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Briefly

Car show next on Norton's agenda

Cruisers, hot rods and classic cars will be rolling into Norton Friday evening in preparation for the fifth annual Norton Car Show and Drags. Registration starts at 7 p.m. Friday at Station 15. At dusk, nostalgic photos will be taken at Underwood's Service Station. Registration will continue downtown beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

The Show and Shine will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Courthouse Square with the parade of cars to the Norton Airport at 2 p.m. Drag races will be held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the airport.

About 150 vehicles are expected for the show.

Assistance for veterans available

A veterans service representative for the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs will be in Norton on July 14 from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Norton City Office, to assist veterans and their families with veteran's benefits. This service is free to veterans and their families. Appointments are preferred, although walk-ins are accepted. Call (785) 625-8532 for information.

Double purpose for bake, garage sale

A bake sale and garage sale will start at 7 a.m. Saturday at the Norton Senior Center. The sale is to raise funds to benefit Ruth Brown and Dennis Brown and the Junior High Field Trip.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 9 p.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 60. **Wednesday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 90. **Wednesday Night** — Mostly clear with a low around 65. **Thursday** — Sunny with a high near 94. **Thursday Night** — Mostly clear with a low around 69.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 61, High 103
Wednesday Low 63, High 92
Thursday Low 55, High 84, .30 Rain
Friday Low 57, High 92
Saturday Low 67, High 97
Sunday Low 73, High 95
Monday Low 71, High 85, .29 Rain
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Ever-present God, even in the most difficult times, help me remember that you are surrounding me with your love and presence. **Amen**



Good food, good friends and Old Glory waving in the breeze. Picnic sites like this were all over Prairie Dog State Park at the Fourth of July celebra-

tion. The three-day weekend made for a perfect holiday get-away. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts



Michelle Gerber, 6, Towanda, enjoyed the free watermelon served before the fireworks at the annual Fourth of July celebration at Prairie Dog State Park. Michelle and her family were in Norton visiting her aunt and uncle, Darin and Julie Campbell.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Despite glitch, it was a super, colorful show

By BRANDY LEROUX
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Friday night's July 4th fireworks show at Sebelius Reservoir was spectacular, and towards the end scary for the large crowd of viewers.

Russ Erbert, the pyrotechnician who sets up the fireworks at the lake every year, said everything went off as planned — mostly. The fireworks that shot off into the water were "water mortars." They didn't go out onto the water as they were supposed to, but it still provided a great show.

Every year, Mr. Erbert and a handful of volunteers, go out early on the morning of the Fourth to set up the display, which takes up most of the day.

The annual fireworks display at Sebelius Reservoir has come to be a highlight for community residents and out-of-town visitors.

The annual display is sponsored by the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce and funded by the donations of many residents and businesses of the community and area.

This job isn't all fun, games

By BRANDY LEROUX
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You see them at their elevated posts. You see them strolling around. Young men, young women. But all have a common purpose. They are the Norton City Pool lifeguards, entrusted with children's lives every day of the week.

They must pass Red Cross CPR, and be able to retrieve a 15-pound brick from the bottom of the 12 foot end, lay the brick across their abdomen and swim on

their back to the edge of the pool. Some lifeguards even practice with the brick during swim breaks.

But the lifeguards aren't only watching for children getting in over their heads. They look for children turning red, and will use donated sunscreen. Thanks to a grant, they will soon be receiving a gallon jug of sunscreen to use on the children.

While out on their stands, the lifeguards have protection as well. They have sunblock, water, and glasses or hats. The life-

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BB Gun team finishes seventh

By DICK BOYD
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BOWLING GREEN, Ky — The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team lived up to their longtime tradition of sharpshooting marksmanship with a seventh place finish in the 43rd annual U.S. Jaycees Daisy International BB Gun Match Championships held over the weekend at Western Kentucky University here.

The young blue Jays, between the ages of 8 and 15, placed seventh in shooting,

which consisted of prone, standing, sitting and kneeling, and tied for ninth in the written test, which accounted for 20 percent of the total score.

With a total score of 2336, Norton was just 17 points out of fourth place overall. The highlight for the young marksmen from Norton came Sunday morning on the second day of shooting, when they came within two points of outshooting every single team from the sitting position. That

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Lifeguard Brett Wyatt watches children swimming at the Norton Pool. He enjoys teaching swim lessons.

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux