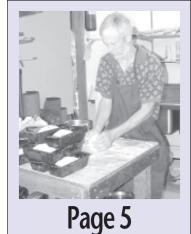


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**Friday** August 18, 2006

Norton, Kansas **Home of Mona Cochran** 

Briefly

#### Free screening set for Aug. 25

Eisenhower Elementary will be conducting a free Early Childhood Screeing on Friday, Aug. 25. Children between the ages of 3 and 5 are eligible. The appointments take about 45 minutes and will be scheduled starting at 8 a.m. Children will be tested in the developmental areas of: vision, hearing, speech, motor, behavior and/or reasoning. To schedule an appointment call Joan Hale at Eisenhower Elementary, 877-5113

#### 'M', 'N', 'O' tags due in August

Thursday, Aug. 31 is the last day to renew automobile, pickup, motorcycle and/or motorized bike tags for those whose last name begins with "M", "N" and "O", or businesses whose name begins with "M", "N" and "O".

You must bring in or include proof of insurance for each vehicle, which includes the vehicle identification number, policy number and expiration date.

If you have questions, please call

#### Jennings gets ready for firemen

Jennings is gearing up for their

annual Firemen's Fun Day scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 26. The theme of this year's parade is "Small Towns Pullin' Together". The planning committee invites anyone to bring a float, a group, or a pickup full of friends with a sign identifying your town, business or organization. There are no entry fees nor is there a preregistration. The parade line up is from noon until 12:30 p.m. Other activities besides the parade include a health fair, a cake walk, kolaches, kid's games, a horshoe tournament, a hog roast, an auction, and a street dance with a live band.

#### Weather

#### **Forecast:**

Tonight — Partly cloudy, breezy and mild. Chance of storms. Saturday – Clouds, some sun, cooler. Chance of showers and storms. **Sunday** — Partly cloudy and nice. Can't rule out a storm or two West. **Monday** — Partly cloudy

#### Kingham report:

Tuesday ...... Low 57, High 86 Wednesday .... Low 64, High 81, .50 Prec. Thursday ...... Low 66, High 97, .10 Prec. (Readings taken at the Fred and Karolyn Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)



Thank you, God, for the gift of life. Help us to begin each day with thanksgiving, assured that you will be with us and will guide us. Amen

## Finger lickin' good





Lions Club Past President Tom Brannan (left) licked off his fingers after eating some fried chicken at the annual Teachers Welcome Picnic Tuesday. The picnic is sponsored by the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Norton Lions Club and Norton Community Schools. As a member of the Lions Club, Joel Duscher (above) was enlisted to help serve the hungry crowd.

Telegram photos by Veronica Monier

### School district close to finalizing budget

#### By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School District is close to having its budget finalized for the 2006-07 school year.

Superintendent Greg Mann said they used last year's enrollment numbers to figure the budget. A new weighting has been added by the legislature called nonproficient at-risk. The weighting covers students who didn't meet proficient levels in the state math and reading assessments, but don't qualify for free lunches.

The base aid per pupil will be \$4,316, which is an increase from last year's

needed for program

The Kansas Bankers Soil Conservation

"We look forward to public nominations of the awards," said Keith VanSkike, Norton County Extension director.

"This Program is being sponsored by the agriculture committee of the Kansas Bankers Association, local banks and the

government agencies that cooperate with

the District Conservation office. We are

asking for nominations to be submitted by

The purpose of the program is to stimulate a greater interest in the conservation of the agricultural resources in Kansas by giving recognition to those farmers and landowners who have made outstanding progress in the establishment of soil and

water conservation on their farms. In-

cluded in the awards program are a soil

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Aug. 30.'

Awards Program is looking for people, who have done a good job of stewardship

Nominations

\$4,257 base aid per pupil.

He said the general fund will be almost \$5 million, which is an increase of just over \$235,000 from last year. However, he said, almost \$114,000 of that increase will go directly to special education, giving the district about \$121,000 more in usable dollars.

The supplemental general fund, or losaid, is an increase of 1 percent, or \$89,000, from last year. Because state aid

increased as well as there being a slight past several years due to increases in opincrease in valuation, the local option budget could generate \$65,000 more with no increase in local effort. In fact, Mr. Mann said, even with the proposed increase of \$89,000, the mill levy is projected to decrease by a little more than one

The big change, he said, is bringing cal option budget, will be 19.6 percent of back a capital outlay budget. The reason the general fund for \$964,000. This, he for this, he said, is they are getting concerned that the district will not have the ability to transfer money into capital outto the district's local option budget has lay from the general fund like it has for the

erating and special education expenses. He said the district has the authority to levy 4 mills, but is only requesting 2 mills. Of the \$46,000 the district is requesting, \$19,000 will come from the state.

"We're in a good situation right now state-aid-wise," he said.

The Norton School Board approved the budget for publication and set a budget hearing at 7:30 p.m. for Tuesday, Aug. 22. In other business, the board:

 Accepted the appreciation plaque (Continued on Page 5)

#### Feeding the masses...



Preparing barbecued beef and pork enjoyed by the hundreds of people who attended Saturday's New Almelo Bazaar were, from left, Curt Wahlmeier, Dan Wahlmeier and Cary Wahlmeier. These three young men were giving regulars Linda and Carl Wahlmeier and Cheryl and Tom Diederich a break. A complete story with more pictures will be printed in Tuesday's Norton Telegram. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd