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Briefly

March 31 is last day to renew "B" tags

March 31 is the last day to renew "B" tags at the Norton County Treasurer's office. When renewing your vehicles, remember to include your current proof of insurance for all vehicles. You may now purchase your Kansas Parks Passports when you renew your tags for \$15.50 per vehicle. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for vehicle business.

Sign-up has begun for conservation

Sign-up for State Cost Share of conservation practices began Thursday, March 20 at the Norton County Conservation District office at 11506 Pineview Dr. To apply or for more information contact the Norton County Conservation District at 785-877-2623.

Public invited to Norton Estates

The public is invited to attend an open house for Norton Estates on Thursday, March 27, from 4 to 8 p.m. Norton's new moderate-income housing addition is located at Crane St. and Reagan Ave. These duplexes will be available for rent or purchase.

Prairie View library to hold open house

The Sunshine City Library will hold an open house on Monday, March 24 from 4 to 7 p.m., so the public can see the improvements made at the library. There will be treats and library trivia. The library is located at 207 Kansas St, Prairie View.

Markets

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Wheat	\$7.47
Milo	\$4.28
Soybeans	\$13.53
Corn	\$4.48

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Cloudy with a high of 38. Sunday - Overcast with a low of 23. Sunday Night - Cloudy with a high of 46. Monday - Partly to mostly cloudy with a low of 29. Monday Night - Mostly cloudy with a high of 46. Tuesday - Partly to mostly cloudy with a low of 26. Tuesday - High of 42.

Prayer

Dear God of life, thank you for the lives of those who are no longer here on earth with us. Thank you for their witness and their love. Amen



Young marksmen are shown here on the firing line in the standing position, the toughest of the four, during the Kansas State BB Gun Championships held last Saturday in Holton. Fans who look carefully will be

able to identify some Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team members. - Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Marksmen shot well in BB Gun Championships

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The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team entered their young shooters in the Kansas State BB Gun Championships in Holton on Saturday and placed seventh out of 16 teams, which was just ten points out of fifth.

"The top teams were shooting with 14 and 15 year olds. Our three oldest shooters are 13 years old and everyone else is younger," said Norton head coach Jeff Elliott.

Coach Elliott also pointed out the toughness of the competition in Holton when he stated that Norton's team which competed in the National Championships in 2012 had a team score in the same state shoot which was just two points higher than this year's Norton team!

The top three teams in each of three state shoots qualify to compete in the Daisy National BB Gun Championships, formerly the Daisy/Jaycees International BB Gun Championships.

The national shoot will be held again this year in Rogers, Ark. the first week of July.

Norton will have two more opportunities to qualify for the national shoot. The State 4-H BB Gun Shoot, for which Norton qualified with a regional championship, will be held on Saturday, April 12 in Alma and the American Legion State Shoot, will be held on Saturday, April 26, also in Alma. There is no written

test of gun marksmanship and safety given for the 4-H shoots whereas that is part of the State Legion Shoot as it was on Saturday in Holton.

The Yellow Team was Norton's best. They placed fourth best in the standing position, considered to be the hardest of the four and also had the fifth best written test score. Norton was also fifth best in the sitting position and seventh in prone and kneeling.

The Norton Blue Team actually finished in a tie for third place on the written test with the Phillips-Rooks Team, both scoring a 470, two points better than Norton's Yellow Team.

The Johnson County Team No.1 was the champion with a total shooting and test score of 2,304x63 bull's eyes. Next came, Phillips/Rooks County in second with a 2,303x75, just one point behind!

Finishing third was Jefferson County Team No.1, with a 2,261x53, followed by Flint Hills Jr. Shooters, 2,258x49; Sedgwick Gold, 2,238x42; Wyandotte Gold, 2,231x34; Norton Yellow, 2,228x43; Johnson County Team No.2, 2,198x39; Bullmasters Red, 2,190x39; Wyandotte Maroon, 2,142x25; Riley/Pottawatomie County Straight Shooters, 2,120x25; Jefferson County Team No.2, 2,102x35; Norton Blue 2,088x20; Bullmasters Black, 2,084x23; Sedgwick Purple, 2,061x28; Norton Red, 1,851x14.

