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Briefly

Annual Easter Egg hunt scheduled

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 3 at the Norton County Courthouse. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will take place at 1 p.m., the scavenger hunt will begin at 1:30 p.m. for children in fourth through sixth grades and the Easter egg hunt will begin at 2 p.m. for children ages infant through third grade.

This event is sponsored by Norton Child Study Club. For more information contact Jennie Patterson at 874-4256 or JaLynn Urban at 877-5623. If you are interested in donating, please contact a member or call Wendy Haresnape at 874-4743.

Garden education meeting planned

The All American Garden will give an overview of some of the "newest and hottest" varieties of garden produce and bedding plants that are available. It will also include a brief discussion of timely garden preparation tips, common insects and disease problems. This is an education program that all of your group members may want to attend. Information for early spring garden preparation will be shared. Please contact your local Extension Office to pre-register. With the feasibility to provide these programs we require at least 10 people to be able to conduct the meeting. Please call the Extension Office at 785-877-5755 to pre-register. The meeting will be held Thursday at the 4-H Building.

MARKETS
Cash Prices-Norton
March 16, 2010

CORN
\$3.25

SOYBEANS
\$8.62

WHEAT
\$3.83

MILO
\$2.86

Ag Valley
314 W. North Street
Norton, Kansas
785-877-5188

weather forecast

Tonight - Mostly clear with a low around 22. North wind around 5 mph. Wednesday - Sunny with a high near 58. North wind around 5 mph becoming east. Wednesday Night - Mostly clear with a low around 28. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. Thursday - Mostly sunny with a high near 68. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. Thursday Night - A 20 percent chance of rain after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy with a low around 35. Friday - A chance of rain and snow. Cloudy with a high near 43. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Prayer

God of peace, thank you for your forgiveness — complete and final. Help us forgive others the way you have forgiven us. Amen.



Young BB gun marksmen from around the state are pictured on the firing line with their coaches during the sitting competition in the State BB Gun Championships on Saturday in Alma. Norton County shooters

won the state championship for the 38th time out of 45 years the state shoot has been held.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Rotary BB Gun team wins state

By **DICK BOYD**
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The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team won Norton's 38th State BB Gun Championship in the last 45 years during competition in Alma on Saturday.

Not only did the young girl and boy marksmen from Norton County outshoot all the other teams, they also had the top score in the written test of hunter safety knowledge!

"We had done well in the two regional 4-H shoots and were shooting well in practice so I was pretty confident coming in," said Norton head BB gun coach Cameron Archer.

"I knew if we stayed focused we'd be okay."

"We were up and down a little but overall we shot exactly the score we needed to shoot. Our shooting score would normally rank in the top ten in the international shoot and we are looking forward to competing there."

"It was a great team victory. Every one of our Yellow Team shooters had good scores. No one let us down. It was great!"

"They exceeded my expectations on the written test," said Norton's classroom

instructor and former Norton shooter Chandra McKenna.

"I'm very proud of all of them."

Members of the state championship Norton Yellow Team were Lane Archer, 14; Gabriel Bird, 14; Zachary Bird, 14; Erin Archer, 12 and James Berry, 11.

They combined for a shooting total of 1845 and finished 20 points ahead of second place Wyandotte Gold. In the written test, Norton scored a 468 to finish six points ahead of runner-up Wyandotte Gold.

