

**Tuesday**  
April 11, 2006

Norton, Kansas  
Home of Vera Reusink

*Briefly*  
**Easter Bunny coming to town**

The Easter Bunny and his helpers will be on hand for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Norton County Courthouse. Photos with the Easter Bunny will be available throughout the event, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Children will be divided into 0-3 year olds, 2 p.m.; preschool 4-5 year olds, 2:05 p.m.; kindergarten and first graders, 2:10 p.m.; and second and third graders, 2:15 p.m. Each age group will meet on a different corner of the lawn.

A scavenger hunt planned for fourth, fifth and sixth graders will begin at 1:30 p.m. To enter, a team must have no more than four members and meet on the east side of the courthouse steps.

**Track, golf have been rescheduled**

The Norton Invitational Track Meet and Norton Invitational Golf Tournament, which were postponed due to inclement weather last Friday, have been re-scheduled.

The Norton Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, April 18 with tee off at 9 a.m.

The Norton Invitational Track Meet will be held on Tuesday, April 25 and will begin at 3 p.m.

**Drug plan to be discussed**

Glenna Clingsmith, a coordinator at the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging, will be in Norton to provide one-on-one Medicare Prescription Drug Plan counseling. She will be at the Norton Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday.

To make an appointment, call Ramona Pabian at the Center, 877-5352.

*Weather*

**Forecast:**

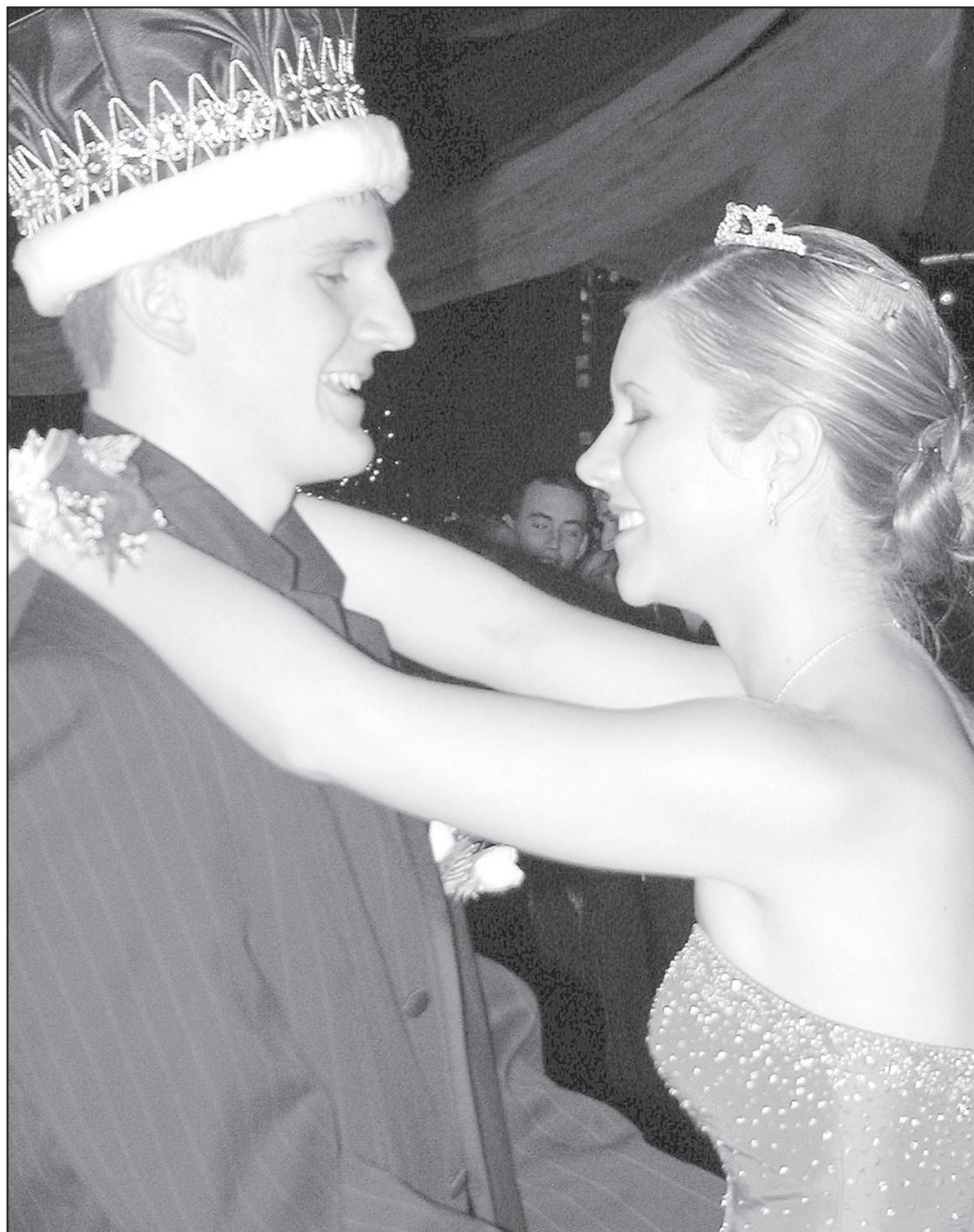
**Tonight** —Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Colder with lows in the lower 40s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. **Wednesday** —Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 70s. Light winds becoming south 1 to 15 mph in the afternoon. **Wednesday Night** —Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. **Thursday** —Highs in the 80s.

