

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Friday

May 4, 2012

Briefly

Band concert will be Monday night

The Eisenhower Elementary fifth and sixth grade band students will perform a concert Monday evening. The concert is planned for 7 p.m. at the East Campus auditorium.

Farming field day set for Wednesday

A farmer/rancher field day will be held Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Farm for Anise Gill. The field day is sponsored by Norton County Conservation district Prairie Dog Creek WRAPS. Sack lunch and drink will be provided, but participants should bring their own lawn chairs.

Classes rescheduled for tasting, cooking

The wine cooking and tasting class originally set for Saturday and the Pestinger Beverage Beer Gathering set for May 12 have been rescheduled. Anyone interested in attending the events can send an email address to post63@ruraltel.net or call 877-5662.

Kindness Unites Us program is Tuesday

Norton Community High School seniors will present a Kindness Unites Us program Tuesday evening. The program will feature readings of essays that the students have written for role models in their lives. The event is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the East Campus auditorium and the community is invited to attend.

Markets

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Wheat\$5.75
Milo.....\$5.65
Soybeans.....\$13.89
Corn.....\$6.17
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Sunny with highs in the lower 90s. Saturday Night - Breezy and partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Sunday - Much cooler and breezy with a 20 percent chance of light rain showers. Monday - Mostly sunny with highs around 40. Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Tuesday - Mostly sunny with highs around 70. Wednesday - Mostly clear with lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the mid 70s. Thursday - Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 50s and highs in the upper 70s.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, May 1.....Low 48, High 81
Wednesday, May 2.....Low 50, High 89
Thursday, May 3.....Low 55, High 83
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

God of all compassion, help us to see your hand at work in our lives. Teach us to trust your love and provision from day to day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BB Gun team finishes second at state

By Dick Boyd

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The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team qualified for the National Championships for the second time this season with a runner-up finish in the American Legion State Shoot on Saturday in Alma, Ks.

Norton will compete once again in the Daisy National BB Gun Championships to be held the first of July in Rogers, Ark.

The young marksmen from the Norton Yellow team had already qualified for the national competition during the State 4-H Shoot on April 14, which was also held in Alma.

On Saturday, the Norton team recorded a total score of 2295, which includes shooting from the prone, standing, sitting and kneeling positions as well as the written test on gun safety.

They were just 19 points behind the champion Wyandotte Gold team which had a total score of 2314.

Finishing third was Derby with a 2275 score, followed by Wyandotte Green, 2234; Bullmasters Red, 2231; Flint Hills Jr. Shooters No.1, 2221; Riley/Potawatomie Purple, 2208; Bullmasters Black, 2199; Johnson County, 2182; Sedgwick Purple, 2182 to round out the top ten teams.

The Norton Blue team placed 14th with a 2029 score.

Members of the Norton Yellow team were the same as in the two previous shoots, the Kansas Rifle Association and Kansas 4-H shoots. They were James Berry, Erin Archer, Colton Mulder, Stacie Elliott and Dylan Goss. Assistant coach of the Yellow team to head coach Cameron Archer was Cris Mulder.

Members of the Blue team were Nick Davis, Miles Harrington, Tia Paxton, Ryan Lively and Evan Chambers. The two coaches for the Blue team were Tedd Hull and Jeff Elliott.

"We had a wonderful day and we shot very well," said coach Archer. "A little more hard work and our shooting at the national will be even better."

"Our two experienced shooters, James and Erin, continued to shoot well and our younger shooters also shot well. I'm very proud of all of them. They stepped up and did what they had to do."

"I explained to them after the shoot



James Berry, a senior member of the Norton Rotary BB Gun team, takes aim in the kneeling position while coach Cameron Archer watches during the American Legion State BB Gun competition last Saturday in Alma, Kan. Berry placed runner-up in the prone position, first in standing and was the best shooter overall for the competition. He has been a member of the Yellow team all year and for the second time the team placed second overall, qualifying them, once again, to compete in Nationals in Rogers, Ark. in early July. This will be James' last year on the team so it is only fitting that both he and Erin Archer, an experienced member, get to enter the national competition.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

that if each had shot just one point better on each target they would have easily won the championship."

James Berry was the top shooter out of the 105 marksmen from 8 to 14 years of age entered in the shoot. He shot a 385 aggregate and his 94 on the written test was good enough to rank him No.1 overall. James was also top shooter from the standing position with a 96 and was runner-up from the prone with a 98.

Norton's Colton Mulder shot a 97 in prone which was good enough for third best of all individuals and Erin Archer also shot a 97 in prone to place fourth individually.

Colton Mulder placed fifth individually among all entrants in combined shooting and written test scores, Erin

Archer ranked sixth best and Stacie Elliott was ninth best.

Both Norton teams did very well on the written test. The Yellow team had a 476 on the written test and the Blue team was right behind them with an excellent 470.

Stacie Elliott recorded a perfect 100 on the written test.

