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Tuesday

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Norton, Kansas
Home of Karen Cox

Briefly

Chamber banquet is drawing near

Monday is the deadline to get your tickets for the Norton Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet. Guest speaker will be new K-State head football coach, Ron Prince. Seating is limited. Call the Chamber office at 877-2501 for tickets.

Downtown is topic of meeting

Anyone interested in sharing ideas to develop downtown Norton or grant possibilities for the county should plan to be at Town and Country Kitchen at 5:45 p.m., Wednesday. A representative from Kansas Downtown Development Association and Main Street Kansas will be there to discuss ideas.

Trivia to raise money for youth

To help raise money for a summer mission trip, the youth of the First Church of God are sponsoring Trivia Night at 7 p.m., Sunday at The Rock Youth Center. Admission is \$3 per person or \$8 per team. All ages are welcome. Call Brenda Dole at 877-5344 or Gale Hays at 669-2208 to learn how to set up a team. The concession stand will be open.

Tag deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 28

Heavy truck and trailer tag renewals, along with those with last names begin with "A" have until Tuesday, Feb. 28, to renew their vehicle tags.

Tag renewal can be done at the Norton County Treasurer's office from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Driver's license renewals can be done 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The treasurer's office is a limited service driver's license station. They do renewals on regular driver's licenses and commercial licenses.

If you have questions, call 877-5795.

Weather

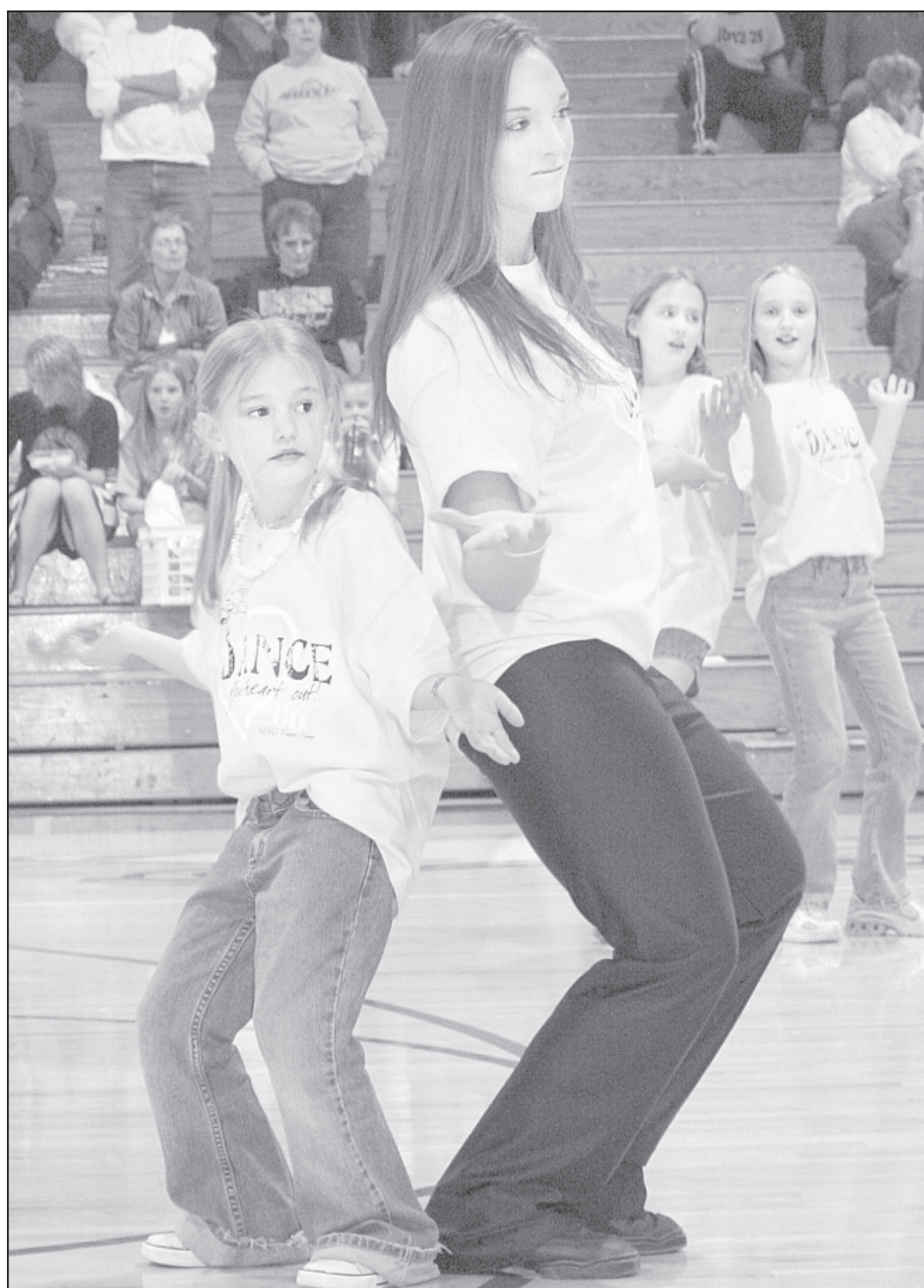
Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with lows around 18. West winds around 10 mph. **Wednesday** — Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 50s. West winds 10 to 15 mph. **Wednesday Night** — Mostly clear with lows around 18. Light winds becoming north around 10 mph after midnight.

