



Practicing making different shaped rolls for an advanced bread making class were 4-Hers Lacy Keilig (left) and Megan Cole. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

4-H'ers make dough an experience

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braids; make bread knots; and cloverleaf rolls.

David Cressler, one of two boys in the class, said making the pizza was the most fun for him. All the students agreed sampling the end

result was the highlight of the day.

Attending the class were: Katrina Wentz, Eric Becker, Jade Cressler, David Cressler, Dustyna Sprigg, Kyra Fulton, Melinda Becker, Rebecca Wentz, Morgan Baumann, Lacy Keilig, Megan

Cole, Alison Cole, Carissa Wentz, Megan Wentz. Although she's not old enough to join 4-H, Amy Wentz, 4, also attended the class.

Bills could go down with new rates

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With the proposed rate scale, the more a consumer uses, the more they save, he said. For example, if a commercial consumer is using 1,720 kilowatts and is being charged \$285.11, their new bill

with a 4 cent fuel adjustment should be \$267.52, which is a savings of \$17.59. But, if 24,080 kilowatts is used and the bill is \$3,663.42, the new bill would be \$3,280.64 — a savings of \$382.78. And, if 127,800 kilowatts is used with a bill of \$17,994.20, the new cost would be \$15,360.31, which saves the consumer \$2,633.89.

As for residential usage with a 4 cent fuel adjustment, 187 kilowatts with a current bill of \$33.76 would have a new bill of \$32.98, a 78 cent savings; 550 kilowatts with a bill of \$89.78 would have a new bill of \$83.57, a \$6.21 savings; and 948 kilowatts with a bill of \$151.12 would have a new bill of \$138.93, a \$12.19 savings.

Mr. Lawson said the fuel adjustment is so high because rates haven't been increased over the past 20 years.

"Electric costs go up every year," he said. "Twenty years ago,

someone did a study like the one we just did. But because rates weren't increased, the only way to keep it current was to pick up the extra costs with the fuel adjustment."

He said anytime the known costs, such as the cost of buying and generating power, go up, if rates aren't raised, the fuel adjustment has to go up to compensate. When the contract with Sunflower Electric runs out in four years, he said the city should look at doing another rate study and adjust the rates accordingly.

The proposed rates are being studied at by the Utility Committee and will be sent back to the city council with a recommendation. If the council likes the proposal, then it will become an ordinance and will have three readings. After that, the ordinance has to be published.

Mr. Lawson said if the council passes the ordinance with new electrical rates, it should go into effect around the first part of September.

He said if anyone has questions, they should call him at the city office at 877-5000.

New plan proposed for sewer plant

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to be requested and approved by the council. BRB couldn't ask for a change order.

He said the council should expect the next meeting to be a long one where decisions will have to be made. If the council doesn't approve the plan, something new will have to be figured out.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a temporary beer license for the Norton Chamber of Commerce for a beer garden on July 7 from 7 p.m. until midnight.
- Marvin Matchett, a member of the Chamber board, said they wanted the license for the Norton Car Show. People will be coming downtown for registration, which is where the beer garden will be. He said it will be a fenced in, secured area and they will be checking IDs. The council passed the motion with a 5-1 vote, with Councilman Jerry Jones voting no.
- Went into a 20-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel. When the council came

out of closed session, it voted to raise the salary of Brian Shannon to pay range 13-C and the salary of Asa Stiles to pay range 13-B.

- Discussed a new electric rate scale. Mr. Briery made a motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 1553, which would change the city's electrical rates. The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilwoman Donna Foley said she thought the issue should go to committee first to be looked at.

Mr. Briery said by not adopting it, it was costing the consumers of Norton money.

Mr. Jones said they just had a problem because something didn't go to committee before the council passed it and it would be a good idea to take a look at this in committee to avoid making a mistake.

- Heard from Mr. Lawson that John and Lee Mapes have donated the money to put a new slide in Mapes Park in Westridge Acres to replace the old slide that was taken out last year for safety reasons. He said he would like to have a ribbon

cutting at the park once the slide has been installed.

- Will be contacting the people who have plaques on the trees at State and Main to see if they would mind if their plaques were moved to a different area if the trees are removed.

- Heard from Mr. Jones, who thanked the parks department for the nice shape the cemetery was in for Memorial Day. He also thanked the public works crew for helping to remove sand that would cause problems for the motorcycles in the ABATE poker run and thanked the police department for directing traffic.

- Heard from Mr. Jones that Wednesday, July 19 is the American Motorcycle Association's ride-your-bike-to-work day to conserve fuel.

- Failed to pass a motion, giving the city employees Monday, July 3 off. Mr. Jones made the motion but it died for lack of a second.

- Paid bills in the amount of \$337,773.76.

Norton shooters aim for international target

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years in a row. The marksmen must be between 8 and 15 years old. They compete in four shooting positions — prone, standing, sitting and kneeling. The written test will contain questions on information from the Daisy 10-Lesson Curriculum and the National Rifle Association BB Gun Rule Book.

Norton has won the state shoot 36 times but the Blue Jay shooters' long string of championships was interrupted at this year's state shoot on Saturday, April 8 in Manhattan. The Manhattan team placed first this year with a score that would have tied for seventh in the international shoot last year. A veteran team from Arkansas City placed second and Norton, which has one of the least experienced teams in years, finished third.

