

Tuesday
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Norton, Kansas
Home of David Davis

Briefly

District honoring five employees

The Norton school district will honor five employees who are retiring at the end of the school year. A reception will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the East Campus auditorium to honor: Susan Anthony, an inter-related teacher at the junior high for 29 years of service; Marilyn Colip an assistant cook at the junior/senior high school for 10 years; Dale Goss, a school bus driver for 31 years; Phil Morel an elementary teacher for 29 years; and Chuck Zimmerman, a junior high social studies teacher for nine years.

These five retirees represent a total of 108 years of service to the students of Norton schools. Following the recognition program, there will be light refreshments served in the gymnasium and the opportunity to wish the retirees well.

'E', 'F', 'G' tags due May 31

The deadline for businesses or persons whose last name begins with "E", "F" or "G" to renew automobile, light trucks, motorcycles and motorized bike tags is Thursday, May 31. When renewing your vehicles, remember to include your current proof of insurance for all vehicles. The vehicle identification number, policy number and current expiration date need to be verified. Computers are shut off at 4:30 p.m. daily for balancing.

The Treasurer's office will be closed on Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day.

Driver license renewals can be processed Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please bring along your social security card or something that has your social security number on for verification.

As a reminder, we can only renew regular driver licenses and issue ID cards. All commercial licenses have to be renewed at a full service office: those are Phillipsburg, Hays and Colby. The office hours are Tuesday through Friday.

If you have questions, please call the treasurer's office at (785) 877-5795.

Weather

Forecast:

Tonight — Showers and thunderstorms likely. **Wednesday** — A slight chance of showers before 1 p.m. Partly cloudy with a high near 68. **Wednesday Night** — Partly cloudy with a low around 44. **Thursday** — Mostly sunny with a high near 71.

Kingham report:

Friday Low 50, High 80
Saturday Low 51, High 83
Sunday Low 54, High 85
Monday Low 61, High 84
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Lord Jesus, teach us to pray. Show us how to be alone with you, and help us be receptive to your voice when you speak. **Amén**

Pie in the Eye



Principal takes six for education

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
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Not once, not twice, but six times Corey Roy, principal at Eisenhower Elementary, took a creme pie in the face for the sake of education.

At the beginning of the school year, Mr. Roy challenged the students, first through sixth grade, to participate in the accelerated reading program. He told the students if the whole school reached its goal of 28,000 points, he would let the top readers from each class put a pie in his face.

Monday afternoon it was time for Mr. Roy to keep his end of the bargain. Decked out in his accelerated reading T-shirt, blue jeans and old shoes, Mr. Roy put himself at the mercy of the pie throwers.

Jace Ruder, top reader in the first grade, was the first in line. Next was Levi Kendell from the second grade, followed by Loren Mordecai from the third.

Representing the fourth grade was Tyler Kuhn followed by fifth grader Bailey Ambrosier. Wyatt Wentz from the sixth grade rounded out the line-up of pie throwers.

Lynn Hehn, director of the accelerated reading program.
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Eisenhower Elementary School principal, Corey Roy, took a "pie in the eye" for the sake of learning. Second grader, Levi Kendell, accumulated the most points for his grade in this year's accelerated reading program. That earned him the privilege of putting a creme pie in Mr. Roy's face.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Without coaches, there can be no tennis

By VERONICA MONIER
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If a coach isn't found soon, the Norton Community High School girls' tennis program will be cut.

Ashley Maybon, who will be a senior next year, told the Norton School Board at its last meeting that she was there to support the tennis program. She said she would be the only four-year tennis player on the team next year and she didn't want to see the activity cut.

Miss Maybon said tennis was important because, for a lot of girls, it's the only sport they play.

"With Mr. (Rudy) Perez pushing being

active, you can't take it away," she said. "It's a lifelong sport. Two seniors from this year's team received college scholarships."

Tabitha Vincent, who will also be a senior next year, said she will be a second year member on the tennis team and she greatly appreciated being allowed to play tennis.

Kyra Fulton, who will be a freshman, said she has never played tennis, but would like to be given the opportunity to play.

Nan Smith, Ashley's mother, said her daughter is very active in school and tennis is her sport, her passion. She said she

would like her daughter to be able to play now and throughout her life.

Board member Elaine Lofgreen said their main problem was that they have no tennis coaches right now.

"That is the only problem?" asked Mrs. Smith.

Superintendent Greg Mann said the courts aren't in great shape, but are still better than they were two years ago. The problem, he said, is they have no coaches.

The board set June 30 as the deadline for the program. If there are no coaches hired by then, the program will be discontinued.

In other business, the board:

- Heard from Mr. Mann that the kindergarten screening had 49 children participate, 48 of whom will be going to kindergarten next year. Eisenhower Principal Corey Roy said of the 48, only two students' parents opted for the half-day kindergarten. One will probably change to all day, every day kindergarten.

- Heard a presentation on the Junior High Site Council from Janelle Morel and on the High School Site Council from Mike Volgamore.

- Heard a presentation on applied technology from Keith Hauser, applied technology curriculum chair, and Erin Man-
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Hospital waits on lower level renovation

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The Norton County Hospital Board is putting the lower level renovation project on hold for a while.

Hospital Administrator Rich Miller told the board at its last meeting that four companies had expressed interest in bidding for the job, but only one did. Rhoads Construction, Goodland, bid the project at \$527,000.

Mr. Miller said the architect's estimate was \$395,000, and that was on the high side. He recommended the board reject the bid and maybe look at bidding it again this fall, making it a winter project.

If they do that and could find the money to renovate the surgery and Colby Community College areas, they should possibly look at combining the project.

"We may have better luck if we have a

bigger project," he said.

Board member Warren White said it would probably be best if they back off for now and reject the bid.

Mr. Miller said Murray Company gave them a \$1.6 million bid for both the lower level and surgery/college area. But, he said, it's possible that that bid has gone up with rising costs.

Board member Von Fahrenbruch asked where surgery would fit in as far as personnel was concerned.

He said he thinks it will take a renovation to get a surgeon to come after Dr. Ruben Silan retires.

The board rejected the bid. Board member Dr. R.A. Peterson asked if they could rebid the project both ways, with the surgery/college area and without it.

Mr. Fahrenbruch said they could.

Mr. Miller said the architect would need to start working on specifications for the surgery/college area soon.

Board member Jennie Goldsby asked that they get a cost estimate from the architect on what the renovation of the surgery/college area would cost.

In other business, the board:
• Heard in April the hospital had 395 patient days; 72 admissions; 7 births; 26 surgeries; 3,788 out-patient procedures; 1,095 Doctor's Clinic visits; and 859 in-patient procedures.

- Met with John Harris, the hospital's accountant with BKD of Wichita, about the 2008 preliminary budget. Mr. Miller asked the board to review the budget and let him know if they see anything they want changed.

- Accepted the bad debt report and sent
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Safety campaign can lead to tickets, fines

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Don't say you weren't warned. The Kansas Department of Transportation told *The Norton Telegram* Thursday that from May 21 through June 3, Kansas is taking part in an aggressive national "Click It. Or Ticket" safety campaign and enforcement blitz for seat belt laws.

The action, said Deb Miller, Transportation Secretary, is to crack down on law seat belt use and to reduce highway fatalities.
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