

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Friday

October 26, 2012

Briefly

Tag renewals due by next Wednesday

October 31 is the deadline for the renewal of vehicle licenses by all persons whose last name begins with "S" or business names beginning with "S." When renewing your vehicles at the Norton County Treasurer's office in the County Courthouse, remember to include your current proof of insurance for all vehicles. For trailers, proof of insurance is required for the vehicle pulling the trailer. Verification of the VIN number, policy number and current expiration date is required. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. for vehicle business. Driver license renewals can be done Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. You need to have your driver's license and a current utility bill or a current bank statement with your name and address. CDL licenses must be renewed at a full service office in Phillipsburg, Hays or Colby.

VA claims officer plans Norton visit

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in Norton from 10:45-11:45 a.m. at the Senior Center to assist Veterans and their dependents with VA claims work on Tuesday, Nov. 6. If you are unable to contact Ms. Tubbs at that time, you may contact her in Colby and Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 785-462-3572.

Methodist Church will hold dinner

The First United Methodist Church, 805 W. Wilberforce, is having a Homestyle Chicken and Noodle Dinner and a Craft & Baked Goods Sale on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 5-7 p.m. All you can eat for \$7 for adults and \$4 for children (6-12). For carry out or delivery call 877-2196. Proceeds support the radio ministry and other church projects.

Markets

Friday, October 26, 2012

Wheat.....	\$8.51
Milo.....	\$7.11
Soybeans.....	\$14.83
Corn.....	\$7.35

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Partly cloudy with a high of 50. Breezy with winds from the south at 10 to 20 mph. Sunday - Partly cloudy with a high of 59. Winds less than 5 mph. Monday - Partly cloudy with high of 64. Winds from the SW at 5 to 10 mph.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, Oct. 23Low 46, High 69
 Wednesday, Oct. 24Low 44, High 51
 Thursday, Oct. 25Low 30, High 47
 (Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, whatever we face as we wake up each morning, help us to remember that the day before us is one more day of life that you have given us. Amen.



Head coach Jeff Elliott hands out BB guns to prospective members of the Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team during the informational meet on Monday evening at the BB Gun Museum. The young girls and boys had the opportunity to shoot from the prone position with an adult supervising.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Rotary BB Gun team holds first meeting

By DICK BOYD

nortontelegram@nwkansas.com

A large number of interested girls and boys and their parents attended the informational meeting for the 2012-13 Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team which was held on Monday evening at the BB Gun Museum on east U.S. Highway 36 in Norton.

The meeting got underway with an orientation by new head coach Jeff Elliott so those who are new to the program would have a good understanding of objectives as well as the storied history of the program in Norton.

Following Jeff's presentation, potential shooters were allowed to shoot from the prone position, one of four used in competition.

Girls and boys ages 8 to 15 are eligi-

ble to compete in marksmanship shoots after completing classroom work during the season.

"I'm pleased with the turnout," said coach Elliott after the meeting. "We had a lot of girls and boys showing interest and several of the parents indicated that they shot for the Norton BB Gun Team in years past.

"It looks like this year we will have a nice combination of new shooters and returning veterans.

"I'm happy to see all the interest in and enthusiasm for this year's team.

"Even though there is a lot of excitement about the new BB gun team season starting, I also have a heavy heart after hearing of Alberta Slaby's passing. She was incredibly supportive of Norton's BB gun team and also was a

wonderful benefactor.

"The most important thing is that we teach gun safety. All of the youngsters will have to pass a written test on gun safety before they will be allowed to start shooting on the range."

The BB Gun Museum was open on Monday so potential marksmen and their parents could learn more about the history of the BB gun program in Norton. The Museum contains trophies, medals, newspaper articles and other memorabilia of the Norton shooting education program.

This Monday, Oct. 29, the prospective young marksmen will begin the first of three consecutive Monday evenings spent only in classroom education. After that, each Monday evening will involve equal amounts of class-

room review and shooting practice. Practice will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will last about one and one-half to two hours, depending on the number of shooters and coaches.

