

How many are there?



The Norton Community Center is in need of a new roof so the fund-raising has begun. This basket is full of stuffed animals and for each raffle ticket sold, the buyer gets to guess how many toys are in the basket. The winning guess will receive half of the proceeds up to \$1,000 and the lucky winner will be drawn and announced at the Veteran's Day Parade in November. Pictured, fund-raiser organizers, led by Nina Melroy who will turn 101 years young next week, toss stuffed animals into the basket to kick off the fund-raiser.

—Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

COLLEGE NOTES

Area students have qualified for achievement scholarships for the 2012-2013 school year at Barton Community College in Great Bend. To qualify, students must have a grade point average of 2.5 to 2.99 and be enrolled full time at the school.

Students earning the scholarship are Tyler Lewis from Norton and Kari Prather from Logan.

Kaid McKenna of Norton has been named to the Dean's List at Hastings College for the spring 2012 semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.7 to 4.0 on a 4.0 scale, and be registered for full-time course work.

Amber E. Sheley of Norton is among 277 graduates from Hutchinson Community College on May 11. Sheley earned her Associate of Arts degree.

Whitney Criqui and Amber Sheley, both of Norton, have been named to the Vice President's Honor Roll at Hutchinson Community College for the spring 2012 semester. To earn such a distinction, students must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.999.

Two local students are among more than 1,500 who completed their degrees this spring at Wichita State University. Brett T. Wyatt of Norton earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Sciences and Disorders and David J. Cary of Logan earned his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

Nicquel Ann-Marie McVey of Norton was named to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Deans' List/Honor Roll for the spring semester of the 2011-12 academic year.

McVey is a junior majoring in child, youth and family studies in the College of Education and Human Sciences.

Two local students have been named to the Wichita State University Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 2012 semester. Earning the honor are Jessica A. Holmes of Almena and Spencer A. Shirk and Rebekah J. Streck, both of Norton.

To be included on the dean's honor roll, a student must be enrolled full time and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average.

BB Gun finishes seventh place at national competition

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fourth. After the two marksmanship scores, Norton was in sixth place overall and just 10 points out of second.

In the afternoon, the shooters took the written test and results were not released until the end of the shoot on Tuesday. As it turned out, Norton scored a 480 and tied for ninth in the written test with three other teams.

The ever-popular Barter Bar, where everyone exchanged souvenirs and promoted their state, was held Monday afternoon.

On Tuesday morning at 8 a.m., marksmanship began from the sitting position. The Blue Jays shot a 466 which tied for 12th in that position. Next, they completed shooting with firing from the kneeling position where they did much better, shooting a 459 in the second toughest position and tying for seventh, which also turned out to be their final placing overall.

Norton team members

The Norton team had just two experienced shooters, Erin Archer, 15 and James Berry, 13. Since Berry would not be able to return to the national shoot for another year, he will age out of the program.

Other members of the team, who will be eligible to return in two years if they qualify in state competition, were Stacie Elliott, 11; Dylan Goss, 11 and Colton Mulder, 10.

Competing as alternates for Norton were Nick Davis and Miles Harrington, both 11.

Assisting seventh year head coach Cameron Archer was assistant coach Jeff Elliott and classroom instructor for the third straight year was Chandra McKenna. Joni Berry was the scorekeeper for the national shoot.

Other adult helpers have been Marty Harrington, Rusty Goss, Shannon Goss, Valerie Elliott, Ted Hull, Cris Mulder and Christa Mulder.

Top Norton shooter

James Berry was the top Norton marksman with a 388 shooting score and 96 on the written test for a total score of 484.

James received a silver medal in the Awards Ceremony on Tuesday evening for his runner-up finish from the standing position with a 97 and a bronze medal for placing third out of all shooters with his 388 total aggregate for all four positions.

Individual Norton scores

Norton shooters and their individual scores were: James Berry, 98 prone; 97 standing; 98 sitting; 95 kneeling; 96 written test; 484 total; Erin Archer, 97 prone; 93 standing; 97 sitting; 88, kneeling; 96 written test; 471 total; Dylan Goss, 95

prone; 92 standing; 90 sitting; 96 kneeling, 94 written test; 467 total; Stacie Elliott, 97 prone; 90 standing; 92 sitting; 90 kneeling; 96 written test; 465 total; Colton Mulder, 90 prone; 82 standing; 89 sitting; 90 kneeling; 98 written test; 449 total.

Individual scores of Norton's alternates were: Nick Davis, 84 prone; 77 standing; 96 sitting; 82 kneeling; 96 written test, 435 total; Miles Harrington, 88 prone; 72 standing; 91 sitting; 71 kneeling; 90 written test; 412 total.

