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Briefly

Ladies night out set for Thursday night

The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting Ladies Night Out on Thursday. Businesses will be open late and serving refreshments. Take part and get your chance to win over \$500 in prizes.

Laser Science show to be held Thursday

The Norton County Arts Council will present Laser Science on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the East Campus auditorium. This is the final show of the season so don't miss it.

Fashion show set for this Saturday

The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce will present the Spring Fashion Show on Saturday at The Rock starting at 10:30 a.m.

Turn in your old unused medication

The Norton County Sheriff's Department will host a Got Drugs campaign this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Turn in your unused or expired medications for safe disposal at the Sheriff's Department free of charge.

Kids clothes for sale Friday and Saturday

Kidz Stuff consignment sale will be at the Norton National Guard Armory Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and then again on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Wednesday - Sunshine and clouds mixed with a high of 81. Thursday - Mostly sunny skies with a high of 74. Friday - Mostly sunny skies with a high of 72. Saturday - Cloudy with a high of 63. Sunday - Cloudy with a few showers and a high of 54.

Markets

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Wheat	\$6.83
Milo	\$4.28
Soybeans	\$14.05
Corn	\$4.61

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to guide us. Give us patience as we seek your direction. Amen.

The race is on...



The Norton Child Study Club hosted the Norton Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Norton County Courthouse on Saturday. The afternoon started with pictures with the Easter Bunny for the younger kids while the older kids went off on a scavenger hunt. At 2 p.m. the egg hunt started for those zero through third grade and was very well

attended. The winners of the scavenger hunt were Addison Brooks, Sydney Menagh, Hannah Bailey and Olivia Carter. The warm mild weather made this an enjoyable experience for all those involved.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

New city council members sworn in

By MIKE STEPHENS
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After old business was concluded, the three winners from the April 1 election were sworn-in at Wednesday's City Council meeting.

Chris McDiffett beat incumbent Harriett Gill in Ward 1. Gill had been on the council from April 2012 to April 2014, and prior to that Gill served from April 2001 to April 2004.

In Ward 2, Gary Lacy defeated long-time incumbent Donna Foley. Foley served from January 2005 to April 2014.

The only incumbent to win re-election was Ron Briery, who ran unopposed, representing Ward 3. Briery has sat on the council since April 2012 to the present. Prior to that, Briery served

on the council from August 1999 to December 2008.

The council presented Gill and Foley with plaques of appreciation for their service and then the oath of office was taken by McDiffett, Lacy and Briery.

Due to Mayor David Corn's absence from the meeting, the position of Council President will be determined at the May 7 meeting.

The council has set the swimming pool schedule for the summer. The pool will open May 25 and will close Sept. 1. The pool hours have been established from noon to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays. The pool hours will be modified on Aug. 18, with the beginning of the school year. Pool parties can be scheduled from 8-9:30 p.m. on

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The cost to use the new pool will remain the same as the old pool. It'll cost \$1.50 a day per person, or a 20-punch card for \$25, or \$30 for an individual season pass or \$75 for a family season pass. A ribbon cutting is scheduled for the new pool at 1 p.m. on May 25, if construction is completed on time.

Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Director Tara Vance received the council's approval to hold the July 12 Drag Races at the Norton City/County Airport. Vance had already received the Airport Board's approval and acquired liability insurance for the event, but needed the council's approval for city services, such as trash clean-up and pick up. The drag races are scheduled for approximately 3 p.m., following

the car show. The event is sponsored by the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Other council news:

- accepted contract of Pat Morel and Darla Ellis as interim administrators
- waived formal first reading of Ordinance #1656
- waived formal first reading of Ordinance #1657
- waived formal first reading of Ordinance #1658
- adopted Resolution 3-2014, amending Personnel Rules: discretionary day
- adopted Resolution 4-2014, amending Personnel Rules: sick leave donation
- adopted Resolution 5-2014,

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Norton BB gun team qualifies for Nationals

By DICK BOYD

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The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team has once again qualified to compete in the Daisy National BB Gun Championships the last week of July in Rogers, Ark.

After missing last year's national shoot, Norton will shoot in the national competition for the 44th year in what will be the 49th national shoot.

It was originally the international shoot and a Norton County team has won the championship eight times, more than any other team in the country.

The Norton County Team qualified for the national last Saturday with their performance in the State 4-H Shooting Match held in Alma.

The top three teams in each of three state shoots qualify to compete in the National Shoot. This was the second state shoot for Norton. Their first was the shoot sponsored by the Kansas State Rifle Association in Holton where Norton placed seventh, just ten points out of fifth.

On Saturday, Norton placed ninth, just three points out of eighth among 12 teams.

Norton qualified for the National Shoot since enough teams ahead of them had already qualified.

The national shoot is the largest junior marksmanship competition in the world!

"I'm really pleased that we were able to qualify for nationals," said Norton head coach Jeff Elliott. "Three of our shooters shot better than in the Kansas Rifle Association shoot and our guns performed well.

"Although we've qualified now for the national shoot, we will also shoot in the American Legion State Shoot on Saturday, April 26 in Alma so our shooters can have more competition

experience.

"It's nice to be able to concentrate on the nationals now.

"We want our shooters to go to nationals, not only to have fun but also for the experience. Our shooters are so young that there's a chance that a similar group from Norton could go again in two years and do even better in nationals."

On Saturday, marksmen shot in two different age groups, 9-11 and 12-14, but all scores were figured into team scores.

The championship team was from Johnson County and scored an 1850-69, with the 69 being the number of bull's eyes. Runner-up was Wyandotte with an 1825-54, followed by Phillips/Rooks, 1805-47; Riley/Potawatomie, 1797-52; Jackson/Nemaha, 1793-51; Sedgwick, 1770-48; Jefferson, 1768-40; Wabaunsee, 1756-39; Norton, 1753-42; Morris, 1721-36; Golden Prairie, 1686-28; Reno, 1669-28.

Stacie Elliott was leading marksman for Norton with a 97-6 prone, 90-2 standing, 90-1 sitting, 93-4 kneeling, 370-13 total score. She was followed by Lily David, 92-2 prone, 85-2 standing, 93-4 sitting, 89-2 kneeling, 359-10 total score; Christien Hawks, 91-3 prone, 84-2 standing, 90-0 sitting, 90-2 kneeling, 355-7 total score; Nicholas Davis 92-4 prone, 82-1 standing, 88-2 sitting, 88-1 kneeling, 350-8 total score; Althea Paxton 82-1 prone, 86-1 standing, 80-1 sitting, 71-1 kneeling, 319-4 total score.

Stacie, Lily and Nicholas all shot better than in the KSRA shoot.

Stacie shot her best ever and was sixth best out of 185 shooters.

The 4-H shooting competition does not include a written test on gun safety.

Assisting Jeff with coaching was Jerry Hawks. Stacie coached one shooter.



Althea Paxton of the Norton County Rotary BB Gun team is seen here with her coach Jerry Hawks shooting at the State 4-H Shooting Match that took place on April 12 in Alma, Ks. The team placed ninth overall but due to other teams already qualifying for Nationals, the Norton team also qualified to compete at Nationals in Rogers, Arkansas over the Fourth of July weekend of this year. The team didn't qualify last year so this will be some of the shooters' first chance to experience it for themselves.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