"Family members of shooters can be involved as coaches, scorers and also any other help that is needed," said Jeff. "Families are important to our team.

"This year, I am in need of coaches and scorers."

The young marksmen will have the opportunity to shoot in a number of regional and state shoots with the goal of qualifying for the national competition in Rogers, Ark.

Shannon Goss will be the classroom instructor this year.

(BB Gun- Continued on Page 5)

Resident expresses his appreciation to commissioners

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

c.haynes@nwkansas.com

"I'm here to say thank you to you Mrs. Applegate, to you Mr. Miller and to you Mr. Thompson," Adam Zerr told the Norton County commissioners at the start of their meeting on Monday.

He went on to say that it took 50 years of questions, three or four months of arguing and a day to change how the road by his land seven miles east of Norton on the Calvert Road was maintained.

He said that the state has left him some millings and the county gave some gravel so that now when there is a problem he just goes out with a shovel and fixes it in 15 or 20 minutes.

The biggest problem, he's had, he said is everyone wants to make a U turn at that point.

But, in the past six months, he said, he's only had to repair pot holes twice on the road and with the millings and gravel.

Mr. Zerr said that he was grateful to the county crews for not grading the millings into the ditches.

"The road is doing good," he said. "Please continue to leave the black on top."

Mr. Zerr re-interated his thank you to the commissioners.

"That's how things get done," he said. "People helping people."

At first, they thought it was a pain, he told commission candidate Charles Posson, who attends the meetings.

"I think its great that the county commissioners took care of the problem," Mr. Posson replied.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard that write-in candidate and current commissioner Carolyn Applegate had 13 of her yard signs stolen last Wednesday. Five other signs were blown away by the wind, she said, but the others were obviously pulled up.

- She said that she had notified the sheriff but doesn't know if the loss of signs were vandalism or petty theft.

- Mr. Posson said that he has had to replace some of his signs three times in Lenora.

- Agreed to send a letter of support for an application for the Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas to the Kansas Department of Transportation for assistance with transportation of the elderly and disabled.

- Heard that the Santa House will be rolled out in four weeks. Mrs. Applegate

said that she hopes that the county can get a hook and ladder truck to help install lights on the courthouse. Last year's lights are still up, County Clerk Robert Wyatt said. But there are still boxes of decorations that didn't get delivered until last December and were not put up, Mrs. Applegate said.

- Received a visit from emergency medical technician Jill Edgett about volunteers in the emergency medical system. There are 11 certified volunteers who work with the full-time professionals in Norton County to help with transports, community events and any time they are needed, she said. They keep pagers on and respond any time they are needed, she added.

- "We, as volunteers, have to have the same training as those professionals," she

said.

There used to be 30 volunteers on the service, Mrs. Edgett said. But, many people just can't spend the time to keep up their certification. But there are still volunteers in Norton, Lenora, Alma and Edmond.

- Decided to not meet on Monday but instead will meet on Wednesday, the last day of the month, to sign vouchers and meet with anyone who needs to talk to them.

Elementary Principal was recently named Principal of the Year

Thanks to his involvement and support for physical activity at the school, Eisenhower Elementary principal Corey Roy has been named Principal of the Year by the Kansas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Eisenhower Physical education teacher Joan Bolt reports that the honor came through Roy's support of the school's Read and Play program, which is based on earning activity time through accumulating Accelerated Reader point.

"Mr. Roy often supervises the morning activity program in the gym and we are honored to have him as our school principal," Bolt said. "Research shows that movement not only benefits fitness but school academics as well."

The principal will be honored as at the Kansas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance banquet on Nov. 1.

Books brighten young lives and broaden young minds

Mandy Shoemaker and her daughter Lauryn take advantage of this year's Book Fair held at Eisenhower Elementary school on Monday. Parents were presented with wish lists from their children and last week as well as Monday, while at parent teachers conferences, they were given the opportunity to view the books, posters and other fun things being offered at the fair.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

