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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Chuck Ross

## Briefly

### Wrestlers to hold banquet

Wrestlers, coaches, parents and fans are invited to the Norton Community High School Wrestling Awards Banquet at 6 p.m. on Sunday at the Norton American Legion Hall.

The Norton Blue Jay 2005 State Championship Wrestling Team will be honored during the banquet.

Please bring your own table service and a main dish, vegetable, salad and dessert. Drinks will be provided.

State Championship T-Shirts have been ordered. If you would like a t-shirt, you can sign up for one at the banquet or call Coach Bill Johnson at 877-2326 and leave a message.

### Senior meeting set for Monday

Norton graduating seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the high school cafeteria. The group will be making plans for the party after graduation on Sunday, May 22.

### Clean-up to be next week

The city and county of Norton will be holding spring clean-up on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday so that residents can discard excess trash.

For more information, contact the city office at 877-5000 or the landfill at 877-5790.

## Weather

### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Increasing clouds with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s with northeast winds up to 5 mph. **Saturday** — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the morning then partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 70s. East winds around 5 mph shifting to the south in the afternoon. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 40s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 70s.

### Howell report:

Tuesday ..... High 64, Low 38  
Wednesday ..... High 60, Low 42  
Thursday ..... High 67, Low 43  
Week ago ..... High 73, Low 43  
Month ago ..... High 48, Low 24  
Year ago ..... High 81, Low 47  
April precipitation ..... 1.29 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ..... 4.88 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

## Prayer

Dear God, help us to be generous and to give in times of hardship as well as in times of abundance. Amen



Youth volunteers at the Andbe Home were honored Wednesday with a pizza party. All of the kids, including Hannah Park, (above) enjoyed the special treat. During the adult volunteer appreciation dinner on Thursday, Joan Colip, Norton, (below)

took her turn at the microphone sharing thoughts about why she volunteers and some of the things she does.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier and Carolyn Plotts

## Local home honors its volunteers

Dozens of people who volunteer their time and talents to Norton's Andbe Home, were honored at a special luncheon Thursday in the northeast sunporch at the home.

Andbe Home staff members Becky Hopson, Darlene McEwen, Dawn Risewick and Rose Ann Miller greeted the volunteers and gave opening remarks. Doris Winteroth, representing the volunteers, delivered the response.

Following the meal, Marilyn Donahey entertained the group with a medley of old favorites including, "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue", "Gonna Wash That Man Right" (Continued on Page 5)



## School district goes ahead with roof replacement

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School District has chosen a company to replace several of its roofs. Superintendent Greg Mann said five companies put in bids on the roofs, but not all of the companies bid on all of the roofs. Almost all were over the estimate, he said, because oil prices have gone up so much.

The five companies bidding on the roofs were Geisler Roofing, High Plains Roofing, Mahaney Roofing, Roofmaster, and Wray Roofing. Of the five companies, he said Roofmaster had the lowest total bid when a 3 percent discount was taken.

The estimated cost of replacing the roofs were: Eisenhower Elementary — \$80,500; the junior high — \$99,000; the memorial gym at the high school — \$141,000; East Campus — \$117,000; and the wrestling room/weight room — \$47,000. The bid with the discount totaled \$504,987.

Mr. Mann said the bid was \$20,487 or 4 percent over the original estimates.

He asked that the board not do the three

alternates, which included using glue instead of screws on the high school gym, not replacing the insulation at the high school gym, and doing some sheet metal work at the junior high.

Mr. Mann said all of the roofs will have to be finished by Aug. 15. If they aren't finished by then, there will be a \$250/day penalty to the roofing company.

He said the district will be able to use all of the buildings while they are being repaired except the high school gym, as long as there is a safe exit. He said the high school gym will be out of commission for about a week to ten days while the insulation is being replaced.

The board accepted his advise. Contracts will be sent to the roofing company. In other business, the board:

• Heard from Mr. Mann that the state legislature is on recess until April 27 and the Supreme Court is reviewing the school finance legislation. He said districts probably won't hear anything until (Continued on Page 5)

## County health needs a bit of work

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Health Department building needs to have some work done to it.

County Health Administrator Gina Frack told the Norton County Commissioners at Monday's meeting that there has been a lot of settling with the new addition and dirt needs to be built back up.

