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Norton, Kansas
Home of Mark Keilig

Briefly

Blood drive

set for June 23

A blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross will be held from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, at the Norton Correctional Facility.

To make an appointment to donate, call (800) 448-3543. Walk-in blood donors are also welcome.

Bus students

need to sign up

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

The application must be filed in order for Norton buses to be able to pick up students in Norcatu. All students are required to renew applications annually.

Applications may be picked up at either school district office.

Jazz, Blues festival

set in Nicodemus

The third annual Nicodemus Jazz and Blues Festival is set for noon to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Nicodemus City Park.

The small town founded by freed slaves is about 12 miles east of Hill City on U.S. 24.

The festival will include an hour of gospel music by the Nicodemus First Baptist Church choir, Big John and the 39th Street Blues Band; Brothers Making Waves Band; and a special appearance by Monique Jones, a professional dancer from Los Angeles.

Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Bring your own lawn chairs. For information call toll-free (866) 852-2721.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Breezy and partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. **Tuesday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 90s. **Tuesday Night** — Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. **Wednesday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 80s.

Howell report:

Friday High 75, Low 54, Prec. .57
Saturday High 81, Low 53
Sunday High 86, Low 60
Monday High 90, Low 59
Week ago High 63, Low 53
Month ago High 83, Low 59
Year ago High 95, Low 70
June precipitation 1.71 inches
Year-to-date precipitation 9.11 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for your complete forgiveness. Help us to forgive one another and ourselves.
Amen



Former BB gun team member Brock Lauer (above) who attended Saturday's grand opening of the Rotary BB Gun Museum got a close look at the international championship traveling trophy, retired by the Daisy Outdoor Products, and given to the Norton Rotary Club

for display. Norton BB gun teams have won the trophy three times. While Coady McMullen (below in hat) looked around, Lynette Archer, Nish Millan and Lane Archer (below) reviewed stories written about the BB gun teams.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Rotary club opens BB Gun museum

By DICK BOYD

The grand opening of the Norton Rotary BB Gun Team Museum at 412 E. Holme (east on U.S.36) was held Saturday.

The museum, a Rotary centennial project, will enhance the international recognition earned by the BB gun teams through the years.

The Norton Jaycees started the Shooting Education Program in 1964 after Duane Winder, youth chairman, wrote Daisy Outdoor Products in response to an advertisement and they sent two BB guns, some BBs and targets. Later, Daisy asked for suggestions for a shooting education program, which would include BB gun marksmanship.

"Daisy chose the Kansas Jaycees as the outstanding state for promoting hunting safety and the Norton Jaycees as having the outstanding shooting education and BB gun marksmanship program," said Marlin "Bozie" Bozarth, a former Jaycee member.

"I remember that the Kansas Jaycees received \$1,000 for promoting the program and the Norton Jaycees received \$500 for our program, which was adopted internationally by Daisy.

"The late Duane Winder deserves the credit for submitting the Norton program which was chosen as the format for the International Daisy program.

"Bill Rouse of the First State Bank and his wife Winifred helped finance the program and pay expenses to state and international shoots."

Norton has won 36 of 40 state BB gun shoots and eight international championships, more than any other community. Norton shooters did not compete in the state shoot in 1982 since there was no Jaycees chapter that year.

The Jaycees continued to sponsor the BB gun teams until this year when the chapter disbanded and the Norton Rotary Club took over the sponsorship and established the museum.

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Mitchell Hickman, 6, and Gracie Campbell, 3, of her adopted litter. The kittens are all in need of watch as "Mama Kitty" decided to re-locate one a good home.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Kittens overwhelm Norton animal control

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Orphaned kittens have a way of showing up at the home of Sherry Hickman, Norton's animal control officer.

"We have kittens coming out our ears," Mrs. Hickman said.

In the last three weeks she's had seven kittens at the shelter. There are five more at her home, which she is caring for with the help of "Mama Kitty".

"Mama" herself was a stray Mrs. Hickman picked up at the Brooks Motel.

"She is a natural-born mother," said Mrs. Hickman. "These kittens are from three different litters, not a one her own."

Even with "Mama's" help, one of the kittens is too weak to nurse. It's not strong enough to compete with the others, Mrs. Hickman said. So she feeds it kitten formula every three to four hours with a special bottle and nipple.

As much as she cares for animals, Mrs. Hickman said, "If pet owners just paid more attention to spaying and neutering

their cats and dogs, we wouldn't have all these homeless animals."

The kittens have their eyes open and will be ready for adoption soon.

Dogs at the shelter waiting to find homes include a 9-month-old lab mix that has been neutered; a 2-year-old lab/dachshund mix; a 1-year-old boxer named Otis; and an 11-month-old miniature Schnauzer/American Eskimo mix.

For details on how to adopt an animal, call Mrs. Hickman at 874-4294.

City works on increases for utilities

By VERONICA MONIER

Norton is moving on with its water and sewer rate increases.

At Wednesday's meeting, the Norton City Council waived the formal readings of Ordinance No. 1545, increasing sewer rates, and Ordinance No. 1546, increasing water rates. The rate increases will pay for renovations to the city's water and sewer plants.

