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Norton, Kansas  
Home of Isola Bowman

## Briefly



### Car show roars into town today

The second annual Norton Car Show will be held tonight and Saturday.

Tonight will be the cruise-in with registration from 7 to 9 p.m. at Station 15 on U.S. 36. Nostalgic photos will be at the Norton Theatre at dusk.

On Saturday, registration will be from 8 to 11 a.m. at Station 15. A show and shine will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the west side of the courthouse, while nostalgic photos will be from 9 a.m. to noon at Underwood's Filling Station. A road rally will be from noon to 3 p.m. and a drag race will be from 3 to 6 p.m. at the airport.

At 6:30 p.m., a whole hog roast will be held at the Norton American Legion, followed by trophy presentation and a dance.

### Bible school to feature safari

Children should prepare for a jungle safari when Vacation Bible School at the First United Methodist Church in Norton kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Monday. The theme for this year's program is "Serengeti Trek Fun".

### Meals on Wheels seeks volunteers

Community volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels. If you can help, call Norton County Hospital at 877-3351 and ask for the Dietary Department or Alice Hawks.

## Weather

### Forecast:

**Tonight** — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 60s. South winds 5-15 mph.  
**Saturday** — South winds 10 to 20 mph. Highs in the upper 90s. **Saturday night** — Lows in the upper 60s. **Sunday** — Highs in the mid 90s. **Sunday night** — Lows in the upper 60s. **Monday** — Highs in the mid 90s. **Monday night** — Lows in the upper 60s.

### Howell report:

Tuesday ..... High 88, Low 65  
Wednesday ..... High 90, Low 68  
Thursday ..... High 93, Low 68  
Week ago ..... High 92, Low 59  
Month ago ..... High 91, Low 61  
Year ago ..... High 93, Low 63  
July precipitation ..... 0.38 inches  
Year-to-date precipitation ... 10.90 inches  
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

## Prayer

Dear God, give us faith to remember that you protect and bless us always, guiding our steps on the path to righteousness. Amen.



### Reading fantasies

Nathan Branek, 2, (left) listened to a story read by Laura Gilhousen (above) Thursday afternoon during the summer reading program at Norton Library. Mrs. Gilhousen read a story about a dragon and a mouse, keeping in the theme, "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds" of the summer program.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

## Drilling may not get water

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

While it's legal for people to drill their own wells, they can't share with their neighbors and there is a good chance they won't find water.

The Norton City Council talked about wells at its meeting on Wednesday after City Administrator Rob Lawson told the members that he has received a lot of complaints about the proposed increase in rates for sewer and water to help pay for new plants for both.

One person even told him it was time to put an outhouse out back and forget about the city sewer, he said, but he didn't think that would be a very popular solution for most people.

However, he said, he has received a lot of calls about drilling personal water wells for domestic use.

The city has a small fee and requires a permit to dig a water well, he said, but the permit is the same as that used for building and demolition. Because wells are a lot different than buildings, Mr. Lawson said, he was hoping the city could come up with a new permit form for drilling.

"It's not the city's place to hold permits up but we need more information," Mr. Lawson said.

Councilman Jerry Jones wanted to know if the people asking about well per-

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## Major serves in Saudia Arabia

Major Shon Severns is serving with the U.S. Army in Riyadh, Saudia Arabia.

The son of Neil and Donna Severns, Norton, he graduated from high school at Lexington, Neb. He enlisted in the officer training program when he was at the University of Nebraska and took basic training at Fort Hood, Texas. He has served in Germany, Bosnia and Kosovo.

He advises the Saudi Arabia National Guard on medical logistics issues.

Maj. Severns and his wife, Buffie, have two children, Chandler, 11, and Justus, 5. Mrs. Severns is living in Norton while her husband is overseas.

Mail will reach him at: OPM SANG, Unit 61304, APO AE 09803-1304.



Maj. Severns

## Shooters finish 24th in Kentucky

Norton BB gun team sees tough competition at international event

By DICK BOYD

The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team placed 24th at the U.S. Jaycees/Daisy International BB Gun Match Championships held over the weekend in Bowling Green, Ky.

