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Welcome back!

Norton, Kansas
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Briefly

Archers hosting 3D shoot Sunday

The Norton Archery Club will be hosting a 3D shoot at the range in Prairie Dog State Park Sunday. The shoot will have a trickle start from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will cost \$5 per round. Two more 3D shoots will be held on Sept. 9 and Sept. 23. For more information, call 877-3253 or 877-5269.

Child screening set for Aug. 24

Eisenhower Elementary will be holding a free Early Childhood Screening on Friday, Aug. 24. If you have a concern in any of the following developmental areas — vision, hearing, speech, motor, behavior and/or reasoning — please call to schedule your child for this screening. Those eligible are children ages 3 to 5. The appointments take about 45 minutes and will begin at 8 a.m. To schedule an appointment, please call Eisenhower Elementary at 877-5113 by Aug. 23 and ask for Joan Hale.

Music concert to be in Beaver City

A musical concert will be presented at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 20 at the Beaver City Community Building. Featured will be the team of Danelle Alexander and Esther Hobbs. They will present a mix of classical, hymns, gospel songs, folk tunes, seasonal tunes and children's songs using various arrangements of violin, piano, harp and voice. They recorded their first album in 2001, their second in 2004 and work on the third album has begun. There is no charge for the concert, but a free-will offering will be taken.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Partly cloudy with a low around 70. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 94. Breezy with a south wind between 15 and 20 mph. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 70. South wind around 15 mph. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with a high near 96. South wind around 15 mph. **Sunday Night** — Mostly clear with a low around 71. **Monday** — Mostly sunny and hot with a high near 97. **Monday Night** — A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy with a low around 68.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 70, High 100
Wednesday Low 71, High 96
Thursday Low 67, High 90
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

God, in our loss, help us to cry. Give us comfort. When we doubt, reassure us. We ask in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen**



Bart and Cheri Brook and their children were just one family of the nearly 200 that attended the annual Teachers' Welcome Picnic Tuesday evening. The picnic was hosted by the school board, Norton Area Chamber and Norton Lions Club. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Norton teachers, staff welcomed back with picnic

By VERONICA MONIER
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The Norton School District, with help from the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Norton Lions Club, welcomed its teachers back for the new school year with the annual teacher's picnic Tuesday.

Superintendent Greg Mann said events like the picnic are great.

"Events like this show community sup-

port for our public schools," he said. "Many teachers are getting close to retirement age, and so when we hire new teachers, we make sure that they have or form some connection with the community. Events like this are important because they show the teachers and staff that they are appreciated. They show support for the district, the teachers, the staff and the students."

Mr. Mann said two things that will be

new to the district this year are all-day, every-day kindergarten and a learning center to help people finish earning their diplomas. Both, he said, will be good for the students and the community.

Mr. Mann introduced the four new teachers, who each received gift baskets. They were Lynette Archer, junior high social studies; Christine Eveleigh, special education; Kristen Fahrenbruch, fourth grade; and Denise Meyer, special educa-

tion. He then thanked the Chamber and the Lions Club for their hard work and recognized the Chamber ambassadors and board members; the teachers, administrators and staff; and the Lions Club. Everything in the gift baskets, he said, was donated by local businesses.

Economic development joins Chamber

By VERONICA MONIER
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Norton County Economic Development is now a member of the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber President Marvin Matchett was at the last economic development board meeting to ask the board to join the Chamber of Commerce. He said he was pleased to have directors Diane Becker and Wade Carter at their last meeting and that Ms. Becker was now the county's representative on the board.

He said the city and county representatives are no longer voting members because of attendance problems, but they would like to change that. But, to do so, the county, or economic development, needed to become supporting members of the Chamber.

Mr. Matchett said, based on what the City of Norton, which is a supporting member, pays, they were asking for \$175 a month in dues.

Board member John Engelbert said the Chamber does a lot for the community and he would support economic development becoming a member.

Mr. Carter said the current agreement

the Chamber has with the county, where economic development pays part of the Chamber's rent and its phone bill, is ending at the end of the year. This, he said, would take the place of that.

Board President Deena Wentz asked what they should do when the county's other Chambers asked them to become members.

Mr. Matchett said he thought it would be great if economic development joined all of the Chambers.

Mr. Wentz said they hadn't planned for it and it wasn't in the budget for 2008.

Board member John Miller said they needed to find out what the Almena and Lenora Chambers charge and if they also wanted economic development to become members before making a decision.

Mr. Carter suggested they invite representatives of the other Chambers to their next meeting.

Mr. Miller also wanted to know where the dues would come from and then suggested looking at special projects. But, he said, waiting until the next meeting before making a decision would allow the board to make an informed decision.

that he didn't think it was fair to make the Norton Chamber wait to see what the other Chambers wanted to do before getting an answer.

In the end, the board decided to join the Norton Chamber. They will also be inviting the other Chambers to their next meeting. The membership becomes effective on Jan. 1.

Mr. Matchett thanked the board and said the Chamber appreciated its support.

In other business, the board:

- Held a phone conference with Charles Buki of czb, LLC about the possibility of a housing survey. The board decided to gather what basic information it could and then look into having Mr. Buki do a survey.

- Approved a motion to have Ms. Becker make a presentation to the county commissioners on the Neighborhood Revitalization Act.

- Tabled the Norton Car Show donation until its next meeting so that the Norton Car Club can fill out the donation form.

- Asked Ms. Becker to combine the two project donation request forms into one.
- Asked Ms. Becker to take a resolution

Student count holding steady in Norton district

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The Norton School District is holding steady where students are concerned.

Superintendent Greg Mann said the fiscal count, which is not the official count taken by the state, is up from last year.

He said, not including early childhood students, they have 694 students enrolled, which compares to last year's count of 687. Broken down, he said they have 338 in kindergarten through sixth grade, 113 in seventh and eighth grade, and 243 in ninth through twelfth grade. Last year, they had 338 in grade school, 126 in junior high, and 223 in high school.

It was a positive sign, he said, that

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