Under current rules, the top three teams in each state are eligible to compete at the international shoot.

"We're not as experienced as some previous Norton team shooters," said head coach Cameron Archer, a former shooter. "Our young marksmen have been working hard and have improved their shooting quite a bit since the state shoot."

"We have been practicing twice a week since the state shoot and have shot over 1,000 targets. With 10 shots per target, that's over 10,000 shots."

"We're at a point, where we are ready to shoot. The international shoot is coming at the right time for us."

Norton's international team members were on the Yellow Team for Norton in the state shoot.

Their names and ages are: Caleb Vanover, 14; Chance McMullin, 14; Dustyna Sprigg, 13; Dylan Sprigg, 12 and Lane Archer, 11.

Alternates were members of the Blue Team at the state shoot. They are Kegan Vanover, 13 and Kaitlyn Campbell, 11.

Assisting Cameron Archer with coaching duties are Mike Campbell and Brian McMullen.

Lane Archer and Dustyna Sprigg are the only members of this year's international team with international experience. Both were alternates on last year's team.

Lane Archer and Caleb and Kegan Vanover are second generation BB gun shooters for Norton. Lane's father, Cameron, and Caleb and Kegan's mother, Keri, were Blue Jay marksmen when they were teens.

The Norton team had its final pre-international practice on Monday night in the Norton BB Gun Museum building.

In addition to shooting better, the Norton marksmen are also much stronger in the written test than prior to the state shoot, according to Instructor Lynette Archer.

"I'm pleased with their knowledge of the written test," she commented. "What they've been taught through studying for the written test will last a lifetime for them and those around them. They are learning safety rules for hunting. As you know, hunting is part of Kansas culture."

"The community has supported this program because they know it passes on to the children and parents the proper safety knowledge of hunting," said Cameron.

"These youngsters have stepped it up in both the classroom and shooting since the state shoot. They'll do the best they can and will make a strong showing at the international level. Norton will be proud of them."

BB gun shoot begins Friday

The young girl and boy marksmen competing in the International BB Gun Match Championships in Bowling Green, Ky. this weekend will be allowed to practice on the range on Friday.

The opening ceremonies will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Friday.

Shooting begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday with firing from the prone position, followed by the standing, the most difficult position. The written test will be

taken from 1-2 p.m.

From 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Saturday, the popular barter bar will be held. This is a fun event where shooters, coaches and parents exchange memorabilia from their states and become better acquainted.

Marksmanship from the sitting position will begin at 8 a.m. on Sunday and will be followed by the kneeling competition. The awards ceremony will be held in the arena gym from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Community helps team get to competition

By DICK BOYD

Traveling by the Norton BB Gun Team to state and international shoots is expensive but the Norton community has been generous in its support.

The sponsoring Rotary Club and others help with donations but the team also raised money this year through prize donations and a car wash.

Prize winners were: Doris Nelson, large pizza every month for a year, donated by Norton Pizza Hut; Lee Russell, Toro electric leaf blower, donated by Engel's Sales and Service; Tim Schulze, \$50 gift certificate, donated by Jamboree Foods; Wayne Archer, \$50 gas certificate, donated by Ag-Valley Co-op and Tiffany Peters, multi-functional computer rack with two drawers, donated by Mortensen Computer Services.

Head coach Cameron Archer thanked the parents who helped their children to do their best and practice regularly.

Norton's preparation for the state shoot began in October when the shooters entered the gun safety program, sponsored by Daisy and the National Rifle Association. After passing the course, they be-

gan practicing marksmanship and studying for the written test.

Coach Archer thanked the First State Bank, New Age Industrial Corp., City of Norton, Norton Rotary Club, Alberta Byrum, McMullen and Wyatt Auctions, Here's Your Sign and Norton T-Shirt Company for their donations to the program.

He thanked everyone who donated money for prizes and the car wash.

Archer said the car wash was held in the McMullen and Wyatt parking lot and that many people showed their support by donating to the car wash even though their vehicles didn't need washing.

Here's Your Sign lettered the gun boxes and Norton T-Shirt Company lettered the team towels.

On Saturday evening of the in-

ternational shoot, the annual Barter Bar is held. Young marksmen, coaches, parents and fans enjoy trading souvenirs from their states and becoming acquainted. Local donors to the barter bar for the Norton team were Moffet Drug, Norton County Extension Office, Prairie Dog State Park, Kansas Department of Transportation, Western Distributing, Nex-Tech, Miltech Machine Shop, Prairie Land Electric, First Security Bank and Trust, Doris Nelson, Homestore, Highway Patrol and Jack Barnard.

Coach Archer thanked assistant coaches Mike Campbell and Brian McMullen, former head coach Dan Lauer and other volunteers for their help with the team. He also thanked his wife, Lynette, who provides much assistance in

addition to being the classroom instructor. Assisting her in the grading room and classroom have been Keri Vanover, Missy McMullen, Sara Campbell and Coady McMullen.

The International BB Gun Championships are the highlight of the Jaycees Shooting Education Program and State Shootoffs. The program was designed to introduce young shooters to the basics of safe gun handling and marksmanship. About 250,000 young people take part in the program each year.

The safety program is based on a format proposed by the late Norton Jaycees member Duane Winder. This program was adopted nationwide when Daisy and the U.S. Jaycees began the program.

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