By JAKE DURHAM

It was the night of the full moon plus two and the room was filling up fast as the faithful gathered for the December Pitch Tournament. The Girls from Lyle were playing a practice round as they announced they were in it for all the marbles. Bug Man and the Sod Buster asked for line eleven, the Knock game was in full swing, the Muddy River Boys were just playing it cool and the Grand Mothers were sharing leftovers from Turkey Day. The clock struck seven and the Brown Eyed Girl shouted, "begin to commence" and the games began at once. It was a land mark occasion as it was the final tournament of '06 and everyone wanted to be a winner before next year.

It was going to be a tough night as the pushers just wouldn't let up and you couldn't tell just who the pushers were. Barbie Doll and the Nurse took the honors on round one and to no one's surprise, declared it was Ladies Night once again. The Mama and the Papa took the honors on round two and also took the lead. The Car King on round eight, a break seemed had been up to it. They had been and his Lady took the honors on round three and it was hard to tell just who was in the lead as there was a three way tie at the top of the board. As round four got underway, a break was declared for the end of the round and as the score

The Muddy River Boys had taken mean disaster but for those needthe honors and the lead on round ing points, risks would have to be four and a further look at the board taken. The Hat Man and the Chef had the top five teams spaced out just one point a part down the line. Round five started on a more

serious note as there were those who definitely needed to make up for lost time. The Bug Man and the after round six, the lead changed once again. Hat Man and the Chef Hammer Man. had taken the honors but it was the Muddy River Boys, playing it be determined by the tenth and fisound round by round that were in the lead.

down on their luck, finally got in ding seemed cautious and deliberthe groove and took the honors on ate. As the score sheets were round seven and the score board showed a four-way tie at the top between the Solomon River Boys, Solomon River Boys took the hon-Bug Man and the Sod Buster, the ors on round ten and as the last Auto King and the Lady and the score was posted, the Bug Man Muddy River Boys. It definitely and The Sod Buster were still at the wasn't lonely at the top. As the top of the board. It had been a chalscore sheets were being handed in lenging evening but the champs like the right thing to do and as the there and done that before but they scores were posted, the Red Neck received their accolades with digand the Black Hat kid had taken the nity and honor and swore to return honors but the lead was in the to defend their title. hands of the Bug Man and The Sod Buster once again.

took the honors on round nine to make it a double but Bug Man and the Sod Buster were precariously in the lead by a margin of two points with the Hat Man and the Chef solidly in second. The Sod Buster broke into the lead as Muddy River Boys were in third they took the honors on round five followed by Team Double Z in but as the score sheets were tallied fourth place and rounding out the top five was the Auctioneer and

Once again the champion would nal round and as the cards were being shuffled, a quietness seemed The Golden Girls, seemingly to prevail over the room as the bidhanded in, the lead seemed to change with each posting. The

Top ten teams: 1. Jerry Darling and Lynn Thiele; 2. Todd and The crucial ninth round was Doyle Brooks; 3. Arnold and Dorsheets were turned in, everyone coming up and it was sweat time othy Zillinger; 3. J.D. Daffer and

and Stacy Breiner; 10 Barbara Tony Hildebrand, was 126 points for an average of points by Sheley 12.6 points per round.

Sheley and Bill Glennemeier, Bar- Glennemeier and McKie and

took time to assess the situation. once again. To falter now could Duane McEwen; 5. David Sheley bara McKie and Donna Millan, Millan. and Bill Glennemeier; 5. John Ron and Sondra Kester, Todd and Hildebrand and Coy Christy; 7. Doyle Brooks, Jerry Darling and Ron and Sondra Kester; 8. June Lynn Thiele, Eleanor Jensen and Jim Voss, Norman Walter and Jolly and Wava Reames; 9. Jason Joyce Sumner, Larry Harman and Marshall Henderson, Dee and McKee and Donna Millan. Win- Hildebrand and Coy Christy. ning score by Darling and Thiele Highest single round score was 23 and Glennemeier. Double high round High round scorers were Dave scorers were by Sheley and

Teams not previously mentioned were: Ed Glennemeier and John Thelma Bushnell, Myron Veh and Mary Jane Wahlmeier, Fig Millan and Dan Hazlett, Janette Grotthof and Cyrena Kester, Dan and Jennifer Porter, John and Jennifer Atkins, Austin Brooks and Jake Durham.



