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THE NORTON TELEGRAM

Norton takes own track meet to start season off with a victory.

Tuesday,
April 6, 2004

BB shooters bring home state title

By DICK BOYD

The Norton County Jaycees BB Gun Team lived up to the slogan, "Norton—Where The Best Begins" on Saturday by winning the 39th annual Jaycees State BB Gun Shooting Championship in the Wabaunsee High School Gym in Alma. It was the 35th state BB gun championship for Norton, who did not compete in 1982.

The Norton Yellow team, consisting of four shooters from Norton's 2002 inter-

national team and an alternate from the 2003 international team, established themselves as an early favorite by winning the written test, which accounts for 20 percent of the team score, with an outstanding 488 out of 500. J.D. Gall recorded a perfect 100 on the written test, the only youngster in the shoot to do so. J.D. also recorded the highest aggregate shooting score on the Yellow team with a 372 out of 400 and placed fourth overall in the shoot.

He won high aggregate two years ago. Shooters do not compete two years in a row because they are not allowed to shoot consecutive years at international.

The Norton shooters also gave a good account of themselves on the range, extending their written test advantage with their marksmanship. Their shooting allowed them to lead comfortably throughout the prone, standing and sitting positions. They fell down slightly in their kneeling score but so did their top rival

Wichita No. 1.

Norton finished with a shooting score of 1,824 and total score of 2,312. Wichita No. 1 was second with an 1,805 shooting and 2,257 total.

Third place went to the Norton Blue Team with a shooting score of 1,791 and overall 2,237. Fourth place was won by the Manhattan Purple Team with 1,788 shooting and 2,220 overall. Wabaunsee County No. 1 placed fifth with a 1,750 in shooting (Continued on Page 8)

Norton, Kansas Home of Aleta Brooks

Briefly Vote

today

The Norton city elections will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. today at the Norton American Legion.

The City of Lenora will hold its city election today from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Lenora City Office.

Seniors forming slow pitch league

A slow pitch seniors league is being formed for all persons between 55 and 105.

If you are interested, call Richard Wiltfong at 877-2459 or Duane Winder at 877-3539.

Help available for veterans

A Service Representative from the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be at the Norton Social Rehabilitation Services office from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday to assist veterans and their families with matters pertaining to veterans' benefits.

Open house set for April 15

The Kansas Department of Transportation will be hosting an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, at the Phillipsburg office to celebrate the department's 75th anniversary. The public is invited to attend.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 40s. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs in the lower 70s. **Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy and cooler with lows in the lower 30s. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Cooler with highs in the lower 60s. **Thursday Night** — Partly cloudy in the evening with lows in the mid 30s.

Howell report:

Friday High 74, Low 42
Saturday High 58, Low 35
Sunday High 72, Low 42
Monday High 77, Low 44
Week ago High 60, Low 31
Month ago High 49, Low 32
Year ago High 39, Low 29
April precipitation 0.00 inches
Year-to-date precipitation 2.67 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

O God, we stand before you in reverence, grateful for love that was willing to die for us. Give us strength to embrace all that comes with following you. Amen



A night to sparkle and shine

By TAMMY DANNER

Norton High School juniors and seniors got to enjoy "Reflections of the Sea," during the annual prom on Saturday.

The big night was held at the Norton Junior High Gymnasium with a dinner menu, which included party mix, tossed salad, steak fillet, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet corn, crescent roll, cheesecake and iced tea.

The meal was prepared by the junior class parents.

Sophomore servers were Heath Vincent, Rachael Lentz, Amanda Antrim, Chelsea Cox, Chelle Donovan, Becca Ebert, Amy Husted, Alyssa Kaus, Clay Madden, Nathan Morse, Amber Overlease, Luke Pfannenstiel, Naomi Streck, Austin Brooks, Darci Darling, Kayla Douglas, Shine Fischer, Karlie Jones, Dane Krizek, Klaire Mann, Whitney Newell, Danee Payne, Lance Roe and Dani Wuest.

The entertainment was provided by Complete Music of Manhattan. Also the Jay singers performed "Set Me as a Seal Upon your Heart" by David N. Childs.

