



The youngsters who attended the public meeting for the Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team on Wednesday in the BB Gun Museum on east U.S. 36 Highway in Norton were invited to fire BBs from the practice firing line following introductory remarks by Cameron Archer, head coach. Pictured learning BB gun marksmanship are, from left, Staci Elliott, under the watchful eye of Mike Campbell, assistant coach and Adson Day, receiving guidance from Cameron Archer, head coach.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



A large crowd of interested girls and boys and their parents attended the public meeting for the 2009-10 season for the Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team last Wednesday in the Norton BB Gun Museum on east U.S. 36 Highway in Norton. They are shown here listening to Cameron Archer, head coach, explain the workings of the program.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

# BB Gun Team starts season with first meeting for shooters

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The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team got their 2009-10 season officially underway Wednesday, Oct. 21 with a meeting of prospective girls and boys shooters and their parents at the BB Gun Museum on east U.S. 36 Highway in Norton.

A large crowd was in attendance to learn more about the gun safety classes and BB gun marksmanship program that has attracted national attention through the years since the Norton Jaycees program was accepted by the National Jaycees and Daisy Manufacturing in the 60s.

All youths ages 8-14 years of age as of Dec. 31, 2009 were invited to attend and 15 were present with their parents.

"I was pleased with the turnout," said Norton head BB gun coach Cameron Archer.

"We had six new shooters and I was glad to see them. We also have some excellent returning shooters so it looks as if we can have another good team."

The annual shooting education program begins every year in October and will have four weeks of classroom instruction, followed by marksmanship and culminating in shooting competition.

The Kansas State BB Gun Championships were hosted by the Kansas State Rifle Association on March 14 in Alma. They were formerly hosted by the Kansas State Jaycees.

Norton was third in shooting but placed fourth overall which included the written test on safe hunting. Norton has won the state shoot more times than any other community.

The international shoot is held the first of July and has been in Bowling Green, Ky. in recent years.

The top three marksmanship teams in each state shoot qualify to compete in the international shoot.

Teams may also qualify for the international shoot by placing in the top three in the State 4-H Shooting Match. Norton competed in this shoot after the regular state shoot.

The state 4-H shoot was held on April 18 and was also held in Alma. Norton placed third, which qualified them for the international shoot.

Norton has won the international shoot eight times, more than any other team in the nation. Norton placed seventh in the international shoot in 2008 but decided not to compete this year.

The Norton team was originally sponsored by the Norton Jaycees and the Norton Rotary assumed sponsorship when there was no longer a Jaycees chapter in Norton.

The original shooting education program approved by the U.S. Jaycees and Daisy Manufacturing was submitted by Norton Jaycee member Duane Winder. A plaque in his honor is in the BB Gun Museum, which also contains trophies, medals, newspaper articles and other memorabilia of the Norton shooting education program.

On Wednesday evening, Norton head coach Cameron Archer began the meeting by welcoming everyone and introducing assistant coach Mike Campbell and new classroom instructor Chanda (Braun) McKenna, who

was a champion Norton BB gun marksman and continued on to become successful in college competition.

Coach Archer stressed that the shooters would have a practice every Wednesday evening until after the state shoot.

"You will learn proper gun safety and that even a BB gun can be dangerous," he said.

"You must know shooting safety rules before you get a gun to shoot. We are serious about this program and expect shooters to be as well."

He said being part of the program is not that expensive and that guns are provided if a youth doesn't own one.

He said cost of targets, BBs and books is minimal.

"We also ask that we have some volunteer parents to help with grading targets and assist with coaching," he said.

"I'm looking forward to the new season. It's a long season but it's worth it!"

During the evening, youngsters had the opportunity to shoot BB guns on the range with instruction from coaches Archer and Campbell.

The girls and boys and their parents also enjoyed touring the museum to learn more about Norton's rich BB gun history.

The first practice will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the museum. Those who were not present at last Wednesday's meeting and are still interested in participating in the program may attend this practice or call Cameron Archer, phone 877-5567, Mike Campbell, phone 877-3011 or Chandra McKenna, phone 871-1314 for more information.

## Relocation

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Stiles said there is a small group of business owners getting together who will try to find other solutions. She said a formal study will not be done due to the costs involved.

"The group and I will research the possible solutions on our own with the goal of developing

a recommendation to the council that meets their revenue needs and balances the burden between residential and commercial customers," she said.

Stiles said no public meetings are being planned, but it is a possibility in the future.

"Since the economy is also straining residents, the trick will be to find the best balance possible

to bring in enough revenue to pay for the state mandated enhancements," Stiles said.

"The purpose of the group is to take a deeper look into funding options. Perhaps the city has already done everything possible, but the impact on existing and new businesses warrants a deeper look," she said.

## Pantry

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The pantry distributes food and other things, like soap, toothpaste and other supplies, to people who are having a temporary emergency. Job counseling and other services are also available.

"The pantry is more than just handing out food," she said.