City Administrator Rob Lawson said he has received a lot of comments, none of which were good.

Mayor David Corns asked when the new rates would go into effect, so if people wanted to, they could start conserving water.

Mr. Lawson said the new rates would start July 1 and people would probably see the increases on their September bills.

Councilwoman Elaine Mann said she has heard a lot of people say they didn't like it, but they understood why the city had to do it.

Councilman Ron Briery said a lot of the comments he's gotten were people saying they weren't going to use as much water.
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Rotary Club sponsors team, shows off trophies

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The museum grand opening on Saturday began with a public gathering in the Prairie Land Electric Cooperative basement, followed by a luncheon hosted by the Rotary Club.

After the luncheon, the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting at the new museum and everyone had a chance to go inside and see the memorabilia collected from over the last 40-some years.

The museum contains trophies and medals, photos of Norton teams and news stories and pictures from *The Norton Daily Telegram* and later *The Norton Telegram* describing the successes of the teams.

One of the trophies is a traveling international trophy that was won three times by Norton and has been retired. It has been donated by Daisy for permanent display in the museum. The shooting education program began in Norton in 1964 and the state and international shoots began in 1966.

Alberta Byrum-Slaby owns the museum building and has donated the space. In addition to the museum, there is room in the building for a classroom and practice room.

The museum will be open to the public this Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Future open hours are under consideration.

During Saturday's luncheon, Mrs. Slaby read a letter from Daisy, which is in Rogers, Ark.

"Daisy Outdoor Products has been conducting the International BB Gun Championship Match since 1966 and Norton has won eight times, more than any other team," said the letter from Denise Johnson, special markets and customer service manager and Susan Gardner, public relations manager.

"The original and primary goal is to promote gun safety. The safety test counts equal to the marksmanship score; therefore, Norton, Kan., also holds the record for safety.

"We regret that a company representative cannot attend your celebration. Please convey our heartfelt appreciation for everything your community does to promote the safe enjoyment of the shooting sports. Also, please extend a very special thank you to the Norton Rotary Club for sponsoring the team.

"Communities and civic organizations such as yours greatly contribute to the legacy behind the Daisy brand. Thank you for your continued support of the young people in your community and your support of Daisy."

"We have a lot of items on display," Mrs. Slaby said. "People will really enjoy the museum."

Scott Sproul, Norton Rotary president, welcomed everyone to the luncheon.

"The Norton Jaycees BB Gun Team has been one of the most successful teams in the world," he said.

"Through years of hard work and determination, they have earned eight international and 36 state championships. This is a mark of excellence. The accomplishment would not have been possible without the dedication of the boys and girls, parents, coaches and the Jaycees. We were saddened this year to learn that the Jaycees would no longer continue to be an organization serving the county of Norton. They served for



BB gun shooters from the past, Cameron Archer (left), and the present, Brittany Otter, read newspaper stories during the grand opening of the Rotary BB Gun Museum on Saturday. Mr. Archer is a coach for the team.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

many years and will be greatly missed.

"The Norton Rotary Club extends our thanks to past members of the Jaycees and we are proud to continue the tradition and make new traditions as the Norton Rotary BB Gun Team.

"The Norton Rotary Club chose the museum as our club project in Rotary International's centennial year and we think it will give the BB gunners the recognition they deserve."

Herschel Betts of Oberlin, a past Rotary District Governor, also spoke at the luncheon.

"Rotary International President Glenn E. Estes Sr. asked each club to celebrate this centennial year with a meaningful project in our communities," Mr. Betts said.

"Some clubs raised thousands of dollars to erect a monument of their choosing and others have selected projects honoring youth for years to come. The Norton Rotary Club has chosen the latter.

"Norton is the BB Gun Capital of Kansas, the United States and internationally and the Norton Rotary Club will honor this great shooting education program with a museum bringing trophies and records to a place of honor.

"Men and women join Rotary for four reasons: fellowship, prestige, service and business contacts. The museum project comes under the service category. The dedicated Jaycees founded and ran this program from 1964 until 2004 but ran out of members to continue the club and the Norton Rotary saw the perfect project for their centennial. If Norton Rotary had not stepped forward, the No. 1 international BB Gun program would be gone.

"You will need plenty of membership help to assist in running this great program but enough cannot be said for the dedicated people who already spend so many hours training the youth to become the best.

"Thanks especially to Rotarian

Alberta for donating her building for this project. She saw the need and stepped forward."

Teresa Lauer, classroom instructor and shooting education and BB gun team coordinator, introduced the young marksmen and coaches present — Kaitlyn Campbell, Wyatt Harting, Brittany Otter, Dustyna Sprigg, Brad Nuzum, Kylie Nuzum, Lane Archer, Cole Archer, Jacob Nuzum, Coady McMullen, Chance McMullen, Trey Millan, Nish Millan, Haley Crockett, shooters, and Dan Lauer, head coach, and Kirk Nuzum, Fig Millan, Cameron Archer, Steve Otter, Brian McMullen, assistant coaches.

"This museum displaying all the trophies and medals won by our young shooters has been a dream of my husband and mine for the past several years," Mrs. Lauer said.

