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Tuesday
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Norton, Kansas
Home of Jack Harvey

Briefly
Library will be
busy Thursday

Leona Breeden from Smoky Hills Public Television will present two programs at the Norton Public Library on Thursday. At 10:30 a.m. she will present “It’s a Big, Big World.” She will read stories, show a film clip and demonstrate a craft. The afternoon program is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. It will feature the television program, “Arthur.”

Thursday is also Fun Night at the library. Seventh through twelfth graders are invited to bring anything chocolate for “Chocolate Night.” They will be building creatures. They are also asked to bring something to dip in chocolate fondue. Prizes will be awarded to the best chocolate projects. Fun Night begins at 7 p.m.

Fireworks set for
July 4th at lake

The tenth annual Norton County Fourth of July Celebration and Fireworks Spectacular will be held at the Prairie Dog State Park, four miles west of Norton, next Tuesday.

Free watermelon will be served beginning at 8 p.m. near the bathhouse at the east end of the park near Sebelius Lake.

Also around 8 p.m., Master of Ceremonies Marvin Matchett will welcome the crowd. Norton Boy Scout Troop No. 181 will present the flag, followed by the National Anthem and then a patriotic message read by Mel Rice.

Just before dark, Troop No. 181 will retire the flag and then the fireworks will begin.

Summer nights
bring golf

Night golf is played during the summer at Prairie Dog Golf Course. Mens Night starts at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Ladies Night is at 6 p.m. Thursdays. For more information call the club house at 877-3643.

Weather
Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with lows in the upper 50s. Wednesday — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 90s. Wednesday Night — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms in the eveing.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 65, High 81
Saturday Low 59, High 83, 1” Prec.
Sunday Low 58, High 78
Monday Low 57, High 81
(Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Lord, help us never to worry about the way we pray, knowing that you welcome all our prayers. **Amen**



It was hands-on training for these 4-H’ers as they learned about making yeast breads in a class held Friday at the 4-H Building. Rolling the dough was Rebecca Wentz while David Cressler watched. Volunteer leader, Lois Wentz, checked for thickness while, Megan Wentz, (partially hidden), and Carissa Wentz (foreground) stood by.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

4-H’ers get the low down on bread making

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Learning how to “get the feel” for working yeast breads was just part of what a 4-H class for Advanced Bread Making Techniques covered. The class, attended by 14 4-Hers was held Friday at the Norton County 4-H Building.

Carla Morrical, a Family Consumer Science Agent with Ellis County Extension and Brittany Phares, a Kansas State summer intern student for Ellis County Extension lead the class. They were assisted by 4-H volunteer leader Lois Wentz, Norcatur, and Beverly Kindler,

former Norton County Extension agent. The class was co-sponsored by K-State Extension and the Norton County 4-H Council.

Miss Kindler said one of the reasons for holding the class was to give the 4-Hers time to practice before the county fair.

The young bakers made bread dough from scratch; they made dough using a bread machine; and they used purchased frozen bread dough. Some of the techniques they mastered were how to roll and shape pizza dough; how to make bread

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New plan proposed for sewer plant

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton City Council will have a few things to decide regarding the sewer plant at it’s next meeting.

City Administrator Rob Lawson told the council at its last meeting that he had met with Miller and Associates, the city’s engineering firm; BRB Contractors; and Schreiber, a parts dealer, to come up with a new plan for the sewer plant.

He said with the new plans, he thinks the city can come close to \$3.3 million, using as much of the old plant as possible. The new design will build a much more compact plant than the old design, cutting down on a lot of costs.

The idea, he said, would be that the city wouldn’t re-bid the plant. Instead, BRB

would give a cap that it couldn’t go over during construction.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, who listened to the meeting via telephone, gave it’s approval for the plant, he said. But, the city attorney needs to go over everything to make sure it’s all legal.

He said representatives from all of the involved parties will be at the council’s July 5 meeting to discuss the new plan. If the council approves, dirt work could begin by Aug. 1.

Councilman Ron Briery asked what would stop BRB from going over the cap with change orders.

Mr. Lawson said all change orders have

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Ordinance could lower electric bills

By VERONICA MONIER

The City of Norton is looking at an electric rate proposal that will raise rates, but, at the same time, lower most bills.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said the city hired Ranson Financial Services to do an electrical rate study in January. The study was something the city has been looking at doing for about two years.

A year ago, the city entered into a new contract with Sunflower Electric, which changed the way Norton bought power. Now, the city gets so many kilowatts for a set price and after it is gone, it has to buy power at the going rate.

Norton gets its power from Sunflower, which is distributed through a sub-station owned by Praiseiland Electric, he said.

The biggest part of the study was to figure out a way to get the fuel adjustment fee back down to where it’s being applied fairly, he said. Right now, he said it’s at about 9 cents. They want to get it down to around 4 cents.

The proposed plan will have the city charging more for electricity, but with a smaller fuel adjustment, he said. Which, in turn, makes things more even and creates savings for consumers, he said.

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Members of the Norton BB Gun Team are pictured in the kneeling position in their practice room in the Norton BB Gun Museum. They have been practicing twice a week since the state shoot to prepare for

this weekend’s international shoot in Bowling Green, Ky. Pictured are, from left, Dylan Sprigg, Lane Archer, Chance McMullen, Caleb Vanover and Dustyna Sprigg.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Shooters take aim at international target

By DICK BOYD

The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team will compete in the U.S. Jaycees/ Daisy International BB Gun Match Championships this weekend in Bowling Green, Ky.

The international championships are the largest junior marksmanship com-

petition in the world. They will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Diddle Arena in Bowling Green.

Norton has qualified a shooting team for the international competition 38 out of the 41 years of its existence and has won it eight times, more than any other community. Until recently, the team was

sponsored by the Norton County Jaycees but they disbanded and the Norton Rotary Club volunteered to be the team sponsor.

The Rotary Club has also opened a Norton BB Gun Museum on East U.S. 36 Highway. The museum displays the rich history of the Norton shooting education and marksmanship program.

In recent history, Norton won the international championship in 1990, 1991, 1998 and 2000, placed second in 2003 and third in 1996.

Each team has different shooters each year since individuals are not allowed to shoot at international two

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