

Everyone was having a good time Friday as the Norton Blue Jays celebrated Homecoming with a parade and pep rally
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Tuesday
October 5, 2004

Norton, Kansas
Home of Joe McFarland

Briefly College, service conference set

Norton Community High School will host the 2004 College Planning Conference. Juniors, seniors, and their parents from Norton and Decatur counties are invited. The conference will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the junior high gymnasium. Many colleges and universities will be represented, as well as vocational and technical schools, and military services. Parents and students will receive admission requirements, housing, programs offered and financial aid. For more information, contact your high school counselor.

Booster club to hold meeting

The weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the high school cafeteria. Norton Community High School football coach Bruce Graber, volleyball coach Jill Lively, tennis coach Bill Johnson and cross country coach Deyton Hager will report on early season competition by their teams. Refreshments will be served. All fans of Norton Community High School athletics are invited.

Cancer survivor to share journey

Leo Miller, brother of Charlene Weskamp, has rescheduled his appearance to share his experiences as an adult stem cell recipient and a cancer survivor. His presentation, "Journey In Faith" will be held at 8 p.m., Oct. 23, at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Parish Center, Norton. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge.

Weather Forecast:

Tonight — Cloudy with lows in the 40s. **Wednesday** — cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 60s. **Wednesday Night** — Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows around 50. **Thursday** — Cloudy with highs in the 70s.

Howell report:

Friday High 59, Low 37
Saturday High 68, Low 47
Sunday High 79, Low 44
Monday High 69, Low 45
Week ago High 78, Low 52
Month ago High 95, Low 67
Year ago High 79, Low 44
October precipitation 0.00 inches
Year-to-date precipitation ... 21.47 inches
(Readings taken at the Paul and Pat Howell farm 10 Miles North and 1/3 Mile East of Norton)

Prayer

Dear God, give us eyes open to see each one we meet with love and concern. Amen



Putting his best blue and gold face forward freshman Austin Brown (above) painted his face for the traditional Homecoming parade and pep rally. The Blue Jay (below, left) was on hand for the game. Prior to

the contest Principal Lary Stull crowned Queen Amber Engelbert and Student Advisory Council Sponsor Jennifer Hauser crowned King Derek Volgamore. — Telegram photos by Dick Boyd and Carolyn Plotts

Norton schools celebrate

Derek Volgamore and Amber Engelbert were crowned king and queen of the 32nd annual Norton Community High School Homecoming on Friday night at Travis Field during ceremonies prior to the Norton-Stockton football game. Derek is the son of Mike and Jan Volgamore and Amber is the daughter of John and Pam Engelbert. Attendants were Casey Carter, daughter of Ken and Kim Carter; Blake Hillebrand, son of Frank and Susan Hillebrand; Kyle Kats, son of Norman Kats and Deb Anderson; Shannon Jones, daughter of Kelly and Lana Jones; Michael Sprigg, son of David and Charla Sprigg and Claudia Lacy, daughter of Gary and Jeanette Lacy. Crown bearers were Katlyn Cox and Trenton Wright, kindergarten students from Eisenhower Elementary School. They were chosen by the Student Advisory Council. At least one parent must be a graduate of Norton Community High School. Katlyn is the daughter of Clark Cox, class of 1982, and Peggy Cox. Trenton is the son of Nikki Annon Wright and Kyle Wright. Kyle was a member of the class (Continued on Page 5)



Emergency preparedness chief mad about mileage

By CYNTHIA HAYNES
Norton County Emergency Preparedness Manager Alvin Mapes threatened to quit because the county was no longer paying him mileage during Monday's county commission meeting. "I depended on that mileage to put gas in my pickup to run back and forth to work," Mr. Mapes told the commissioners. "When you're used to having some-

thing and it gets taken away, you have to find other sources or do something else." The commissioners and County Clerk Robert Wyatt seemed taken by surprise when Mr. Mapes said that he would prepare a resignation statement to be effective Nov. 1. "I would hate to see you just give us 30 days," Commissioner John Miller said. "Let's do this in a more organized way."

