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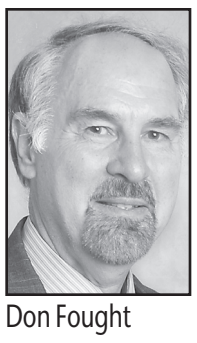
Briefly

Look for these stories Friday...

--A 1965 graduate of Norton Community High School is the recipient of the Harris Teeter Together in Education Teachers of Excellence Award. Don Fought, Norton native, was one of 10 teachers recognized for the honor. He is a sixth grade teacher in Language Arts and Social Studies at Southeast Middle School, Kernersville, N.C. The details will be provided in a Friday special feature.


Don Fought

--The Norton Correctional Facility honors six more employees, through its quarterly recognition program.

--Student drivers are a common sight during the summer months. A look at the program at Norton Community High School.

Veterans Affairs man slates visit

A Veterans Service Representative for the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, will be at the Norton City Office on Monday, July 13,from 1:00-2:30 p.m., to assist veterans and their families with veteran's benefits. The Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs is a state agency that provides free assistance to veterans and their families with veterans' issues. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be accepted. Call 785-625-8532 for information.

weather forecast

Tonight - Isolated thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy with a low around 67. Chance of precipitation is 20%. Wednesday - Sunny and hot with a high near 97. Wednesday Night - Mostly clear with a low around 70. Thursday - Sunny and hot with a high near 99. Thursday Night - Mostly clear with a low around 71. Friday - Mostly sunny and hot with a high near 101.

Kingham report:

Thursday, July 2..... Low 61, High 89
.40 Precipitation
Friday, July 3..... Low 65, High 90
.85 Precipitation
Saturday, July 4 ..... Low 65, High 83
Sunday, July 5 ..... Low 56, High 88
Monday, July 6 ..... Low 58, High 91
Tuesday, July 7 ..... Low 61, .15 Prec.

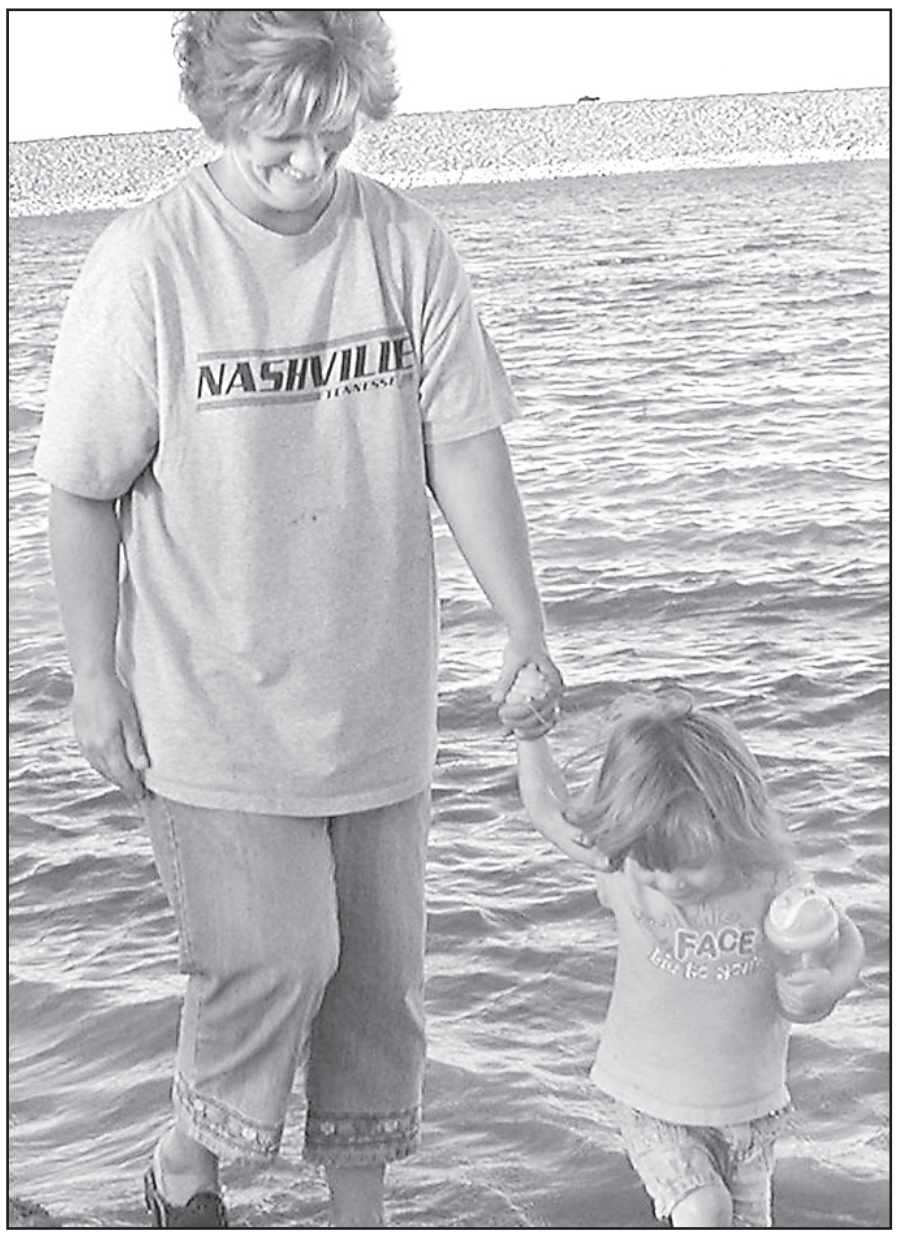
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

