

Mr. NCHS



Zac Dreher, right, won first place in the Mr. NCHS competition on Sunday afternoon. Zac will get bragging rights, a free tuxedo rental from Hall's Clothing and a crown. Brad Nuzum, above, showed off his posing abilities and won second place, receiving a discounted tuxedo rental from Hall's Clothing. Jacob VanSike, standing below, was offered flowers by Brock Lauer, won third place and a discounted tuxedo rental from Hall's Clothing.

- Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux



Valentine's Day brings back memories

"Don't forget to bring your valentine boxes to school with you tomorrow," Miss Sebelius says, "and a valentine for every child in the class." Last year when I was in first grade the teacher made a big decorated box for valentines but this year I am in second grade and things are lots harder. We have arithmetic homework every night. And now we have to make our own valentine box. I guess every year everything just gets harder and harder.

Mama helped me find a good box and I worked on it all last Saturday. It's a round Quaker Oats box so I had to glue red construction paper around it to cover up that funny-looking man. Then Mama showed me how to fold paper and cut a heart so I cut lots of different sizes out of gold Christmas wrapping paper from the scrap box and glued them on along with some lace off an old blouse out of the rag bag.

Last year some mean boys gave me elephant valentines. I know I'm short and round but no one ever told me I was fat until I had to go to school with mean boys. They make me cry and Mama says that's what they want, so just don't cry. I wish I could learn how not to cry. Once I got mad and tackled one of them and took him down and sat on him. He never bothered me again but the teacher scolded me for unladylike behavior. I hope

Child of the 40s Liza Deines



I don't get elephant cards again this year.

My sister Ann sent me a package of special valentines she bought for me in Salina. Every card has a real lollipop sucker on a big red heart with cute little puppies or kittens. No elephants. I really don't want to give valentines to those mean boys but I guess I have to so I have twenty-six all addressed and ready.

When I get to school on Valentine's Day there are already a lot of boxes on the window sills and some of them are very fancy. Mine is okay but I can see right away it won't win the prize for the best box. Christine's box is just beautiful, pink and shiny with lace and flowers all over it. Why didn't I think of flowers? Gene made a little car out of a tissue box with cardboard wheels held on with thumb tacks and one of the farm boys made a brown box into a barn that has cows drawn on it in crayon.

Even if it is an extra special day we still have to do our schoolwork. Miss Sebelius calls roll, we have the flag salute and the prayer and

then get right down to arithmetic. Adding and subtracting are easy but multiplication is hard. Mama drills me every morning with flash cards while she braids my hair but I don't think I'll ever get the nines. Science is fun and so is geography but I'm not good at art and even though I try to sing, the music teacher just shakes her head and sighs. Too bad school isn't just reading and writing 'cause I'm good at those.

Finally at three o'clock Gwen's mother and Sharon Ann's mother arrive with red Kool-aid and pink frosted cupcakes. Every cupcake has a heart-shaped chocolate on top! Wow! The class votes for the best box and sure enough, Christine wins. We open our boxes and read valentines while the mothers pass around party food on pink heart napkins. Everyone likes my lollipop cards and I am happy to find only one elephant card, from Richard, of course. But one boy gave me a valentine that showed a little girl in pigtailed. He wrote my name on her dress and drew a little heart. Maybe there are some nice boys.

Home to show Mama my valentines, tummy full of goodies and my pink napkin saved for the scrap box. I guess today wasn't so hard after all. Maybe everything will get better every year in spite of multiplication and music. Oh, I hope so.

Fund raiser for Norton Rotary scheduled

The Norton Rotary Club is getting ready for its annual "Rotary Radio Day," which is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 22. This is one of the club's biggest fund raisers every year, and this is their 5th year for the event.

You may be called or visited by a local Rotarian in the next two weeks asking if you would like to buy a spot that can either be used for advertising or congratulatory ads for Rotary. These advertise-

ments will be read by your local Rotary members, which can make for interesting and entertaining radio.

Every year the generous support of Norton County businesses, help make the event a big success and the community better.



Sweetheart Special
Saturday, February 14
AT THE
Cardinal Bar & Grill
NORCATUR, KANSAS

2 SMALL PRIME RIB DINNERS
FOR \$25.00
Serving from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

STAY FOR KARAOKE BY ROSE
FROM 8:00 PM. - MIDNIGHT

Top three conservation essays

By JONATHAN WHITE
1st Place

Conservation Essay Winner

Did you ever stop and think about the number of paper towels a person uses in one day, especially in a school setting? One day in our science class, we discussed the amount of paper towels that are used everyday. If each student uses the minimum of two paper towels a day, and uses the restroom at least three times a

day, that adds up to 6 paper towels a day, per person. If you multiply that by 350 students that attend our school, that comes out to be at least 2100 paper towels.

