

Three little monkeys



Miles Harrington, Taryn Kuhn and Lane Gruwell acted like three little monkeys on the playground at Eisenhower Elementary during recess Thursday afternoon. The day was warm enough that most of the students played without their coats.

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

Farm Service Agency holding election

The Norton County Farm Service Agency County Committee elections will be held by mail ballot for Local Administrative Area 2. Only producers who live in or own land in that administrative area will be voting.

The ballots are due in the agency office or must be post-marked by Dec. 1. The position to be filled is currently held by Ivan Kingham. Mr. Kingham is eligible for re-election. The term

will begin Jan. 1, 2009 and will be for a three-year period.

Candidates for the election are Melinda Harting, Ivan Kingham and Linda Esslinger. Those voting in the administrative area are reminded of the following:

- Voter must sign the certification on the ballot envelope before returning to the office.
- A power of attorney may NOT be used to vote in the election.

• Ballots must be returned to the office or post-marked by Dec. 1, 2008.

• Voter can only vote for one candidate.

Producers in the administrative area are encouraged to take an active role in the upcoming election and vote for the candidate of their choice. Remember the committee represents you, according to the Farm Service Agency office.

Farm Bureau honored for services

The farmers and ranchers of the Norton County Farm Bureau have been honored with Kansas Farm Bureau's *Outstanding Award* and an *Award for Excellence* for member services. The county Farm Bureau organization was recognized Nov. 8 at Kansas Farm Bureau's 90th annual meeting in Manhattan.

The Outstanding Award is earned by demonstrating the best overall entry in five program areas — member services, leadership development, policy implementation, agriculture education and public relations.

The member services award is part of the Kansas Farm Bureau Awards for Excellence, designed to recognize volunteer farmer/rancher commitment

to agriculture and rural communities. Member services exemplifies a county's dedication through member-benefits, retention of members, recruitment opportunities and events for those involved with Kansas Farm Bureau.

"The hard work undertaken by the Norton County Farm Bureau lies at the heart of our efforts to advocate for agriculture and our rural communities," said Steve Baccus, an Ottawa County grain producer who serves as president of Kansas Farm Bureau. "This award is reflective of the talent, dedication and passion that volunteer Farm Bureau members feel for an industry that is more than just a business — it's a way of life worth

preserving."

The Awards for Excellence recognize county Farm Bureau organizations for outstanding achievements in developing and implementing efforts that advocate for agriculture and meet their members' needs. The Awards for Excellence also offer a method for county Farm Bureaus to work together to share creative and innovative ideas.

County Farm Bureau organizations compete in a membership category of similar-sized county organizations.

Kansas Farm Bureau represents grassroots agriculture. Established in 1919, this non-profit advocacy organization supports farm families who earn their living in a changing industry.

School menus

Monday, Nov. 17

Northern Valley — Breakfast — Breakfast casserole, pear slices, cold cereal and milk — Lunch — Pizza roll, tossed salad with dressing, California veggie blend, yellow cake with frosting and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — English muffin sandwich, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Chili frito, garden salad, bread with margarine, fruit, or chef salad, and milk

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — blueberry muffin, peaches, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, grape juice and milk — Lunch — Western bean bake, cheese stick, corn, jell-o with pears, cornbread and milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

Northern Valley — Breakfast — Apple Muffin, scrambled

eggs, hash browns, cold cereal and milk — Lunch — Chicken enchilada, tossed salad with dressing, buttered corn, spice cake and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Scrambled eggs, hash brown patty, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots, fruit, bread with margarine or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Applesauce muffins, peaches, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, grape juice and milk — Lunch — Lasagna, tossed salad, peaches, garlic bread and milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

Northern Valley — Breakfast — Waffles with syrup, scrambled eggs, mandarin oranges, cold cereal and milk — Lunch — Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, yams, gravy,

relishes, salads, green beans, whole wheat roll and pumpkin dessert.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Breakfast burrito, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Ham and cheese roll-up, coked carrots, cottage cheese salad, fruit, or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Golden waffles, warm maple syrup, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, apple juice and milk — Lunch — Cavatini, tossed salad, mandarin oranges, garlic bread and milk.

Board tables baseball proposal

By BRANDY LEROUX
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Rich Miller, Joe Durham, Louis Keiswetter, Lamont Shirk, Dr. Robert Peterson, Rick Green and Don Ryan met with the Norton School District Board of Education to discuss putting together a high school baseball and softball program.

Mr. Miller was given 10 minutes to present his findings on other area schools that have baseball and softball programs. After his 10 minutes were up, the board (with board vice-president Jeff Nielsen voting no) tabled the discussion until the December meeting. There has been a push for a couple of years now to bring both baseball and softball into the school's athletic program.

Superintendent Greg Mann said the second restitution check for the football field damage had been received. The check was for the amount of \$845.91.

The Leadership Norton class met in the board room on Wednesday for lunch and invited the board members to join them. Board member Mark Keilig is in the Leadership Norton class, and board member Nielsen volunteered to attend.

A consultant from Educational Services and Staff Development Association of Central Kansas has been hired to work with the staff on strategies for state assessments

during the January In-service. Utilities and fuel costs continued to be lower than last year at this time but are expected to start increasing. Eisenhower Elementary 5th and 6th grades are being recognized for state assessment reading results. Permission had been given to have play practice on Wednesday night. Mr. Mann said the state funding is not looking good and they need to be prepared for cuts to the school budgets.

Mirla Coleman, Social Studies curriculum representative, gave a presentation regarding the teaching of financial literacy in the Norton schools which she made last May to the Kansas State Board of Education.

Jim Jackson, transportation director, was present for the discussion of purchasing a new handicap bus. Superintendent Mann recommended to the board that a bus not be purchased at this time. The board voted to reject all bids.

The board went into executive meeting and returned to open meeting at 8:10 p.m.

The board went into executive meeting again and returned to open meeting at 8:20 p.m.

The board went into executive meeting again and returned to open meeting at 8:30 p.m.

No action was taken after the

board returned to open meeting.

Keith Hauser, technology curriculum representative, gave a demonstration to the board on how to have interactive white boards in each classroom for significant savings over purchasing the boards. Using a laptop, an infrared pen, a Nintendo Wii remote and a ceiling-mounted projector, a white board can be used in the same way as a touch-screen computer. Teachers will be able to do anything on the white board that can be done on a computer or laptop, with the entire class being able to view what's being done. Several school systems have already developed programs for interactive white boards for free use.

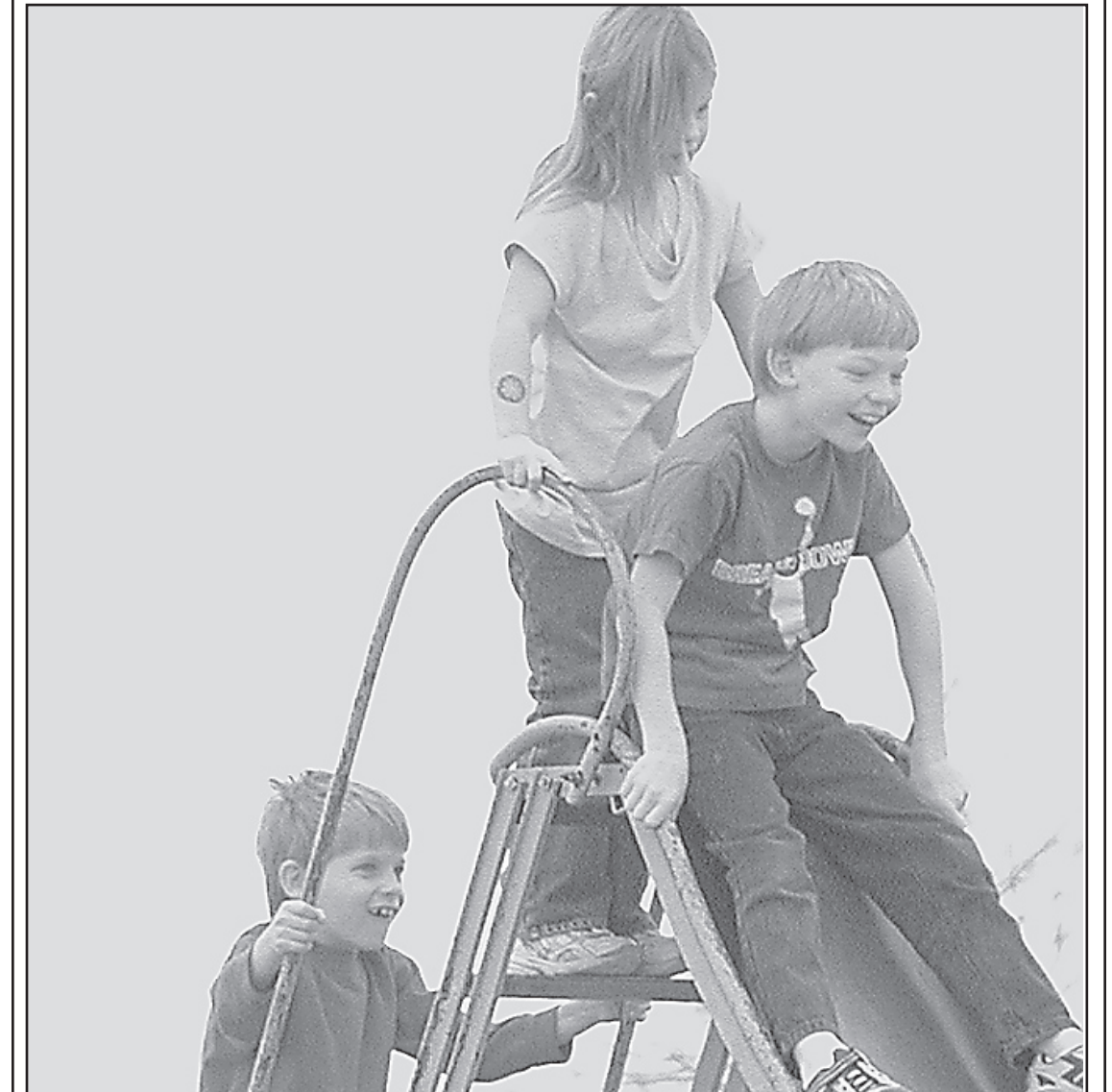
The board went into executive session and returned to open meeting at 8:48 p.m., and then went into executive session again and returned to open meeting at 9:03 p.m.