"We're having problems with water leaking into the basement," she said. "Replacing the dirt around the building will help with that."

Also, she said, the retaining wall behind the building still hasn't been built, the bids have been sent out, but was never done. And, she said, the basement of the older part of the building has a flip up door that leads outside which is made of particle board. The board has warped and needs to be replaced.

"We had a skunk in the basement last year that got in because the door is warped," she said. "We need to put on a new door, which will make it more secure."

Mrs. Frack said she was trying to make it together so it could just be one job. The problem, she said, is trying to get the specifications uniform, so the contractors know what they were bidding on.

Commissioner John Miller told her to ask Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan to put a bid specification together, since he knew how to do that. Also, he said she should not only advertise for it, but also call a list of contractors.

Mrs. Frack asked for a time limit, so that in three months they wouldn't still be waiting for bids to come in.

Commissioner Dean Kruse asked why a county crew couldn't take care of the dirt work, since it was going to be hard to find someone to do it. He said he knew the county's equipment was too big, but that they could rent equipment that was smaller.

The commissioners called Mr. Brannan, who said that was fine with him.

Commissioner Leroy Lang said the needed dirt could probably come from the landfill.

Mrs. Frack said that she would still bid out the new door and the retaining wall.

In other business, the commissioners:

• Told Mrs. Frack that the county would be holding an auction and that she could sell the health department's excess furniture.

• Heard from Mrs. Frack that for the first quarter, the health department is breaking even financially.

• Heard from Emergency Medical Technician Ruth Schillig that Unit One has been repaired and is back in service, but that Unit Three, which needed a new alternator, is still not putting out the amps it needs to be. She said the mechanic at (Continued on Page 5)



Another tax return goes through the slot at the post office. Today is the deadline to mail tax returns without penalty.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Today is last day to file taxes

Today is the last day to file income taxes without penalty, unless you have filed for an extension.

People mailing in their tax information, must have it postmarked with today's date. The Norton Post Office is open for regular hours today and will close at 4:30 p.m.

Other ways to file income taxes include through an accountant or online.

Those filing an extension can do so using their accountant, the Internet or a toll-free phone number, which is 1-888-796-1074. If calling in an extension, you will need your social security number, possibly that of your spouse, birth dates, your estimated total tax liability for 2004, and your total 2004 payments.



As Head Coach Dan Lauer watches, Norton Yellow team alternate Kegan Vanover fires from the sitting position during the State BB Gun Championships in Manhattan on Saturday. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

# County BB gun team takes state championship again

By DICK BOYD  
The Norton County Rotary BB gun Yellow team won the 40th annual Jaycees State BB Gun Shooting Championship in the Flint Hills Christian School gymnasium in Manhattan on Saturday.

It was the 36th state BB gun championship for Norton. This year the team was sponsored by the Norton Rotary Club. The Yellow team won the state championship, the Blue team placed fifth and the Red team was seventh.

**INDIVIDUAL HONORS**  
Six Norton shooters placed among the top individuals. Brad Nuzum was second overall in total shooting with a 373. He was also first in prone shooting with a 99 and first in standing with a 92-4x.

Kylie Nuzum was fourth overall with a 370 and won sitting with a 98. Lane Archer tied for fifth in standing but the tiebreaker put him in sixth. He shot a 91-1x.

In alternate competition, Kegan Vanover placed fifth in prone with a 90. Three shooters scored perfect 100s on the written test and two of them, Dustyna Sprigg and Lane Vanover, were from Norton teams.

"We didn't shoot outstanding but we shot on an even keel and didn't have the ups and downs that can really hurt you," said Coach Lauer.

"Also, we had no major gun problems and that can really cost points.

"We shot well from the standing position and did really well on the written test. We held our own in the other positions.

"It was a good start but we have a lot of work to do to represent the state of Kansas with a winning team in the international shoot.

"We'll have some hard and long practices coming up."

Teresa Lauer was Norton's representative in the challenge room on Saturday. She was assisted by Dwight Sprigg and Brock Lauer. Eric Farber was Norton's scorekeeper. Mrs. Lauer is also Norton's classroom instructor.

The Manhattan Jaycees hosted this year's event. Tim Marshall was the match director. Dr. Bob Robel, Manhattan, was chief statistical officer. He was assisted by his wife, Anice.