Mr. Mapes said that he had been getting mileage reimbursement for the 11 years that he has been the county's emergency preparedness manager. County Clerk Robert Wyatt said that the county can pay him for his travel while on the job if he turns in vouchers but cannot pay him for travel to and from the job. Commissioner John Miller asked Mr. Mapes how much his mileage was and he

said that he had billed the county for \$28.95 last month or about four miles a day. Mr. Mapes said that he thought he had done an excellent job for the county especially since he was now having to get his GED or general equivalency diploma because he had never graduated from high school and the state requires a diploma for (Continued on Page 5)

Hill City boy takes prize

By DICK BOYD
Brody McDowell, Hill City, and Roger Shearer, Long Island, tied for first place in last week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest in *The Telegram* and McDowell won the first prize of \$15 in scrip money by a drawing. Shearer will receive the \$10 scrip money for second place. Both McDowell and Shearer were correct on all 10 high school and college games but both missed the winner of the tie breaker. Judges went to the scores of both teams to decide the winner and discovered a tie so a drawing was held. Auburn defeated Tennessee 34-10 in the tie breaker. McDowell picked it 21-18 in favor of Tennessee and Shearer chose Tennessee by 24-21,

both 27 points off the actual scores. One other fan, Bob Moore, Hoisington, also was correct on all 10 games and also missed the tie breaker winner. He was just one point from tying McDowell and Shearer for first. He picked Tennessee by 24-20 or a total of 28 points off. Moore will receive the \$5 scrip money third prize. Missing just one game were: Lisa Miller, George Griffith, Shelly Shearer, all of Almena; Kirsten Baird, Frank Kaiser, Allison Cole, Karen Shearer, Dwight Vallin, Jim Springer, Travis Vallin, all of Long Island; Aaron McDowell, Hill City; Nancy Moore, Andy Moore, both of Hoisington; Raymond Ankenman, Lynn Nelson, (Continued on Page 5)

Farm Service Agency to hold committee election

Residents and land owners in the east third of Norton County can vote by mail ballot in the upcoming Farm Service Agency County Office Committee elections. The ballots must be dropped off at the Norton County office or postmarked by Dec. 6. The committee meets once a month to oversee the Farm Service Agency. There are three members — one for each third of the county. Up for election is the position held by Gary Mulder. Mr. Mulder has served three three-year terms, which is the maximum. Candidates for the position are Donald

Lowry and Richard Thompson. The new term will begin on Jan. 1. The other two committee members are Marion Otter and Phillip Loughry. Voters must sign the certification on the ballot envelope before returning it to the office. A power of attorney may not be used to vote in the election. Ballots must be returned to the office or postmarked by Dec. 6. Residents and land owners in the east third of the county are encouraged to take an active role in the upcoming committee election and vote for the candidate of their choice. Call the agency office at (785) 877-5156 with questions.

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of 2000 and Nikki was in the class of 1999.

Crowning the king and queen were Jennifer Hauser, Student Advisory Council sponsor and High School Principal Lary Stull.

The Norton Community High School marching band formed a heart on the field to surround the candidates. Following the crowning, they honored the king and queen and their court by playing Victor Lopez and Anthony Falcone's arrangement of "When A Man Loves A Woman", written by Calvin Lewis and Andrew Wright. Soloists were Naomi Streck on the trombone and Lacey Ninemire on the trumpet.

The royalty was chosen by the student body earlier in the week and reigned over the Homecoming dance which followed the game.

Prior to the coronation, the dance team, coached by Jenny Braun, and the cheerleaders, coached by Tami Antrim, performed for the Homecoming crowd.

The Norton Community High School marching band performed a pre-game and halftime show.

Friday afternoon students, parents and fans got into the winning spirit with the annual Homecoming parade and pep rally.

The parade began at the junior high with the marching band heralding the class floats, along with a special float honoring Booster Club members and sleek convertibles showing off the nominees for king and queen.

The pep rally began where the



The Blue Jay Marching Band strutted down State Street Friday, as they led the annual Homecoming parade. Drum Major Keesha Holste gave the downbeat, and the band played for their audience who lined the street.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

parade ended on the lawn of the Norton County Courthouse. Then the Norton cheerleaders and dance team showed off their moves.

Guest Speaker David Sprigg reminisced about days gone by, saying he realized early in life that all stories stay the same, there are just different teams and places.

He told the students that they are on their way to making their own 'good old days' and have started by being present and participating in the pep rally.

