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Briefly

Library program to make a splash

Tonight!! 8:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. - Make a splash. Read!
The Norton Public Library will be ending this summer's reading program with a "SPLASH". A pool party at the Norton Swimming Pool sponsored by the Norton Friends of the Library. Come and swim in a safe, family friendly atmosphere. Bring your friends for a fun time for all!

Summer Christmas planned at park

Prairie Dog State Park and the Norton Travel & Tourism Committee are sponsoring the 7th Annual Prairie Dog Christmas on Saturday, Aug. 14. Campers at the state park are encouraged to decorate their campsites in a Christmas theme. Campers need to register at the state park office by 1 p.m. that day. Campsites will be judged between 9-10 p.m., with prizes being awarded after the judging Saturday night, at Campsite No. 8 (Camp Hosts' site) at 10 p.m. If you decide not to enter the contest, the park staff would still like to invite you to "Think Cool," join in the fun, and come out to view the creativity of others. A vehicle permit is required to drive through the park and view the decorations. Call (785) 877-2953 for more information.

Hunter safety class to be held Tuesday

Hunter Education classes will be held Tuesday, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the basement of the Norton City office and Aug. 12, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Prairie Powder Packers gun range.

Prior to class, students must take the online Hunter Education course available at www.ihea.com and print off the score pages for the 14 final quizzes and bring with them. Students must be 11 or older. To register, call the Prairie Dog State Park Office at (785)877-2953 or End Zone at (785)877-2626.

For questions concerning this class, call Richard Kelly, at (785)877-3284 or if you are interested in another class this year and cannot attend this Norton class, please contact the Hunter safety department at Pratt for scheduling in the area at (620)672-0773.

Markets

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Wheat	\$6.05
Milo	\$3.19
Soybeans	\$9.68
Corn	\$3.50

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - A 20 percent chance of showers.
Saturday - Isolated thunderstorms after 4 p.m.
Saturday Night - Isolated thunderstorms.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, August 3.....Low 67, High 96
.15 Rain
Wednesday, August 4....Low 64, High 91
1.70 Rain
Thursday, August 5.....Low 65, High 88
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Loving God, thank you that you want to speak to us. Help us to listen for your voice, even when it's only a whisper. Amen.



Fire damage on the Wright-Teichmeier home in Alma can be seen from the outside (above) while a danger sign (below) warns passersby that the home is too seriously damaged to enter without risk. — Telegram photos by Harriett Gill

Almena home burns

By HARRIETT GILL
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The summer of 2010 has not been kind to Kathy Teichmeier, Travis Wright and their four daughters, Skylar, 13; Brittany, 11; Morgan, 10; and Amy, 7.

In May, the first day of school dismissal for the summer, Morgan, turned her bike into the path of a passing car in Almena.

"I was terrified, I was so scared that she was badly hurt. She was crying so hard," Teichmeier said.

Her injuries were minor and after (FIRE - Continued on Page 5)



Four men to appear in court

By Dana Paxton
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Sentencing and arraignment of four Norton individuals will take place at 9 a.m. Monday at the Norton County District Court House.

Norton County Attorney Doug Sebelius said that J.D. Gall, 18, and Matt Stanley, 19, will face sentencing for their guilty pleas of several charges against them in relation to an April 17 incident.

Mr. Sebelius also said that Aaron Husted, 20, and Landon Hamel, 18, will be arraigned for charges against them.

"I expect both of the young men to make a plea to the court at this hearing," Sebelius said.

Gall will be sentenced for his guilty plea of unlawful voluntary sexual relations with a minor, a level 8 person felony. He also plead guilty to involuntary sexual relations with a minor, a level 9 person felony as well as for furnishing alcohol to a minor which is a misdemeanor. All charges stem from events that took place April 17.

Matt Stanley plead guilty to unlawful voluntary sexual relations with a minor, a level 8 person felony as well as involuntary sexual relations with a minor, a level 9 person felony. These charges are in relation to the same incident.

Aaron Husted has yet to put a plea in to the courts for the five charges he faces. He is expected to do that at court on Monday. Mr Husted has been charged with aggravated indecent liberties with a child, a level 3 person felony, aiding and (ARRAIGN - Continued on Page

Heart attack kills man

On Tuesday, the Norton Police Dept. was dispatched to the Brooks Motel where the body of Thomas J. Mauer was discovered by the motel staff.

Mr. Mauer of Wichita had died of an apparent heart attack. The body was transported to Enfield Funeral Home.

Election Results

Newcomer wins primary

By KIMBERLY DAVIS
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Republican voters in the 120th District chose a new candidate for the state Legislature in Tuesday night's primary election, retiring veteran state Rep. John Faber of Brewster in favor of political newcomer Ward Cassidy of St. Francis.

Although the votes haven't been canvassed yet, the preliminary figures showed Mr. Cassidy with 2,418 votes and Rep. Faber with 1,925.

Bob Strevey of Norcatour, a farmer and former teacher who ran unopposed on the Democratic ticket, received 380 votes.

Mr. Cassidy, a teacher and school administrator from St. Francis, won each of the five counties in the district. He received 450 votes at home in Cheyenne County, 468 in Rawlins, 347 in Decatur, 580 in Norton and 573 in Phillips.

"I'm thrilled to think that I won and without a lot of money," said Mr. Cassidy. "I've said it before, and I'm saying it now, I'm going to fight hard for the 120th and stand up for northwest Kansas.

"I'm going to start tomorrow working toward the general election. I need to raise some money. I have a whole list of issues

I will be studying so when I walk into the Capitol, I will be prepared."

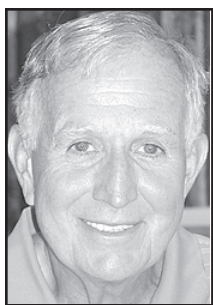
Mr. Cassidy said he couldn't have won without the support of the people. He added that he hoped those who didn't vote for him in the primary will in the general election.

Rep. Faber, who first took office in 1997, received 295 votes in Cheyenne County, 410 in Rawlins, 292 in Decatur, 412 in Norton and 516 in Phillips.

In the seven terms, he's served on numerous committees and accumulated a fair share of influence among the Republican majority. He currently is chair of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget subcommittee in House Appropriations and serves on Transportation and Public Safety Budget and is a member of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations.

Both men make their homes in northwest Kansas and have ties to education, but Mr. Cassidy's campaign started amidst a groundswell of reaction to cuts in the state's budget for public schools.

The former administrator has 40 years' experience in education, six as a teacher, 16 years as a counselor and 20 years as a (NEWCOMER - Continued on Page 5)



Ward Cassidy

Norton voters back Moran

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Norton County had 1,157 cast their ballots in the primary election on Tuesday, with 3,550 eligible voters in the county, that makes a 33 percent turnout.

The Kansas Secretary of State's office had said before the election that a 19 percent could be expected in an election where the president's job is not on the line.

Norton County residents voted similarly to those in other parts of the state with state winners taking the county.

The smoke has cleared from the Republican primary in the 1st Congressional District, and state Sen. Tim Huelskamp of Fowler is the one left standing.

The hotly contested and often downright nasty race for the U.S. House of Representatives ended up with the candidates much farther apart than pre-election polls indicated. Unofficial results from the secretary of state's office say that Huelskamp, from Fowler, won by 10 percent, or 9,487 votes, over his nearest rival, fellow Sen. Jim



Jerry Moran

Barnett. Last week's polls showed the two in a dead heat with Salina businessman Tracey Mann, who ended up nearly 4,000 votes down.

Barnett mainly carried the eastern part of the district around his hometown of Emporia. Mann carried several northcentral counties, along with Gove, Sheridan, Trego and Saline. Sue Boldra, a professor at Fort Hays State University, carried Ellis and Graham.

Huelskamp won Norton County by a comfortable margin, 352 votes to Mann's 236 and Barnett's 147.

Huelskamp will face Salina Democrat Alan Jilka, who ran unopposed. Huelskamp said in a statement Wednesday that he looked forward to a spirited debate with Jilka.

"The voters will have a clear choice in November," he said, "between a candidate who supports bigger government and Obamacare and one who will lead the fight against the liberal policies of Pelosi and Obama. I look forward to that debate."

Rep. Jerry Moran won the heated (HOUSE - Continued on Page 5)