The official photographer was Roy Skrdlant.

C.J. Thiele was named prom king and Elise Engelbert, queen. Dan Roeder was named prince and Kayla Juenemann, princess.

Post Prom festivities were held at the Wilmett Kirk Memorial Gym at East Campus from 12:30-5 a.m. The theme was "Hollywood Nights".

Cynthia Wegener, mother of Ashley Wegener, was the Post Prom chairperson. Ms. Wegener and her committee of parents coordinated the nights activities which included games, raffles, prizes and karaoke.

"There was a great turn out, about 90 percent of the kids attended" she said.

"Thanks to all of the committee and parents who helped with the nights activities and donated money and prizes. Also to the local businesses who donated raffle items. I really appreciate everyone's help."



Saturday night Jordan Hauserman, Erin Tibbetts, a guest and Alisha Keiswetter (above) danced the night away at the Norton prom. The tuxedo jackets came off and the high heeled shoes disappeared as the youngsters celebrated one of the highlights of their high school careers. King C.J. Thiele and Queen Elise Engelbert (far left) were crowned royalty of the prom. Rounding out the royal family were Prince Dan Roeder and Princess Kayla Juenemann (left).

— Telegram photos by Tammy Danner

County to hire a third emergency medical person

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

Norton needs another emergency medical technician and the county commissioners decided to advertise for candidates at their meeting on Monday.

Although the county had interviewed technicians before hiring Ruth Schillig, they decided to interview again to see who is still interested and if there are any new candidates.

Commissioner John Miller said that he had checked and on a three-year average the emergency medical service has had 98.6 calls in the first three months. However, this year the technicians have made 116 runs through Monday.

Acting Emergency Medical Technician Supervisor Andy Nielsen said that he had placed one technician on one-month suspension, when they had not answered while on call.

Mr. Nielsen said that an emergency medical technician from Prairie View will be taking calls for the Norton ambulance on Saturdays.

However, due to work and for personal reasons, a couple of the regular technicians will not be able to work as much as in the past.

In other business, the commissioners: • Heard from Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan that his crews are working on the roads but he had trouble getting fuel last week.

The Norton Co-op was able to provide the tankerload of diesel the county needs each four to five weeks, Mr. Brannan said, but none of the county's other suppliers were able to get the needed supplies.

"Without fuel we don't operate, basically," Mr. Brannan said.

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Airport will not be closed during taxi way renovation

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

With only four members of the Norton Airport Board at last night's meeting, no decisions could be made.

During the informal meeting, Board President Ivan Kingham, laid out the plans submitted by BG Consultants, Manhattan, for the resurfacing of the airport taxi way. Mr. Kingham explained that the plan is broken down into three parts.

The first phase is to replace the original asphalt of the main ramp. Phase II involves the airport-owned hangar and the third phase, the east end of the complex.

Airport Manager Delvis Miller said that the airport should never have to be shut down during the work.

Bids for the work are being advertised now. The bid opening will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 19, at the courthouse during the Norton County commissioners meeting.

Mr. Kingham told board members that the old asphalt has to be removed and the bed prepped for the new six-inch concrete cap.

"By doing it right, it will eliminate a lot of maintenance problems for decades to come," he said.

Mr. Kingham went on to praise other board members

"We really have a good board," he said. "Everyone is real cooperative."

Others present were Craig Renner, city appointed board member, and Secretary/Treasurer Joyce Kingham.

Relay to fight cancer

By TAMMY DANNER

The American Cancer Society's annual fund-raiser Relay for Life, is signing up teams in Norton and Phillipsburg.

The event will be held Friday and Saturday, June 18-19, in Phillipsburg.

"Relay For Life is a fun-filled, overnight event that brings together communities throughout the area to celebrate survivors, remember those we have lost, and raise money to win the fight against cancer," said Relay for Life Co-Chairwoman and Secretary Deb Thomas. "Teams of 8 to 15 members bring tents, sleeping bags, and enthusiasm to raise money to beat cancer."