The pantry offers a complete menu and provides food for a family of four for a week.

"It's hard to feed a family. We're set up to help them through an emergency," she said.

Jake Romey is a high school senior who has been volunteering at the pantry for nearly two years. He

said they can get a family through until their next paycheck so they will not be in dire need of food.

Several local merchants and residents donate to the pantry.

"It's everybody," he said.

Connie Johnson, treasurer, said monetary or other donations can be made. Food donations can include canned or boxed items.

Mann said many people receive aid and come back to give.

"We have people who really give from their hearts," she said.

God's Pantry was started in November 1985 by Dr. Bob Long and Abe Schneider, with the goal of distributing food on an emer-

gency basis to anyone in Norton County.

Pantry volunteers include Elaine Mann, Connie Johnson, Alberta Slaby, Georgia Briery, Jake Romey, Michael Woodyard and Don Johnson. The pantry is open from 3-4 p.m. every Sunday, although appointments can be made during the week. It is located at Trinity Episcopal Church, 102 E. Waverly.

On Wednesday, First Church of God Youth will participate in a food drive for the pantry through "Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat."

## Pigskin

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wrong winner.

Third place of \$5 in scrip money goes to Bruce Rushton, Norton, who missed the Pittsburgh win over South Florida and Nebraska loss and also chose Arizona State to win the tiebreaker.

Dennis missed the actual scores of the two tiebreaker games by 28 points and was just one point closer to the total points than Bruce!

Correct on all but three games were: Rodger Stutterheim, Almema; Kenney Leiker, Hays; Lexie McDowell, Hill City; Stacy Area, Fig Millan, Mary Ann Hager, Jeris Norman, Virginia Carlton, Chase Rice, Douglas Daniels, Amanda Ray, all of Norton.

Incorrect on four contests were: Noah Kalny, Lake Quivera; Don Cass, Beaver City; Christal Rose, Arapahoe, 2008 season champion; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Jim Ninemire, Dan Mannel, both of Lenora; Ellen Kemper, Phillipsburg; Jo'Nee Moore, Bob Covington, Chris Lowry, Lexi Voss, Sandi Winchell, all of Almema; Jacob Green, Chriselle Thomson, Tayah Braun, Doug Ray, Kerri Ray, David Riemann, Patrick Pomeroy, Dalton Miller, Brittnee Schock, all of Norton.

Miscuing on five games were: Aaron McDowell, Hill City; Julie Hilburn, Brenda Husted, both of Almema; Noah Steele, Denver; Aden Schillig, Lynn Nelson, Dustan Daniels, Andrew Ellis, Scott Ellis, Tom Baumann, Abby Rice, Tom Davis, Ryan Blecha, Trey Millan, Kollean McMullen, Baylee Miller, Deanna Gallentine, Charlotte Stephenson, Ken Greigore, all of Norton.

Missing six contests were: Linda Covington, Almema; Nancy Ruspini, Golden, Colo.; Ann Becker, Lenora; Nish Millan, Goodland; Wilson Ellis, Nathan Morse, Taryn Graham, Linda Matson, Kathy Zimmerman, Jennifer Boller, Regina Beikman, Lane

Gruwell, Rhett Blecha, Janine Gruwell, all of Norton.

Incorrect on seven games were: Brooke Baird, Paige Baird, Hank Kaiser, all of Long Island; Gary Kemper, Phillipsburg; Shirley Stutterheim, Almema; Kurtis Shearer, Edmond; Naedean Whitney, Wilma Wiseman, Lawrence Wiseman, Rodney Stapp, Eleanor Jensen, Tiffney Yeager, Misty Nuzum, Patty Gall, Sandy Husted, Robert Blecha, Bob Husted, all of Norton.

Jasmine Covington, Almema, Diana Smith, Norton, and Rick Green, Norton, each missed eight contests and Gary Matson, Norton, missed nine.

**This week's entries**

The ninth week's entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday and received in the mail no later than Saturday or you may bring them to the Telegram office before 5 p.m. on Friday.

See the Pick-Em page advertisement in today's Telegram for this week's high school and college games.

Extra entry blanks for every

member of the family are available from any of the sponsoring businesses. Only one entry per person per week is allowed and entry blanks must be from either the newspaper or from sponsors. No copies or faxes are allowed.

The fan who picks the most winners during the 12-week contest will receive \$50 in scrip money plus an engraved trophy.

Scores of last week's games were:

- Scott City 14, Norton 6
- Grinnell-Wheatland 30, Northern Valley 14
- Palco 24, Logan 20
- Quinter 38, Hill City 12
- Phillipsburg 41, Russell 6
- Goodland 22, Ness City-Dighton 7
- Oklahoma 35, Kansas 13
- Kansas State 20, Colorado 6
- Iowa State 9, Nebraska 7
- Notre Dame 20, Boston College 16
- Pittsburgh 41, South Florida 14
- TCU 38, Brigham Young 7
- Stanford 33, Arizona State 14

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