Scores of each Yellow team member were: James Berry, 98 prone, 96 standing, 97 sitting, 94 kneeling, 385 total shooting, 94 test, 479 total; Colton Mulder, 97 prone, 85 standing, 94 sitting, 95 kneeling, 371 total shooting, 96 test, 467 total; Erin Archer, 97 prone, 92 standing, 93 sitting, 88 kneeling, 370 total shooting, 96 test, 466 total; Stacie Elliott, 94 prone, 85 standing, 90 sitting, 94 kneeling, 363

total shooting, 100 test, 463 total; Dylan Goss, 85 prone, 81 standing, 84 sitting, 80 kneeling, 330 total shooting, 90 test, 420 total.

The Blue team shooters scores were: Nick Davis, 95 prone, 68 standing, 89 sitting, 87 kneeling, 339 total shooting, 96 test, 435 total; Miles Harrington, 89 prone, 68 standing, 81 sitting, 89 kneeling, 327 total shooting, 90 test, 417 total; Tia Paxton, 83 prone, 70 standing, 84 sitting, 70 kneeling, 307 total shooting, 94 test, 401 total; Ryan Lively, 77 prone, 61 standing, 80 sitting, 75 kneeling, 293 total shooting, 96 test, 389 total shooting; Evan Chambers, 87 prone, 63 standing, 77 sitting, 66 kneeling, 293 total shooting, 94 test, 387 total shooting.

Council approves first reading of ordinance

By Carleen Bell

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The Norton City Council approved Wednesday evening the first reading of an ordinance to establish a Public Building Commission for the city as the council prepares to propose a sales tax increase to construct a new public swimming pool.

According to ordinance #1620, the Public Building Commission will consist of seven members to include the six city council members and the city

mayor with terms on the commission to coincide with city council terms of office.

According to Rick Ensz, the city's bond underwriter for a potential pool project, the purpose of the public building commission is so that the city can issue bonds for the project without going against the city's statutory debt limit. Because the commission cannot issue bonds or debt of any kind, the commission leases property to the city, which can issue bonds.

Though the first reading was approved Wednesday evening, Ensz and the council discussed the future of the commission and whether or not the commission will stand even if the city doesn't move forward with the pool project. According to Ensz, the commission will remain in effect until the city decides to deactivate the group

and if the city decides to issue bonds in the future while the commission still stands, the city won't have to go through the steps to form the commission again.

The ordinance will require two more readings by the city council and legal publication before it will become official.

Northern Valley's 8th grade graduation will be Wednesday

The Northern Valley 8th grade class of 2012 will celebrate the end of their middle school days with a graduation ceremony on Wednesday.

The graduation is set for 8 p.m. at the gym of the middle school in Long Island. This year's 8th grade class motto is "Life brings tears, smiles and memories. The tears dry, the smiles fade, but the memories last forever."

The class colors are black and cerise with silver accents.

The speaker at the ceremony will be Bill Lowry. The graduation will also feature a performance of "Like an Eagle" performed by the 7th and 8th grade classes.

This year's 8th grade class of 2012 includes Colten Bach, Brooke Baird,

Sarah Baird, Jesse Courtain, Camden Cox, Stephani Figueroa, Mathew Florence, Vanessa Garcia, Trey Hall, Allison Keith, Cody Land, Eli Lowry, Talia Lowry, Brianna Martin, Dalton Smith, Michaela Sorenson, Ryan Thraikill, Shayna Vincent, Adama Woomer and Skylar Wright.

The Northern Valley High School graduation ceremony is planned for 2 p.m. on Sunday at the big gym in Almena. The ceremony will feature a speech from the class of 2012's valedictorian and graduates will receive their diplomas at the ceremony.

The last day of school for Northern Valley seniors will be this Friday and for the rest of the school, the last day will be Friday, May 11.

County reminds citizens of regulations for trenching or boring across county roads

By Carleen Bell

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Following some disagreement over whether a project had been completed to county regulations, the Norton County Road and Bridge Department is reminding county citizens of the steps necessary to trench across county roads.

According to a resolution from the county commissioners in 1999, anyone "using a county road to bury, lay or install any type of pipeline, cable or conduit with the county road right-of-way shall pay a permit application fee in accordance to (the fee) schedule."

The fee schedule is as follows:

-All pipelines installed in regularly maintained roads: \$250 per crossing if trenched and \$50 per crossing, if bored
-All pipelines or cables installed in

low maintenance roads: \$50 per crossing, if trenched or bored

Anyone wishing to trench or bore across a county road is required to obtain a permit application from the county's road and bridge department. The permit application requires information about what the proposed project will entail and when the project is expected to be complete.

After the project is complete, a representative of the road and bridge department will inspect the site to make sure the road is returned to its previous condition before the project was begun.

Anyone wishing to obtain a trenching permit can contact the road and bridge department at 877-5740 or by visiting during regular business hours at 15590 Washington Road, Norton.

