

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



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BB Gun Team has Nationals in their sights



Members of the Norton Rotary BB Gun Team who will be competing in the Daisy National BB Gun Championships on Saturday and Sunday, July 5-6 in Rogers, Ark. are shown here practicing from the sitting position during a final practice on Tuesday of this week. Pictured are, from

left, Nicholas Davis, Christien Hawks, Stacie Elliott, Lily David, Miles Harrington and Scott Sansom.

– Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Celebrate a SAFE & HAPPY JULY 4TH!



Briefly

Telegram will be closed on July 4

The Norton Telegram will be closed Friday for the July 4th holiday. Happy Independence Day!

Junior Golf starts on Monday

Junior Golf starts on July 7 for participants between ages 7 and 14. Registration will start at 5:30 p.m. and begin at 6-8 p.m. Registration this year will include a golf shirt. July 28 will be a pizza party and a 9-hole golf tournament with a swimming party following the tournament. Pre-registration can be mailed to Tyler Rutherford at 1014 Truman Drive, Norton, KS 67654 or call 785-202-0214.

Sports Camp set for July 15-17

Blue Jay Sports Camp begins on July 15 through July 17 for grade 1-8. Volleyball, girls basketball, boys basketball and football are all available. Each camper will receive a Blue Jay Sports Camp T-shirt for attending! Registration and payment both go to Lucas Melvin. Registration is due by July 7 to insure the T-shirt is ready for the first day of camp!

weather forecast

Weather

Saturday - Mostly clear with highs in the mid 90s. Lows in the upper 60s. Sunday - Mostly clear with highs in the mid 90s. Lows in the upper 60s. Monday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Lows in the upper 60s. Tuesday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s.

Markets

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Wheat	\$6.47
Milo	\$3.72
Soybeans	\$13.26
Corn	\$4.12

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to be alert for opportunities to show you that we love you by caring for others. Amen

By DICK BOYD
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For the 44th year out of 49 years of the Daisy International/National BB Gun Championship Match, a teenage marksmanship team from Norton County will be among those from the United States competing Saturday, July 5 and Sunday, July 6 in Rogers, Ark., the home of Daisy Outdoor Products.

The Norton County Team was originally sponsored by the Jaycees but in recent years the Norton Rotary Club has been the sponsor.

Norton's participation in the Safe Hunting and BB Gun Marksmanship Program goes all the way back to the start of the program based on the ideas recommended by the late Norton Jay-

cees member Duane Winder. His suggested format was adopted nationwide when Daisy and the U.S. Jaycees began the program.

A Norton County BB Gun Team has won the International/National Shoot eight times, more than any other community in the world!

Teams from such countries as Canada, England and Mexico were included in the competition but just recently the shoot was re-named National since teams from outside the U.S. no longer compete.

BB Gun marksmanship competition from the prone, sitting, kneeling and standing positions will be on the range in the John Q. Hammons Convention Center, where the teams are staying.

School board gives salary increases to administrators

By MIKE STEPHENS
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The U.S.D. 211 Board of Education approved salary increases for administrators at its year-end meeting on Monday morning. A \$1,500 salary increase was given to the principals and the Technology and Learning Center directors.

The Board agreed to raise the cost of activity passes by five dollars each for the upcoming 2014-15 school year, as well. An adult activity pass will now cost \$50 and a child's pass will cost \$40.

Superintendent Greg Mann presented recommended policy changes for 2014-15, and the Personnel Handbooks for 2014-15 for the Board to study and review.

Mann also presented the Board with a proposal that would allow for dual credit with Colby Community College for classes taught at the college annex during the school day.

Adoption of the proposed policy changes, personnel handbooks and dual credit will be considered by the Board at its July 14 meeting.

In other board news:

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

Registration and practice on the range will be on Thursday and Friday with actual competition beginning on Saturday.

The Daisy Museum will be open all four days.

Daisy's 128th anniversary

Daisy is celebrating their 128th year in business this year. Founded in 1886 as a windmill manufacturer in Plymouth, Mich., Daisy started producing BB guns to be given to farmers when they purchased a windmill. The guns proved so popular that within a decade the company had dropped the windmills and shifted its focus entirely to

BB guns. The company changed their name to Daisy Manufacturing and moved to Rogers, Ark. in 1958.

Shoot schedule

Opening ceremonies will be held Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Ball Room. On Saturday morning, marksmanship from the prone and standing positions will be held. In the afternoon, the written test on gun safety will be taken by all shooters.

The Barter Bar, during which marksmen, parents and coaches exchange gifts from their respective states, will be held Saturday afternoon. Firing from the sitting and kneeling positions will take place on Sunday

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New 911 system up and running

By DANA PAXTON
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The Norton County Commissioners had few visitors at the last meeting of the month this past Monday. Reports from the county treasurer and sheriff updated the board.

Cynthia Linner, Norton County Treasurer reported that the county had brought in and paid out to the state just about the same amount of money compared to last year. There was \$32,954.08 collected and \$33,140.11 paid to the state.

While at the meeting Linner informed the commissioners that First Security Bank and Trust would be closing its doors on August, and then on August 4 Stockton National Bank would re-open it as the new owners. She suggested that the commissioners may want to re-visit the designation of what bank is used by the county since that is where they bank and by doing this might be able to acquire a better interest rate.

Sheriff Troy Thomson was the next visitor to the commissioners. His reason for the visit was to update the commissioners on the new 911 system. The system is now up and running and it seems to be a better deal than what his office had in the past. After turning in the updated paperwork, the sheriff's office must pick from five vendors to fix anything that needs done. Thomson recommended R&S Digital for the job since they had been used in the past and he was very pleased with their work. The commissioners agreed to go with this company.

In October, the service will be out of a regional office so if power is down the 911 calls will be diverted to the closest office in the area so that help can still be summoned. Thomson reported that this regional office will have no dispatchers but a server that will direct the calls. This will save the county money because the only fee charged

Celebrate Independence!



As the Fourth of July rolls in, the firework stands set up. Kaboomers half price stand, at the east edge of town, is where families can buy their fireworks this year.

– Telegram photo by Shylo Paxton

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