This is the tenth year that Phillipsburg has hosted the relay and the second year that Norton has participated, she said.

Last year the Norton County Hospital and the Norton Family Career and Community Leaders of America were the only two sponsors from the Norton area to participate.

Ms. Thomas, who is also the patient issues chairman for the American Cancer Society, said so far six teams have signed up, but none are from Norton.

"We would really appreciate any support that Norton could give," she said. "Money that's raised in the relay is put into the Heartland Division, which is Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Missouri."

"Last year the relay raised \$15,000 for the American Cancer Society. Our goal for this year is \$25,000."

Luminaries can be purchased at the event for \$10. The luminaries will be set up around the track and lit to honor cancer sufferers and serve as memorials.

Teams need to consist of 8 to 15 members with a local sponsor.

"This would be a great way for high school students or groups to receive community service hours," she said. "We would like to see each team raise about \$1,000."

Relay runners should bring an activity to share, such as volleyball or a scavenger hunt.

The team captains kick off will be Thursday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the Christian Church in Phillipsburg.

The captain of each team needs to attend to pick up paperwork and the itinerary for the two-day event.

The relay will start at 7 p.m. on June 18 and continue until 7 a.m. at the Phillipsburg High School track.

To start off the event, cancer survivors will walk the first lap.

"There is no charge for survivors to attend and walk the first lap, although they need to pre-register to insure they have a relay shirt to wear," Ms. Thomas said.

"There will be a concession stand, musical entertainment, games and prizes for people to enjoy and participate in."

"All you need is to get a group together, pick a captain, then walk. Relay for Life will do the rest."

If you are interested in forming a team, sponsoring a team, or being a corporate sponsor for this event, call Sherry Hoover at (785) 877-3907.



Kim Wicker, manager of the Norton Theatre, took tickets for one of the several weekend showings of "The Passion of the Christ" which debuted Friday evening. Several churches and individuals purchased blocks of tickets to make available to their congregations and teen groups.

—Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Soybeans might be a good bet

As the price for a bushel of soybeans continues to rise, farmers are more willing to undertake the risks of dryland production for the opportunity of a sizable payoff.

The problem with soybeans is the moisture required during pod set in August.

Typically, if farmers were expecting a dry year, they would plant grain sorghum, sunflowers, or a millet for their summer crop. However, due to the increase in soybean price, much less soybeans are needed in order to reap a profit.

Before planting soybeans, farmers should ask themselves:

1. Do I believe soybeans will stay at their current market price?

If not, is there some way I can manage a down turn by using marketing strategies. The soybean market is a global market with South America as a big player. The South American crop will be harvested soon and will play an important role in determining price.

2. How speculative am I willing to be?

If you're not, then do not plant dryland soybeans. If you are, plant a reasonable proportion of your ground to them.

One way to evaluate the yield potential in drought conditions would be to look at the results from a three-year study conducted from 2000 to 2002 at the Northwest Research and Extension Center near Colby.

About ag Brian Olson, K-State agronomist



The study evaluated the effects of planting dates and maturity groups in Northwest Kansas. Maturity groups I, II, III, and IV were planted from late April through late June.

Soybean yields were combined across three years and ranged from 3.4 to 17.1 bu/A. Unfortunately, due to the variability caused by the dry conditions, an optimum planting date by maturity group could not be set.

So only trends could be observed from the results.

The highest yields in 2000 resulted from the earliest planting when stored soil water was high, but when stored soil water was low as in 2002, the earliest planting resulted in the lowest yields.

When evaluating the trend for maturity group and planting date across all years, an early June planting with a maturity group III soybean performed the best. The results from this study are summarized in a report entitled "Soybean Productivity Under Drought: Effects of Planting Dates and Matu-

rity Groups in Northwest Kansas".

When picking a suitable variety, producers can view the Kansas Crop Performance results. However, soybean variety yields from dryland acres maybe incomplete because some tests were abandoned over the last few years. To brush up on general practices, farmers can get the publication, "Soybean Production Handbook".

