

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Friday

July 13, 2012

Briefly



## Car show and drags are set for Saturday

The annual car show and drags will be held Saturday in Norton. Car show registration will be from 8 a.m. to noon around the courthouse square and drag races will begin at 4 p.m. at the Norton airport. Racers must be registered for the car show to participate.

## Open-class horse show is Saturday

An open-class horse show will be held Saturday at the Norton County Equine Facility at Elmwood Park. Registration will be held at 8 a.m. and the show begins at 9 a.m.

## Pre-fair activities are set for next week

The Norton County 4-H pet show will be held Monday evening at the Andbe Home in Norton. The pet show begins at 6:45 p.m. and the dog show will begin at 7:30 p.m. Clothing Construction judging will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at the 4-H building and the Clothing Buymanship judging will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, also at the 4-H building.

## Ribbon cutting will be on Wednesday

Weiser Realty will host a ribbon cutting on Wednesday at 214 E. Washington in Norton. The ribbon cutting is planned for 10 a.m.

## Markets

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Wheat .....	\$7.94
Milo .....	\$7.09
Soybeans .....	\$14.94
Corn .....	\$7.49

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Saturday - Sunny with highs around 102. Saturday evening - Mostly clear with lows in the upper 60s. Sunday - Sunny with highs in the upper 90s. Sunday evening - Mostly clear with lows in the lower 70s. Monday - Mostly clear with highs around 100.

## Kingham Report

Tuesday, July 10 .....Low 55, High 92  
 Wednesday, July 11 .....Low 57, High 94  
 Thursday, July 12 .....Low 60, High 98  
 (Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Dear God, when we are discouraged and ready to give up, remind us that you will never leave us or forsake us. Amen

# BB Gun team takes seventh at nationals



The firing line from the kneeling position is shown during one of the marksmanship relays at the Daisy National BB Gun Championship Match on July 2 and 3 in Rogers, Ark. The young shooters were between the ages of 8 and 15 and fired from the prone, standing, sitting and kneeling positions and took a written test on gun safety.

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This year's Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team continued the longtime winning tradition of Norton teams by finishing seventh, just 10 points from fifth, out of a total of 53 teams from all over the United States in the 47th annual Daisy BB Gun Championship Match held July 2 and 3 in Rogers, Ark., the home of Daisy Outdoor Products.

The young Norton County girl and boy marksmen have qualified at the state level and competed 43 different years in the shoot, which was an international competition but is now a national match.

It is still the largest junior marksmanship competition in the world.

Norton County shooters' accurate marksmanship is well known nationwide in BB gun shooting circles.

Norton County has won the international championship eight times, more than any other team in the world. Despite the fact that every year's team consists of different shooters due to the rule that no shooter can compete in consecutive years, Norton County is almost always in the hunt for the title and a top ten finish is a foregone conclusion.

This year Norton recorded a total score of 2336 in the shooting positions of prone, standing, sitting and kneeling and written test of hunter safety.

The Pierre Junior Shooters from Pierre, South Dakota, had a very rare accomplishment this year when they repeated as the national champions with a total score of 2397.06.

Runner-up was the team from Marshall County, South Dakota, with a total score of 2386.07 and third went to

Coffee County 4-H from Georgia with a score of 2369.17.

They were followed by Penn's Valley, Pennsylvania, 2357; Gallatin Valley Red, Montana, 2346; Wyandotte County 4-H Shooting Sports, Kansas City, Kansas, 2345; Norton County Rotary, 2336; Phillips/Rooks County, Kansas, 2334; Oregon Timber Beasts, Forest Grove, Oregon, 2323 and Humboldt, South Dakota, 2321.09 to round out the top ten.

Other Kansas teams and their score and placing were: Jefferson County 4-H Shooting Sports, Oskaloosa, 2312, 12th; Sedgwick County 4-H Shooting Sports, Derby, 2295, 17th; Jackson/Nemaha County, 2264, 27th; Johnson County, 2239, 29th; Flint Hills Junior Shooters, 2188, 34th; Riley/Pottawatomie County Straight Shooters, Manhattan, 2141, 37th.

The young marksmen must be between 8 and 15 years of age. Each of the four shooting positions counts for a maximum of 20 percent of a shooter's possible score and the written test on marksmanship and gun safety counts for the other 20 percent. The written test contained questions on information from the Daisy 10-Lesson Curriculum Guide and the National Rifle Association 5 Meter BB Gun Rule Book.

Following the opening ceremonies in the John Q. Hammons Convention Center on Sunday evening, shooting began Monday morning on the range in the Center with firing from the prone position. The Norton marksmen shot a 467 to place ninth. Next, they shot from the tough standing position and scored an excellent 454 to place

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# Library hosting celebration for 20th anniversary

Coming up on Thursday, the Norton Public Library and Northwest Kansas Library System will host a celebration to commemorate the 20th anniversary of being located at 1 Washington Square.