God, open our eyes to those who are hurting and needy. Remind us that as we serve and welcome them we also serve and welcome you. Amen

The fireworks display Saturday night at Prairie Dog State Park was a huge success with an estimated 5,000+ people on hand for the event. Many were from Kansas, but there were visitors from Colorado, Nebraska and Arkansas as well. Untold numbers also watched from other locations in the county.

– Telegram photo by Erica Bradley



Brooklyne Rutherford and Wendy Reedy, her grandmother, enjoyed playing in Sebelius Reservoir before the July 4 fireworks display Saturday night. Mrs. Reedy said Brooklyne loves to play in the water and couldn't wait to get wet.

– Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Lake place to be for fireworks and fun

By ERICA BRADLEY
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The Fourth of July fireworks display was a huge success with a record number of people entering Prairie Dog State Park to view the display Saturday night.

Steve Mathes, park manager, said 1,777 vehicles entered the park on Saturday. Last year 1,639 vehicles entered.

It cost $4.20 to get in and an estimated $7,463 in revenue resulted, he said.

Mr. Mathes said they estimate three people per car car entered the park, thus an estimated 5,331watched the display at the site.

The estimate only applied to people entering the park on Saturday, it did not include weekend campers.

Mr. Mathes said the entire park staff worked an excess of eight hours on Saturday. There are three full time staff and six seasonal who worked with traffic control, law enforcement and park permit sales, he said.

"It's a really good program for the area. We had visitors from Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and Arkansas," Mr. Mathes said.

The DJ for the event was Marvin Matchett, KQNK radio station manager.

He said he has served in that capacity for the last six years.

"It's fun. There's nothing more American than this, and there is a great fireworks display to end the night," Mr. Matchett said.

Community members enjoyed the evening's events.

Mike Pollock brought his children in time to watch the display after barbecuing steaks at his home. He said he brings his family most years to see it.

April Fortener had been camping since Thursday. She is from Norton and said she camps every year.

"We always camp on the fourth. It's a family thing," she said.

Bubba Brooks said he came to relax and enjoy the fireworks display.

Rich and Dawn Risewick, Jamboree Foods, provided the free watermelon.

"I just like giving watermelon away," Mr. Risewick said.

Mrs. Risewick said they enjoy giving back to the community.

They estimated giving away 40 watermelons.

Project here gets $50,000

By ERICA BRADLEY
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Construction on the Moffet Station is still in the planning phases, but $50,000 will help move the project forward.

Norton City/County Economic Development Director Diane Becker said $25,000 will come from a grant program through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka. The Norton Community Foundation will match the grant.

Ms. Becker said the money should cover the cost of materials, and labor will be provided by volunteers.

She said she has 10 core volunteers lined up, but more are needed.

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Still time to cast your ballot for Norton Blue Jays' Zach Bainter

Zach Bainter, 2009 graduate of Norton Community High School and an outstanding athlete, has been nominated as the "Boys Multi-Sport Star of the Year" by CatchItKansas.com as one of their Catchy Awards to honor the best athletes in the area.

The winners are chosen by votes of the public.

The voting will run through July 31 and the voting page can be reached on computer at CatchItKansas.com by clicking on the Catchys banner.

An exceptional athlete as well as person, Zach was a 2009 state champion in both wrestling (21-1 record) and track and was the bronze medal winner in state cross country in 2009 while competing for the Norton Blue Jays.

He won two gold medals and a silver in the 2009 Kansas State High School Track Championships and medaled all four years in the Kansas State Wrestling Tournament.

Zach has been chosen to compete in the 2009 Kansas Shrine Bowl 5K Run as a Kansas Shrine Bowl All-Star Cross Country Runner prior to the Shrine Bowl All-Star Football Game on July 25 in Wichita.

Zach has signed a letter of intent to run track and cross country for Garden City Community College.

He is the son of Vicki and David Bainter.

Tennis court repair to begin

By ERICA BRADLEY
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The Norton City Council heard discussions about repairing or replacing the tennis courts during their meeting on July 1.

Councilman Joe Leroux reported that it would cost at least $80,000 to replace the court. Repairing would cost substantially less and would make the courts usable for another season.

Dan Bainter, the city's public works supervisor, told The Telegram that the cracks would be sealed and painted to match the rest of the court.

"It is definitely in need of repair," he said.

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