Thursday — Mostly sunny with highs in the lower 50s.

Prayer

Thank you, loving God, for your many bounties. Help us always to express our thanks to you. **Amen**



Let's dance...

Following in their footsteps (left) elementary girls who took part in the Norton Dance Team's annual Little Girls Dance Camp, try to do it just like their senior high counterparts. Miah Melvin (above) is a miniature version of Claire Mann, during the dancers performance during halftime at Friday night's boys varsity basketball game against Hoxie.

— Telegram photos by Charlotte Stephenson

School hunting for principal

High school lacking principal next year

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School District is on the hunt for a new high school principal.

Superintendent Greg Mann said as of June 30, Principal Lary Stull is retiring. He has been the principal at Norton Community High School for 28 years and has worked for the district for a total of 32 years.

He said he recommended that an interview committee be used to help choose the next principal and that the committee have two board members, two high school site council members, three staff members from the high school and himself.

Mr. Mann said they will be accepting applications until Tuesday, Feb. 28. A recommendation for hire should be made no later than the April board meeting, he said, but a special meeting might be used to hire the new principal.

As far as interviews go, he said, he would like to have those while school is in session if at all possible. The plan is to have the candidates meet the administration team, staff and Mr. Stull during the day and then be interviewed during the evening.

The vacancy has been advertised, he said. (Continued on Page 5)

Theater to be top priority at meeting

By TOM DREILING

A town hall meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 2 at 7 p.m. at the Norton Theatre.

The meeting will deal with the future of the theatre.

Alberta (Byrum) Slaby, president of the Norton Theatre Association, Inc., hopes for a large crowd.

Kim Wicker, theatre manager, said in response to a question, that it's hard to pin down a number (theater attendance), adding, "maybe 50 nightly, but then there are times we have big crowds. It all depends on what other activities are taking place in the community, and what's showing on the screens."

Each screen entertains 148 people.

Residents can chip in their 2 cents worth at the meeting.

The meeting will probably be void of popcorn and pop.

Lenten season kicks off with pancake feed

Trinity Episcopal Church will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with its annual pancake supper from 5-7 p.m., next Tuesday at the church, 102 E. Waverly.

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, applesauce, coffee and milk. An adult plate consists of three pancakes and two sausages for \$4; a child's plate is two pancakes and one sausage for \$2.50.

Shrove Tuesday, the last Tuesday before Lent, is also known as "Fat Tuesday." The custom is to feast on that day to use up all household fats before the beginning of fasting during Lent. The most common way to use fat during medieval times was to make pancakes, a custom that continues to this day.

Development board considers minutes

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton County Economic Development Board may be putting the minutes of its meetings on the discover Norton.com website.

Board member Donna Foley said she met with Director Marlene Henderson and Board member Gayle James about maintaining the website. At the last meeting, the board decided to pay a third of the cost for the website, so it would be allowed to put information on it.

She said she gave them books that will help them post information and keep it maintained.

Mrs. Foley said she had received a request to put the minutes of the meeting on the site.

Vice-chairman Curtis Eveleigh said if they did it, it would need to be done in a timely manner.

Attorney Karen Griffiths added that the minutes would have to say "the minutes are not official until approved by the board."

Mrs. Foley said she was also asked to put the date and time of the next meeting

on the website, so people who wanted to would know when they needed to attend a meeting.

Secretary Deena Wente said she would get the minutes to Ms. Henderson, so they could be put on the site.

In other business, the board:

- Asked Ms. Henderson to see what studies are available to the county, and what different institutes, such as the Docking Institute, would be willing to do.

- Approved Ms. Henderson's request to attend a two-day class on putting a power point presentation together. The class is being held by Nex-Tech and costs \$180 for both days. Mrs. Foley abstained from the vote because she works for the company.

- Heard from Ms. Henderson that she is still working on the housing and repair grants. She said a representative of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, who is sponsoring the grant, came to review the houses in which applications were turned in for. She said the representative thinks they will be able to help most of those who applied. About two dozen applied for the

grant.

- Learned a presentation will be held on Wednesday by the Main Street Program, to see what can be done with revitalizing downtown areas.

- Heard that a representative of a farm store was in the county to tour possible sites. Ms. Henderson said it was a very preliminary inspection and would let the board know more as she learned more.

- Learned the Norton County Community Foundation is looking for a secretary.

- Heard from Ms. Henderson that she is working with the Norton County Sheriff's Department on getting a 911 enhancement grant. She said she copied last year's application and went over it with Sheriff Troy Thomson, who will be getting the information for the grant.

- Approved a motion to follow Norton County rules for what is considered an open record with Ms. Henderson in charge of dispensing open records and to charge what the county charges for copies of the records.

- Set the next meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14.