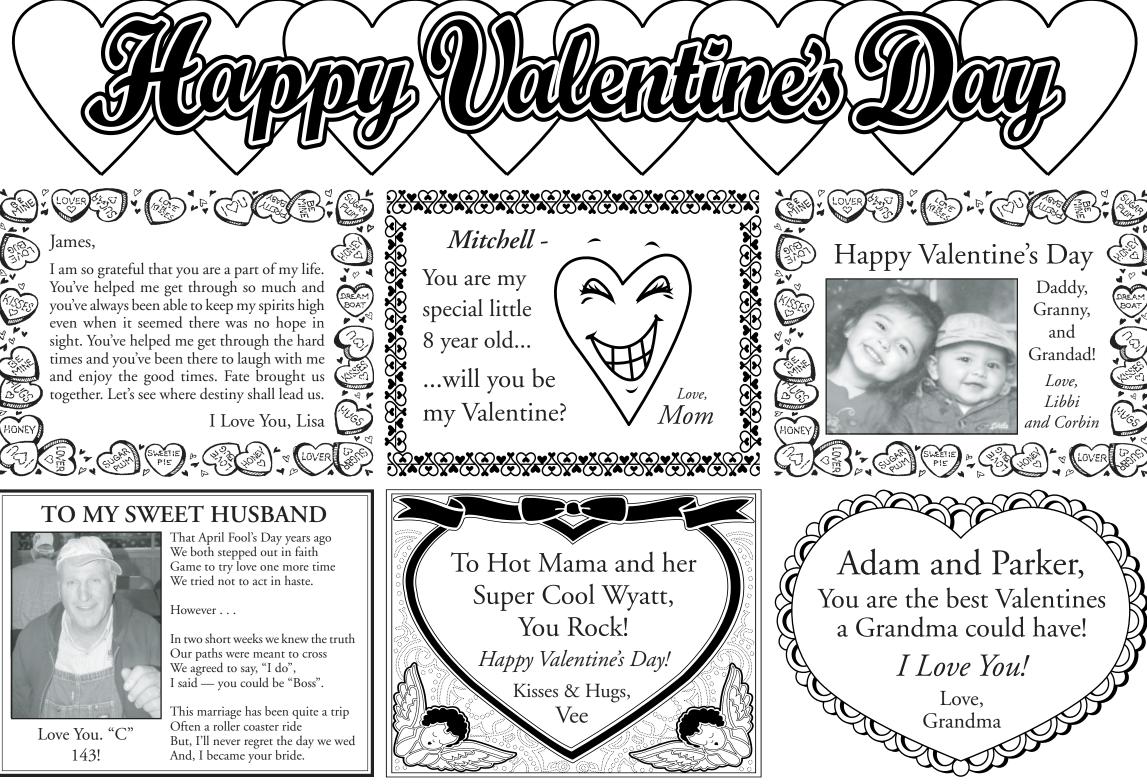
Norton will compete in Class 3-2-1A Regional Tournament, 2 p.m., Friday; 11 a.m., Saturday in the Norton Community High School Stull Gymnasium in Norton

BASKETBALL:

Norton Varsity, Junior Varsity vs. Hoxie (There)6;30 p.m., Today Norton Varsity, Junior Varsity vs. Ellis (Here)5 p.m., JV Boys, Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym; 5:30 p.m., JV Girls, Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys, NCHS Stull Gym, Thursday

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NCHS Stull Gymnasium, Monday	
Norton Varsity, Junior Varsity vs. Colby (There)	6;30 p.m., Tuesday
Northern Valley vs. Victoria (in Almena)	
Northern Valley vs. Western Plains (in Ransom)	4:30 p.m., Friday
Northern Valley in Regionals	February 19-24 TBA
Logan vs. Palco (in Logan)	4 p.m., Today
Logan vs. Eastern Heights (in Logan)	4 p.m., Friday
Logan in Regionals	Feb. 19-24 TBA



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Thank you

for being

a part of

my life.

I Love You!



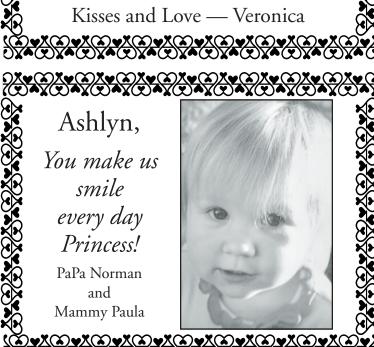
Daddy, I Love You! entines

Jayden, Jace, and Jill

Valentine's Day to the best Valentines in the world. We love and adore you all. Hugs and Kisses Grandma Linda and Grandpa Pat

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Lisa, You are the best Valentine's any person could ever hope for. I can only hope you and I spend many more together



Kelly —

Ya wanna

hear my funny

for today?

Нарру

Valentine's Day