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Briefly

Children's chess club being formed

The Norton Public Library and the Friends of the Library are sponsoring a Chess Club! Starting Sept. 9-Oct. 14, from 4-5 p.m., chess lessons and chess games for ages first grade to eight grade will be provided. Sign up at the library is now underway. Direct questions to Kathy McConney, Children's Librarian.

Lutheran Church delivering meals

Meals on Wheels this week through Sunday are being delivered by Immanuel Lutheran Church. Fonda Lawrence is the contact person at 877-3145. Those delivering are reminded to be at the hospital no later than 11:30 a.m.

Look for change in publication date

Look for an adjustment to The Telegram Extra and The Norton Telegram schedules for the week of Sept. 7. According to Tom Dreiling, publisher, there will be no Extra on Monday, Sept. 7. The Tuesday, Sept. 8 Telegram will be put together on that day and will include the Extra's advertising. The Telegram will then be printed and delivered on Wednesday, Sept. 9. This adjustment, said the publisher, will allow the newspaper's employees to enjoy the Labor Day holiday.

weather forecast



RAIN

Tonight - A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a low around 62. Wednesday - A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a high near 80. Wednesday Night - A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Thursday - Partly sunny with a high near 83. Thursday Night - Partly cloudy with a low around 56. Friday - Mostly sunny with a high near 83.

Kingham report:

Friday, August 21 Low 52, High 82
Saturday, August 22 Low 51, High 82
Sunday, August 23 Low 52, High 92
Monday, August 24 Low 57, High 96
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we desire your peace and your love in our hearts. May we be open before you as you fill us with your love. Amen

Politics top topic Saturday at area picnic

By DICK BOYD

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Extra excitement was in the air Saturday evening in Logan on the lawn of the Hansen Plaza with many more candidates than normal promoting their cause during the 29th annual Phillips County Old-Fashioned Republican Picnic.

The additional candidates also attracted more residents of Norton and Phillips counties to the picnic to rub elbows with national and state Republican officials over the usual fried chicken dinner.

Through the years, the picnic has drawn many Republican dignitaries, including U.S. Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum, former Kansas Governors Bill Graves and Mike Hayden and current U.S. Senator Pat Roberts.

This year the keynote speech was by seven-term U.S. Congressman from the First District Jerry Moran, Hays, but Jerry has decided to run for U.S. Senator, leaving his position open for want-to-bes. And all six of the current want-to-bes were present on Saturday evening to present their case.

The opportunity for Jerry Moran to become a candidate for U.S. Senator arose when current Senator Sam Brownback decided to run for Kansas Governor this time around.

None of the balloting for change will occur until the primary election on Aug. 3, 2010 but the hopeful replacements for Congressman Moran are eager to get the campaign underway.

The fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad and watermelon meal was followed by speeches and patriotic music.

Speakers, in addition to Congressman Moran, who is a regular attendee, were: State Senator Jim Barnett, Emporia; Sue Boldra, Hays; State Senator Tim Huelkamp, Fowler; Tracey Mann, Salina; Monte Shadwick, Salina and Rob Wasinger, Cottonwood Falls, all candidates for Congress from the Big First District; Dan Johnson, Hays, State Representative; Ralph Ostmeyer, Grinnell, State Senator; Vicki Tiahrt, Goddard, who spoke for her husband, Fourth District U.S. Congressman Todd Tiahrt, who is also a candidate for Brownback's U.S. Senator position; Chris Kobach, Kansas City, immediate past Kansas GOP Chairman who is a candidate for Secretary of State; Deena Horst, Salina, State Representative; Bob Tomlinson, Topeka, Assistant Commissioner of Insurance, who spoke for Commissioner of Insurance Sandy Praeger.

Sally Cauble, Liberal, member of the State Board of Education, was unable to be present but Florence Metcalf spoke in her behalf.

During the evening, Randy Duncan, (GOP - Continued on Page 5)



Dr. Merlynn Colip and wife, Joan, Norton, were among the many Norton and Phillips County residents who enjoyed fried chicken and all the trimmings prior to the political speeches Saturday night at the Old-Fashioned Republican Picnic on the Hansen Plaza Lawn in Logan.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

'You'll be fine'



Tonya Stover said goodbye to her daughter Josie on Friday at Eisenhower Elementary. Josie was excited about starting kindergarden but was nervous before school started at 8:30 a.m.

-Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Fun weekend day at Jennings

By ERICA BRADLEY

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Jennings was the place to be this weekend when the town held its 18th annual Firemen's Fun Day on Saturday.

The day was filled with activity, ranging from a health fair from 8-10:00 a.m., a community garage sale, a cake walk, a treasure hunt, bingo, a hog roast as well as the parade, barrel competition and auction.

Marjorie Hartzog said the event is a community affair as well as a fund raiser for the fire department. She said it started 18 years ago as something fun for children.

The auction was held throughout the day with many people bidding on differ-

ent items. Mrs. Hartzog estimated 150 donors from surrounding communities contributed items. Selden, Dresden, Norcatur, Lenora, Norton, Hoxie, Colby and McCook were among the donors.

There were a total of 25 events with many children taking part.

Mrs. Hartzog estimated 50 entries for this year's parade. Many surrounding communities participated including Almena, Oberlin and Hoxie. One entry was from Elbert County in Colorado.

Jennings Fire Department Chief Kerry Green said an estimated \$12,000 was raised. After expenses are paid, the fire department will have made an estimated \$7,000.

Chief Green said the department will

put the money towards a new header for the fire station door.

The Jennings Fire Department used the proceeds from previous years to purchase a 1996 International 9400 tanker, which holds 5,200 gallons of water.

"We got the truck for well worth the money," Chief Green said.

He emphasized that it was an event for families.

"The kids were having a blast, and that's what I cared about," he said.

"It was a great event. We were very please with the parade entries," Mrs. Hartzog said.

Other events were successful as well. Bill Heilman said 40 shooters partici-

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Eric and Jeremy Green, from Stratton, participated in the barrel racing competition during the Firemen's Fun Day in Jennings on Saturday. The barrel in question is in the midst of the water fight. Many surrounding fire departments participated including Norcatur, Oberlin, Almena, Hoxie and others. The event raised money for the Jennings Fire Department.

-Telegram photo by Erica Bradley