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Briefly

Benefit supper in Clayton Saturday

There will be a benefit soup supper at the Clayton Community Center Saturday March 26 from 6-8 p.m. to help Diedre Kramer with expenses for a trip to Europe this summer. There will be a free will donation and also items for sale that Diedre has made to raise money for her trip. She will participate in this tour and perform with other students from the Midwest in several European cities.

Early Childhood screening planned

Eisenhower Elementary will be conducting a free Early Childhood Screen on Thursday, March 24, in the afternoon and all day Friday, March 25.

If you have a concern in any of the following developmental areas; vision, hearing, speech, motor, behavior and/or reasoning, please call to schedule your child for this screening. Those eligible are children ages 3 through 5.

The appointments are approximately 45 minutes in length. To schedule an appointment, please call Eisenhower Elementary at 877-5113 by March 23, and ask for Joan Hale.

Time to renew tags for 'B' last names

The deadline for businesses or persons whose last name begins with "B" to renew automobile, light trucks, motorcycles and motorized bike tags will be March 31 in the Norton County Courthouse. To verify the Vin number, policy number and current expiration date, current proof of insurance must be brought with you. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Markets

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Wheat	\$6.93
Milo	\$5.73
Soybeans	\$12.51
Corn	\$6.16

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Mostly clear with a low around 38. Breezy with a west wind between 15 and 25 mph with gusts as high as 35 mph.
Wednesday - Sunny with a high near 61. Windy with a northwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph.
Wednesday Night - Mostly clear with a low around 28. **Thursday** - Sunny with a high near 54.

Kingham Report

Friday, March 18Low 34, High 64
Saturday, March 19.....Low 33, High 65
Sunday, March 20.....Low 45, High 76
Monday, March 21.....Low 39, High 81
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Loving God, help us to know others so that we may love them. Teach us not to judge but to listen. Amen



Young BB gun marksmen from Norton County and other areas of 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. A

young, less experienced Norton County team shot well and, once again, qualified for the national shoot which will be held on Fourth of July weekend in Rogers, Ark.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

BB gun team does well in state shoot

By DICK BOYD

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The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team, one of the youngest and least experienced in recent years, placed third in the Kansas State BB Gun Championships held on Saturday in Alma and, in so doing, qualified for the national (formerly international) shoot in Rogers, Ark. on Fourth of July weekend.

It will be the 42nd out of 46 national (international) shoots in which Norton marksmen have competed. Norton has won the national (international) championship eight times, more than any other team in the world.

On Saturday, Norton was just a little outmatched by two more veteran teams,

the Wyandotte Gold and the Manhattan Purple, who finished first and runner-up, respectively. Marksmanship was from the prone, standing, sitting and kneeling positions, in that order, and the fifth segment of the shoot was the written test, which counts for the same number of points as each sitting position.

The Norton Yellow Team had the fourth best score from the prone position and was second best in standing which moved them up to second place behind Wyandotte Gold. The Norton Yellow Team placed third in sitting but still maintained a one-point lead over Manhattan Purple for second behind Wyandotte Gold.

When the scores were announced following the tough kneeling position,

Norton trailed the other two teams by just a few points but it was enough to drop them into third place.

The results of the written test were released at the completion of the marksmanship and Norton had the second highest score but it was not enough to move them into the final second place.

Wyandotte Gold finished with a shooting score of 1,837 and test score of 444 for a final total of 2,281 points. Manhattan Purple had a shooting score of 1,823 and test score of 450 for a total of 2,273.

The Norton Yellow team totaled 1,812 shooting, just 12 points out of second and 26 points out of first and 446 on the test, just 5 points less than the best, for a total of 2,258.

"We shot very well as a team and even had some personal bests," said Norton head coach Cameron Archer, who also coached the Yellow Team. Chris Mulder was his assistant coach.

Norton also entered a Blue Team and a Red Team.

"Our beginners did very well for their first state meet," said coach Archer.

"I'm proud of all of them. We did very well for as young as our team is.

"We will enter the Kansas 4-H State Shoot on April 16 in Great Bend prior to the National Championships and have a lot of work ahead of us to improve our scores."

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County crews inspecting mowers, tractors

Mowing is on the agenda for the Norton County Road and Bridge Department.

Department Administrative Assistant Sandy Smith told the Norton County commissioners at their meeting last Monday that the crews are checking out the mowers and mower tractors for the summer work.

The rear windows on the machines need to be checked and some may need to be replaced for safety reasons, she said.

There is a culvert problem on Road G between E1 and E2.

The county installed a culvert on that road several years ago, Smith said. However, it has not been big enough to handle the water flow. BG Consultants have

been contacted and feel that a small bridge is needed across the road. The materials for the bridge can probably be found in the county shop and yards, Smith said.

The county has taken job applications for the road and bridge department. Smith asked the commissioners to consider hiring two people instead of one. The commissioners said that would only be possible if she can find the money to pay for the second person out of the road and bridge budget.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Signed a grant application for the North County Health Department. The grant will be submitted to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to help pay for chronic disease risk reduction, family planning

and immunization programs.

- Received a map, from Noxious Weed Supervisor Reggie Beckman, outlining the 2011 spraying schedule. There are more than 320 miles of roads scheduled for spring spraying.

- Learned that landfill employees have completed training required by the Department of Corrections so that the county can use prison labor at the landfill for the recycling center.

- Heard from Emergency Medical Services Director Jane Wyatt on completing work on the bathroom in the basement of the new EMS building. With the possibility of putting a backup dispatch center in that building, the bathroom needs to be finished, she said.

Local club celebrates National Quilting Day

By DANA PAXTON

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The Heritage Quilt Club celebrated National Quilting Day this past Saturday at Norton's Stitch Up A Storm.

There are 45 members in the club that come from Logan, Prairie View, Almena, Norton and a couple from Colby. The club does a couple of service projects a year. For the past 25 years they have made quilts for the new born babies at the Norton County Hospital and, to celebrate National Quilting Day, the club came together to make pillow cases for chemo patients at the hospital.

In celebration of this day 25 quilters turned their pillowcases in early and throughout the day 20 more were made for a total of 45 to give to the hospital. Quilters from the ages of seven to seventy,

male and female showed up to give their best effort. Anyone who wanted to give it a try was invited to do so. A hand turn type antique machine was available to work on as well as some newer electric versions.

The club meets the first Monday of the month at the Prairie Land Electric conference room in Norton. The meetings are held between the months of September and May.

Quilter, Dorothy Skinner said, "People now need a hobby and this is a fun hobby to have. No matter your interest, you can find something."

"Approximately 81 people attended this event; we're not sure if it will become an annual event but we wanted to do something to celebrate the day," stated quilter, Beverly Kindler.



Lynn Nelson is seen here sewing together a pillowcase. She was one of 80 people to attend the National Quilting Day held at Stitch Up a Storm over the weekend.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton