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Weather Corner



Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday: Sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday: Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday night: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Monday: Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s.

Monday night: Partly cloudy. Lows around 60. Tuesday: Partly sunny.

Highs in the mid 80s. Tuesday night: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent

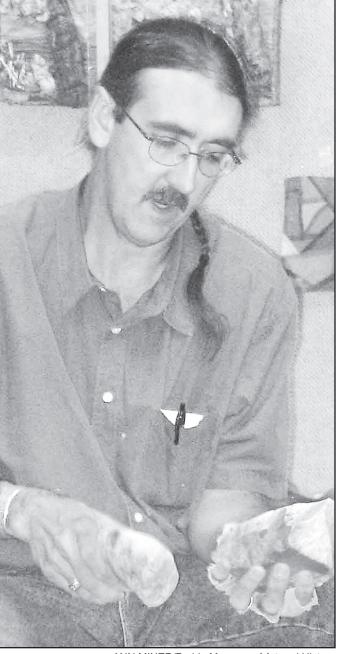
chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Wednesday: Partly sunny

with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

Current temperatures are available at 460-8367.





ANN MINER/Prairie Museum of Art and History

Dr. Jack Hofman, University of Kansas archeology professor, demonstrated tools and techniques used to shape rock into scrapers, points and other stone tools in prehistoric times. About 30 people attended his lecture, sponsored by the local chapter of Kansans Anthropological Association, Saturday at the Prairie Museum of Art and History.

Norton escapee in Denver

walked away from a work crew refused, he said, the process of ob- her transported to a trauma center on Tuesday, and apparently as- taining a governor's warrant will in Wichita, where she remains,

saulted an elderly Norton woman and stole her car has been arrested in Denver, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation said this morning.

The KBI released a statement saying that the

A Norton prison inmate who back to Kansas. If extradition is juries were severe enough to have

be started. The KBI issued a statewide bulletin on Wednesday for officers to be on the lookout for Zorn, who was in prison on theft and aggravated burglary charges from listed in stable condition.

Facil-

in the school system," James said as children played. "Why would they want to add onto that?" The district this year has been fixing its sights on early childhood

bers to "stay in your lane."

education. Nationally, preschool has become a focus, with at least

James' house looks every bit like

Her family room is painted

bright yellow and filled with

blocks and other toys, while her

dining room is dark green with

murals of prowling jungle ani-

to short tables, the children un-

der her care carefully placed and

sometimes piled beans onto lines

of glue drawn on construction pa-

per in the shapes of the letters B

and crunchy, crunchy cookies,"

prompted James, stressing the B

James has been working with

young children for 20 years — at

times in a center and now in her

home. But she gets nervous about

the future when she hears Topeka

Unified School District officials

talk about taking a more expansive

role in early childhood education.

concerned child care providers -

recently asked school board mem-

"They've already got problems

James — joined by three other

bumblebees buzzing

Seated in little chairs pulled up

a preschool.

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and C sounds.

TOPEKA (AP) – Jessica 4-year-olds. In Kansas, a Gover- as Teachers program – in which nor's Summit on Early Childhood families of young children receive last year showed interest in early childhood programs crosses party lines.

Preschool idea hits snag

The idea is to take advantage of the early years, when children's brains develop rapidly.

Proponents of more preschool say that much of the battle public schools face begins long before children walk in the door for kindergarten.

"We end up paying much higher prices later on for remediation costs and special education costs when everything we know about brain science and brain development tells us within the first five years, that is your greatest opportunity," said school board member Patrick Woods.

School board member Janel Johnson, however, is sympathetic to the child-care operators' concerns.

"We don't have to provide everything," said Johnson, who urges the district to focus on children in kindergarten through high school. "We can find someone who is good at doing that, and we partner with them.'

The problem, Woods said, is that many children don't get a preschool education. The district, which offers limited preschool programs for children with special needs or those considered at-risk, maintains a waiting list. It also three states offering classes for all has a waiting list for its Parents

home visits from an educator who offers parenting advice and checks to make sure kids are meeting developmental milestones.

A committee created by the school board recently laid out goals for improving early childhood education - a document that is going to be pored over again as the district launches a long-range plan.

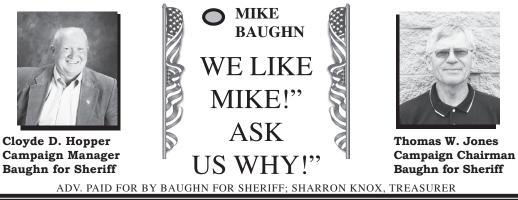
As is, the committee suggests such ideas as taking family education into neighborhoods through community centers and churches and creating a mobile learning center. Also in the mix is the dream of an early childhood center — a facility that could provide resources for families and classroom space for expanded preschool offerings. Currently, the district leases space for some of its classrooms and for its Parents as Teachers program, which the plan would expand.

Even if the district expands its offerings, Woods said, it wants to work with existing providers.

"If they'd look, they'd see the crux of the plan is really around collaboration and partnership," Woods said.

Even if the district increases the number of preschool classrooms, Woods said programs would be optional. And many parents, he said, might prefer a private setting that would offer extended care while they are at work.

We, the undersigned, endorse and support Sheriff Mike Baughn as the best choice for Sheriff on the November 4th General Election ballot. We have both worked with Sheriff Baughn for many years and know that he is the prime candidate for the Office. Please write-in MIKE BAUGHN for Sheriff, darken the oval to the left of his name and re-elect Mike as our Sheriff!





Denver Police Department had arrested Christopher E. Zorn, 46, and he was awaiting extradition back to Kansas.

District court for aggravated escape, aggravated battery, aggravated kidnapping, aggravated burglary and felony theft.

A 1987 Mercury Sable believed to have been stolen from a woman Zorn assaulted in Norton was recovered at an I-70 rest area east ground and air search. of Deer Trail, Colo., the KBI reported.

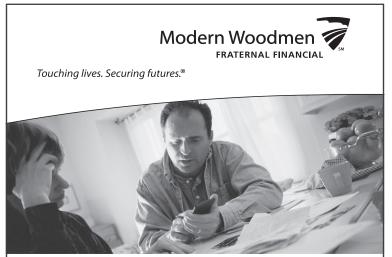
Norton County Sheriff Troy M.

Sedgwick County. Tuesday Zorn, an inmate of the Norton **Chris Zorn** Correctional

The KBI reported a warrant for a work crew located on the west Zorn was filed in Norton County side of Norton, the KBI reported. Thomson said within minutes of the initial report, officers from a number of departments including the sheriff's Department, Norton Police, Kansas Highway Patrol, Wildlife and Parks, and the Department of Corrections, began a

> A K-9 unit from the Department of Corrections was brought in.

Thomson said it appears Zorn Thomson is waiting for Zorn to entered the home of an elderly appear in court in Colorado to see woman in Norton, assaulted her if he chooses to waive extradition and stole her car. The woman's in-



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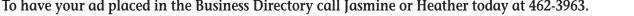
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