If a person stops and thinks about where those paper towels originally came from, they realize how many trees have been cut down to provide us not only paper towels, but many other paper goods we use everyday. Trees serve many purposes, including

adding beauty to our earth, providing oxygen to all living things, and holding the soil in place.

We need to preserve and protect our trees. One way to do that is to plant a new tree where the old tree was cut down, or better yet, use recycled paper so that we don't have to cut down any more trees.

Together we can make a difference-even if it is only paper towels.

By CHANDLER SUMNER
2nd Place

Conservation Essay Winner

What can you do to save our water? We have only one life span, and one earth. Let's do our part and save the water.

Water conservation begins at home. Let's begin with the bathroom. When bathing, fill the tub only partly full, or take shorter showers. If you are washing your hands, scrub your hands with soap, then turn on the water. Check your bathroom for leaky

faucets. Turn off the water when brushing your teeth. Even men can save water, by turning off the water while shaving. It's really that easy!

Moving on to the kitchen, turn off the water while washing vegetables. Keep cold water in the refrigerator to drink, rather than waiting for cold water from the faucet.

You can conserve water outside, as well as inside. Drive your car on the lawn to wash it. Put mulch around plants to hold

in water and to shade the ground. Water flowers, plants, and lawns during the coolest part of the days.

Polluting water can also be a problem. Pollution is harmful to not only plants, but animals and humans too. Think before you pour contaminants down the drain or a place where they can runoff into lakes or streams.

Conserving water is really easy if you give it a try. Let's keep our earth and world a clean place with a plentiful supply of water.

By ANDREW BASHFORD
3rd Place

Conservation Essay Winner

If you want to conserve water, here are some important things you need to hear about. If you think water will always be there, you're wrong. Water won't always be there because we use over

7,300 gallons of water everyday. Some of these uses include swimming, drinking, showering and so many other things.

What can we do to conserve water? There are many ways to conserve water. It's just simple things like taking shorter showers, or even turning off the water

when you are not using it. Even fixing leaky faucets can save up to 500 gallons of water a year. That's a lot.

It's our job to conserve our precious resource-water. Do your part and conserve the water-because it won't always be there, unless you start to conserve it!

School menus

Thursday, Feb. 12

Northern Valley — Breakfast — Blueberry muffin, scrambled eggs, applesauce, or cereal, and milk — Lunch — Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, cherry crisp and milk.

Norton Jr./Sr. High — Breakfast — Pancake and sausage on a stick with syrup, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — Lunch — Spaghetti with shredded cheese, garden salad, bread with margarine, fruit, chocolate cake, or chef salad, and milk.

Eisenhower Elementary — Breakfast — Sausage patty with biscuit, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, apple juice and milk — Lunch — Macaroni and cheese, little smokies, mixed veggies, rosy applesauce, french bread and milk.

Friday, Feb. 13

Northern Valley — Breakfast — Donuts, hashbrowns, sausage link, or cereal, and milk — Lunch — Nachos with ground beef, tossed salad with dressing, buttered green beans, fruity jell-o and milk.

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Special Valentine's Day Menu

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

APPETIZERS:

- ♥Jalepeno Poppers ♥Portabella Mushrooms
- ♥Cheese Sticks ♥Calamari ♥Shrimp Cocktail

ENTREES:

- ♥Prime Rib — Small and Large Cut
- ♥Crab Stuffed Chicken
- ♥Fried Shrimp ♥Crab Legs
- ♥Small Lobster Tail ♥Chicken Cordon Bleu

KID'S MENU:

- ♥1/4# Cheeseburger
- ♥(2) Piece Chicken Strip with Fries

DESSERTS:

- ♥Assorted Pies ♥Cheesecake

Anthony and the Animals
will be playing from 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

We Have Gift Certificates for All Occasions

402 S. State, Norton, KS
PH 785-874-4384

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Starting at 9:00 a.m.

at the Town and Country Kitchen NORTON, KANSAS

There will be a meeting with Senator Ostmeyer and Representative Faber to answer your questions on the prison, school, and general state budget funds

NORTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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