"Alberta volunteered to help and that was wonderful. I'm ecstatic to see all the records and memorabilia of what has gone on in this program for so many years. So many people in the community have been involved, including many second generations.

"We expect a lot from our shooters. The program starts the first Wednesday in October and is a nine-month program. It's great to see our youngsters get this recognition.

"Shooters in this program are from 8 to 14 years old. As they outgrow the BB gun program, shooters can go into the precision rifle marksmanship. Two of our former shooters, Chandra Braun and Evan Williams, are now on scholarships in colleges and shooting for their college teams."

This year's Norton marksmen earned the town's 36th Kansas BB Gun Shooting Championship in Manhattan in April.

Norton will represent Kansas for the 37th time in the Daisy/Jaycees International BB Gun Championships in Bowling Green, Ky. on Friday-Sunday, July 1-3.

Antique power show set

By VERONICA MONIER

The Sunflower Pioneer Power Association is holding its 25th annual Antique Machinery, Threshing and Power Show Saturday and Sunday in Alma.

The show will begin at 9 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday on the association's grounds. Even though the show doesn't officially start until 9 a.m. on Sunday, early birds can get a breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage and pancakes for \$4, starting at 6 a.m., said President Bob Underwood.

Also on Sunday morning, non-denominational church services will be held at 8:30 a.m. on the grounds.

The show is featuring Ford this year, said Mr. Underwood. The top prize at this year's show is a 9N Ford Tractor that has been restored by the association. Other prizes are

a handmade cedar chest, a \$50 savings bond, a pheasant carving made by Duane Wray and a tractor serial number book.

Mr. Underwood said there will be a couple of new pieces of machinery this year.

He said the club has restored a couple of tractors that it will be showing and will also be displaying a Graham Homme chisel, a tumble bug, and a corn picker.

Regular features like the rock crusher, a corn sheller, a hand tie baler, a small engine display, a tractor balance that people can get on, a steam engine and the windmill display will all be at the show.

Mr. Underwood said they hope to have the saw mill running by Saturday. He said the association usually cuts wood and then sells it, but he didn't know if it would be operational by Saturday.

He said they will also be threshing either wheat or oats.

A flea market will be held both days with vendors selling knick-knacks, food, drinks and much more.

The Antique Parade of Power will also be featured both days at 1 p.m. The parade will travel through downtown Saturday. On Sunday it will travel around the association grounds.

There will be lots of tractors and cars in the parade, which is open to anything that's not on steel and has tires. Parade entries should also be motorized, unless someone wants to ride their bicycle or something else of that nature, he said.

After the parade on Saturday, a kids' peddle power pull will be held. Mr. Underwood said they also want to have a tractor pull for the older kids and adults.

Council works on water, sewer fees

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water. Mr. Briery said that was expected, which is why the base rates were raised.

Mr. Lawson said they are expecting a 10 percent decrease in usage the first year. He said he's had a lot of people asking about putting down wells to water their yards with, including the school district and the hospital.

He said the city has been issuing building permits for wells, but that he and City Attorney Chuck Worden are working on getting a new permit system set up for well digging.

He asked that the council not approve any wells until the new permits were finished.

Mr. Lawson said anyone can drill a well in the city limits, but that was no guarantee that they would find water or that the water would be usable.

In other business, the council:

- Heard from Mr. Worden on the job description for city attorney. The council approved the job description with the understanding that Mr. Worden would not bill the

city for additional hours unless first authorized by the mayor or city administrator.

- Recognized Lineman Brian Hickman. Mr. Hickman completed his lineman certification by finishing a four-year course. Mr. Lawson said Mr. Hickman has been promoted to electric lineman and that he does an excellent job.

- Learned that Sunflower Electric has extended the city's power contract through June. Negotiations are still ongoing.

- Agreed to help the Norton Manor by taking out cracked cement in the parking stalls next to the dumpster on the east lot and to paint the new carport frames. The Manor will have to hire a private contractor to replace the concrete.

- Set a ribbon cutting for the new playground equipment at Elmwood Park for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. Mr. Lawson thanked Public Works Supervisor Dan Bainter and his crew for the good job they did installing the equipment.

- Thanked Parks Supervisor Steve Cole and his crew for the excellent job they did at the cem-

etry. Mr. Lawson said the parks crew has a lot of ground to cover to get ready for summer, including the baseball fields, parks, cemetery, center islands, and road right-of-ways.

- Accepted Ed Witt's bid of \$600 for the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria police car. Two other bids were received — Bob Neff, \$75; and John Griffiths, \$300. The vote passed 5-1 with Councilman Jerry Jones voting no because he felt the car was worth more.

- Heard from Mr. Jones that he has spoken with people who are interested in donating money for new restrooms at Elmwood Park and asked for an estimate of cost.

- Set committee meetings to talk about capital outlay requests for next year's budget. The meetings are set for Monday and will be at: 4:30 p.m., utility; 5 p.m., public works; 5:30 p.m., parks and cemetery; 6 p.m., public safety; and 6:30 p.m., finance.

- Approved an agreement with the Norton County Economic Development Board.

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