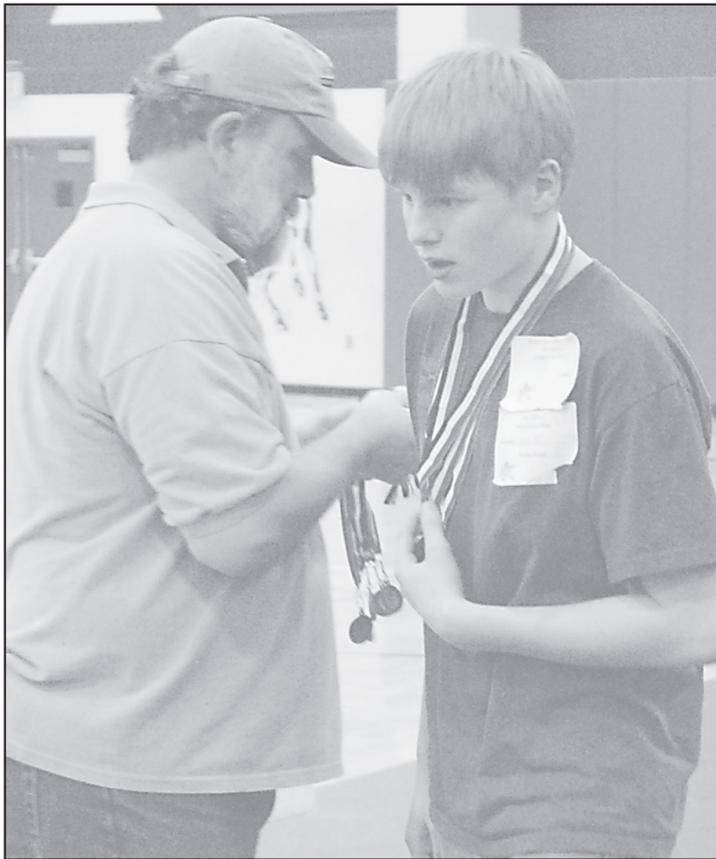
Alternate marksmen on the Yellow Team were: Miles Harrington, 9 and Lane Gruwell, 8.

Cameron Archer was the Yellow Team's coach.

The written test was taken first thing in the morning and prior to any of the four shooting positions but scores were not announced until after the shooting scores were posted.

Norton finished with a total shooting and test score of 2313 and Wyandotte Gold was second with a 2287, a total of 26 points behind.

Third place went to Derby with a 2215 total. **(Champs - Continued on Page 8)**



Lane Archer of the state championship Norton Yellow Team was a multiple medal winner on Saturday in Alma and came within one point of the aggregate BB gun marksmanship championship. He is shown here after receiving another medal from James Eberwein, match director.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Legislative bill goes back to House

By **ERICA BRADLEY**
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SB 463, the Senate bill that would have allowed Norton County to increase its debt limit, was removed from the governor's desk and will be read on the House floor early this week.

Norton City/County Economic Development Director Diane Stiles said the move was requested by a House member who was concerned that the bill would affect Wyandotte County. SB 463 referenced Wyandotte and Franklin Counties but does not affect them.

"Our consultants met with this legislator and it was simply a misunderstanding. No opposition to the bill is expected,"

she said.

Pinegar, Smith and Associates was the consulting firm hired for the Promoting Norton County Initiative. Stiles said they took SB 463 on pro bono.

Stiles said the bill is not in jeopardy, and final action should be taken next week.

Other bills that could have an affect on Norton County include:

HB 2496: Historic Tax Credits

Last year, the Legislature attempted to cut Historic Tax Credits 10 percent. Rather than cutting the total allocation 10 percent, they cut the rate 10 percent. Stiles said the tax credits were more difficult to sell and resulted in a 60-70 percent cut to

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Busy year for local office

By **ERICA BRADLEY**
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2009 was a busy year for the Norton City/County Economic Development Office with new projects starting and several projects being continued from past years.

At Tuesday's Norton City/County Economic Development meeting, Diane Stiles, director, gave the board a presentation of 2009 activities. She has been giving her semi-annual update to city councils as well.

She said economic development assisted over 40 businesses with projects,

offered a variety of courses, guided one business through the Norton County Revolving Loan Fund application, awarded two business education scholarships and expanded the resource library.

The Promoting Norton County Initiative began in 2009 with partnerships between local business owners, the Norton Community Foundation and economic development. Pinegar, Smith and Associates was hired as the consulting firm for the project, which has brought two legislative visits to Norton and the Norton Correctional Facility.

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Fundraiser fries fish



Jon Wyatt and Jim Railsback served food at the fish and nut fry which was held over the weekend as a fundraiser for the Vietnam Moving Wall. An estimated 150 people attended the event.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton