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June 29, 2004

Norton, Kansas
Home of Roy Hartley

Briefly

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels for the Norton County Hospital the week of July 5-11. If you or your group is interested in helping please call 877-3351 and ask for the Dietary Department.

Fiesta Night set at Norton Library

It's Fiesta Night Thursday at Norton Public Library. The fun starts at 7 p.m. for 7-12 graders. "Human Football" is on the agenda for fun night, with chips and dips being served.

Grassland deadline soon

July 16 is the cutoff date for Grassland Reserve Program applications to be considered for this year's funding.

To determine if the program will help you in your farming operation, stop by the United States Department of Agriculture Service Center in Norton. Their phone number is 877-2623 and website address is: www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov.

Forms to be filled out for students

The deadline for students who live in Norcatr but attend school in Norton to turn in out-of-district transportation busing applications to the Oberlin School District Office is Thursday, July 15.

The application must be filled in order for Norton buses to be able to pick up students in Norcatr. All students are required to renew applications annually. Applications may be picked up at either school district office.

Weather Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with lows in the 60s. Wednesday — Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Thursday — Partly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Howell report:

Friday High 78, Low 57
Saturday High 61, Low 54
.....35 of an inch of precipitation
Sunday High 76, Low 56
Monday High 84, Low 59
Week ago High 82, Low 56
Month ago High 98, Low 51
Year ago High 81, Low 60
June precipitation 2.39 inches
Year-to-date precipitation 9.73 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, loving God, for going before us and preparing the way. Thank you for faithful people who offer friendship in times of need. Amen



Thrift Shop celebrates 30 years

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

In 1974, several women from the Norton United Methodist Church decided to expand the church's annual two-day rummage sale.

The concept was to begin a Thrift Shop that would allow anyone to purchase good, used clothing and merchandise cheaply and, at the same time, serve the mission field.

Since its beginning 30 years ago, \$1000s have been generated by the Thrift Shop to help local, area, state and international agencies.

The first Thrift Shop was just north of First Security Bank, but the space was outgrown in the first month.

From there the shop was moved to 213 E. Main, into a building attached to the west side of the Norton Theatre. It operated there for 19 years.

In 1994, the shop moved to its present building at 206 N. Second.



Thrift Shop volunteer, Mildred Schwab (above) sacks up some extra caps while a young shopper browses the toy section at the store Monday morning. Louise Kitzke of Prairie View(right), sorts out her purchases while Mrs. Schwab rings up the sales.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

The shop is a bright and roomy store that offers shoppers plenty of space to see the merchandise and volunteers room for displays and storage.

The remarkable thing about the Thrift Shop is that everyone who works there is a volunteer and all of the profits go to support mission work.

A lot of the money stays in the community. Money is used to help Meals on Wheels, the Norton Community Fund, Lion's Club Christmas food baskets, the Norton Library Foundation, Norton Li-

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Democrat runs for State Senate seat

By VERONICA MONIER

Tim Peterson, Monument, is looking to become the next state senator for the 40th District.

The 49-year-old Democrat said he hasn't served as an elected official before, but has been involved with party politics for a number of years.

He said, right now, he is the chairman for the First District Democratic Committee and has, in the past, been the vice-chairman and a local representative for the committee.

Mr. Peterson is also serving on the Kansas Agricultural Remediation Board. He was appointed this spring by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius.

The main reason he was running, he said, was the untimely death of Sen. Stan Clark a month ago.

"Sen. Clark was a good senator," he said. "He did a lot for all of western Kansas. His death changed everything."

"After he died, we needed someone to run as a Democrat. It was necessary for someone to step up and serve and run."

He said running for election was not something everyone would be willing to do. It is a job to run and a job to serve, but he thinks he is up to the task.

"I feel very strongly about this," he said. "I really like northwestern Kansas. I was born here, raised here, and came back to

farm and live here after college. "Northwest Kansas is a great place to live and to raise a family and I think it has a lot to offer."

Mr. Peterson said his main focus in this campaign will be the three legs of economic development—good schools, good medical care and good roads.

He said those three things are the first thing people think about when they look to move somewhere. He said school funding issues really needed to be addressed in Topeka, which is what he plans to do if elected.

"There's a lot of potential to do good

things with this area," he said. "We need to keep it going."

He said he knows that Democrats are rare in western Kansas, but he considers himself to share the same values as his friends and neighbors.

"I'm a conservative Democrat," he said. "I'm pro-life, pro-gun and pro-Kansas."

When he's not involved with politics, Mr. Peterson farms his family land with his wife Rebekah and two children. He lives on the farm, which is west of Monument, where he was raised.

Right now, he is working on a campaign website.

"It's going to be a fun campaign," he said. "It will be a good chance to meet people and discuss the issues we're facing."

Questions or comments can reach Mr. Peterson at ccfarmink@yahoo.com.

Farmers, ranchers can graze animals because of drought

Ranchers and farmers in Norton County with Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) grass can get permission to graze the land, due to the drought.

Bill R. Fuller, state director of the Kansas Farm Service Agency said that early emergency grazing of Conservation Reserve Program acreage has been approved in 21 counties in Kansas, in-

cluding Norton. This is limited to grazing only and does not permit haying.

Besides Norton County, Cheyenne, Decatur, Finney, Gove, Graham, Greeley, Grant, Hamilton, Kearney, Lane, Logan, Rawlins, Scott, Sheridan, Sherman, Stanton, Thomas, Trego, Wichita and Wallace counties (Continued on Page 3)

Off to the shoot

Norton BB Gun team set for internationals

By DICK BOYD

For the 36th time in 39 years, the Norton County Jaycees BB Gun Team will compete in the U.S. Jaycees/Daisy International BB Gun Match Championships, which will be held this Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Diddle Arena in Bowling Green, Ky..

The international championships are the largest junior marksmanship competition in the world. Norton has won the international shoot eight times, more than any other community and came close to a ninth championship last year when they placed second at Wilmington, N.C..

Norton won the international title in 1990 and 1991, placed seventh in 1992, sixth in 1993, seventh in 1994, sixth in 1995, third in 1996, fifth in 1997, won the title in 1998, tied for ninth in 1999, won again in 2000, tied for 15th in 2001, placed 11th in 2002 and second in 2003.

All competing teams have different shooters each year since individuals are not allowed to shoot at international two years in a row. The young marksmen must be between 8 and 14. They will compete in four shooting positions — prone (on their stomachs), standing, sitting and kneeling and will take a written test on information from two books: the Daisy 10-Lesson Curriculum and the National Rifle Association BB Gun Rule Book.

This year's team

This year's Yellow team, the top team of three Norton entered each year in the Kansas BB Gun Shooting Championship, won the state championship on April 3 in Alma. It was the 35th state BB gun championship for Norton in 39 years of the Jaycees Shooting Education Program. Norton did not compete in 1982.

Under current rules, the top three teams in the state are eligible to compete in the international shoot. This was not true when Norton failed to win the championship on two earlier occasions.

Norton finished with a shooting score of 1,824 and total score with written test of 2,312 to win this year's state shoot. Wichita No. 1 was second with a 1,805 shooting and 2,257 total. Third place went to the Norton Blue team with a shooting score of 1,791 and overall 2,237.

Members of this year's Norton international team are Kyle Edgett, 13; Brock Lauer, 13; Kerby Brandyberry, 13; J.D. Gall, 12 and Katie Gall, 10. Kyle, Brock, Kerby and J.D. were members of Norton's 2002 international team and Katie was an alternate on last year's international squad. The alternates are Britany Boucher, 13 and Kylie Nuzum, 10, both of whom were members of the Norton Blue team in the state shoot.

The shooters will be allowed to practice on the range on Friday. The opening ceremonies will be from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on Friday.

Shooting gets underway at 8 a.m. on Saturday with firing from the prone position, followed by the standing and most difficult position. The written test will be taken from 1-2 p.m. From 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Saturday the Barter Bar will be held.

This is a fun event where shooters, coaches and parents exchange memorabilia from their states and become better acquainted.

Marksmanship from the sitting position will begin at 8 a.m. on Sunday and will be followed by the kneeling competition. The awards ceremony will be held in the Diddle Arena Gym from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Norton Head Coach Dan Lauer said he felt good about this year's team on Friday during the team's final practice before leaving for Bowling Green today.

"They've been shooting about what we expect," he said. "They have their ups and (Continued on Page 3)

New rules change the way driver's licenses are renewed

BY BRANDON GAY

A new driver's license policy issued by the Kansas Division of Vehicles aimed at increasing security has changed the way people get driver's licenses.

The new policy means that when Norton County residents renew their driver's license they will be issued a temporary paper license good for 60 days.

Permanent licenses will be mailed from a Washington state business Kansas has contracted with to do the work.

Cindy Linner, Norton County treasurer, said the licenses are supposed to arrive in the mail seven to 10 days after renewal. However, she said because the system is new, they are telling customers to expect a 30 to 45-day wait for the permanent license.

In another provision of the policy, drivers under 21 years old will now receive a vertical license.

The policy, which is supposed to be implemented in all Kansas counties by the end of the month, went into effect in Norton on June

15. Ms. Linner said the transition has been smooth. She said they received the new equipment on June 14 and began operating with it the next morning without any problems. The new equipment was provided by the state.

The policy has been implemented to decrease the cost of production and also to increase security, she said. Before the licenses are mailed, the applicant's name, address and social security number will be verified.

The cost is less because each driver's license office no longer has to have supplies such as laminate and film, she said.

Fees for driver's licenses will not be affected.

Ms. Linner said what the customers do in the office will remain unchanged.

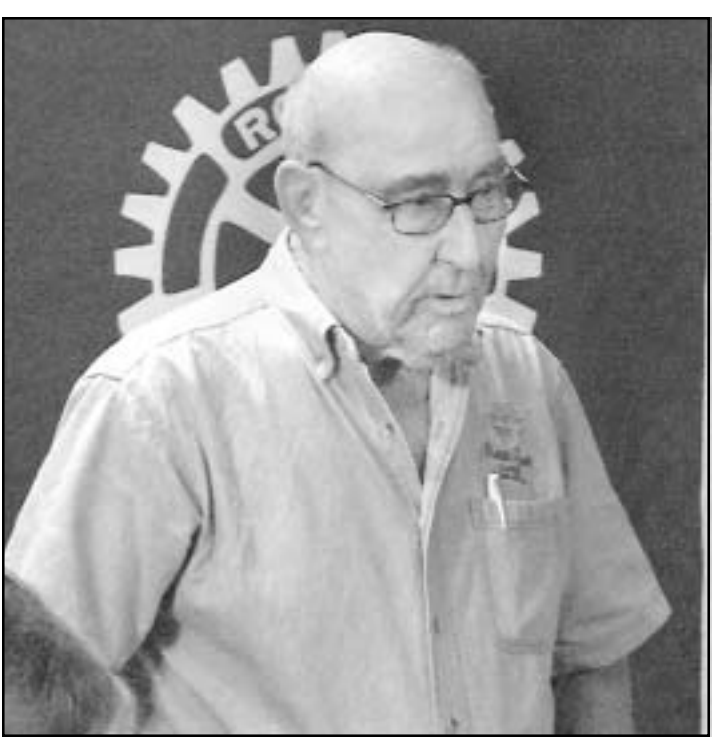
However, she said it is important that applicants provide an accurate mailing address if it is different than their home address. She said there was a risk their license could get lost if they cannot receive mail at their home address but fail to provide a mailing address.

Ms. Linner also said it was important that drivers not lose their temporary license, because a second copy will not be issued. The temporary licenses should not be washed, left in the sun or laminated.



Norton County Cooperative employee, Ron Anderson (above) climbs up to take a look into the grain trailer of Lyle Fisher who was hauling a load into the elevator on Monday. It didn't take long for the wheat to empty (below).

—Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts



Hank Austerman spoke to the Norton Rotary Club Monday afternoon about his time in the U.S. Army during World War II and the years of his life that followed.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Thrift Store sees 30 years of helping people in need

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library, Norton Cares, the Andbe Home Patient Fund, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, bloodmobile lunch, God's Pantry and Red Cross swimming lessons. They also helped pay for the slide at the swimming pool and the vehicle extrication equipment used by emergency workers.

The Thrift Store donates good, clean baby clothing to two homes for unwed mothers in Hays and some better clothes go to Wichita for a program trying to help people get jobs.

Each week several bags of clothes are delivered to the Norton Correctional Facility, where inmates sort and box clothing to be delivered to Spanish/American Ministries in Garden City.

The shop sponsors two children through Compassion International. As children grow up and graduate from the program the shop takes on new youngsters so that it is always helping two.

Long-time volunteer Lynn Nelson said, "The thrift shop serves a three-fold purpose. One, it provides low-cost clothing and items; two, it provides a place for people to dispose of unneeded items, thereby preventing them going to the dump; and three, it helps those who need it."

Store hours during the summer are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

To learn how you can help or to make a donation to the Thrift Store, call 877-3537.

Norton BB Gun team ready to bring home another title

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downs, depending on what other activities these young people have going on in town. They are all high caliber shooters and are very capable.

