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Norton, Kansas
Home of Steve Horney

Briefly

Board changes meeting date

The Norton School Board has changed their August meeting. Rather than meeting on Monday, Aug. 14, the board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 9. The meeting will still be held at the Alice Tweed Center, 105 E. Waverly.

Society will gather at Manor

The Norton Genealogical Society will change their meeting location next week. Their guest speaker will be Arnold Jackson, a resident at Norton Manor. The society will meet at 7 p.m., Aug. 7 in the community room at the Manor. The public is invited to come hear Mr. Jackson recount his experiences working with the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Christmas set for Aug. 12 in park

Prairie Dog State Park is sponsoring its third annual Prairie Dog Christmas on Saturday, Aug. 12. Campers at the state park are encouraged to decorate their campsites in a Christmas theme. Campers participating need to register at the park office.

Even if you don't enter the contest, you are still invited to "Think Cool", join the fun and come out to view the creativity of others. A vehicle permit is required.

For more information call 877-2953.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Cloudy with a few stars, breezy and mild. Scattered storms with a low of 69. Wind SW 8-18. **Tomorrow** — Partly cloudy, breezy and warm. Scattered storms with a high of 85 and low of 64. Wind 8-18. **Thursday** — Partly cloudy and warm with scattered storms. High of 83, Low of 62. **Friday** — Partly cloudy and hot. High 91, Low 64. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy and hot. High 95, Low 65. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy and hot with a chance of storms. High 97, Low 63. **Monday** — Partly cloudy and hot. High 97, low 67.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 66, High 99
Saturday Low 72, High 102
Sunday Low 73, High 99
Monday Low 75, High 101
(Readings taken at the Fred and Carolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, teach us to be good listeners and wise friends to others.

Amen

Did someone say 'watermelon'?



Bob Strevey, Noratur, grabbed a few pieces of watermelon for himself and his wife last week during the Watermelon Feed at the Norton County Fair. The watermelon was free to anyone who wanted a piece or two, thanks to the sponsorship of Jamboree Foods.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

New officer joins Norton department

The Norton Police Department has a new face.

Caleb Cox, 23, joined the department on June 21 and came to Norton from Long Island.

Officer Cox said he's always been fascinated by the law. He majored in sociology/criminology while in school at Kansas State University.

"I found it as my niche in school," he said. "It's something I am passionate towards."



Officer Cox

He said he applied for the position in Norton because he knows the town.

"I consider it home," he said. "This is my chance to put my two cents in, to make my mark. This will let me do something for the area I grew up in."

Officer Cox said he is midway through his training. He said he's been studying the fourth, fifth and sixth amendments; learning the layout of town; and learning to work accidents.

"I'm still learning everything," he said. He'll be going to the state's training academy in October.

So far, he said he's enjoying the job.

"I can go home and say I like my job," he said. "I've met a lot of people and learned a lot. I've really seen a part of the community that wasn't in view when I was younger."

This is his first job as a police officer, but he did work as a bouncer for a while and studied for the job in school.

Officer Cox isn't married and has no children.

His parents are Jerry and Connie Cox of Long Island.

Annual picnic welcomes teachers

The public is invited to the annual teachers picnic at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 15, at Elmwood Park. Guests will be the faculty and staff of the Norton school district.

This event is sponsored by the Norton Lions Club, Norton Community Schools and the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce. Members of those organizations and returning teachers are asked to bring a salad and a dessert. Fried chicken, rolls and drinks will be furnished.

Incumbent meets challenger in November

John Faber

By VERONICA MONIER

Rep. John Faber says he thinks he does what's right for the 120th District in the state's House of Representatives.

So far, voters must agree, since he's held the seat for 10 years now, and is finishing his fifth two-year term.

"I represent the consistency," he said. "I bring as much back from the eastern part of the state that I can."

Rep. Faber is the vice chairman of the Transportation Committee and the joint Information Technology Committee and serves on the Education, Agriculture, Insurance and joint Legislative Educational Planning committees.

He said he's been on the Agriculture Committee for 10 years and the Education Committee for eight.

Rep. Faber said if re-elected, he plans to focus on the same issues he has been, those that deal with keeping western Kansas populated and functioning.

For him, he said, school finance is a



fairness issue. Rural schools need support just like those in the cities do.

"We need to make sure schools are properly funded out here in western Kansas," he said.

He said it's important to keep low-enrollment weighting, which gives extra

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Bob Strevey

By KIMBERLY DAVIS

A Norcatur man wants another rematch for the 120th District seat in the state House of Representatives.

Democrat Bob Strevey ran against the incumbent, Rep. John Faber of Brewster, two years ago and four years ago, losing both races to the Republican. He said he tried to get someone else to run this time, but no one was interested.

There are lots of capable people who hold this position. Mr. Strevey said he isn't saying Mr. Faber isn't one of them, but having two candidates for an office is supposed to be part of the process.

The party system works better too, he said, when there is someone from both main parties running. If there is only one person running for re-election then the process doesn't work.

"The third time's a charm," said Mr. Strevey, a Norcatur farmer, former teacher and retired Army Reserve officer, with a smile.



He said he visited with his opponent recently and they are friendly and open with each other. Mr. Strevey said they can debate each other in a friendly way.

He said there are five issues he feels passionate about, in no particular order.

• The state needs to support state lakes

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