Anita Cummins, Burlington, Kansas Jaycees president, assisted Marshall during the awards ceremony.

**NORTON SCORES**  
Brad Nuzum had the top overall score for the Yellow team with a 99 prone, 92 standing, 92 sitting, 90 kneeling, 373 shooting, 98 test, 471 total

Second high was Kylie Nuzum with a 95 prone, 86 standing, 98 sitting, 91 kneeling, 370 shooting, 98 test, 468 total.

Cole Archer recorded the third high aggregate for the Norton Yellow team. His scores were: 94 prone, 87 standing, 94 sitting, 88 kneeling, 363 shooting, 98 test, 461.

Next came Brittany Otter with 88 in prone, standing and sitting, 91 kneeling, 355 shooting, 96 test, 451 total.

Nish Millan recorded a 91 prone, 85 standing, 84 sitting, 82 kneeling, 342 shooting, 92 test, 434 total.

Members of the Blue team and their scores were: Lane Archer, 90 prone, 91 standing, 93 sitting, 89 kneeling, 363 shooting, 96 test, 459 total; Dustyna Sprigg, 88 prone, 88 standing, 92 sitting, 84 kneeling, 352 shooting, 100 test, 452 total; Coady McMullen, 94 prone, 81 standing, 89 sitting, 86 kneeling, 350 shooting, 96 test, 446 total; Caleb Vanover, 93 prone, 78 standing, 89 sitting, 83 kneeling, 343 shooting, 92 test, 435 total; Meaghan Peterson, 88 prone, 69 standing, 84 sitting, 80 kneeling, 321 shooting, 86 test, 407 total.

Members of the Red team were:

Jacob Nuzum, 94 prone, 79 standing, 88 sitting, 87 kneeling, 348 shooting, 94 test, 442 total; Trey Millan, 91 prone, 81 standing, 82 sitting, 88 kneeling, 342 shooting, 92 test, 434; Chance McMullen, 86 prone, 80 standing, 93 sitting, 73 kneeling, 332 shooting, 86 test, 418 total; Cole Peterson, 91 prone, 83 standing, 82 sitting, 72 kneeling, 328 shooting, 84 test, 412 total; Landon Schneider, 89 prone, 62 standing, 83 sitting, 75 kneeling, 309 shooting, 98 test, 407 total.

Alternate Norton shooters were: Kaitlyn Campbell, 89 prone, 81 standing, 74 sitting, 79 kneeling, 323 shooting, 96 test, 419 total; Haley Crockett, 88 prone, 62 standing, 87 sitting, 73 kneeling, 310 shooting, 86 test, 396 total; Kegan Vanover, 90 prone, 67 standing, 74 sitting, 68 kneeling, 299 shooting, 96 test, 395 total; Lane Vanover, 81 prone, 67 standing, 67 sitting, 80 kneeling, 295 shooting, 100 test, 395 total; Wyatt Harting, 75 prone, 70 standing, 85 sitting, 68 kneeling, 298 shooting, 84 test, 382 total; Isaac Schaefer, 76 prone, 57 standing, 71 sitting, 62 kneeling, 266 shooting, 86 test, 352 total.

**TWO GENERATIONS**  
Second generation shooters on the Norton teams were: Caleb, Kegan and Lane Vanover, mother Keri Whitney Vanover; Cole and Lane Archer, father Cameron Archer; Nish and Trey Millan, father Fig Millan; Coady and Chance McMullen, father Brian.

*The story of how the championship matches were shot can be found in the Tuesday, April 12, edition of The Telegram.*

## Write-in candidate wins Edmond mayoral election

Just who was elected as mayor of Edmond? According to the official election return, a write-in won the spot by three votes.

Sherry Showers, who filed for the position earlier this year, received 10 votes compared to

write-in candidate Howard Richard's 13, giving Mr. Howard the win.

Also receiving votes for the seat were Carl Conkey, 2, and Jnell Conkey, 1.

The position is a four-year term.

## State treasurer coming to Norton

State Treasurer Lynn Jenkins will be making a couple of stops around Norton when she is in town next Thursday.

Ms. Jenkins' first stop of the day will be from 8:30-9:45 a.m. at Norton Community High School, where she will talk to the senior class about the hidden costs of credit cards.

