

Leadership Norton class takes trip to state capitol

By KEITH VANSKIKE, Norton County Extension Director

As part of Leadership Norton, this year's class went to Topeka for a state capitol legislative tour on Feb. 21-23.

The trip gave the class a first hand look at state legislative and administrative departments surrounding the capitol.

The legislative tour is the last session in a series that acquainted the group with issues affecting Norton County. The other sessions were agriculture, local government, education, rural health and economic development.

The sponsors for this 2004-'05 class were Midwest Energy, Rural Telephone-Nex Tech, The Bank, Don's Floor Covering, Valley

Hope Association, Norton County Commissioners, Norton City Council, Norton Housing Authority and Norton K-State Research and Extension.

Members of the class going to Topeka were Tom Brannan, Sue Urban, Karla Anderson, Deb Anderson and Lacy Frack.

Norton County Extension Director Keith VanSkiike helped to facilitate the schedule in Topeka. Don Kaus, alumni of the 2003 class and Cindy Linner, Norton County treasurer and class alumni of the 2001 class coordinated much of the Topeka schedule prior to the visit.

Other members of the class include Rob Lawson, Kathy Zimmerman, Karla Reed, Bill Lowry and Toby Kuhn.

The class attended Senate and House sessions and a few committee meetings along with visits with Senator Ralph Ostmeier and Representative John Faber.

They toured the Department of Health and Environment; attended the Judicial and Supreme Court Center; and visited the Department of Education and Kansas Bureau of Investigation; and attended a Leadership Kansas program. The group visited with Lt. Gov. John Moore during its capitol tour.

The purpose of class is to establish a network of leaders and to give people an opportunity for growth and development in civic leadership responsibility.

This is the fourth class. The program has 33 graduates.



Lenora kids raise cash for relief

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

After all the publicity about the devastation caused by the tsunami which hit Indonesia over the Christmas break, Lenora third and fourth-grade teacher Mandy Schumaker was surprised that many of her students didn't know about it.

"When I asked the kids if they knew what a tsunami was, one little boy said, 'He's that terrorist!'" she said.

Mrs. Schumaker realized she had an opportunity to teach her class about the world around them.

"How many times do we get to teach kids about humanity and helping someone they don't know?" she said. "I wanted to come up with a way that the kids could help."

Since January, all 29 students at the school are working to raise money for tsunami relief. The students, along with the staff, decided to make the American Red Cross the recipient of their fundraising efforts and to let the agency use the money where it is most needed.

Every Friday, each student brings 50 cents to school and deposits it in a jar.

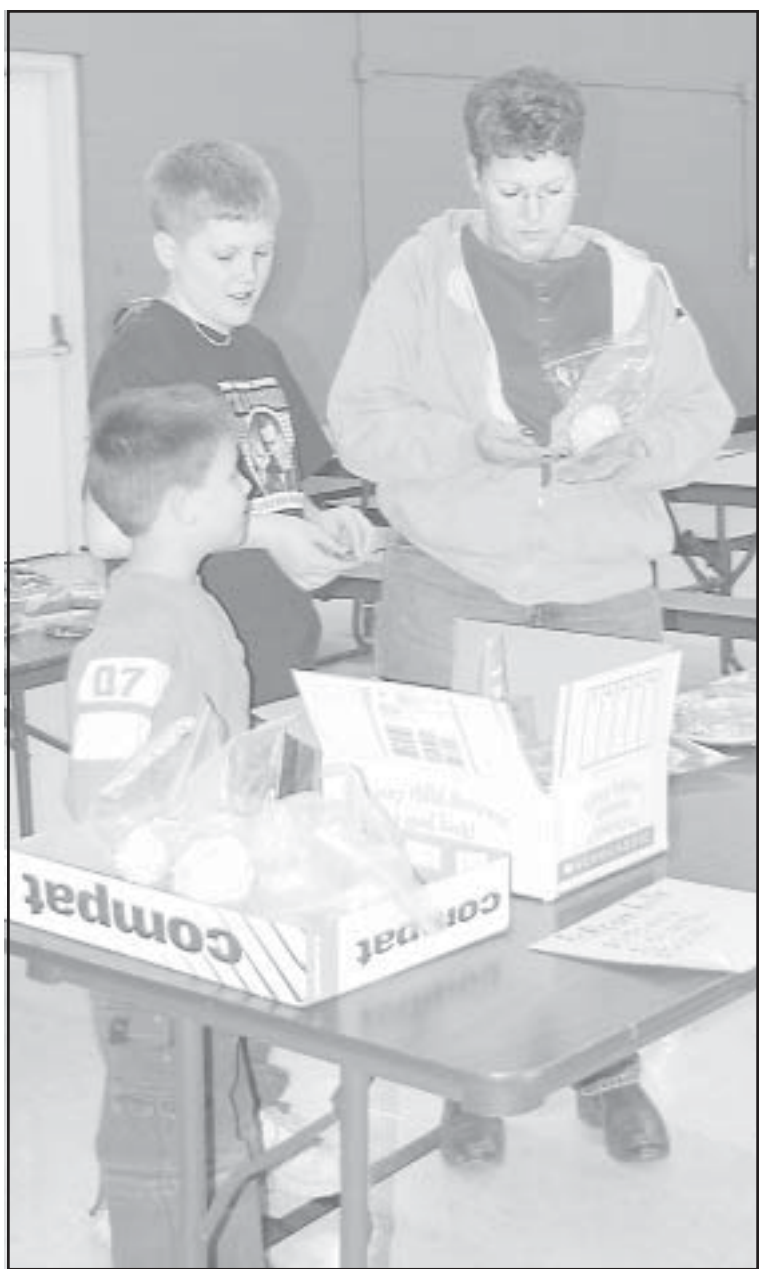
So far the school has collected more than \$100 in cash donations.

Friday, the students organized a bake sale at the school and before noon had sold \$350 worth of baked goods. Each classroom decided what they would contribute and several community members also donated items to the sale.

Students took turns waiting on customers, making change, sacking the merchandise and, most importantly, offering each buyer a special thank you card.

Sixth grader Luke Ninemire (below) sells his mom, Peggy Ninemire, a popcorn ball during Lenora Grade School's bake sale Friday to benefit the American Red Cross and help victims of December's tsunami victims. Second grader James Henn stands by to help. Rachel Koerperich, left, and Bethany Perkins, (above) look on as Luke Ninemire and his mother, Peggy Ninemire, look over the baked goods donated by students and members of the community. Handmade thank you notes accompanied every purchase.

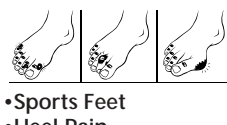
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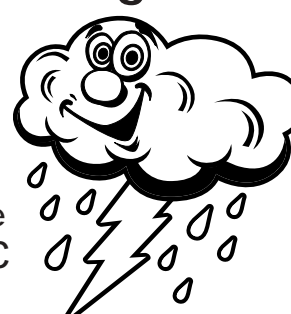
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Starting Time — 7:00 P.M.

MONDAY, MARCH 14

Meeting to be held at the PRAIRIE LAND ELECTRIC MEETING ROOM



The class, which is sponsored by the National Weather Service and Norton County Emergency preparedness, will cover severe weather safety at home, school and work, as well as provide an in-depth look at severe storm spotting and reporting procedures. The class is free and open to all. The session will last 2 1/2 hours.

SHARE deadline is Thursday

The deadline for ordering the March Heartland SHARE food package is noon Thursday. To order, call the Norton Senior Center at 877-5352 or Ermalea Mason at 877-3098.

Distribution will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday, March 19, at the Senior Center.

The March package contains 1 pound of cocktail smokies, 26 ounces chicken stir-fry dinner, 15 ounces lobster cakes, 1.65 pounds chicken drums, 1 pound of

breaded chicken breast chunks, potatoes, cucumbers, red peppers, salad mix, radishes, Pink Lady apples, lemons, tangelos, red pears and chocolate chip cookies.

For \$18.50 plus two hours of volunteer work, you can receive the food for SHARE. You can order as many as you want.

You may also order a meat only package for \$10.50 plus one volunteer hour. There is no limit to the amount of "meat only" specials you can order.

After you purchase a SHARE, you may order as many March specials as you want. You will have a choice of two specials. No. 1, Chicken Cordon Bleu, costs \$13 plus one additional volunteer hour. It includes eight, 6-ounce breaded chicken breasts stuffed with Swiss cheese and Canadian bacon, individually wrapped and boxed. No. 2 is a 4 pound extra-lean boneless holiday ham for \$14 plus one additional volunteer hour.

Norton club to meet on March 17

The Norton After-5 Club invites all area women to attend the monthly dinner and meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Town and Country Kitchen.

The cost for the dinner meeting is \$7 per person. Free babysitting is available. For reservations and cancellations, please contact Joan Knoll, 877-3042 by next Tuesday "Bit O' Ireland" is the theme for

the evening. "Wearing the Green" will be the special feature for the evening. Assistant Police Chief Toby Kuhn will share pointers on awareness of "Identity Theft", one of today's fastest growing problems.

The speaker will be Janice Carlson, Holdrege. She will speak on the importance of observing the right signs and guideposts on the Road to Life in "End of the Rain-

bow". If you are a control freak, this presentation is for you.

The Norton After-5 Club is non-denominational and open to all area women. Part of Stonecroft Ministries, After-5 Clubs are located throughout the United States and Canada.



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