

The Easter Bunny and his helpers will be on hand for the annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 11 on the lawn of the Norton County Courthouse in downtown Norton.

In addition to hunting free of charge for Easter Eggs, children will have the opportunity to have their photograph taken with the Easter Bunny. Each photo will cost \$3, with proceeds going to support the annual event. The photos with the Easter Bunny will be available throughout the event, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be sponsored again this year by the Norton Child Study Club, whose members will be assisting.

So parents with more than one child can enjoy seeing all

their children participate, the starting times for the four age groups will be staggered at five-minute intervals. Children will be divided into the following age groups:

- 0 to 3 year olds, beginning at 2 p.m.
- Preschool 4 to 5 year olds at 2:05 p.m.
- Kindergarten and first graders, 2:10 p.m.
- Second and third graders, 2:15 p.m.

Each group will hunt in separate areas, so arrive early to locate the signs for the respective children's age group. Areas will be roped off and parents' cooperation in respecting the barriers will make this an event all children will enjoy.

The scavenger hunt, planned for fourth, fifth and sixth graders, will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Teams will have one hour to locate items on the list. To enter the contest, a team must have no more than 4 members and meet on the east side of the courthouse steps.

In case of inclement weather, any changes will be announced on KQNK radio.

The Study Club thanks Shop and Save, Jamboree, Dairy Queen, Adventures and Pizza Hut for donating prizes for the scavenger hunt.

The Child Study Club is for mothers who have children ages 12 and under. The club is involved in community activities and supports children's events. Any person or business who would like to help the club with cost of candy and eggs may do so by making their donation to Child Study Club Treasurer Theola Otter, 877-3669.

Brrrr!



It was a very cold morning for the first soccer games of the season on Saturday. Players dressed warmly, then were shedding coats and hats as the games went on and they warmed up from running up and down the field.

- Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Relay for Life gearing up for walks

Relay for Life, an annual celebration of life for cancer survivors as well as being a fund raiser for the American Cancer Society is scheduled for June 26-27 at Elmwood Park.

The first event is Cuts for Cures on April 7, Norton Animal Health Center will trim dogs' and cats' claws with a portion of their proceeds going to *Relay for Life*. During the month of April, local barbers

and beauticians will designate a day of their choosing to donate a portion of their proceeds to the cause.

Check with your barber or beautician to find out which day they have selected and make an appointment for your haircut on that day.

One other "cutting" event scheduled for April is the sale of carnations on a day to be determined by a local flower

shop.

Teams are forming now, and anyone may join a team or put together a team of their own. Team members walk from 7 p.m. on Friday, June 26 until 7 a.m. on Saturday June, 27, following the Survivors' Lap.

This year is the 25th anniversary of *Relay for Life*, and hopefully there will be a lot of people in attendance for the activities.

Business in the Spotlight

Business Name: T&D Bait Shop

Owner: Doug Daniels

Address: 307 Penn

Phone: (785) 877-3941

Type of Business: Bait Shop

Date Established: Spring of 1992

Doug became interested in the business through his father-in-law who was in the bait and fishing supply business, and was delivering as a distributor to the Norton area.

Born and raised in Norton, Doug was employed at the State Highway Department.

An on-the-job accident made it impossible to continue his job for the state. So T&D Bait Shop was born.

The biggest challenge he faced was learning the right method to keep bait alive and healthy for the customer, and having what they need and want in the way of tackle supplies.

Doug said he feels good about the future of his business because it can be a family oriented activity that doesn't cost that much and we are near one of the best fishing lakes in the area or state, bar none.

"The people of Norton and

around have been real receptive of my business, and we have a lot of repeat business, once they find me," Doug said.

His business is across the alley behind the post office.

He also has been very helpful to the people who come, especially from out of town, by pointing out other places to go for things he doesn't handle, which also helps all businesses in town.

"As long as people like to fish, I'll probably be here," Doug said.

He also is a school bus driver that the kids really like.

Forensics marches on, makes finals

By **KEN THARMAN**
Special to The Telegram

On Thursday, March 26, the Northern Valley Forensics team wrapped up over half a day at school and headed for Smith Center for another eight hours of work. With each meet, we get closer to State competition, and the difficulty level increases.

The reason for that is that ALL forensic students are continuing to practice and perfect their characterization. These students need to be commended for their dedication and time.

Those students representing our school at this meet were: Christina Anderson, Ashley Constable, Kayla Field, Kenzi Husted, Hannah Hawks, Melissa Hawks, Michael Callaway, Travis

Redeker, Bryant Tharman, Skyler Harris, Daniel Field, Gunnar Hays, Matt Dole, and Samuel Field. Jeanette Harris was able to help with driving the students over, being a sponsor, and judging.

Thanks to Irma Laurin and Launa Hopkins, the kids were able to enjoy cookies once the first round was over (an old tradition). Thanks ladies!

After two preliminary rounds the students' combined efforts had placed them third out of 13 teams. I do not know yet as to the final place we took.

The reason for this is two fold. First of all, the final round is scored differently than the preliminary. Secondly, we left early to avoid being caught in the forecasted winter weather. Luckily, we

were able to make it home with no traveling difficulty. A few flakes started drifting down on the trip to my house, but that was it.

Those students making it to the final round and their placings were: Samuel Field, 4th in Poetry; Hannah and Melissa Hawks, 1st in Duet; Gunnar Hays, 4th in Extemporaneous Speaking; Kayla Field, 1st in Serious Solo; and Gunnar Hays, 1st in Informative Speaking. Needless to say there was a lot to celebrate on the way home and they earned it.

Looking ahead, the March 28 meet in Hays was rescheduled for April 4th. April 20th is the date for the annual Dinner and Show. Mark your calendars now!!!! Until next time.....Act responsibly.

Early eye exams could prevent issues later

According to Dr. Karen Aldridge, Optometrist, there are many reasons to get pre-school aged children's eyes checked. For example:

- More than 80 percent of everything we learn is a result of visual processing.
- 20 percent of children entering kindergarten have undetected vision conditions that could hinder their ability to read and learn.
- Your 3 year old could be among the 4 percent of children who may have amblyopia (lazy eye).
- Nearly 30 percent of children in special education classes have vision problems.
- More than 70 percent of juvenile delinquents have vision problems.
- Of the individuals enrolled in adult literacy program, more than 60 percent have vision problems.

FYI

Duplicate Bridge met last Wednesday with three tables. Ivy Rolland and Mary Lue Archibald took first place, and Charlotte Meints and Dewaine Stapp took second.

AARP will be holding a defensive driving class on April 1 and 2, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Norton County Hospital.

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