



Ameri Corps, it's not just a job, but a life lesson as well

Two Norton County 2009 graduates are spending their summer working for the Pratt Kansas Ameri Corps at the Prairie Dog State Park. New park ranger, Brian Haug oversees their work. They are Zach Dreher, son on Ray and Jamie Dreher and Jacob Van Skike, son of Keith and Karen Van Skike.

This is the first year for both of the men to work at the park. In doing this they will be eligible to get a \$1200 educational scholarship from Ameri Corps. In order to qualify for the scholarship they must first complete 450 hours of work. The program is funded through Ameri Corps and their wages are paid by a grant through Ameri Corps, not the State Park.

While working at the park several tasks must be done. Mowing, trimming, painting, general maintenance of the park, helping the fishery biologist and giving tours of the adobe house and school house. They have also been asked to submit an article for the Reservoir News.

When asked what they like the least about working at the park they both answered, "The heat." Dreher said, "Working with Jim and Gordon is the best part, they keep us entertained." They both had always wanted to work at the park but wish it wasn't so hot and wished it was rainy again. In their spare time they stay inside in the air conditioning sleeping and spending time with family.

After this summer Dreher plans on going to school for Construction Site Management. "After that it's kind of in the air but I will probably be coming back to work here next summer." said Dreher.

Van Skike plans on getting a degree in Worship Arts. "I don't really know where that's going to take me, somewhere." he said.

The Ameri Corps program is a great learning tool and a chance to better ones education. It not only helps out the workers but the park sees the benefits as well.

Americorps workers, Zach Dreher and Jacob VanSike are busy taking down the volleyball net at the beach site. It is one of the many tasks they have to do while working at the lake this summer.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton



See Us for All of Your Camping Food and Drink Supplies

Beer, Ice, Pop, Chips, Lunchmeat, Chesters Chicken, Fruit and Numerous Other Snacks

Main Street IGA

313 W. MAIN STREET, NORTON, KS — PHONE 785-877-2422

See Us for Your Truck & Camper Supplies



•Oil •Batteries •Lights
•Electrical Parts •Accessories

CARQUEST **NORTON AUTO SUPPLY**

102 N. Second Street, Norton, Kansas — Phone 785-877-3333



Welcome Fishermen

**Charles Worden
Melissa Schoen**

**ATTORNEYS AT LAW
WORDEN LAW OFFICE**

213 S. Kansas, P.O. Box 427, Norton
Phone: 785-877-3086 • Fax: 785-877-3506

YOUR LOCAL BOTTLE FILL STATION



CAMPER AND BARBECUE GRILL CYLINDERS FILLED HERE

Stop in and Let Rick Schwab and Bob Neff Take Care of You!

**NORTON FUEL SERVICE AND
NORTON PROPANE SERVICE**

206 N. Jones, Norton, KS — 785-877-3218
TOLL FREE 800-953-4985