Coach's comments

"We shot very well the first day and were right where we wanted to be," said Norton head coach Cameron Archer. "The second day was a little rough and dropped us down some but overall I felt that we shot very well as a team and I was very happy about that.

"We also did well on the written test and we have Chandra McKenna to thank for that. She did a great job of preparing them for the written test. Our youngsters work very hard in this program; they did their very best in both shooting and the written test. They are very disciplined and responsible and take pride in what they do. I couldn't be prouder of these youngsters!"

Special ceremonies

The opening ceremonies were held Sunday evening when all teams and coaches marched into the auditorium and were introduced prior to the program.

Ray Hobbs, president and CEO of Daisy, welcomed everyone to Rogers. He said the theme for this year's shoot would be "Celebrating Excellence."

Mr. Hobbs announced that longtime Daisy employee Raymond Stansell of Rogers had been inducted into the Daisy Hall of Fame.

Howard Moody, NRA National Rifle Manager, was introduced. "You're all winners," he said. "My advice is that you do your best and you will be happy with your performance."

John Wright was introduced

as the match referee. The crowd was reminded that John was the first inductee into the Daisy Hall of Fame.

Before they retired to prepare for the first day's shooting, the shooters and coaches recited the Daisy Sportsmanship Pledge in unison.

Awards Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony was held on Tuesday evening. Norton and the other nine teams in the top ten were honored and marched into the auditorium in the Parade of Champions.

The top three teams received special recognition. The champion team received the traveling trophy. Members of the top three teams and the top three individual shooters, including James Berry, received individual medals.

Featured speaker for the evening was Steve Womack, former mayor of Rogers who is currently a U.S. Congressman.

Congressman Womack gave the young marksmen four basic principals of life that he recommended they follow: (1) get a good education; it will open doors for you (2) make good behavioral choices; know the difference in right and wrong and exert positive influence over your peers (3) good health is so important: eat right, get proper

rest and proper exercise (4) develop a spirit of charity; do something for others without expecting any rewards.

Many thanks

"We thank everyone in the Norton community for the tremendous support of the shooting education program and our marksmanship team," said head coach Archer. "A special thanks to all the parents, grandparents and other volunteers who have helped with the program and encouraged the youngsters to take it seriously. Thank you for all your help and support in another successful season!"

Coach Archer also thanked the following for their support: Norton Rotary Club, First State Bank, Norton Area Chamber of Commerce, Rural/Nex-Tech, Ed Braun, Otter Manufacturing, Ag Valley Co-op, Carquest, New Age Industrial, Don McMullen, Destination Kitchen, End Zone Sports and Office Supplies, Engel's Sales and Service Center, Kansasland Tire Co., Kowpoke Supply and Lumber, McKenna Manure and Hauling, Norton Flowers, Gifts and Greenhouse, Norton Pizza Hut, The Bank, United Northwest Federal Credit Union, Moffet Drug Store, Here's Your Sign and Love's Country Store.

Among the parents, relatives

and fans present in Rogers to boost the Norton team were Valerie Elliott, Christa Mulder, Cris Mulder, Joni Berry, Steve Berry, Joe Berry, Elsie Wolf, Shannon Goss, Rusty Goss, Cindy Wardyn, Ken Wardyn, Morgan Goss, Kenya Goss, Shannon Deines, David Deines, Greta Thiele, Loren Thiele, Lynette Stockman, Mary Beth Boyd and Dick Boyd.

Began in October

Norton's preparation for the state and national shoots began in October when the shooters entered the gun safety program, sponsored by Daisy and the National Rifle Association. After passing the course, the young girls and boys began practicing marksmanship in each of the four positions and studying for the written test of gun safety knowledge. Practices were held once a week and twice a week as the national shoot approached. Shooters also practice at home.

About 250,000 young people take part in the program nationwide each year.

Change in coaches


Cameron Archer, who has been associated with the Norton BB Gun Program for the past 10 years and seven as the head coach, has announced that he will retire from the position.

The new head coach will be current assistant coach Jeff Elliott, who will be assisted by his wife, Valerie.

"I've had a lot of fun and really enjoyed working with the youngsters in the program," said Archer. "It is time for me to turn the program over and I have every confidence that Jeff and Valerie are very capable of continuing a quality gun safety and marksmanship program for Norton."

Thanks to the integrity and sportsman-like conduct shown by a Washington County, Ark. shooter at the national competition, Daisy CEO Ray Hobbs has established the Inman Sportsmanship Integrity scholarship. The scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, will be awarded to a deserving youngster at all future national BB gun competitions.

Community Calendar



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