**Kingham report:**

Friday ..... Low 34, High 49, .65 Precip.  
Saturday ..... Low 24, High 64  
Sunday ..... Low 37, High 75  
Monday ..... Low 45, High 79  
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

*Prayer*

Guiding Father, help us to use our hands and the things they hold to do the work you have for us to do. **Amen**



Newly crowned Prom King Luke Pfannenstiel and Prom Queen Naomi Streck shared a dance.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

*Prom makes everyone feel like royalty*

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

The excitement mounted Saturday night as time for the annual Norton Community High School Promenade drew nearer. "There they are," whispered an anxious parent as a glimpse of the teenagers was caught as they lined up outside the gymnasium doors.

Brenda Mann came to the microphone and announced the first couple, then the next and the next. The couples strode to center court where a white lattice arbor was decorated as a photo scene. The decorations were provided by Norton Flowers, Gifts and Greenhouse.

Some couples were stately and reserved. Some tried to make their entrance and time in the spotlight unique.

Many spectators commented on the style of the gowns. Words like feminine, elegant and refined were used.

The young men looked very suave and debonair in their tuxedos. Many chose to color coordinate their vest and tie with the color of their date's dress.

All too soon, it was over. And, it was time for parents and friends to take pictures.

From the gymnasium, the party goes to the Junior High where that gymnasium had been transformed into a city scene, complete with high rise buildings and a fountain in the middle of the dance floor. The junior class chose the theme "Romance on the Rooftop" for the dinner and party to follow.

Dance music was provided by (Continued on Page 5)

**Economic development ousts director**

By VERONICA MONIER

As of Friday, the Norton County Economic Development Board does not have a director by its own choice.

A special meeting was held by the board Friday to discuss the economic development director's contract. The contract, which was signed by the former director Marlene Henderson when she took the job, was subject to a six-month probation period, during which time the board could terminate employment without cause or a severance package.

Before making its decision, the board

went into a 45-minute closed session to discuss whether or not to keep Ms. Henderson as the director.

Once they came out of the closed session, they allowed a comment period from the public.

Lee Hanes said he and his wife, Siobhan, were interested in buying a business in the area and so talked to her about it. He said she helped them buy the Oak Shop in Almena and U.S. 36 Collectibles in Norton.

"She's been a great help to us," he said.

Mrs. Hanes said they also talked to her

about starting an organic farm on the 40 acres of land they bought near Almena.

"She's a boon to Norton County," she said.

Dr. R.A. Peterson said he has worked with her and thought she was doing a great job.

Brenda Wilson said she had an office in the same building and also thought she was doing a good job. Ms. Wilson said she would like to see Ms. Henderson stay on as the director.

Jerry Cummings said he had never

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**Businesses to close for Easter**

Easter weekend begins Good Friday. Several area businesses will recognize one or both days.

**Banks**

First State Bank will close at 11 a.m. Good Friday so its employees can attend the community services at noon at Norton Christian Church.

First Security Bank and Trust, Almena State Bank and United (Continued on Page 5)

**Easter will be focus of many area churches**

The observance of Easter week is the main focus of many area churches. For some, the week begins Thursday.

**Maundy Thursday**

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, New Almelo, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 5:45 p.m.

Norton United Methodist Church, Maundy Thursday services, 7 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Maundy Thursday services, 7 p.m.

United Parish, Lenora, Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m., communion service.

Norton Trinity Episcopal Church, Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 14 Good Friday**

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**Norton BB Gunners on their way to internationals**

By DICK BOYD

The Norton County Rotary BB gun team, one of the most inexperienced in the many years of the Norton shooting education program, placed third in the 41st annual Kansas Jaycees State BB Gun Championships on Saturday in Manhat-

tan to earn a berth in the upcoming international shoot.

Norton has won the state shoot 36 times and the international shoot eight times, more than any other team in the world.

The top three teams from each state shoot qualify for competition in the Daisy/

Jaycees International BB Gun Championships. Manhattan Purple won this year's state championship with a shooting score of 1,851 and written test score of 484 for a total score of 2,335.

Manhattan's score would have tied for seventh place in last year's international shoot, which will be held again in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The international competition will be on June 20, July 1-2.

Placing second in the state shoot on Saturday was the Arkansas City No. 1 team with a shooting score of 1,820, test score of 484 and total score of 2,304.

The Norton Yellow team was third with a shooting score of 1,767, test score of 480 and total score of 2,247.

Miami County was fourth with a shooting score of 1,712, test score of 454 and total score of 2,166. In fifth place was Arkansas City No. 2 with a 1,696 shooting score, 452 test score and 2,148 point total.

The Norton Blue team was just three points out of sixth with a shooting score of 1,652, test score of 464 and total score of 2,116. Jefferson County and Wyandotte County both scored a 428 on the written test but Jefferson County outshot

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Young girl and boy marksmen and their coaches are shown on the firing line as they competed from the sitting position during the Kansas Jaycees State BB Gun Championships on Saturday in Manhattan.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd