



Friday

June 29, 2012

**The Norton Telegram office will be closed Wednesday in observance of the July 4 holiday. The office will re-open Thursday morning at 8 a.m. and newspaper publication/delivery will not be affected.**

City office to close for July 4 holiday

The Norton City Office will be closed Wednesday, July 4. Wednesday's refuse route will be picked up on Monday, July 2 and Monday, July 9 in addition to Monday's refuse route.

City of Jennings bans using fireworks

Because of extremely dry conditions, the city of Jennings has banned fireworks by order of the mayor. This is in addition to the county-wide fireworks ban.

VA claims officer coming to Norton

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in Norton on Tuesday, July 3 from 10:45-11:45 a.m. at the Community Center (Senior Center) to assist veterans and their dependents with claims work.

School requesting changed addresses

The Norton Community School district is requesting addresses from families who have moved since the end of the 2011-2012 school year or who are new to the school district this summer. Anyone with a new address should contact the district at 877-3386 or may email to cglennemeier@usd211.org. The information can also be faxed to 877-2030.

Enrollment packets are scheduled to be sent out during the week of July 16, so all new addresses need to be on file before that week.

Markets

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Wheat.....	\$6.97
Milo.....	\$6.12
Soybeans.....	\$13.82
Corn.....	\$6.63

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the evening. Saturday - Partly sunny in the morning then becoming mostly sunny with highs around 101. Saturday evening Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Sunday - Mostly sunny with highs around 102. Monday - Mostly clear with highs around 102.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, June 26.....Low 69, High 113  
Wednesday, June 27.....Low 76, High 114  
Thursday, June 28.....Low 70, High 107  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, fill us with your Holy Spirit and guide our efforts so that all we say and do brings glory to you. Amen



BB Gun team headed for nationals



The members of the Norton Rotary BB Gun Team who will be competing in the Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match on Monday and Tuesday in Rogers, Ark. are shown here practicing from the kneeling position during their final practice on Wednesday. Pictured are, from left, Erin Archer, Dylan Goss, Colton Mulder, Stacie Elliott and James Berry.

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For the 43rd year out of the 47 years of the Daisy International/National BB Gun Championship Match, a teenage marksmanship team from Norton County will be among those

from around the United States competing Monday and Tuesday, July 2-3 in Rogers, Ark., the home of Daisy Outdoor Products.

The Norton County team was originally sponsored by the Jaycees but in recent years the Norton Rotary Club

has been the sponsor.

Norton's participation in the Safe Hunting and BB Gun Marksmanship Program goes all the way back to the start of the program based on the ideas recommended by the late Norton Jaycees member Duane Winder. His sug-

-Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

gested format was adopted nationwide when Daisy and the U.S. Jaycees began the program.

A Norton County BB Gun Team has won the International/National Shoot eight times, more than any other community in the world!

Teams from such countries as Canada, England and Mexico were included in the competition but just recently the shoot was re-named National since teams from outside the U.S. no longer compete.

BB Gun marksmanship competition from the prone, sitting, kneeling and standing positions will be on the range in the John Q. Hammons Convention Center, where the teams are staying.

The shoot is still considered to be the largest junior marksmanship competition in the world.

Registration will begin on Saturday and continue on Sunday, along with equipment check. Practice will be allowed from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday. A coaches meeting will be at 3 p.m.

The Daisy Museum will be open all day on Sunday.

Daisy's 126th anniversary

Daisy is celebrating their 126th year in business this year. Founded in 1886 as a windmill manufacturer in Plymouth, Mich., Daisy started producing BB guns to be given to farmers when they purchased a windmill. The guns proved so popular that within a de-

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Summer heat danger: how to protect yourself on the hot days

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With several days over 100 degrees and several more forecasted, the danger of heat-related illness is always a concern during the summer months.

There are steps that everyone can take, though, to avoid the danger of exposure to extreme summer weather.

Julie Siefers, a Physician's Assistant at Norton County Hospital, explained that the most important step to avoiding the heat is to simply stay inside with air conditioning whenever possible.

"Most people don't realize how hot it really is until they are out in it," Siefers said. "Because it is early in the summer, people aren't staying inside like they need to be."

Siefers recommended that anyone who needs to be outside for any reason do so during the early morning or late evening whenever possible.

While everyone should stay inside an air conditioned space whenever possible, anyone who doesn't have an air-conditioned home can help keep cool by placing a bowl of ice in front of a fan to help cool the air that is being circulated.

