

# Trolleying along...



Don't know where it's going and don't know where it's been. This trolley car on wheels, loaded on a flatbed, was recently spotted in a parking lot at the Norton Total Station. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

# Economic Development director staying awhile

(Continued from Page 1) be putting it off for a year to stay with economic development.

The board later went into three closed sessions lasting a total of 35 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, the last 10 minutes of which were with Mr. Carter.

Mr. Carter is contracted with the board for another six months.

In other business, the board:

- Discussed what Mr. Carter has found out about housing.
- Passed a motion to look into having a prison work crew do odd jobs for the county. Atwood has a permanent work crew that goes out every day. The board wanted to see if something was available for Norton County.
- Discussed the Main Street quarterly meeting on maintaining and planning downtowns. The meeting is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Marysville. The county has four

spots available. If anyone is interested in attending, they should call the economic development office at 874-4816.

- Looked at county guides and pamphlets for other cities and lakes.
- Heard that Karla Reed, Norton Area Chamber director, nominated four willing businesses from the area for a Kansas Department of Commerce award.
- Heard an update from Janis Monier, Kansas State doctoral candidate, on her survey. The pilot study is finished, she said, and now they are determining which way would be best to get it out — either as a comparative study such as having business owners, high school students, senior center attendees fill it out; or sending it out by mail to every household.
- Set the next meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8.

# Norton BB Gun team headed to state

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First year state shoot marksmen will be Andrew Bashford of the Blue Team and Nick Peterson, Cody Campbell, Evan Chambers and Jessica Brown of the Red Team.

On Saturday, coach Archer will be assisted in the challenge room by his wife, Lynette, who is also the classroom instructor. Assisting her in the grading room and the classroom have been Sara Campbell, Keri Vanover, Missy McMullen and Dr. R.A. Peterson.

the shoot.

**Practicing since October**

Norton's preparation for the state shoot began in October when the shooters entered the gun safety program, sponsored by Daisy and the National Rifle Association. After passing the course, they began practicing marksmanship in each of the four positions and studying for the written test. Practices are held every Wednesday evening in the back of the Norton Rotary BB Gun Team Museum on East U.S.36 Highway.

have proven that recently in practice."

The written test accounts for 20 percent of a shooter's score.

"Our girls and boys have a good knowledge of gun safety and always do well on the written test," said Mrs. Archer. "Sometimes trick questions cause them problems but they study hard and usually can figure out the answers. They know so much about the subject that sometimes they think too hard on an easy question."

"The important thing is that they are learning gun safety for a lifetime."

cepted donations for a drawing for a Mossenburg Over and Under 20 Gauge Shotgun and was assisted in financing by the Long Spur Pheasants Forever chapter. The shotgun was won by Richard Rushton, Norton.

As in the past, several of the shooters are second-generation marksmen. All four Vanovers are second generation because of their mother, Keri Vanover. Cameron Archer was a shooter so all three Archers are second generation. Alexis Lively's mother, Jill, was also a Norton BB gun shooter as was Tim Bashford, Andrew's father.

**State shoot schedule**

This year's state shoot will be hosted by the Manhattan Jaycees, Riley/Pottawatomie County 4-H Shooting Sports and Manhattan Rifle Club. It will be held at the Flint Hills Christian School at 3905 Green Valley Road.

Opening ceremonies will be at 9 a.m.

Competition will begin with the written test from 9:15 a.m. to 10 a.m. A coaches' meeting will also be held during this time.

Shooting from the prone position will be held from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. Competition from the sitting position will be from 11:50 a.m. until 1:20 p.m.. Kneeling position firing will be from 1:25 to 2:55 p.m. Shooting while standing will be from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Presentation of team and individual awards will be around 5 p.m.

There is no admission charge for

In the past, Norton teams used the National Guard Armory for practices but building owner Alberta Slaby offered the space in the museum free of charge.

"Many thanks to Alberta and the Rotary Club for their unwavering support," said coach Archer.

"The museum building is really nice for a practice area and there's enough room to keep our targets set up all the time and a separate room for a classroom. The Rotary Club recently added some large lights that make shooting much easier for our young people."

The Archers also thanked First State Bank and New Age Industrial Corp., Inc. for their strong continued support of the program.

"Our shooters work hard in practice," said coach Archer.

"They are not as consistent in shooting as we'd like to see but it is a long season so they are going to have their ups and downs. They have the ability to shoot well and

"We have exceptional young men and women in this program," said coach Archer. "We are proud to have this relationship with them. We are just like one big family."

"Our shooters are also proud of who they are and who they represent. We expect a lot out of them, the parents expect a lot and the shooters expect a lot of themselves."

"Our shooters treat each other with respect," said Mrs. Archer. "The camaraderie and the type of young people these boys and girls develop into is unbelievable. They are learning lessons for life."

"They practice good sportsmanship and set a good behavior example for other teams when they come to a shoot. They say, 'We are Norton', and they know they have a winning tradition to live up to."

The Norton BB Gun Team ac-

# Airport board takes a look at Master Plan

(Continued from Page 1) plan. Mr. Miller said he had not heard anything from Mr. Bennett and could only presume plans were progressing. The board briefly discussed fencing at the airport, the refueling station and a parallel taxiway.

Airport manager Delvis Miller reported to the board about a washed out area at the end of the runway. He was instructed to obtain a skid-steer loader and fill in the area. Mr. Miller also told the board that the airport's beacon is not functioning. He said, "It lights up, but does not go 'round'". Mr. Miller said the beacon has had to

be repaired four times in the last 10 years at a cost of about \$2,000 each time. The board agreed to have Mr. Miller inquire of George Laliberte, the State Director of Aviation, if the airport would be eligible for some 9/11 funds to help with the beacon maintenance.

In other business the board:

- Instructed board secretary, Sandy Smith, to research different software programs for monthly reports.
- Approved the payment of March and April bills.

The next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m., Monday, May 14 in the basement at City Hall.

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