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Briefly

## BB Gun Team set to meet Monday night

Persons interested in learning more about the Norton BB Gun Team or boys and girls ages 8-14 by Dec. 31, interested in trying out for the team, are invited to attend the first meeting of the new year on Monday, Oct. 24 in the Norton Rotary BB Gun Museum on East Highway 36 across from Kowpoke Supply in Norton. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. when head coach Cameron Archer explains the program. Tryouts for this year's team will begin after the meeting. Future regular meeting nights will be Monday of each week at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Cameron Archer, phone 871-0710.

## School conferences planned for Monday

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Monday, Oct. 24 and there will be no school for students on that day. Conferences for the parents of Eisenhower Elementary School students have been scheduled with the individual teachers from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Conferences at the Norton Junior and Senior High Schools will be held in two time periods: from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

## VA Officer to visit Norton on Nov. 1

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veteran's Affairs will be in Norton Tuesday, Nov. 1 from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. at the City Office to assist Veterans and their dependents with VA claims work. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs at that time, you may contact her in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

## Heller Halloween festival is Oct. 27

The Annual Heller Halloween Festival will be held on Thursday, Oct. 27. Participants need to meet behind ReNew Chic Boutique at 6 p.m. The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a wiener roast to follow.

## Markets

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Wheat.....	\$6.46
Milo.....	\$5.96
Soybeans.....	\$11.31
Corn.....	\$6.39

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Tonight - Partly cloudy with lows around 40. Light winds. Saturday - Partly sunny in the morning then becoming mostly sunny with highs in the lower 70s with light winds. Saturday Night - Mostly clear with lows in the lower 40s. Light winds. Sunday - Sunny with highs in the mid 70s.

## Kingham Report

Tuesday, October 18 .....Low 35, High 56  
.05 Rain  
Wednesday, Oct. 19 .....Low 32, High 58  
Thursday, October 20 ...Low 24, High 58  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm  
9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Creator of all, through your love helps us to turn waves of worry and doubt into waves of love and peace. Amen.

# Students take 'Jukebox Journey'



Students from the Eisenhower third and fourth grades held a concert on Tuesday evening. The theme was "Jukebox Journey: A musical Revue of the 20th Century." A few songs from each decade were performed. Some of the musical selections included "Grand Old Flag," "Singin' in the Rain," "Puff the Magic Dragon," "Lean on Me" and "At the Beginning." The program also featured spoken selections, props and dancing. The fourth grade class, seen here, showed off their musical skills on the recorders at the beginning of the concert.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## American Legion National Commander visits Norton Tuesday on tour of state

By Carleen Bell  
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A crowd of about 30 Veterans and supporters gathered Tuesday morning at the Norton American Legion Post #63 to meet and hear comments from the American Legion's National Commander Fang Wong.

As National Commander who took up the position on Sept. 1, Wong is traveling around Kansas to visit American Legion posts and talk with Legion members about issues important to military veterans.

One of the main topics of discussion in Wong's visit to Norton was the new version of the GI Bill, which allocates funding for former soldiers who would like to complete a college education. Wong reported that the latest version of the program is an improved version of the Montgomery GI Bill because recipients are receiving adequate funding and payments are arriving in a timely manner.

"Overall, (the new version) is a good deal," Wong explained.

"People are happy about it and it's a lot better than the old bill."

Wong also spoke strongly about his decision to join the American Legion as a veteran and his definition of a potential Legion member. The Commander related a story of his school days in New York City when he received an American Legion scholarship and, being touched by the organization's generosity, decided from a young age that he wanted to be part of an organization that serves others.

After 20 years of military service, Wong did finally join the American Legion, but learning 20 years too late that he was eligible to join when he first joined the United States Army.

"My definition of a Veteran is anyone who has served even one day in the military," Wong expressed. "If you have served, you are a Veteran and you are eligible for American Legion membership."

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## Prairie Wind Eyecare welcomes new doctor

By Carleen Bell  
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Prairie Wind Eyecare in Norton recently welcomed a new Optometrist to the clinic at 114 N. Kansas Avenue.

Dr. Ben Cole joined the clinic last week as the a licensed Optometrist. Cole grew up in Russell and graduated from Kansas State University. He then attended Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn. Prior to joining Prairie Wind Eyecare, Cole completed a post-graduate year at



Dr. Ben Cole

the Memphis VA Hospital.

Though not specializing in any particular area of Optometry, Dr. Cole has extensive experience with geriatric populations, especially in treatment of glaucoma and macular degeneration.

Dr. Cole is serving at Prairie Wind Eyecare, which is open four days a week until January. The clinic may have extended hours after January, though. The Optometrist is currently taking appointments at the clinic and can be reached at 785-877-5115.

## Halloween activities planned in Norton

By Carleen Bell  
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As the Halloween holiday approaches again, local organizers are once again planning the Heller Halloween festival and trick-or-treating hours in Norton.

Norton Police Chief Pat Morel reported this week that trick or treating hours have been planned for the evenings of Sunday, Oct. 30 and Monday, Oct. 31.

Morel also reminded children and parents that anyone under the age of 15 is required to be home and off the streets

by 11 p.m. Violators will be cited for curfew violation. Also, anyone caught with vandalism materials such as eggs, duct tape, or plastic

Along with trick-or-treating, the annual Heller Halloween Festival is planned for 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 28.

Norton Fire Chief Mitch Jones reported that parade line-up is planned for 6 p.m. in the parking lot behind Moffet's Drug Store and at 6:30 p.m., parade participants will proceed from the parking lot around downtown and

to the Norton Fire Station.

The parade is open to children and families and anyone who would like to show off their halloween costumes this year.

After the parade, fire department employees will host a wiener roast and party at the fire department for families to enjoy hot dogs and other snacks.

The Heller Halloween Festival originated in 1967 and was named for Don Heller, who helped establish the event for the community.

## Oberlin man charged with felony murder

By Kimberly Davis  
The Oberlin Herald

An Oberlin man has been charged with first-degree murder this week in connection with the death of an Oberlin man over the weekend.

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt's office reported Tuesday that Dylan Robert Coryell, Jr., 24, of Oberlin, was charged with first-degree premeditated murder and an alternative count of first-degree felony murder in connection with the death of Corey Ryan Cook, 22, also of Oberlin. Coryell is also charged with aggravated battery and aggravated burglary.

Upon the request of Decatur County Attorney Steven Hirsch, the Attorney General's office will prosecute the case. Nicole Romine, assistant attorney general posted in Goodland, will lead the prosecution team. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation worked with local law enforcement officers from the Oberlin Police Department and Decatur County Sheriff's Office in the investigation.

A release issued by the Decatur County Sheriff's Department on Sunday said that the call came in around 1:34 a.m. of a person being shot at the house at 2048 N Lane, in the Big Timber district of Alton Township. The house is north and west of Jennings and about half a mile west of the Big Timber Cemetery.

Mr. Cook was taken by ambulance to the Decatur County Hospital, then flown to the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

Corey, said his dad, Todd Cook, was part of the 823rd Special Tactics Unit out of Moody Air Force Base in Georgia. He had been at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, for school, graduated and was on his way to Georgia. His dad said he had two weeks to get there and had come home for a visit.

Mr. Cook graduated from Decatur

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