"There was very good competition at this shoot; it was definitely better than at the regional shoot in Oakley, which we won," said coach Elliott. "There

are two more state shoots where we can qualify for the national shoot. I feel very positive. A few better shots or few more points on the written test and we would have placed fifth.

"We really did well on the written test, tying for third and placing fifth. Out of 116 marksmen who took the test, five got perfect scores and two of them were from Norton. Thanks to classroom instructor Valerie Elliott for preparing them for the written test. "We'll just keep working with our girls and boys and they'll improve their marksmanship. "

Ages of shooters in the program are 8 to 15 years of age.

Members of Norton's Yellow team and their ages were: Dylan Goss, 13; Stacie Elliott, 12; Miles Harrington, 13; Lily David, 10; Christien Hawks, 11. Alternates were Riley Goss, 11 and Scott Sansom, 13. Coaches were Marty Harrington and Jeremy Hawks.

Shooting for the Blue Team were: Nathan Nelson, 11; Althea Paxton, 11; Connor Hall, 12; Aaron Blair, 12; Nick Davis, 12. Alternate was Kira Engelsman, 9. Coaches were Chance McMullen and Jerry Hawks.

Marksmen for the Red Team were: Anna Lively, 9; Morgan Goss, 9; Catherine Hall, 10; Miles Goss, 9; Shailyn Baker, 9. Alternate was Rayanne Wait, 9. Coaches were R.D. Wait and Matt Wallin.

Derian Musquis, 9, was scheduled to fire for the Red Team but was unable to be present and was replaced by Shailyn Baker, who was originally scheduled to be an alternate.

Very precise sport

BB Gun shooting consists of very precise accurate marksmanship. Shooters fire their BB gun from a distance of 16 feet, 4.75 inches and the center of the target is the same size as a BB. A perfect score comes when the BB hits in the center of the target. A bull's eye can be a few millimeters off center but not much.

Best shooters

Norton's best shooter was alternate Scott Sansom who was fourth best out of all the alternates with a 460x8 score. He was 94x4 in prone, 84x1 in standing, 95x2 in sitting, 89x1 in kneeling and 98 in the written test.

Stacie Elliott of the Yellow Team was second high shooter for Norton and 16th best overall. Her scores were: 96x5, prone; 87x3, standing; 88x2, sitting; 88x0, standing; 100, test score; 459x10 total score.

Next high scorer for Norton was Dylan Goss in 24th place overall. Dylan's scores were: 88x1, prone; 89x2, standing; 93x4, sitting; 85x0, kneeling; 98 test score; 453x7 total score.

Fourth high Norton scorer was Miles Harrington in 39th place. His scores

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Kansas Ringneck Classic gives back



Toby Kuhn, Prairie Dog State Park Manager, points out the area that will be home to a new shelter house facility that will have year-round plumbing facilities. Verla Grysch, Ron Fisher, Tara Vance and Assistant Park Manager Luke VanSlike analyze the area. Construction on this project, which these additional funds from the Ringneck Classic will help support, will begin this summer.

-Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

The 2013 Kansas Ringneck Classic, which was jointly hosted by Graham and Norton Counties, has recently finalized all financial details and has given the proceeds to several beneficiaries in the area. The Northwest Kansas Classic Conservation Foundation, whose focus is to support habitat improvement and wildlife conservation in Northwest Kansas, was the lead beneficiary. A large amount of money - nearly \$35,000 - was divided amongst the following four beneficiaries: Graham County Hospital Wellness Center, Graham County Medical School Scholarships, Norton County Hospital and the Friends of the Prairie Dog State Park. Donations were also made to FFA chapters at Norton Community High School, Northern Valley High School and Hill City High School, as students from those chapters helped in serving meals for the event.



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