destination band members Fulton Calvery and Leon Frank attended the induction ceremony. Not in attendance but recognized by the band were Don Hart, Dave Brull, and Danny and Terry Pfeifer, and three former

band members that have passed away; Tim Calvery, Brad Wagner and Wayne Billinger.

The band has been rocking ever since its reunion concert in 2000 and they have no plans on slowing down.

"The crowds kept coming out and they were getting bigger and bigger," said Schmidtberger.

They also know the key to their success.

"The Hall of Fame induction is a great, great thing and we work very hard, but we got this award because of the fans," said Schmidtberger. "It's big, it means a lot to us."

Besides touring northwest Kansas this summer, Jimmy Dee and The Fabulous Destinations are planning to go into the recording studio in July and August to perform their own original material. The band has recorded three CD's since 2000. Prior to that they recorded an album in 1979 and a single, known as a 45, in 1980.

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- Beast, Hays
- Bon Ton Soul Accordion Band, Kansas City
- Cliff "Rockin' Daddy" Major, Wichita
- Glow, Kansas City
- Jimmy Dee and The Fabulous Destinations
- Junior Brown, Lawrence Sanctuary, Lawrence
- Wichita Linemen, Wichita
- Ed Down (Audio House) - Director's Award, Lawrence
- Donnie and Diane - Bob Hapgood Award, Arkansas City
- [Jimmy Dee and The Fabulous Destinations schedule of events:](#)
- May 10 - Hays, American Legion
- June 7 - Larned
- June 27 - Goodland
- June 28 - Oakley
- July 19 - Hoxie
- July 26 - Gorham
- Aug. 23 - Smith Center
- Aug. 31 - Logan

Norton couple makes donation to Rotary Foundation

A Norton couple was posthumously honored at the Rotary district conference in Colby last month for their donation to the club's endowment fund.

H.L. "LeRoy" and Liza Deines left over \$35,000 to the Rotary Foundation as a bequest in their will, demonstrating their lifelong commitment to the club. LeRoy was a past district governor for Rotary, and he and Liza were "dedicated Rotarians," according to the district's foundation chairman, Mack Teasley. LeRoy was perhaps the youngest

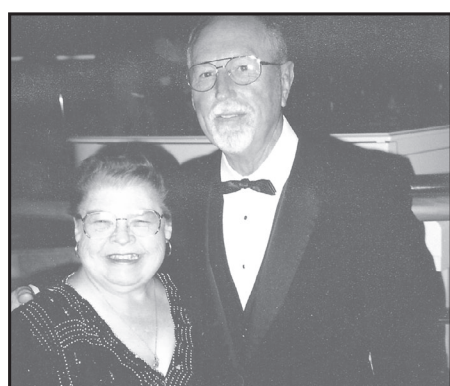
governor of the district, serving at age 44, said Teasley.

"He was a fine gentleman and Liza was a great first lady for our district."

LeRoy served in local, district and zone offices in Rotary and was a voting delegate to the Rotary International Council of Legislation in Singapore in 1989. LeRoy passed away in Nov. 2003 at the age of 65 and Liza passed away in July 2013. The foundation received the gift from their estate in January of this year. Rotary International representative

Glenda Thomas and District Governor Peggy Cabrinha presented a major donor crystal to David and Daniel Deines, sons of LeRoy and Liza, at the Colby conference. David and Daniel traveled from Kansas City to accept the crystal honoring their parents.

The annual earnings from the Deines' gift will be returned to Rotary clubs in the district to use in local projects, continuing the work the couple supported during their lifetime.



Liza and H.L. "LeRoy" Deines

