

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



**Tuesday**  
July 12, 2011

## Briefly

### Christmas in July planned for July 16

Come celebrate Christmas in July with homemade ice cream and cookies at Whispering Pines Retirement Center, Saturday, July 16 from 2 - 3:45 p.m. Free will donations will be accepted.

### Farmer's Market open on Thursdays

The Norton County Farmer's Market will be held 7 - 9 a.m. and also from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Please note the location for the market will be the main entrance to Elmwood Park, south side of the entrance row of cottonwood trees. It will be held every Thursday morning and evening until the first killing frost in the fall. The Farmer's Market gives local produce growers an opportunity to offer their foods to the public. The mission of the market is to encourage private vendors the opportunity to produce and sell locally grown vegetable produce and baked goods.

### Sauer to perform at Norton Library

This week at the Norton Public Library, there will be only one special program: Randy's Music Jam, a fun and interactive music show for the entire family. Randy leads the audience in fun familiar songs and has the audience singing along with his original songs. Kids always enjoy jamming with Randy on stage with the inflatable instruments and rhythm instruments. Many of the songs will have the entire audience up out of their seats dancing to the music. This program will be held July 14 in the Library Community Room at 10:30 a.m. This program is brought to you by the Norton Lions Club, Norton Public Library, and Northwest Kansas Library System.

### County Fair is planned July 25-30

The Norton County Fair will be held July 25-30 in Norton. Attraction will include 4-H and FFA animal shows, rides, races and more. For more information, see the Friday, July 8 edition of the Norton Telegram.

## Markets

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Wheat .....	\$6.16
Milo .....	\$5.61
Soybeans .....	\$12.72
Corn .....	\$6.35

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Tonight - Chance of thunderstorms.  
Wednesday - Partly cloudy with a high of 94. Thursday - Partly cloudy.

## Kingham Report

Friday, July 8 .....	Low 64, High 92
Saturday, July 9 .....	Low 67, High 102
Sunday, July 10 .....	Low 71, High 104
Monday, July 11 .....	Low 56, High 94

.75 Rain

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you accept us with unconditional love. Thank you for cleansing us and making us whole. Amen

# BB Gun team finishes 9th at Nationals

By **DICK BOYD**  
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The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team continued to demonstrate their accurate marksmanship skills on Fourth of July weekend in Rogers, Ark., the home of Daisy Outdoor Products, with a ninth place finish, just three points out of eighth and 24 points out of fourth, among 48 teams competing in the 46th Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match, the largest junior marksmanship competition in the world!

The young Norton County girl and boy marksmen have qualified at the state level and competed 42 years in the shoot, which was an international competition but is now a national match.

Norton has won the international championship eight times, more than any other team in the world! Despite the fact that every year's team consists of different shooters due to the rule that no shooter can compete in consecutive years, Norton is almost always in the hunt for the title and a top ten finisher, as the Blue Jays were this year.

Norton recorded a total score of 2336.07 in the shooting positions of prone, standing, sitting and kneeling and written test of hunter safety.

The Pierre Junior Shooters from Pierre, South Dakota won the championship with a total score of 2380.03, followed by the Lead Devils from Glendive, Montana, 2370.09; Washington, Missouri, 2363.10; Oregon Timber Beasts from Forest Grove, Oregon, 2360; Buffalo Gold from Buffalo, Minnesota, 2353.10; Wyandotte County 4-H Shooting Sports, Kansas City, Kansas, 2350.04; Humboldt Sharpshooters from Humboldt, South Dakota, 2347.11; Backwoods Bunch from Jesup, Georgia, 2339; Norton, Kansas, 2336.07 and Harrisburg Hunters and Anglers from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 2328.04 to round out the top ten.

Other Kansas teams and their score and placing were: Riley/Pottawatomie County Straight Shooters, Manhattan,



The firing line from the prone position is shown during one of the marksmanship relays at the Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match during Fourth of July weekend in Rogers, Arkansas. The young shooters were between the ages of 8 and 15 and fired from the prone, standing, sitting and kneeling positions and took a written test on gun safety.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

2284.07, 18th; Jefferson County 4-H Shooting Sports, Oskaloosa, 2256.05, 21st; Sedgwick County 4-H Shooting Sports, Wichita, 2202, 34th and Flint Hills Junior Shooters, Alma, 2183, 36th.

