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**Pre-Fair Special in today's Telegram**



## Council approves fair archery

By HARRIETT GILL  
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The proposed budget for 2011 and the hiring of a new police officer were items discussed at the regular meeting of Norton City Council on Wednesday evening.

Keith Van Skike requested permission for a 4-H Shooting Sports archery event during the Norton County Fair. It is an exhibition event to recruit new 4-H archery members. The archery shoot would be set up July 29, at 9 a.m.

"The instructors are certified to teach it, and they carry liability insurance," VanSkike said.

"I would like to thank the city for all the help they did to get everything ready for the Norton County Fair," said VanSkike.

The council requested the area be roped off and a sign be installed informing the public of the shoot. Donna Foley said she would like to have the horse council informed to make sure there is no conflict. Permission was granted to the 4-H Archery Club for the target shoot.

Police Chief, Pat Morel, reported the hiring of Ryan Zwegardt as the new police officer. Zwegardt is a certified officer and can begin work on July 23. Morel (Archery - Continued on Page 5)

## She's a big hit



Beth Mustoe (left) and Esther Tweed played with Princess, a white pomeranian rescue dog, before the start of the Norton County Fair 4-H Pet Show at the Andbe Home on Monday. Princess is owned by Abbie Smith, Norton. See Page 8.

—Telegram photo by Cynthia Haynes

## Briefly

### Enrollment packets in mail next week

It is planned that the Norton Schools' enrollment packets for the 2010-'11 school year will be mailed next week. If you have moved since school was out last May or you are new to Norton please contact the Norton district office with your new address. We want to make sure enrollment packets are received by as many of our families as is possible.

## MARKETS

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WHEAT.....	\$4.46
MIL0.....	\$2.97
SOYBEANS.....	\$9.56
CORN.....	\$3.28

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Local Weather

**Sat 7/24 88/62**  
Partly cloudy skies. High 88F. Winds NNE at 10 to 20 mph.

**Sun 7/25 86/64**  
A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

**Mon 7/26 92/67**  
Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

**Tue 7/27 96/69**  
Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

**Wed 7/28 97/70**  
Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.

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## Kingham report:

Tuesday, July 20 .....	Low 64, High 88
	.20 Rain
Wednesday, July 21 .....	Low 64, High 96
	1.40 Rain
Thursday, July 22.....	Low 66, High 105
	(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Dear God, enable us to see ourselves as we really are. Make us sensitive to the trials of others, and let us bring good-will into life's trying moments. Amen.



## Strong voice needed, says primary challenger

By KAREN KRIEN  
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Ward Cassidy of St. Francis is running as a Republican for state representative of the 120th District, which includes Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton and Phillips counties.

We need to have a strong voice in Topeka, he says, stronger than in the past.

"If we don't all stand up to protect our northwest Kansas way of life," Mr. Cassidy said, "we will have to take what is dished out."

"Everyone needs to work together to solve problems. We need to preserve our lifestyle."

He uses the acronym "CAVE," which he said stands for communication, availability, visibility and energy, to describe his approach to the job.

He said he wants to communicate with all groups in the district and he is asking people for ideas on how issues and proposed bills would affect them.

"I have many farmer, business and medical friends that have great knowl-

edge and are always willing to help," he said. "The key is input from northwest Kansas people — not lobbyists and special interest groups."

He plans to be available anywhere he goes, whether it is at school activities or just out and about, visiting in the five counties. He thinks being "visible" is important.

"I'm going to be visible in the counties as well as the four months I am at the capital," he said, adding that he has lots of energy which he plans to put to work for the people of the district.

Mr. Cassidy said he doesn't believe in raising taxes but wants to make sure the people in the district get their fair share of services provided by the state. Kansas has 33 taxes, he said.

"We need to find a way to eliminate some of those taxes and help businesses," he said. "We are going to have less services, which include the cuts in education, medical and senior citizens services."

We need to make sure we keep as many (Voice - Continued on Page 5)

## Seven-term incumbent has key agriculture spot

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After seven terms in the Kansas House, Rep. John Faber says he's moved into a key position as chair of the Agriculture Budget subcommittee in the House Appropriations Committee, drawing up the budget for agriculture programs vital to his district.

It hasn't been all that much fun the last couple of years, however, having to cut programs across the board as the state's revenues sank lower and still lower during the deepest recession in more than half a century.

"I thought long and hard about whether I wanted to run again," said Mr. Faber, who farms north of Brewster,

on a farm in southern Rawlins County. "We've been through a few years that were horrendous. I guess we'll see what (state) revenue does at the end of the month."

"I don't think this new sales tax will do the job. I fear people who shop across the state line, are taking their tax dollars with them."

He said one area grocery told him a sales-tax increase was the worst thing the state could do to raise money.

"He said he's always supported education, but if we raise that sales tax, it'll just be another nail in his coffin."

Mr. Faber said he voted against the governor's proposal to raise the sale (Incumbent - Continued on Page 5)

## Democrat says voters need choices on Election Day

Bob Strevey, a wheat and milo farmer and stockman from the Norcatatur area, wants to give people a choice, so he is running once again as a Democrat for the 120th District seat in the state House of Representatives.

This will be Mr. Strevey's sixth try at the seat, held by John Faber of Brewster.

Mr. Strevey, 67, a retired teacher, lives on the family farm south of Norcatatur, and except for a short stint in the Army during the Vietnam War, has always lived in Decatur County. He and Kay, his wife of 39 years, have three grown daughters, Trudi McCollum of Liberty, Mo., and Wendy Tien and Hollie Richie of Andover, and seven grandchildren.

After being drafted in 1966, he served a tour of duty in Vietnam, Mr. Strevey said, then served in the Army Reserve for 20 years until finally retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

He has been on the boards of the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp., the Norcatatur United Methodist Church and the U.S. Highway 36 Association, president of the Norcatatur Citizens Alliance and a member of the Hunger Task Force for the Kansas West Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Mr. Strevey said that he feels that people need a choice and, while there are two Republicans running in the primary,

there also needs to be at least two names on the ballot in the general election in November.

"It's hard to have a good, functioning democratic process if there's only one name on the ballot," he said.

If elected, Mr. Strevey said, he understands that his would only be one voice out of 125 in the House. However, he said, he thought that the state needs to get back to some fiscal responsibility.

For years, he said, the state has cut taxes. Now that there is no money, and instead of raising those taxes again, the state is borrowing money.

"We should try to get our fiscal house in order," he said. "You should have to pay as you go."

"Both of my opponents are against raising any taxes, but most businessmen will tell you that if you have a financial shortfall, you need to work from both ends. You have to cut expenses and raise revenues."

Mr. Strevey said that he was once an Eisenhower Republican and pay as you go was his philosophy. But the Republican party has dumped those principles, he said.

Mr. Strevey also said that he thinks the state should help Decatur County repair three bridges that are in great disrepair before someone gets hurt.

## Blue ribbon material



4-H member Amy Wentz displays her handiwork at the clothing construction part of the Norton County Fair on Tuesday afternoon at the 4-H building.

—Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts