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Briefly

Kids can get DNA identification

Members of the Norton County Sheriff's Department will be providing DNA identification for area children from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Pamida. For parents who want them, fingerprinting kits will be sent home upon request.

Exhibit night, concert Tuesday

The annual Exhibit Night and Band Concert will begin with the exhibits at 6 p.m. Tuesday and the band concert at 8 p.m.

Several departments at school will display the students' projects from throughout the school year. These departments include art, vo-ag, woods, drafting and computer/video-tech.

The band concert will feature the jazz ensemble and the ensembles that went to state competition.

Seniors will receive special recognition and the winner of the John Philip Sousa Award will be announced.

Rummage, bake sale is tonight

The Norton Trinity Episcopal Church will have their annual rummage and bake sale beginning at 5 p.m. tonight. The rummage sale will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. tonight and again tomorrow from 8 a.m. to noon. The bake sale will only be held tomorrow beginning at 8 a.m. The church is located at 102 East Waverly, Norton.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly clear with lows in the lower 40s. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy with highs in the upper 70s. Light winds becoming east around 10 mph in the afternoon. **Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the lower 40s. Northeast winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 70s. North winds 10 to 15 mph. **Sunday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the mid 40s.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 49, High 76
Wednesday Low 44, High 65
Thursday Low 38, High 67
(Readings taken at the Fred and Carolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, help us to focus first on you so that our life may be rightly ordered. **Amen**

Hotdogs out, sundogs in

Norton students use the sun for picnic fare

By VERONICA MONIER

"Sundogs 'R' Us" could have been a slogan at Eisenhower Elementary last week as the sixth-grade students put together an impromptu picnic after learning about solar energy.

Sixth grade teacher Teresa Schulze said the sixth grade class was learning about alternative sources of energy, including using solar energy from the sun to cook.

She said they learned how to make solar cookers, using tinfoil and pizza boxes. Then, last week they got to try them out, cooking hotdogs and marshmallows to make smores.

Mrs. Schulze said they put the cookers outside in the morning to warm up and then put the food in them around noon to begin cooking. By 3 p.m., she said the hotdogs and marshmallows were ready to eat.

"I think the kids learned a lot about solar energy and how to make a solar cooker," she said. "A lot of them didn't believe that it would really work until they saw it first hand."

Mrs. Schulze said she thought the students were surprised by how well everything tasted once they got to eat it.



The sixth grade science classes at Eisenhower Elementary had their dogs and ate them too last week when a science project turned into a small picnic. Justin Waggoner and Anthony Wente (left photo), with the help of Kylie Nuzum and Tye Nickell (both not pictured)

set up their solar cooker. Once the cookers were warm, hotdogs and marshmallows were put in them to cook for about three hours. Once that was finished, students like Abby Bainter and Eric Becker (right photo) lined up to put the finishing touches on their sundogs.

— Telegram photos by Charlotte Stephenson

School board looking at appreciation

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School board is still hashing out what to do to show the district's staff that they are appreciated.

Board member Scott Ellis said he had contacted the Second Nature Band, which has openings in July and August. The band, he said, would cost \$2,500. The dance could be held in the junior high gym and would be held separate from the picnic for the district's employees and their families.

"I look at this kind of stuff as a family event," said Board member Elaine Lofgreen. "I don't know if a band is really something people want to take their kids to."

"I think the teachers appreciate more than this other stuff," Mrs. Lofgreen wanted to know why Mr. Ellis wanted to do this.

"It's the only idea that's been thrown out so far," Mr. Ellis said.

Mrs. Lofgreen thought the staff would appreciate raises more and that they were recognized several times throughout the

year. Board member Jennifer Terrell recommended they look at how much a disk-jockey would cost, before hiring a band.

Superintendent Greg Mann said there could be a few complications with having a dance. He said the school's gyms might not be free in July and August because of other programs already scheduled.

Also, he said, some families might not want to bring their kids to a dance, but may still feel obligated to come. Then, he said, they would have to find and hire a babysitter.

"I'm totally against the band," said Mrs. Lofgreen. "I don't think it's a good idea." Mr. Ellis said he thought it was something different that people could have a good time doing.

"At all of the dances we have each year for the students, they (teachers and staff) have to be on patrol and can't really enjoy themselves," he said. "This would be something for them that they might enjoy."

Mr. Mann said he's not a dancer, but the idea was new and out-of-the-box.

"The worst that could happen is no one will enjoy it," he said. "Then we never have to do it again. But, on the other hand, people might really enjoy themselves."

Mrs. Terrell said she thought, for this first year, they should check into getting a DJ, which is a lot less expensive. Then, if it is a success, they can look at getting a band next time.

The board decided to table the issue until the June 13 meeting with a 5-1 vote. Mrs. Lofgreen voted against the motion.

Mr. Mann said he would get prices for DJs.

In other business, the board: • Awarded an honorary Norton Community High School diploma to Kenny Leiker at the high school band concert Thursday.

• Held two closed sessions lasting a total of 35 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.

• Accepted the resignation of Lucas (Continued on Page 5)

Andbe Home has activities planned

National Nursing Home Week will be celebrated May 14 to May 20 at the Andbe Home with special activities that involve the residents, their families and the Norton community.

"Under The big Top" is the theme for the week's activities. Sunday marks the opening with a Mother's Day Tea at 2:30 p.m. in the activity room. A singing group, under the direction of Ronald Temple, will entertain and Ruth Simpson, daughter of Alpharetta Williamson, will whistle for guests. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

Monday will find Ron Marble cooking up a batch of sweet kettle corn at 2 p.m. for everyone.

Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., the Andbe Home staff has a "Fun Day" planned, complete with clown costumes, activities and more.

A family dinner party is on the schedule for Wednesday. Guests are asked to make reservations by calling 877-2601. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. in the activity room. Local circus acts, gymnasts and jugglers will perform. The menu includes an apple dip appetizer, country spare ribs, scalloped potatoes, green beans, rolls and strawberry shortcake. (Continued on Page 5)

Emergency services celebrating national week

The Norton County Emergency Medical Service will be busy next week, visiting schools, holding programs, and hosting an open house for National Emergency Medical Service week.

The week will begin with the service holding a program for the Northern Valley Grade School, beginning at noon.

On Tuesday, they will visit Sunshine Day Care in Norton. That will start at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday will be a big day, complete

with a helicopter landing at Eisenhower Elementary. The Eagle Med medical helicopter will land at the Norton school at 12:30 p.m. The students of Eisenhower will then get to look through the helicopter in small group tours.

The service will be holding its open house Thursday. Air Care, a medical flight unit, will land at the airport at 5:45 p.m. with the open house following from 6 to 8 p.m. The service will be barbecuing hotdogs. The public is welcome to

attend at no charge.

Friday will be the last day of activity with a mock-accident at the airport. Members of local law enforcement, the emergency medical service and the fire department will be participating and explaining what is happening to anyone who wants to come and watch.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help next week, call Ruth Schillig or Winter Kuehn at the ambulance building at 877-5784.