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## Friday

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### Briefly

#### Help with veterans claims available

Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be in Norton from 10:45 until 11:45 a.m. at the Norton County Library to assist Veterans and their dependents with VA claims work on Tuesday, April 2. 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.



#### Easter egg hunt this Saturday

The Norton Child Study Club will host the annual Easter Egg hunt on Saturday with the scavenger hunt starting at 1 p.m. and the egg hunt starting at 2 p.m. at the Norton County Courthouse.

#### Free movie after Easter egg hunt

There will be a FREE Movie after the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday at 3 p.m. The movie that will be playing is "The Wizard of Oz".

#### Public invited to Easter Cantata

An Easter cantata "It Is Finished" will be presented at the Prairie View Reformed Church at 7 p.m. on Easter Sunday, March 31. It is directed by Belinda Thalheim. Soloists are Alex and Michelle Tharman. The public is invited.

#### Cemetery meeting to be held Tuesday

The annual meeting of the Clayton Cemetery Association will be on Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Clayton Methodist Church.

### Markets

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Wheat.....	\$6.76
Milo.....	\$6.59
Soybeans.....	\$13.63
Corn.....	\$7.02

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Weather

Friday Night - Partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Saturday - Partly cloudy with a chance of rain and a high of 68. Saturday Night - Partly cloudy with a low of 32. Sunday - Partly cloudy with fog early and a high of 70. Sunday Night - Chance of snow in the evening.

### Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the resources you have given us. We pray that we will invest them in your work and service and that we will do so generously and joyfully. Amen.



Norton Rotary BB Gun Red team member, Kylie Vogelgesang is keeping her sights on victory. This is Kylie's first year in the Norton Rotary BB Gun program and she is seen here shooting during her first state shoot in Hol-

ton, Kansas last weekend. Head coach Jeff Elliot offers words of encouragement and advice as she takes aim.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Rotary BB Gun team takes eighth at state

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With a mixture of experienced and less experienced shooters, the Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team placed eighth among 17 teams who competed in the Kansas State BB Gun Championships held Saturday in Holton.

The top three teams in each state shoot qualify to compete in the Daisy National BB Gun Championships, formerly the Daisy/Jaycees International BB Gun Championships.

The national shoot will be held again this year in Rogers, Ark., in late June.

Norton will have two more opportunities to qualify for the national shoot. The Kansas State 4-H BB Gun Shoot will be held in Alma on April 13 and the Kansas American Legion Shoot will be held, also in Alma, on April 27.

Norton placed sixth in kneeling, eighth in both prone and sitting and tenth in standing.

The Norton marksmen also placed sixth in the written test on gun safety.

The champion team was the Sedg-

wick Gold with a total shooting and test score of 2,281. Runner-up was the Jefferson County A Team with a 2,278, followed by Johnson County, 2,257; Wyandotte Gold, also 2,257; Sedgwick Purple 2,254; Flint Hills Jr. Shooters Yellow, 2,240; Bullmasters Red 2,232; Norton Yellow 2,184; Jefferson County B Team 2,147; Wyandotte Green, 2,146; Flint Hills Jr. Shooters Black, 2,122; Reno County, 2,043; Bullmasters Black, 2,147; Riley/Pottawatomie County Purple, 2,017; Norton Blue, 2,014; Wyandotte White 1,902; Norton Red, 1,726.

"We were the only team to compete from Western Kansas since the weather was not conducive to travel," said Norton head coach Jeff Elliott. "I knew going in that we had an overall young team but I'm definitely proud of the way they performed."

"We need to look at it in a positive way. Overall, our youngsters shot where they should have. I'm not disappointed in any of them."

"If you look at how young our shoot-

ers are, you look at it in a different way.

"We have two more opportunities to qualify for the national championships. I hope to get several of our Yellow team members up higher."

"Even our Yellow team is still a very young team. We've had more experienced Yellow team members in the past. Shooters aging out and not eligible due to national competition have made something of a difference."

"Our Blue team is very young. They need experience and more practice."

"Our Red team is extremely young, with many 8 year olds. It was their first state shoot. They have the potential to move up to the Blue team next year."

Ages of the shooters in the program are 8 to 15 years of age.