"You always have pressure at the international shoot but they've all been there and know what it's all about. I'm sure they'll do fine." The team has been practicing twice a week since the state shoot to hone their skills for the international.

Prizes awarded

To raise some of the money for this year's trip to the international shoot, the team members accepted donations for several prizes. Winners were Kent Kearney, \$75, donated by Total; Doug Ray, \$100 food certificate, donated by Jamboree Foods; Pam Menagh, four state champion wrestling T-shirts and Melanie Mortensen, M&M radio, donated by Nex-Tech. Prize winners can pick up their prizes after July 7 at Kansasland Tire in Norton.

Coach Lauer thanked the National Guard for use of the armory for practice sessions, First State Bank of Norton, New Age Industrial Corp., the City of Norton and McMullen and Wyatt Auctions for special financial assistance and the Norton Jaycees for their support. He thanked Pheasants Forever for donating money for the shotgun which was given away prior to the state shoot.

He gave thanks to Dale Mulford of D&D Trailer Sales for giving the team savings on a trailer to

carry guns and supplies and to Kristine Posson of "Here's Your Sign" for the professional lettering on the outside of the new trailer.

Coach Lauer also gave a special thank you to the parents for their faithful support.

"The parents are to be commended for coordinating the youngsters' schedules so they could attend practices," he said. He also thanked his wife, Teresa, who provides much assistance in addition to being the classroom instructor and Misty Nuzum, Patty Gall and Diane Edgett for helping in the grading room. He also thanked John Gall, Tom Edgett, Steve Otter and Kirk Nuzum for assisting with the coaching duties.

"We have the best community support anywhere in the nation," said Teresa Lauer. "Thanks to the entire community for their support, including the raffle, car wash and donations."

Highlight of program

The International BB Gun Championships are the highlight of the Jaycees Shooting Education Program and State Shootoffs. The program was designed to introduce young shooters to the basics of safe gun handling and marksmanship. An estimated 250,000 young people take part in the program each year.

The safety program is based on a format proposed by the late Norton Jaycees member Duane Winder, which was adopted nationwide when Daisy and the U.S. Jaycees began the program.

Hearing to be held on landfill

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment will hold a public hearing on an application from Norton County to construct and operate a new municipal solid waste landfill at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7, in the Norton 4-H Building, 126 E. Park Street.

At that time people will be given the opportunity to make formal comments in the landfill.

An informational meeting will be held right before the hearing, beginning at 6 p.m. to answer questions.

The department of health and environment will also accept written comments through Friday, July 16.

The proposed landfill would be at the county's existing solid waste facility, about one mile northeast of the City of Norton.

A copy of the application and public notice has been posted on the department's Bureau of Waste Management web site at www.kdhe.state.ks.us/waste. The notice was also published in *The Norton Telegram* on Friday, June 4 and the application is available at the county clerk's office on the second floor of the courthouse.

Emergency grazing allowed

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Grazing will be allowed until Sept. 30, after that livestock must be removed.

Conservation Reserve Program participants should contact their local Farm Service Agency county office to request emergency grazing.

Participants will work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to develop a forage management plan. Participants must also accept a 10 percent reduction in the annual rental payment for the acres grazed.

This payment reduction is less than the normal 25 percent normally assessed for this type of authorization.

Large majority of county's wheat weather damaged, yields are low

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

"There is just no way to know how much is still out there," said Marvin Slabaugh at the Norton Cooperative. "It's impossible to know how much wheat has actually been cut, how much will be cut or how much will be left untouched."

Mr. Slabaugh said that weights have been staying about the same; keeping in the 53-58 pounds per bushel range.

About all that producers will say about their yields is that they are universally low.

Ron Anderson, another Norton

Cooperative employee said, "I wish things were a lot better. Not only for the farmers. It's going to hurt other businesses too; the stores, the car dealers, the whole nine yards."

Vesta Hobbs, Norton County Executive Director for Farm Service Agency, said their office has been busy taking a lot of information from producers on failed wheat.

"In talking to farmers and the claims we have taken, it looks like a vast majority of the wheat in Norton County is severely damaged," said Ms. Hobbs.

She said that there might be the

occasional field that would yield 35 bushels but they were few and far between.

"Remember we got hit by the drought, then it turned around and we had that late freeze. The freeze took out what the drought didn't get. We have producers who won't be harvesting anything. They'll just be turning it under," Ms. Hobbs said.

Ms. Hobbs pointed out that, even with the low production in this part of the country, wheat prices haven't come up. Due, in part, she said to high production elsewhere and world-wide.

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