The board approved payment to Kim Kasson of the enhanced rate of pay retroactive to the beginning date of her substituting for Mrs. Scott.

The board approved the Professional Development points as approved by the Professional Development Council at their Oct. 27 meeting.

No other business came before the board, and the meeting was adjourned.

Waiting for a turn



Ryan Lively climbed up the slide while Kasadie Brennfoerder waited until Brady Sumner went down the slide during recess at Eisenhower Elementary Thursday afternoon.

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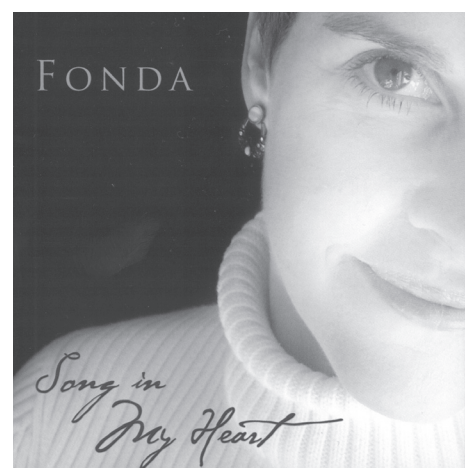
Almena PRIDE to host supper

The Almena Community PRIDE and Junior PRIDE are serving a pancake and sausage supper on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Almena Community Center. Free will donations will be accepted. Proceeds will be used for cupboards in the new community building and library.

To all who voted, Thank-you for making the effort to choose our leaders.
May God help those elected meet the challenges which lie ahead.
Bob Strevey

Contemporary Christian Singer and Songwriter
Fonda Telthorst
in Concert
Saturday, November 22
7:00 p.m. at the
Norton Christian Church

Fonda, a Norton native, began her music career at age four singing in her hometown church. She graduated from Norton Community High and Washburn University after earning several music scholarships. She currently lives in Kansas City where she leads contemporary Christian worship at churches, women's conferences, and other ministries wherever God calls her. Fonda writes and sings songs that come from personal experiences, others' stories, and from scripture. There is an authentic passion and a sense of peace in Fonda's singing. Her music conveys God's message of hope, healing, joy, and love. She has released *Your Name*, a CD single, *Song In My Heart*, a collection of mostly original work, and *Sing Hymn Praises*, a joint production with producer/musician Luiz Orsano of Healing Audio Studios.



Free Will Offering
Fonda's music is available by contacting her at fondasings@yahoo.com. You may also visit her website at fondasings.com

Mittens for Kittens Pets Photo Contest

Prizes for the Cutest, Ugliest, Scariest and Funniest!

Bring your photos to Twice Sold Treasures or Norton Animal Health Clinic by Nov. 24, 2008

Contact: Michelle Armbrister, 785-877-5451

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