Members of the Yellow team and their ages were: Trenton Sprague, 14; Scott Sansom, 12; Miles Harrington, 12; Nick Davis, 11 and Riley Goss, 10. Alternates were Trent Merchant, 13; Stacie Elliott, 11. Coaches were Marty Harrington and Steve Sprague.

On the Blue team were Dalton Vogelgesang, 12; Althea Paxton, 10; Christien Hawks, 10; Nathan Nelson, 10; Nolan Juenemann, 9. Alternate was Kylie Vogelgesang, 11. Coaches were Jeff Elliott and Jeremy Hawks.

Members of the Red team were: Eric Wiltfong, 12; Aaron Blair, 11; Kevin Wiltfong, 10; Morgan Goss, 8; Miles Goss, 8. Coaches were Rod Sansom and Jerry Hawks.

Shannon Goss is the classroom instructor.

BB Gun shooting consists of very precise accurate marksmanship. Shooters fire their BB gun from a distance of 16 feet, 4.75 inches and the center of the target is the same size as a BB. A perfect shot comes when the BB hits exactly in the center of the target. A bull's eye can be a few millimeters off center but not much.

#### Best shooters

Norton's best shooter and test scorer on Saturday was Trenton Sprague with

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## Three candidates running for mayor



David Corns

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Republican Mayor David Corns is an old hat when it comes to elections as he throws his hat in the ring for the eighth time on Tuesday, April 2. Corns has served as Norton's Mayor for seven terms or for the past 14 years, and is optimistic about the City's future.

"I think the city is growing. I don't think jobs are leaving. A town either grows or dies. I think Norton is one of the most progressive areas. When it comes to jobs we have a leg up on most communities, we have a leg up on housing, and our school systems, academically and athletically are very strong, and we have a leg up recreationally as well," said Corns.

The swimming pool project was a controversial issue, one the Mayor said was essential.

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Craig Knapp

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Born and raised in WaKeeney, mayoral candidate Craig Knapp has lived the past seven years in Norton with his wife Kristine (Posson) and step-son Justis. Knapp has worked the past three years as a probation officer for the Northwest Kansas Juvenile Services and prior to that was a prison guard for four years at the Norton Correctional Facility.

This is Knapp's first venture into politics, he has held no previous office, but feels his work experience and education would serve him well as mayor.

"I feel I have good leadership qualities, experience working with kids and a leader in our community," said Knapp.

Knapp graduated from Fort Hays State University in May of 2006 with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Criminal Justice and played football at FHSU

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Len Coady

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Local business owner Len Coady, owner of Insurance Central, is running for Mayor of Norton because he believes the City needs a strong business approach to its fiscal problems.

"Norton is a great place to live but business in Norton is dwindling. Look at downtown with all the empty buildings. We need to reverse that. Norton needs jobs and businesses created," said mayoral candidate Len Coady.

Coady has no previous political experience but the self-made businessman who moved to Norton in 1975 believes business prowess is more important than political savvy considering the financial issues Norton is faced with. Coady cited the new water treatment plant, the new sewer plant and the new swimming pool as examples of the City's mount-

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## The Annual 4-H Club Day results are in

The Annual Regional 4-H Club Day event was held in Hays, Friday March 22, 2013. Top selections from Norton, Phillips, Graham, Rooks, Ellis and Trego Counties were involved. A total of 72 individuals and group entries were given representing Demonstrations, Talks, Readings, Music Selections, Talent, Skits and Model Meetings. The results for Norton County were as follows:

- Bryndon Wentz: Red for Project Talk
- Wyatt Wentz: Top Blue for Public Speaking
- Bryndon Wentz: Blue for Jr. Demonstration
- Amy Wentz: Blue for Jr. Demonstration
- Wyatt Wentz: Red for Sr. Demonstration
- Rebecca Wentz: Blue for Sr. Demonstration
- Prairie Dog Club: Red for Model Meeting
- Amy Wentz: Blue for Dance
- Kailey Gill: Blue for Jr. Inst./ Piano
- Rebecca Wentz: Blue for Sr. Inst./ Piano
- Sue Ann Stutheit of Norton judged music. Keith VanSlike and Patsy Maddy, Twin Creeks Extension Agents, also attended to assist with the event.