The international championships are the largest junior marksmanship competition in the world. Some of the top 10 teams this year finished 20 points higher than a year ago.

Norton has won the international shoot eight times, more than any other town but this year's team was less experienced. Shooters are not allowed to compete at internationals two years in a row. This (Continued on Page 5)



Brittany Otter was a real sharpshooter from the sitting position. She shot a 95 at the international competition at Bowling Green, Ky.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

# BB gun team takes 24th at international shoot

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year's team had just one former international shooter and two former alternates.

The marksmen, who compete in four positions — prone, standing, sitting and kneeling — must be between 8 and 15 years old.

"Two shooters had gun problems on Saturday and we had some nerve problems on Sunday," said Norton Head Coach Dan Lauer.

"Stress and nerves can bother first time shooters.

"We had a pretty decent sitting score on Sunday but did not shoot up to our capabilities in the other positions."

Norton tied for 12th sitting with a 471 and was just nine points out of fourth.

The written test contains questions on information from the Daisy 10 Lesson Curriculum and the National Rifle Association BB Gun Rule Book.

In the past, the written test, which counts for 20 percent of the score, has been one of Norton's strong points but the young Blue Jays had trouble this year and did not have as high a score as normal.

Norton scored a 446 on the test to place 23rd out of 36 teams.

"The test was worded differently than what we've been used to in past years," said Coach Lauer. "It was harder for our youngsters to understand. They knew when they came out that they'd missed several questions.

"Some shoots just don't turn out the way you'd like but we have good young boys and girls in this program and they did their best and that's all you can ask.

"We are very proud of them."

In order to qualify for international, a team must finish in the top three in their state shoot. Norton won the Kansas championship this year as they have for 36 of 40 years of the Jaycees Shooting Education Program, which consists of six weeks of gun safety classes followed by marksmanship on the range with BB guns.

Norton's team is sponsored by the Norton Rotary Club since the Jaycee chapter closed here.

## TOP TEAMS

Pierre, S.D. won the championship for the second year in a row.

Pierre had a 2349.90 overall shooting and written test score. Placing second, just .16 of a point behind them with a 2349.74 were the Oregon Timber Beasts.

Just 7.13 points separated the top five teams.

Belgrade, Montana, was third with a 2346.73; Tussey Mountain, Pennsylvania, was fourth with a 2344.72 and Marshall County, South Dakota, was fifth with a 2342.77.

Following were: Beatrice, Neb., 2337.80, sixth; Penns Valley, Pa., 2335.70, seventh; Apoling

County, Ga., 2335.50, eighth; Buffalo, Minn., 2321.70, ninth; Elbert County, Ga., 2316.40, tenth; Washington, Mo., 2311.53, 11th; Nottoway, Va., 2307.69, 12th; Lake Houston, Texas, 2305.49, 13th; Humboldt, S.D., 2298.48, 14th; Palmyra, Pa., 2295.38, 15th; Lincoln, Neb., No. 1, 2293.59, 16th; Gillespie County, Texas., 2284.55, 17th; Gwinnett, Ga., 2279.47, 18th; Appomattox, Va., 2276.51, 19th; Dawes County, Neb., 2270.59, 20th; Coweta County, Ga., 2266.61, 21st; Buffalo, N.D., 2263.58, 22nd; Parkston, S.D., 2249.51, 23rd; Norton, 2249.48, 24th; Glendive, Mt., 2242.47, 25th.

Also competing from Kansas were: Flint Hills, 2236.55, 26th; Manhattan, 2195.36, 29th and Jefferson County, 2056.17, 35th.

## NORTON SHOOTERS

Brittany Otter, 14, was high scorer with 95, prone; 85, standing; 95, sitting; 92, kneeling; 367 shooting; 92, written; for 459.

Kylie Nuzum, 11, was second with: 96, prone; 90, standing; 95, sitting; 91, kneeling; 372 shooting; 86, written; for 458.

Nish Millan, 15, was third with 97, prone; 86, standing; 92, sitting; 88, kneeling; 363 shooting; 88, written; for 451.

Bradley Nuzum was fourth with 83, prone; 90, standing; 97, sitting; 90, kneeling; 360 shooting; 90, written, for 450.

Cole Archer, 12, was fifth with 87, prone; 90, standing; 92, sitting; 72, kneeling; 341 shooting; 90, written; for 431.

Dustyna Sprigg, 12, and Lane Archer, 10 were the alternates.

Sprigg's scored 97, prone; 84, standing; 85, sitting; 88, kneeling; 354 shooting; 94, written; for 448.

Archer's scored 92, prone; 82, standing; 94, sitting; 94, kneeling; 362 shooting; 82, written; for 444 total.

Sprigg placed sixth in prone and was just .01 of a point out of third place.

Archer tied for ninth in kneeling and was just .01 of a point out of seventh.

## SPECIAL CEREMONIES

The opening ceremonies were held Friday evening when all teams and coaches marched into the arena and were introduced prior to the program.

Among the speakers was Ray Hobbs, president and CEO of Daisy Products.

"We have wonderful coaches," Hobbs told the large crowd of shooters, coaches, family members and other boosters present for the ceremonies. "We really appreciate all the time you put into the BB gun program.

"We appreciate the shooters, coaches and parents and wish you success."

Hobbs said that a special "American Spirit" BB gun would be given to each coach from Daisy for their volunteer service.

John Venskoste was the match director and John Wright was match referee.

The Awards Ceremony was held Sunday. The top ten teams were honored and the top three teams received special recognition.

The champion team received the traveling trophy. Members of the top three teams and the top three individual shooters.

"We give a huge thank you to everyone in the Norton community for all their support," said Coach Lauer.

"A special thank you goes to the parents and my wife, Teresa, who provides much assistance in addition to being the classroom instructor."

He also thanked Cameron Archer, who was his assistant coach at the shoot.

Team members, parents and boosters who attended the shoot were Dan, Teresa and Brock Lauer; Kirk, Misty, Brad and Kylie Nuzum; Cameron, Lynette, Cole, Lane and Erin Archer; Dwight, Michelle, Dustyna and Dylan Sprigg; Steve, Penny, Britany and Alec Otter; Fig, Nish and Trey Millan; Janine Gruwell; Max Millan; Dick and Mary Beth Boyd.

The International championship is the highlight of the Jaycees Shooting Education Program.

The program was designed to introduce youngsters to the basics of gun safety and marksmanship. About 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.



Father Vincent Thu Laing was surrounded by youth, who attended last week's Summer Youth Program at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.  
— Telegram photo by Charlotte Stephenson

# Drilling well doesn't guarantee water

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mits realized that just because they drill, it doesn't mean they will hit water.

Mr. Lawson said he tries to tell people that only about three or four out of 100 will get enough water to make a well feasible but its up to them as to whether they want to try or not.

Councilman Ron Briery said he had talked to at least one person who had considered a well but at \$15 a foot to drill, the cost of a pump and electricity to run it and the expense of a pressure tank they had changed their mind.

"You can buy a lot of water for that cost," he said.

Mr. Lawson said that any private well could not be tied to the city's service in any way.

Mr. Jones asked about the cost of moving a drill rig into town such as moving power lines.

Mr. Lawson said all costs of a drilling operation would have to be borne by the person wanting the well.

He also said, while the city has little oversight of well drilling, the state has its own regulations.

City Attorney Charles Worden said the driller files all the forms

with the state for domestic water wells. For commercial wells the regulations are a lot different, he said, and there's a lot more paperwork.

"All water in the state of Kansas is owned by the state for the beneficial use by the people," he said indicating that there are a lot of state regulations concerning the appropriation and use of water.

Mr. Lawson said the other problem people with a well might encounter is they are the only ones who can use the well. State law will not allow their neighbors to use any of the water, he said.

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