The library was dedicated on July 19, 1992. Library Director Mary Luehrs reports that through the hard work of many community members, the Norton Public Library Foundation, the Norton Public Library Board and staff, the Kansas State Library, and the Northwest Kansas Library System staff, funding was gathered, plans were made, and the new Library was on its way to becoming a reality.

"Twenty years later, it is still a facility for the community to be proud of," Luehrs said. "It still serves

the public well and looks great after two decades."

The special celebration this Thursday is intended to thank the area for wonderful support and use of the facility.

At 10:30 a.m. in the Library Community Room, Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure will present a program on nocturnal animals. This will be a special story time for children of all ages and adults too.

At 5 p.m. in the Library lounge area, Lemuel Sheppard from Pittsburg, Kan. will present a concert of Civil War era songs. Lem's original contemporary acoustic blues songs have become popular with audiences of all ages. His humor and wit along with history and storytelling make Lem's concert an en-

lightening and entertaining experience that audiences are sure to remember.

Cake and ice cream will be served after the concert.

Northwest Kansas Library System, Friends of the Library and the Genealogy Society, will have informational tables set up. Tours of Northwest Kansas Library System, the Norton Public Library and the Genealogy room will be available. Local authors Mai Carlson, Ward Foley, Randa Vollertsen, Shelley Harshbarger and Jack Woodyard will also be on hand to present their books and talk to the guests one-on-one.

## Norton County among disaster declaration areas

Making producers eligible for disaster assistance programs, Norton County is among 82 counties across Kansas that have been declared federal disaster areas because of on-going drought.

According to information from the US Department of Agriculture, agricultural producers from the 82 Kansas counties declared as disaster areas will be eligible for emergency Farm Services Agency loans. The current loan interest rate, which was set in 1993 at 3.75 percent, was reduced to 2.25 percent. Additionally, the department lowered the rental payment reduction when landowners use Conservation Reserve Program acres for emergency grazing and haying from 25 percent to 10 percent in 2012.

Primary Counties in disaster declaration: Allen, Anderson, Barber, Barton, Bourbon, Butler, Chautauqua, Cheyenne, Clark, Coffey, Comanche, Cowley, Crawford, Decatur, Edwards, Elk, Finney, Ford, Gove, Graham, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Greenwood, Hamilton, Harper, Harvey, Haskell, Hodgeman, Kearney, Kingman, Kiowa, Labette, Lane, Linn, Logan, Lyon, McPherson, Meade, Montgomery, Morton, Neosho, Ness, Norton, Pawnee, Phillips, Pratt, Rawlins, Reno, Rice, Rooks, Scott, Sedgwick, Seward, Sheridan, Sherman, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Sumner, Thomas, Trego, Wallace, Wichita, Wilson and Woodson

## County sees 11 successful applicants for state program

After qualifying for the program last summer, Norton County leaders report that the area has seen 11 successful candidates for the state-wide Rural Opportunity Zone, which is intended to entice people to move to counties of declining population.

Through the Rural Opportunity Zone, people who move into Kansas from out of state are eligible for tax rebates if they meet certain criteria.

The most major piece of the requirements includes a stipulation that the new residents must not have had more than \$10,000 worth of income from within Kansas.

If new residents meet the criteria, the incentive comes in the form of tax rebates where the citizens pay their taxes as usual, but are issued a state refund for what they pay.

A second part of the Rural Opportunity Zone legislation is an opportunity for counties to encourage population growth through a student loan repayment program.

The program will pay up to \$3,000 per year (\$15,000 maximum benefit or up to 20 percent of loan balance). Eligible individuals are those who graduate from an accredited post-secondary institution and move to a Rural Opportunity Zone county from Kansas or outside Kansas.

The Norton County Commissioners opted into the program last July and allocated \$40,000 for the program.

Norton City/County Economic Development Director Scott Sproul reports that the county has seen 11 successful applicants with 11 more

pending. The program has been used to recruit engineers, school staff, IT personnel, manufacturing employees and an optometrist.

The Norton Community School district has benefited from the program, attracting teachers and school administrators to Norton County.

"The Rural Opportunity Zone program has been a great resource for us in attracting teachers to our district," said Norton Superintendent Greg Mann. "It is one more incentive we can use to pull in the personnel we need."

An engineer with New Age Industrial Corporation, Dakota Crique explained that for him, the program helped his family make the decision to move to Norton.

"This program solidified our plans to move back to my wife's home town,"

## Enrollment packets will not be mailed

Due to postal changes, Norton Community School District enrollment packets will no longer be mailed.

The packets can be picked up daily from the district office at 105 E. Waverly beginning Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The office will also be open until 7:30 p.m. this coming Tuesday and Thursday.

Packets will also be available at their First Security Bank of Lenora during their normal business hours of Monday through Friday from 9

a.m. to 3 p.m. and at The Bank in Norcatour during regular business hours of Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.

The enrollment packets can also be downloaded from the school's website at [www.usd211.org](http://www.usd211.org) under the "Enrollment" link. Enrollment in the Norton school district will be held the week of Aug. 6.

The district calendar is also available on the school's website under the "e-Calendar Subscribe" link.