Siefers also explained that drinking plenty of fluids is essential to heat safety. The best drink is always water but caffeine and alcohol should be avoided in hot weather.

"Drinking water throughout the day is always better than all at once," Siefer said. "Continual hydration will help the body stay cool throughout the day."

The signs of heat-related illness, such as dehydration include hot skin, nausea, headache, lack of sweat, disorientation, dizziness and loss of consciousness.

Siefers recommended that anyone who may be suffering from heat-related distress or illness should get to a cool place immediately, out of the sun and drink as much fluid as possible.

Anyone who does need to be outside in extreme heat should wear colored clothing, sunscreen and a hat to avoid sun exposure. Sun exposure before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m. is also less intense than during the mid-day, so sun exposure should be limited to the morning and evening whenever possible.

Update: City bans all fireworks

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In response to extreme heat and dry conditions in the area, Norton Mayor David Corns has declared a local disaster emergency and burn/fireworks ban within the city of Norton. The resolution parallels action of the Norton County Commission and other cities within the county to try to prevent fires.

According to the resolution, effective Thursday, all outdoor burning and shooting of fireworks is prohibited within the city limits. The ban on burning and fireworks will remain in effect until the area receives enough rainfall to reduce the risk of uncontrolled fires.

While the resolution bans open burning and fireworks, outdoor grilling is still permitted, but citizens are urged to use extreme caution and have immediate access to fire suppression tools, such as fire extinguishers.

In addition to the county-wide burning and fireworks ban, Toby Kuhn of Praire Dog State Park reported Thursday that all camp fires and fireworks have been banned within the state park. The Chamber of Commerce's public fireworks display was still planned as of Thursday, but Kuhn said park staff and local officials will continue to monitor the potential for fire hazards and evaluate whether or not the fireworks display should continue as planned.

Schedule released for 2012 county fair

The Norton County Fair Association has received the 2012 Fair Premium Books and they are available.

Copies are also available at the Twin Creeks Extension, Norton County Office, 107 S. State, downtown Norton.

The dates for the 2012 Norton County Fair are July 21-28 with the kick off of the Open Class Fun Day Horse Show which will be held Saturday, July 14 at the Elmwood Park Horse Arena. The 4-H/FFA Horse show will be held as usual, Monday, July 23. Early entries for 4-H Horse and other livestock are due Thursday, July 19 to the Extension Office.

The 4-H Youth Photography will be entered and judged from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 21 with a break for lunch noon to 12:30 p.m. No club schedule, just come and go. Open Class Photography will be entered 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. They will be judged from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 21. The photo mat mount boards are available at the Norton County Extension Office.

The Fair board is urging all entrants of 4-H and Open class Poultry, Rabbits, Livestock, and 4-H and FFA Horse to bring tri-section entry cards into the Extension Office by Thursday, July 19. Open class and youth breeding Livestock: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats and youth Horse entrants will need to pay a \$2 fee per animal for a veterinarian health check. Only youth animals eligible for auction such as the Market Beef Steer, Lambs, Meat Goats, and Swine pay a \$3 fee for the veterinary check and identification tag for the sale.

The Dog, Cat and Hand Pet Show will be another pre-fair activity on Monday, July 16. On Saturday, July 21 the Fun Day Horse Show at 9 a.m. and the 4-H Fashion Revue will be at 7 p.m. On Monday, July 23 the 4-H Horse Show

will begin at 9 a.m. and the Club Booths set up in the 4-H Building must be in place by 9 p.m. Pre-entries are needed for 4-H and Open Class Poultry, Rabbits, Livestock and Youth Horses by Thursday, July 21 in the Extension Office. This year all Horses, Sheep, Hogs and Poultry need to use wood shavings

for their bedding in all the barns. The Exotic Animal educational exhibit and petting zoo is set for Wednesday, July 25. Pre-entries are needed by July 19 for this exhibition.

There is a section entitled Models for

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Way too dry



In another example of how quickly a small fire can get out of control, several fire departments, including the Norton Rural department, responded to a grass fire north of Highway 9 just east of Logan Wednesday. The Phillips County Public Information office reports that the a page went out for a fire in Phillipsburg around 11:50 a.m. and all Phillips County fire departments responded, along with mutual aid from surrounding counties. As of 5 p.m. Wednesday, the fire was three miles wide and three to four miles north of Highway 9. By about 8:30 p.m., the fire was contained and the fire was contained in a 4-mile by 4-mile area. Some firefighters were treated for heat exposure and an old abandoned structure caught fire, but not other structure damage has been reported.

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