The young marksmen must be between 8 and 15 years of age. Each of the four shooting positions counts for a maximum of 20 percent of a shooter's possible score and the written test on marksmanship and gun safety counts

for the other 20 percent. The written test contained questions on information from the Daisy 10-Lesson Curriculum Guide and the NRA 5 Meter BB Gun Rule Book.

Following the opening ceremonies in the John Q. Hammons Convention Center on Friday evening, shooting began Saturday morning on the range in the Center with firing from the prone position. The Norton marksmen shot a 475 and tied for sixth among all 48

teams. Next, they shot from the tough standing position and scored a 443 to tie for eighth overall.

In the afternoon, the shooters took the written test and results were not released until Sunday. Norton placed seventh on the written test.

The ever-popular Barter Bar, where everyone exchanges souvenirs and promotes their state, was held on Saturday afternoon.

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## Classic Cruisers, vehicles show draws 136 guests



Cars, trucks and motorcycles of a variety of makes and models lined the streets of downtown Norton Saturday morning for the eighth annual Classic Cruisers car show. The show included a "Best of Show" award and 40 trophy awards for participants.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

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After the eighth annual Classic Cruisers car show and drag races Saturday, local organizers have reported that nearly 140 vehicles were entered into the show.

Members of the Classic Cruisers club reported Monday that 136 guests registered vehicles in the downtown car show and participants voted to award 40 of their fellow participants with trophies for the People's Choice award. The best of show

was awarded to Richard Nemecek of WaKeeney. Five motorcycle trophies were also awarded.

After the car show, 46 drag racers gathered at the Norton Municipal Airport for drag races. Organizer Bev Posson reported that no prizes or winners were designated for the races, but the drivers took turns racing each other and Norton Police Department officers used radar to track the vehicle speeds down the runway at the airport.

## County increases mileage reimbursement for employees

By **Carleen Bell**  
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In keeping up with government reimbursement, the Norton County Commissioners Monday morning approved a rate increase for mileage reimbursement for county employees.

The Commissioners reported that the federal rate for reimbursement has recently increased from 51 cents to 55.5 cents per mile. The Commissioners voted 2-1 to increase the reimbursement for Norton County with Carolyn Applegate voting against the increase.

"I would rather wait until the end of the fiscal year and then increase it," Applegate said. "I don't think we should do it right now."

Fellow Commissioners John Miller and Richard Thompson agreed that the timing of the change may be a moot point, but thought it best to go ahead with the increase.

"We've always gone with the federal rate," Thompson said. "They may change it again in three months and put it back to where it was."

County Clerk Robert Wyatt reported that the reimbursement increase will only affect the budgets for the departments with employees that travel a lot. The departments with little travel time won't see much difference between now and the end of the fiscal year.

## Zweygardt stands mute in plea hearing Monday morning

By **Carleen Bell**  
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Answering charges relating to an alleged rape on April 10, former Norton Police Officer Ryan L. Zweygardt "stood mute" during his arraignment Monday morning in Norton County District Court, affectively pleading not guilty to the charges.

Judge Preston Pratt presided over the arraignment and read the charges, which include two counts of Rape, one count of Aggravated Battery and one count of Aggravated Sodomy. On behalf of his client, Attorney Dan Walter informed the court that his client stood mute on

all four charges.

Walter explained Monday afternoon that standing mute in response to charges allows his client to potentially change his plea at a later date and "complain about defects" in the charges.

A 19-year-old Norton woman has alleged that Zweygardt forced her to perform sex acts at his home on April 10. Since he was arrested on the charges in late April, Zweygardt has been held in the Graham County jail.

With the arraignment now complete, a jury trial has been set for Sept. 8 and 9 in Norton County District Court.

