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Briefly

## Out-of-district applications ready

Norton U.S.D. 211 would like to remind parents of children who reside in Norcatar and who will be attending the Norton Schools in the 2011-12 school year that out-of-district transportation applications need to be sent to the Oberlin School District Office. Applications may be picked up at either School District.

## Tubbs to visit Norton July 5

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in Norton from 10:45 until 11:45 a.m. at the City Office to assist Veterans and their dependents with Veterans' Affairs claims work on Tuesday, July 5. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs at that time, you may contact her in Colby any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

## Post Office hours change Saturday

The Norton Post Office will reduce its window hours by one hour on Saturday July 2; the window will be open from 9 to 10 a.m. Mail will be delivered as usual. The Post Office will be closed and there will be no delivery on Monday, July 4 but regular hours and delivery will resume on Tuesday, July 5.

## Tag renewal date will be June 30

The deadline for tag renewal for businesses or people with names ending in "H" or "I" will be June 30. You will need to bring a current proof of insurance with you to the Norton County Treasurer's office. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Driver's license renewals can be processed Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. You must bring your proof of identification and a current utility bill. CDL renewals must be processed at the full service office in Phillipsburg, Hays or Colby.

## Markets

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Wheat	\$6.54
Milo	\$5.77
Soybeans	\$12.75
Corn	\$6.38

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Tonight - Chance of thunderstorms. Wednesday - Partly cloudy with a high of 101. Thursday - Clear with a high of 103. Friday - Clear with a high of 97. Saturday - Chance of thunderstorms.

## Kingham Report

Friday, June 24.....Low 58, High 96  
Saturday, June 25.....Low 64, High 97  
Sunday, June 26.....Low 67, High 95  
Monday, June 27.....Low 60, High 88  
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Faithful God, no matter how difficult the circumstances may get, help us to focus on who we are and to whom we belong, trusting that you alone will supply all that we need. Amen.

# BB Gun team headed for Nationals



Members of the Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team are shown practicing from the sitting position in the Norton BB Gun Museum during one of their last practices prior to leaving for the Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match in Rogers, Ark. They are, from left, Dalton Vanover, Dallas Gosselin, Justis Posson, James Berry, Scott Sansom, Trenton Sprague and Cameron Heikes.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

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For the 42nd year out of the 46 years of the Daisy International/National BB Gun Championship Match, a teenage marksmanship team from Norton County will be among those from around the United States competing Saturday and Sunday, July 2-3 in Rogers, Ark., the home of Daisy Outdoor Products.

The Norton County team was originally sponsored by the Jaycees but in recent years the Norton Rotary Club has been the sponsor.

Norton's participation in the Safe Hunting and BB Gun Marksmanship Program goes all the way back to the start of the program based on the ideas recommended by the late Norton Jaycees member Duane Winder.

A Norton County BB Gun Team has won the International/National Shoot championship eight times,

more than any other community in the world! Teams from such countries as Canada, England and Mexico were included in the competition but just recently the shoot was re-named National since teams from outside the U.S. no longer compete.

BB Gun marksmanship competition from the prone, sitting, kneeling and standing positions will be on the range in the Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center, where the teams are staying.

The shoot is still considered to be the largest junior marksmanship competition in the world!

Registration will begin on Thursday and continue on Friday, along with equipment check. Practice will be allowed from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. A coaches meeting will be from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The Daisy Museum will be open all day on Friday and Daisy Factory tours will be available.

**Daisy's 125th anniversary**

Daisy is celebrating their 125th year in business this year. Founded in 1886 as a windmill manufacturer in Plymouth, Mich., Daisy started producing BB guns to be given to farmers when they purchased a windmill. The guns proved so popular that within a decade the company had dropped the windmills and shifted its focus entirely to BB guns. The company changed their name to Daisy Manufacturing and moved to Rogers, Ark., in 1958.

### Shoot schedule

Opening ceremonies on scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday.

On Saturday morning, marksmanship from the prone and standing positions will be held. In the afternoon, the written test on gun safety will be taken

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# Dedication held for Norton Medical Clinic

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After operating the facility for just over a month, leaders of the newly-constructed Norton Medical Clinic held a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the facility Sunday afternoon.

The new clinic, formerly the Doctors Medical Clinic, is now attached to the Norton County Hospital and has been operational for more than a month.

Sunday's dedication ceremony included several honored guests, and Hospital Administrator Rich Miller recounted how the new clinic became a reality. "It was seven years ago that we were here to dedicate the expansion and renovation at the former clinic," Miller said. "We were having space issues and with the cost of renovating, we decided it would be better to build a new clinic than expand the old one."

Now that the clinic is complete and operational, several individuals who had a hand in the project addressed the crowd of about 150. Giving brief remarks were representatives from Economic Development, Norton County Hospital Board of Trustees, Health Facilities Group, Murray Company, Department of Agriculture, clinic staff, hospital staff and the Kansas Medical Society.

After the dedication ceremony, the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting for the new facility, followed by a public reception and tour of the new clinic.

# Sen. Moran visits Norton on his tour

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As part of a state-wide listening tour, Republican US Senator Jerry Moran stopped in Norton Friday morning to talk with local residents and answer questions about local and national concerns.

Moran reported that as he is traveling around the state and talking with citizens, the most pressing concerns being raised include the state of the national economy and the United States' military involvement overseas. Moran said he shares those concerns, particularly in regard to the future of military involvement.

"I think the issue is more important than the number of troops in Iraq or Afghanistan," he said. "I think (President Obama's) decision to remove all troops by 2014 isn't in the best interest of our

country. I would feel better about it if I knew it was a decision made by Commanders on the ground over there, but it wasn't. They don't have a say in it."

Foreign military involvement, Moran explained, is just one of the areas where he disagrees with the Obama administration policy. The Senator said he would like to see more emphasis on the current state of the nation's economy, especially with an emphasis on spending cuts. Moran admits, however, that cutting spending isn't always easy.

"Republicans and Democrats alike have spent money we don't have," he said. "It's difficult to reduce spending because every program has its supporters. But we also need to grow the economy

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# Technology is the key element for Septic Tech

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Offering local residents another alternative for septic maintenance services, Septic Tech has been operating in Norton since early March.

Septic Tech Manager Larry Patterson explained that the business offers a variety of septic maintenance and repair services, including tank pumping, tank and line repair, installation, sewer cleaning, sewer replacement, and sewer locating service, along with a backhoe service.

Patterson said that Septic Tech opened in Norton on March 1. Previously, he owned and operated Patterson Plumbing, after the business closed, he pursued

an interest in a more specialized area of plumbing services, specifically septic services. "Our goal is to focus on being the best in a few areas," Patterson said. "I wanted to open a business that would be more specialized and be a high-tech company."

Technology, in fact, has provided many tools for Septic Tech to excel in the services the business offers. Patterson explained that each of the Septic Tech vehicles carries an iPad on board and each computer uses a system called iFleet. The program allows Septic Tech to automate their services and keep detailed

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Senator Jerry Moran (right) shares a joke Friday afternoon with Gene Wiltfong in downtown Norton. Moran was in town as part of a state-wide listening tour to meet with Kansas citizens.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

