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July 4 activities held at state park



Norton American Legion Riders were on hand Wednesday evening at Prairie Dog State Park to celebrate Independence Day. The July 4 activities at the lake included a 5K fun run, games for children, a concert by Tim Anthony and the Animals, a hamburger feed, a watermelon feed and a flag ceremony, featuring a flag presentation from the Legion Riders and a rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" from Stephanie Hager. While fireworks were cancelled because of fire danger, the park was still alive with activity throughout the day.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

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Jayhawker queen contest now open

The Jayhawker Rodeo Queen Contest Committee is searching for candidates for its royalty contest. Pre-entry must be made by July 18. Jayhawker Rodeo Queen/Princess contest will be July 21 in Hill City. For more information, contact Sunnie Pringle at 785-216-0181.

Huelskamp staff to host a town hall

Congressman Tim Huelskamp's staff will host office hours in Norton on Monday. Staff will be on hand from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Prairie Land Electric. Staff will be available to hear opinions, ideas and concerns about local and national issues.

School requesting changed addresses

The Norton Community School district is requesting addresses from families who have moved since the end of the 2011-2012 school year or who are new to the school district this summer. Anyone with a new address should contact the district at 877-3386 or my email to cglennemeier@usd211.org. The information can also be faxed to 877-2030.

Rotary BB Gun team takes seventh place

By Dick Boyd
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The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team lived up to their longtime winning tradition to place seventh out of 53 teams competing in the 47th annual Daisy BB Gun Championship Match held July 2 and 3 in Rogers, Ark., the home of Daisy Outdoor Products.

The Norton shooters were very competitive and among the leaders both days. The young Blue Jays had just two experienced shooters, Erin Archer, 15, and James Berry, 13.

The other three members of the team were quite a bit younger and had never competed in what is the largest junior marksmanship match in the world.

They were Stacie Elliott, 11; Dylan Goss, 11 and Colton Mulder, 10. Two alternates also competed: Nick Davis and Miles Harrington, both 11. Shooters can be anywhere from 8 to 15 years of age to com-

pete. Norton placed ninth in shooting from the prone position and fourth in the standing position which placed the Blue Jays sixth overall after those two positions and just 10 points out of second place.

The second day of competition did not start quite as well for Norton as they tied for 12th in sitting but they finished strong in shooting by tying for seventh in kneeling.

The results of the written test on gun safety were announced last and Norton tied for ninth in that category, which accounted for 20 percent of the score.

The Norton County teams have a long tradition of placing high in the national shoot, which was called the international shoot for many years when other countries sent teams to compete.

Norton County marksmen have won the International/National Championship eight times, more than

any other community in the world. A total of 265 girl and boy marksmen plus alternates competed in the shoot.

James Berry had an excellent shoot, placing second out of all shooters in the standing position, the toughest of the four and finishing third high aggregate for his total score from prone, standing, sitting and kneeling.

"We shot very well the first day and were where we needed to be but the second day was a little rough," said Norton head coach Cameron Archer. "We did well on the written test, which is very important for shooting safety."

Assistant coach was Jeff Elliott and classroom instructor was Chandra McKenna. Joni Berry was the Norton scorekeeper.

Maintenance is key to trouble-free cooling system

By Carleen Bell
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With extreme summer heat settled over northwest Kansas, a broken air conditioning unit is not what anyone needs, but without proper maintenance, an air conditioner can malfunction at any time.

As Charles Posson, president of Nor-

ton Sheet Metal, explains, while there are no guarantees when an AC unit might break, maintenance is vital for helping a unit be reliable and trouble-free.

Posson said that extreme summer heat is especially hard on cooling units because higher exterior temperatures mean more pressure on machines, mak-

ing them more likely to malfunction. This is especially true of older units that haven't been maintained well.

In addition, electrical failure, such as in the case of a power outage, may damage cooling units and cause the electrical components to malfunction.

The single most important thing a home-owner can do to prevent cooling (or heating) unit problems, Posson said, is to regularly check and change the air filters on the units.

"Most people tend to replace their filters once or twice a year and that isn't enough," Posson said. "Your filters need checked once a month and if they are dirty, they need to be replaced. Filters are not expensive and changing the filters can save a lot of hassle and money."

For units that sit outside, Posson also recommended using a garden hose to wash the units each spring to clear any debris and dirt that may have collected over the winter.

"Cottonwood trees are the biggest enemy to air conditioners because the cotton tends to collect in the machine," he said. "Using a hose to clear that out will help keep it running longer and more efficiently."

Along with maintenance, it is important to keep all air registers and vents open while the cooling unit is running to prevent ice build-up on the machine's coils, Posson emphasized.

Because air conditioners are heavily dependent on air flow, closing registers to try to push air to one room or another in a home or business reduces air flow and causes ice to build up and eventu-

ally, the unit will malfunction.

"Closing the registers will not help keep a certain room cooler and it is bad for the machine," he said. "You have to keep all registers open to keep the unit from freezing up and ruining the compressors."

To help make sure cooling and heating units operate efficiently, Posson said, it is important to get on a regular maintenance schedule.

Having a technician look over the unit twice a year will mean problems are caught and repaired in a timely manner and will help prevent malfunctions on the hot summer days.

While Norton Sheet Metal has not seen more service calls or sales this year than usual, Posson said that during the first few very hot days of the summer, their business took phone calls every few minutes for heating unit repairs and replacement.

While business has started to slow down, the company can expect to see an upswing again in late August and September when people start thinking about the upcoming need for heating units.

Regardless of the timing, though, Posson emphasized the importance of maintenance.

"We still have some units on our service list that were installed prior to 1968 and those are the ones that have been well-maintained and filters changed like they should be," Posson said. "We also have some units that were installed 10 years ago and need to be replaced already. That's the difference good maintenance can make."

Almena woman held on charges related to fatal crash in Nebraska

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A Norton County Woman is being held on \$25,000 bond in a Nebraska jail for vehicular homicide and related charges after a fatal crash on Interstate 80 on June 25.

Officials from Hall County, Nebraska court reported Tuesday that Kathy Teichmeier, 34, of Almena was arrested on one count of motor vehicle homicide and driving on a suspended license after she caused two motorcycles to collide with her vehicle.

According to information from the Hall County Sheriff's Department, Teichmeier was driving a 2000 Kia eastbound on the interstate near Grand Island in the right-hand lane.

Two motorcycles were in the left passing lane, behind her vehicle. One motorcycle was approximately 30 feet ahead of the other. The Kia struck the first motorcycle, a 2012 Harley David-

son on the rear wheel then the second motorcycle, a 2008 Harley Davidson, struck the driver side rear door, ejecting the operator.

The ejected motorcycle operator was Nancy Hermanson, 58, of Lincoln, Neb. She was transported to an unspecified hospital and later died from her injuries. The driver of the first vehicle, C. Lloyd Hermanson, 60, was not injured.

Teichmeier and her five passengers, ranging in age from 8-13, report that they were wearing seatbelts at the time of the crash and she and four of the children were treated for minor injuries at St. Francis hospital.

The sheriff's department also reports that Teichmeier had an outstanding warrant for failure to appear and no proof of financial responsibility from Custer County. She is scheduled to appear in Hall County Court on July 25 for a preliminary hearing.

Markets

Friday, July 6, 2012

Wheat.....	\$7.48
Milo.....	\$6.71
Soybeans.....	\$14.76
Corn.....	\$7.16

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Partly cloudy with lows around 70. Saturday - Mostly sunny and not as hot. Highs in the lower 90s. Saturday Night - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Sunday - Not as warm and mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Sunday Night - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Monday - 30 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, July 3Low 68, High 105
Wednesday, July 4Low 74, High 108
Thursday, July 5Low 73, High 106
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, remind us you are with us no matter what paths we must walk. Amen

