

BB gunners invite others to join them



Youngsters between 8 and 14 years of age had a chance Monday evening to tryout for the Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team during a public meeting in the BB Gun Museum. Among those who learned how to shoot from the prone position were, from left, Michael Smith, with Cameron Archer; David Smith, with Mike Campbell; Landon Slipke, with Dwight Sprigg and Michaela Sorenson, with Tim Bashford.

this Monday's meeting in the BB Gun Museum to try their luck and learn about the program.

Mike Campbell will be one of the assistant coaches again and his wife, Sara, will assume the classroom instructor duties. Cameron's wife, Lynette, has been the classroom instructor and still will be involved with the program.

"This is a sport where you don't have to be the best athlete or the smartest person," Lynette told the crowd on Monday. "It is a discipline sport where you work hard to become the best you can be."

"There is very little cost to any of the shooters and their families. We provide the BB guns, which we have worked hard to maintain

in good condition. We have great community support and that helps with the finances.

"Those who participate in this program will learn more gun safety knowledge than you can believe. They never regret participating because they can use these safety hunting skills all of their lives."

For more information, contact Lynette or Cameron Archer at (785)877-5567 or Sara or Mike Campbell at (785)877-3011.

Committee hears public opinion

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Verla Grysch said some of the buildings being used for storage were being leased by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Economic Development Director Diane Becker said she has been looking into entrepreneurship programs from Fort Hays State University, University of Kansas, and the Department of Commerce.

Shawn Mortensen suggested using solar energy to help power downtown. He said Norton also needed more entertainment, like live music downtown.

Ms. Becker said there are problems with solar energy, such as net metering.

Lyman Rowh said Norton has entertainment. The Norton County Arts Council "works their fingers to the bone" to bring entertainment to Norton, he said. But, he said, there never seems to be a large turnout.

Mrs. Grysch said they need to get people involved in the community.

Tony Grysch said they need to make it known. Also, he said, people need to buy their supplies, appliances and other things locally, rather than going out of town to get them. If something isn't available here, most stores will order them. The bonus to that, he said, is then you have a hometown store that will service the appliance or product.

Bill Johnson said we are a mobile society. When parents go out of town for their kids' sporting events, they shop. Also, he said, Norton should try giving out free land like Ellsworth does.

Ms. Becker said, unfortunately, economic development tried to find land to buy, but at this point, nothing is for sale.

Kim Wicker said Norton needs more customer service and needs things that would keep shoppers in Norton, like a women's clothing store. Also, she said, advertising costs are much too high.

Last, she said, Norton needs a mentoring program that will encourage youth to come back to Norton.

Community plans historic trail

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foot wide asphalt path along the north side of the park where the railroad formerly traveled. The width would allow for both foot and bicycle traffic with adequate passing room. The county will move the Sand Creek Truss Leg Bedstead Bridge to the location of the old railroad bridge. The path would then continue weaving through the trees, and cross back over the creek at the southeast part of the property, using rails that were purchased when the metal truss bridges in the area were built. The target distance for the path is one mile, with multiple exits.

"Beyond being a nature and fitness trail, the historic bridge will

make this project into an attraction," Ms. Becker said. "Lenora has a lot of little-known history, and our goal is to memorialize special historical events with markers along the trail."

Fundraising efforts will include local events and requests for contributions as well as anticipated grant money. The county will move the bridge, but the group must pay for the concrete footings. Several local businesses and community members will donate their time and equipment to prepare the surface and finish the trail, but asphalt millings must be bought.

The group is working with professionals to apply for government grants, and is also seeking

opportunities for smaller grants from American businesses.

"The trail may take up to six years to complete," said Ms. Becker. "I've been so impressed with the enthusiasm for the project. We have about eight to ten people working on the planning committee and many more who are anxious to contribute labor once construction starts."

Public meetings to discuss the trail and collect statements for historic markers will be planned in early 2008. Anyone interested in contributing ideas, resources or service on the committee can call the Norton Economic Development Office at (785)874-4816 or email Ms. Becker at nortoneda@ruraltel.net.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High

Saturday, Oct. 20 — Regional Cross Country at Norton PDRA golf course, Girls Race, 11 a.m., Boys Race, 11:30 a.m.; Sub-State Volleyball at Stull Gymnasium, 1 p.m., NO PASSES ACCEPTED

Monday, Oct. 22 — FCCLA Bingo at Whispering Pines, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 23 — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Mid-Content League Meeting at Plainville, 9 a.m.; S.A.D.D. All School Assembly, A.P.; University of Kansas Rep available, A.P.; Vocal Concert at East Campus Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 24 — FCCLA Fall Party at Andbe Home, 2 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 25 — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; S.I.T. Meeting, 7:45 a.m.; FCCLA, A.P.; FHSU Rep Available, A.P.; football vs. Oberlin at Norton, 7 p.m.; SENIOR NIGHT — Football, Tennis, Cross Country, Marching Band

Friday, Oct. 26 — State Volleyball Tournament at Salina, TBA; Jazz Band, A.P.; Kansas Wesleyan Rep Available, A.P.

Saturday, Oct. 27 — ACT Test at Norton; State Volleyball Tournament at Salina, TBA; State Cross Country at Wamego, 9 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 29 — KAY Board, A.P.

Tuesday, Oct. 30 — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; 9-12 Student Anti-Bullying Program, P.M.; Bi-District Football, Location and time, TBA

Wednesday, Oct. 31 — KAY UNIT CONFERENCE; NO SCHOOL 7-12; 7-12 Staff Anti-Bullying Inservice, East Campus, 9 a.m.

Junior High

Tuesday, Oct. 30 — Seventh and Eighth Student Anti-Bullying Program, P.M.

Wednesday, Oct. 31 — KAY UNIT CONFERENCE; NO SCHOOL 7-12; 7-12 Staff Anti-Bullying Inservice, East Campus, 9 a.m.

Eisenhower

Wednesday, Oct. 31 — S.I.T., 7:30 a.m.; EC-6 Fall Parties 2:30 p.m.

All Schools

Wednesday, Oct. 24 — NO

SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS, Parent-Teacher Conferences

NORTHERN VALLEY

Saturday, Oct. 20 — High School Sub-State Volleyball, TBD; High School Regional Cross Country, TBD; K-5 Dance Camp in the big gym at Alma, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 22 — NO SCHOOL, Parent Teacher Conferences in Long Island, 1-8 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 23 — K-State Rep visit in the conference room at Alma, 9 a.m.; Faculty Flu Shots in the High School Conference room and Grade School Office, 9:45 a.m.; Jr. High Greater Northern Elementary Conference Volleyball Tournament at Damar, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 24 — Health Career Fair at Kearney, Neb., 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Title I Professional Network meeting at Salina, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 2007 Fall Regional administrator and Board of Education Meeting at Oakley, 12:30 pm

Thursday, Oct. 25 — A "Beary" Special Elementary School Li-

brary Opening, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Jr. High and High School marching band practice at Alma, 11:30 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.; Fort Hays State University rep visit in the conference room at Alma, 1:15 pm; High School Pep Rally in the big gym at Alma, 3:12 pm; High School Football vs Wallace Co. at Alma, 6:30 pm

Friday, Oct. 26 — High School State Volleyball at Hays, TBD

Saturday, Oct. 27 — High School State Volleyball at Hays, TBD; High School State Cross Country at Wamego, TBD

Monday, Oct. 29 — Internet Safety meetings; Test Coordinators Conference at Wichita, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 30 — High School Football Bi-District, TBD; Test Coordinators Conference at Wichita, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; KPER meeting at Phillipsburg, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 31 — KAY Regional Conference at Norton; K-6 Halloween Parade and Parties at Long Island and Alma, 2 p.m.

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In the event there is a need to start school late or close schools due to inclement weather or other emergencies, the announcement will be made on the radio and television stations listed below. KQNK Radio of Norton (1530 AM or 106.7 FM) is the primary broadcast outlet for the Norton schools.

If inclement weather develops during the school day, parents should attempt to tune to one of the designated radio or television stations below. In the event there is an early dismissal students will be allowed to call their parents if instructions are needed.

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KQMA	92.5 FM	Phillipsburg
TELEVISION STATIONS:		
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KAKE-TV	CBS	Channel 11
NVT	ABC	Channel 13

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