On another note, I have received questions about what are the safer herbicides to use on fields that have wheat in varying stages of growth. Applying the wrong herbicide to fields where the wheat ranges from newly emerging to fully tillered can cause problems.

Some of the safer herbicides would be Rave, Starane, or a dicamba herbicide. Other herbicides such as 2,4-D need to have a fully tillered wheat plant of 4 to 8 inches before an application can be made.

To get publications or test results, download them from www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/, or pick up a copy at your local Extension office.

Next week, I will cover production and pest problems in soybeans. Please e-mail me at bolson@oznet.ksu.edu if you have any questions or would like to see a newspaper article on a specific crop production topic.

Commissioners meet with sheriff

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- Went into a 30-minute and a 15-minute closed session with Sheriff Troy Thomson to discuss contract negotiations.

- Visited with Jim Gordon about economic development money to renovate the old State Street Steak House and Saloon to put in a restaurant and perhaps a sports bar. The commissioners, however, said that the county was out of economic development money.

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Group to plan how to control foreign diseases

By VERONICA MONIER

What would happen if a foreign animal disease broke out in Norton County?

On Thursday, stockmen and state and county officials met to start working on a plan if the unthinkable happens.

Dave Cuthbertson with the Kansas Animal Health Department said every county is required to have a plan for dealing with a foreign animal disease outbreak, whether it be naturally occurring or a terrorist attack.

Mr. Cuthbertson said the experts say that agro-terrorism is a real threat and should be taken seriously.

"It's a very real possibility that this threat could happen in Kansas," he said. "Some of these diseases can be passed from animals to humans and almost all are very easy to transport and spread."

"When we talk about an animal disease, we talk about millions of dollars a minute. It's an economic disaster."

A disease that hasn't spread yet to North America is the foot and mouth disease, which is most contagious disease known to man, he said. It affects all cloven hoofed animals and has a 10 percent fatality rate among adult animals and a 20 percent fatality rate among young animals. Nearly every animal exposed will get the disease.

Veterinary Medical Officer Hallie Hasel with the U.S. Department of Agriculture explained the symptoms, which include sores, un-ruptured vesicles and dry lesions on the tongue and around the mouth, and sores and lesions on the feet. She said pigs are the most noticeably infected, while sheep are the least. Pigs are also the animals that carry the highest load of the virus.

"The virus replicates itself in a pig three times a day," she said. "If you have an infested pig, it's a guarantee that all other animals around it are infected too."

Dr. Hasel said a lot of the foreign diseases look like normal animal problems. With a disease like hoof and mouth, however, all the animals will be infected within three days, there will be a higher death

rate and some of the animals may show signs of neurological problems.

She said if an outbreak did happen, both the federal government and the state have plans in place. Each county needs to form a plan as well.

Kansas operates at four levels.

Level 1 is normal operation.

Level 2 is observation. An investigation is held and samples are taken.

Level 3 is a warning phase where lab results have confirmed a foreign animal diagnosis outside of the state.

Level 4 is a confirmation of a disease inside Kansas. In level 4, counties will be first responders until the state and federal agencies become mobilized. Movement of livestock will be stopped.

Once a disease is confirmed in the state, every animal within a 1.5 mile radius of the exposed animals will be killed and then a 4.5 mile radius quarantine zone will be put into place, Mr. Cuthbertson said. If an infected animal is found in the quarantine zone, then the exposed zone will be expanded.

People will not be able to leave the quarantine zone without being cleaned and disinfected. Vehicle traffic will be limited.

One part of the plan, that every county must have, is burial of the infected carcasses, he said. The burial sites must be pre-approved and the carcasses may have to be hauled somewhere else.

Dr. Hasel said the goal is to have all the infected animals slaughtered and buried within 24 hours. Realistically, she said, it won't be that quick.

There are so many things that could happen if an outbreak occurred, Mr. Cuthbertson said, that the county plans have to be flexible and have to have the cooperation of everyone.

All animals that are killed will be paid for by the federal government, as well as anything that has to be destroyed because it can't be cleaned and disinfected.

If you would like to help put together Norton County's plan, call Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Alvin Mapes at 877-5750..

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