THE NORTON ELEGRAM



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Briefly

Fireworks display planned for 4th

The Prairie Dog State Park fireworks display will take place Sunday at the park. It will cost \$4.20 or \$2.85 for seniors to get in, which is the rate for a one-day

The event will start at 8 p.m., when free watermelon will be served. The fireworks display will start after dark, or around 10 p.m.

Donations are still being accepted and can be made by contacting the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce or donating at one of the grocery stores.

Library plans for another fun week

Prepare for another fun week of summer reading as we Make A Splash with Leona Breeden from Smoky Hills Public Television. 10:30 a.m. infants through second grade and 2 p.m. third through sixth graders are invited to come share with Leona as she brings her fun and creative ideas to entertain us all.

There will be a Teen Fun Night Thursday at 7 p.m. for seventh through 12th graders at the Norton Library.

Teens are welcome to come munch on pizza while enjoying Johnny Depp in "Alice in Wonderland."



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Wed 6/30

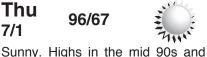
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Sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 60s.

Thu

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lows in the upper 60s.

Fri 7/2

92/65



Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.

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Kingham report:

Tuesday, June 22	Low 51, High 92
•	2.30" Rain
Wednesday, June 23	Low 60, High 88
Thursday, June 24	Low 58, High 90
Friday, June 25	Low 66, High 101
Saturday, June 26	Low 70, High 99
Sunday, June 27	Low 64, High 94
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Monday, June 28......Low 57, High 104 (Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Lord, Jesus, thank you for the hope we have because of our trust in you and because of your loving provision for us. Amen.



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Members of the Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team are shown practicing from the kneeling position in the Norton BB Gun Museum during one of their last practices prior to leaving for the Daisy National BB Gun

Championship Match in Rogers, Ark. They are, from left, Lane Archer, Erin Archer, Gabriel Bird, James Berry, Zachary Bird, Justis Posson and Trenton Sprague. —Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

BB Gun team heads for nationals

all shooters.

By DICK BOYD

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For the 41st year out of 45, a teenage marksmanship team from Norton County will compete in the Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match on Thursday, July 1 through Sunday, July 4 in Rogers, Ark., the home of Daisy Outdoor Products.

The seven-person Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team left Tuesday for the shoot, which has in the past included teams from outside the United States so was termed the international championship. Marksmanship competition will be on the range in the Rogers High School

Campus Field House.

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

Registration will begin on Thursday and continue on Friday, along with equipment check. Practice will be allowed from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. A coaches meeting will be from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The Daisy Museum will be open all day and Daisy Factory tours will be

Opening ceremonies are scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday.

On Saturday morning, marksmanship from the prone and standing positions positions will take place on Sunday The Barter Bar, during which marks-

will be held. In the afternoon, the writ-

Firing from the sitting and kneeling

ten test on gun safety will be taken by

men, parents and coaches exchange gifts from their respective states, will be held from 2:15 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Awards Ceremony will be held in the Rogers High School Gym from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team is well known in national circles, having won the championship eight

times, more than any other community.

Since assuming sponsorship following the dissolution of the original sponsor, the Norton Jaycees, the Rotary Club has established a Norton BB Gun Museum on East U.S. 36 Highway. The museum displays the rich history of the Norton shooting education and marksmanship program.

Norton has won the state championship 38 times, including this year. The top three teams in each state shoot qualify for the national championships. In recent years, the Kansas 4-H has also sponsored BB gun shooting teams and

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Five graduates receive diplomas

By HARRIETT GILL

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Friday evening at the East Campus auditorium, five Norton area residents graduated from the Norton Community High School's Learning Center.

"One of the mental pictures that most of us hold in common is that 13 years after we enter kindergarten, we will be graduating with the class we have just entered in with," said Jeff Nielsen, president of Norton Community School Board of Education, in his welcoming address to the students.

"Graduates, somewhere along the line that didn't happen and you had to go to plan B. You should be very proud to have

encourage more participation.

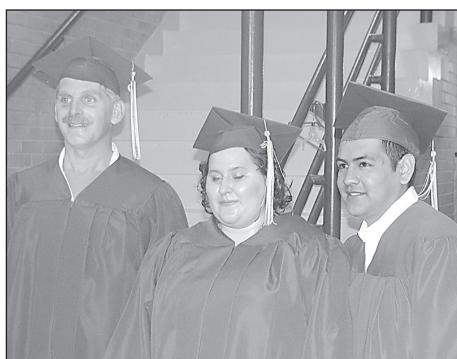
succeeded when you had an excuse to quit," he said.

"Sometimes our circumstances change all at once and there is nothing we can do about it. Other times things just don't develop as we had them pictured," said

"As you move forward in life, may you continue to believe in the midst of your future plan B's that one day faith will win over doubt, that light will win over darkness, that love will win over hate, so don't ever quit," concluded Nielsen.

"When I was 7 years old, I was hit by a truck. I was in a coma for 8 weeks and hospitalized for 8 months. I had to

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Anthony Blasi, Cecilia Carter and Martin Arias pause before entering the graduation reception in the lobby of the Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gymnasium to reflect on their accomplishment of completing high school through Norton Community High School's Learning Center.

Cancer survivors, caretakers participate in Relay for Life

By ERICA BRADLEY

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The annual Norton County Relay for Life event was held Friday at courthouse square, an event filled with activities and stories from cancer survivors.

Jill Lively was one of the first survivors to speak about her battle with cancer. She said her frequent exposure to sun, as a lifeguard and an avid outdoors person, caused melanoma.

One bad sunburn, Lively said, increases the chances of getting melanoma.

"I encourage everyone to protect themselves from the sun. My exposure from the sun is probably what caused the skin cancer I'm watching for now," she said.

Lively said she has a 3 inch scar from the mole being removed.

"I've been fortunate that it hasn't come back," she said.

Lively's mother, Roberta Ryan, de--Telegram photo by Erica Bradley tailed her battle with colon cancer. Ryan said she was diagnosed in 2003 after having a colonoscopy in Kearney.

"I was immensely lucky. They were able to get it all," Ryan said.

Ryan said symptoms of colon cancer can be hard to detect. One of her symptoms was anemia. "Cancer of the colon is a little strange.

I do want to tell you, if you're anemic, go to the doctor. It is so very important with cancer to pay attention to your symptoms," she said.

Carol Otter, Relay treasurer, was diagnosed with papillary carcinoma of the thyroid 24 years ago.

"They removed part of the thyroid. I was fortunate to not have to have chemotherapy," Otter said.

Otter said she has been involved with Relay for the last five years and has been

treasurer for three years. 'We need to spend money on research (**Relay** - Continued on Page 5)

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Norton County Relay for Life teams walked the route around the court-

house square Friday to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

This year's Relay was held at the courthouse instead of Elmwood Park to