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Briefly

Pancakes ring in the Lenten season

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.

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.

Lions gathering calendar dates

Norton Lions Club members are getting ready to conduct their annual calendar sales. Sales begin Feb. 19 and will wrap up March 14. This year's calendar will feature a group from Norton Community High School. To order your calendar, contact any Lions Club member. For more information, call club president Sue Urban at 877-5535.

Kids jumping to fight heart disease

Third through sixth grade students at Eisenhower Elementary School are jumping at the chance to fight heart disease. They are seeking donations to raise money for research and educational programs.

Jump for Heart is co-sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

For more information, contact Joan Bolt, the physical education teacher at Eisenhower, 877-2122.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly cloudy and not as cold. Patchy blowing snow in the evening. **Saturday** — Mostly sunny and breezy with highs in the lower 40s. **Saturday Night** — Mostly clear with lows around 20. **Sunday** — Sunny with highs in the mid 40s.

Kingham report:

Tuesday Low 7, High 14
Wednesday Low -4, High 10, 1" Snow
Thursday Low -7, High 11

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Heavenly Father, help us to remember that we face spiritual battles each day and that nothing we do is more important than clothing ourselves with your word. **Amen**



Excited about giving and receiving special Valentine's Day cards and candies, (right) Garrett Esslinger, left, and Seth Nielsen in Gail Roy's kindergarten class made sure each of their classmates got the right Valentine. Samantha Knoll, (above) checked out all the Valentines she received in her "mail box". — Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

School board chooses new projects

By VERONICA MONIER

The Norton School District picked six new capital outlay projects to do this year.

Superintendent Greg Mann said 12 projects were ranked separately by both the board and the administrative team and then totaled together in a final ranking. The top six projects were all in the top six in each of the three rankings.

Making the top six were:

- Replace the Hustler lawn mower with a small tractor at an estimated cost of \$35,000;
- Upgrade the sound system in the Stull Gymnasium;
- Upgrade the surveillance cameras;
- Buy new wrestling mats;
- Upgrade the sound system in the East Campus Auditorium; and
- Replace \$50,000 to \$70,000 worth

of concrete.

These projects, he said, would put the board in the \$125,000 to \$150,000 range that it wanted to spend on capital outlay projects.

Board member Jennifer Terrell recommended that the sound system from Stull Gym be put in the auditorium.

The board approved the six projects and directed Mr. Mann to prepare and distribute bid specifications. They also gave him the authority to complete the sound system upgrades without further board approval if the cost is less than \$20,000 for each area to be upgraded.

In other business, the board:

- Learned that Eisenhower Elementary received five awards at the 2006 Challenge Awards Presentation in Salina. Board member Scott Ellis, who went to the presentation, said he would like to see

the same number of teachers go to the ceremony as the number of awards being received.

• Held three closed sessions lasting a total of 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.

• Confirmed that Deyton Hager would not coach cross country for the 2007-08 season.

• Accepted the resignation of Marilyn Colip as the high school/junior high assistant cook for the purpose of retirement, effective Feb. 16.

• Hired Keith Hauser as the high school golf assistant coach.

• Extended the contracts of high school Principal Rudy Perez, junior high Principal Larry Mills, and elementary school Principal Corey Roy through the 2008-09 school year with salary and benefits to be determined later.

Policy gives protection in case of lawsuit

By VERONICA MONIER

A new board policy will protect the Norton School District if it ever gets sued, but details still need to be worked out.

Superintendent Greg Mann told the school board Monday that Rule 34 of the Federal Rules for Civic Procedures went into effect on Dec. 1 and basically says that all electronic information must be stored for designated periods of time and reproduced if requested in a lawsuit.

Technology Director Keith Hauser said now all electronic communications on the district's computers — emails, instant messages, etc. — whether personal or professional, have to be saved. If they are thrown away, it can be considered electronic shredding, especially if the district is involved in a lawsuit.

Mr. Mann said the question is how long does it need to be stored for and where the district is going to store it at.

Mr. Hauser said Nex-Tech is working on a better way to store electronic information. Right now, a log is kept of what goes where, but the actual information in the message or email isn't saved.

Mr. Mann said the state is mandating that everyone, including private and public business, who uses electronic communications has to have a policy in place. By adopting the policy saying that once a lawsuit is filed, nothing will be thrown away, the district is protecting itself and meeting the requirements of the mandate. Adopting the policy gives the district a little more time to figure out where it is going to store its electronic communications.

Mr. Hauser said the district can store (Continued on Page 5)

Woman picks her way to top of pigskin pile

By DICK BOYD

Judges have completed their tabulations of hundreds of entries and Mary Ann Hager, Norton, has emerged as the winner of the 37th annual Pigskin Pick-Em Contest in *The Norton Telegram*.

Three winners each week received a total of \$30 in scrip money but Hager, the season champion, will receive \$50 in scrip money in addition to a trophy with her name engraved on it.

Hager won the contest with 105 correct picks of college and high school games. That's an average of almost 9 correct out of a possible 11 each week.

Giving Hager a run for her money was Mike Hammond, Long Island, known to some as "Iron Mike". He totaled 102 correct choices of game winners.

Tied for third place with 101 wins were Sandy Husted and Travis Ray, both from Norton.

There was a three-way tie for fifth place between Frank Kaiser, LeeRoy Schuckman and Barbara Springer, each with 100 victories.

Tying for eighth place with 99 wins were Craig Foley, the defending champion, and Amanda Ray.

Virginia Carlton and Clint Lowry tied for 10th place with 98 each.

The other top placers were: Paula Stutterheim, 97; Chris Foley, Jeris Norman, 96 each; Bob Moore, Doug Ray, Brian Thompson, Travis Vallin, 95 each; Marj Allen, Andy Moore, David Riemann, Evelyn Springer, Jim Springer, Deb Thiele, Dwight Vallin, 94 each; Aaron McDowell, Nancy Moore, Nathan Morse, 93 each; Craig Heskett, Debora Heskett, Lacy Keilig, Bradley Killian, 92 each;

Kristy Keilig, Kerri Ray, 91 each; Douglas Daniels, Tom Davis, Jared Foley, Kelly Hill, Sady Keilig, Rod Maddy, Lexie McDowell, Dalton Smith, Emily

Vallin, 90 each; Mark Keilig, Lynn Nelson, Randy Springer, Jennifer Terrell, Roland Washburn, 89 each; Dalton Miller, Lawrence Wiseman, 88 each; Luke Keilig, Rosalie Schulze, 87 each; Charlotte Stephenson, Wilma Wiseman, 85 each; Rick Green, Erin Hill, Jo Holmes, 83 each; Marilyn Lowry, Brody McDowell, 82 each; Jerry Lauren, 79; Bob Covington, 77; Ryan Maddy, 76; Misty Nuzum, 74; Chris Pinzenscham, 71; Denise Bailey, 68; Gail Bailey, 67.

Many thanks to all the fans who enjoyed entering the 2006 contest and many thanks to the following sponsors: Rural Telephone Service Co., Inc.; Norton Shop and Save; Kellie's; Long Island Grain, Bank, Insurance; Moffet Drug; Almena State Bank; Jamboree Foods; Western Distributing, Inc.; Pizza Hut/Taco Bell; United Northwest Federal Credit Union and *The Norton Telegram*.

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