She'll be presenting The ABCs of Credit Card Finance, a credit card literacy class, to educate the seniors on the advantages and disadvantages of credit cards.

"This class is important for all

Kansans, but especially young Kansans going out into the adult world for the first time by themselves," she said. "The amount of debt our young adults are accumulating is startling. Educating our high school seniors about the pitfalls of credit card usage is the first step in securing a prosperous financial future for them."

Then, after a brief stop at *The Norton Telegram*, Ms. Jenkins will be going to the Northwest Kansas Library System office. There she will be donating books to the residents of northwest Kan-

sas. Fifty copies of the book "Yes, You Can Achieve Financial Independence" are being given to the library system to be distributed to the libraries in its 10-county area.

"When I was elected to be the treasurer for this state, I made a commitment to the citizens to initiate a financial literacy program," she said. "This book giveaway is one step in the right direction."

Ms. Jenkins will be in Norton until she has to leave for Hill City at 12:30 p.m.

## District chooses roof contractor

(Continued from Page 1) summer and will just have to start their budgets and then make changes later.

He said, as it is, schools will get more money per pupil, but small schools will lose money on low enrollment weighting.

- Accepted the low bid from Garrett Plumbing, Heating and Electric to replace two air handling units for \$29,537 at East Campus. A second bid was from Norton Sheet Metal for \$31,558. Both were lower than the estimated cost of \$36,000.
- Bought Compass Learning

software for grades K-6 for \$45,825, including training. Mr. Mann said Compass is superior for elementary students to Pass Key software, which was purchased for grades 7-12, but is also more expensive. Staff will be trained this summer so it will be ready to use in the fall. The Lenora contract money was used to buy the software.

- Gave Mr. Mann permission to spend up to \$40,000 to buy replacement equipment for two computer labs. Mr. Mann said every year, some of the district's computers are replaced. Those

being replaced are circulated throughout the district, making it possible for everyone to have an updated computer.

- Held three 10-minute closed sessions to discuss non-elected personnel.
- Accepted the resignations of Marlen Lewis, industrial arts teacher; Jenny Braun, dance team coach; Kim Pakkebie, language arts teacher, forensics and speech coach, and junior high volleyball and basketball coach; and Lisa Terrill, junior high at-risk tutor.
- Offered contracts to all certified staff who had not resigned.

## Ambulance still needs some work

(Continued from Page 1) Kansasland Tire is working on the problem.

- Went into a five-minute closed session with Mrs. Schillig to discuss non-elected personnel.
- Learned from Mrs. Schillig that four ambulance workers will be going to a training officer class in Garden City this weekend.

Once the class is completed, they will be able to teach the county's technicians. Another class will be held in June and a couple of people from the service are planning to attend.

- Spoke with Norcatour City Councilman Jim Plotts about the possibility of Norcatour buying millings from the county for its

streets. He said he was trying to get estimates on costs and how much would be available.

The commissioners said the county charged \$5/ton for millings and that Mr. Plotts should talk to Mr. Brannan, who generally handles the buying and selling of millings and would know if any were available.

## Local nursing home honors its volunteers

(Continued from Page 1) Outta My Hair", and "You Must Have Been A Beautiful Baby."

During Mrs. McEwen's closing remarks, she told the volunteers how important it is to have a sense of fun.

She said, "It's a happy talent to know how to play."

On Wednesday, the Andbe Home honored its younger volunteers with a pizza party, where pizza, soda and ice cream was served.

The youth volunteers include Shelby Mulford, Jena Risewick, Molly Grose, Treianne Park, Katie Grose, Emily Grose, Rebecca

Hanson, Kayleigh Norwood, John Risewick and Hannah Park.

The volunteers do a wide variety of activities including serving bread weekly, serving evening snacks, telling about pictures, walking the residents, and helping to clean the birdcage.

## April is deadline for 'C' and 'D' vehicle tags

April is the month for all persons whose last name begins with "C" or "D" and businesses that begin with "C" or "D" to renew the tags on their automobiles, light trucks, motorcycles and motorized bikes.

Renewals must be accompanied by current proof of insurance

showing the insurance company name, policy number and expiration date.

Tag renewal business hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Drivers license and commercial license renewals can be done

Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring your drivers license and social security card as proof of identity.

If you have questions, call 877-5795.

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