"There is a motto in this school: 'just do your best'," he said. "Are

you doing your best? I believe everybody can be just a little more than they are.

"Be a hero, not a zero! Go Big Blue!"

Spirit Week winners were:

Class floats — first place, seniors; second place, freshmen; and third place, sophomores.

Best dressed — P.J. Day, Courtney LeClair and Stephen Mizell;

Dress Up Day — Karlynn Kent and Nolan Evans; Twin Day — Kelli Johnson and Claudia Lacy,

and Luke Pfannenstiel and Nathan Broeckelman; Celebrity Day —

Karlynn Kent and Brady Linner; and Blue and Gold Day — Stacy Reeves and Stephen Mizell.

Downtown posters — first place, Corey Rutherford, Aaron Daniels, Alex Hageman, Todd Zink, and Chris Davis; second place, Annette Becker, Courtney Smith, Gaia Vittitow, and Amie Richard; third place, Rachael Lentz and Naomi Streck.

Music and Vocal Teacher Valarie Lee won outstanding faculty member.

The pep rally ended with the Blue Jay fight song.

Guessers come up with game winners

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Hayli Bozarth, Lynette Archer, Keegan Smith, Georgie Rorabaugh, Sandy Husted, Virginia Carlton, Elinor Wiltfong, Jennifer Terrell, Robin Sproul, all of Norton.

Incorrect on two games were: Megan Cole, Jim Cole, Glenda Smith, Hutch Gehrke, all of Long Island; Marilyn Lowry, Karen Wenzl, Kirk Kasson, Sydney Brands, Bob Covington, all of Alma; Tim Moore, Barbara Springer, Evelyn Springer, all of Hoisington; Paula Stutterheim, Jacob Gallentine, both of Prairie View; Bradena Stagemeyer, Hendley, Neb.; Laurel Smith, Manhattan; Jillian Stoelting, Orleans, Neb.; Landon Schneider, Logan; Dorothy Shearer, Edmond; Denise Bailey, Mark Bailey, both of Norcatur; Nikki Covington, Lawrence; Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif.; Hi-Plains Co-op, Lenora; Norm Stockham, Roland Washburn, Cindy Britz; Kevin Jilka, Mark Keilig, David Riemann, Aaron Overlease, Tiffany Yeager, Glen Wiltfong, Amber Sheley, Caitlyn Patterson, Dalton Smith, Monica Wilson, Marj Allen, Morgan Farber, Mary Ann Hager, Ken Gregoire, Craig Foley, Gavin Sproul, Elijah Schaefer, Luke Keilig, Lacy Keilig, all of Norton.

Correct on all but three games were: Randy Springer, Hoisington; Christina Anderson, Prairie View; Brad Killian, Lincoln; Lexie McDowell, Hill City; Dale Shearer, Edmond; Lucas Bailey, Norcatur; Ann Becker, Lenora; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Erin Foley, Lawrence; Jared Foley, Wichita; Michael Callaway,

Samuel Field, Jordan Herman, Staci Montgomery, Shirley Sides, Donelle Stewart, Glenn Brands, Foster Brands, all of Alma; Mike Hammond, Jerry Lauren, Emily Vallin, all of Long Island; Spencer Shirk, Rick Green, Kirk Foley, Anastasia Foley, Tami Antrim, Robert Blecha, Chriselle Thomson, Jane Mindrup, Kenney Leiker, Lonnie Kellerman, Cathy Kellerman, Sady Keilig, Kristi Keilig, all of Norton.

The sixth week's entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday or left at *The Telegram* office before 5 p.m. on Friday.

See the Pick-Em advertisement in today's *Telegram* for this week's high school and college games. Only one entry per person is allowed but extra official entry blanks for other members of the family may be picked up from any sponsor. Only official entry blanks will be accepted.

Prizes of \$30 in scrip money, spendable at participating merchants, will be paid each week. At the end of the season, the fan picking the most correct games will receive \$50 in scrip money and an engraved trophy.

Scores of this week's games were:

- Trego 27, Ellis 0
- Norton 21, Stockton 0
- Smith Center 65, Beloit 27
- Phillipsburg 42, Osborne 0
- Natoma 46, Logan 42
- Northern Valley 48, Palco 44
- Texas A&M 42, Kansas State 30
- Colorado Mines 35, Fort Hays State 21
- Nebraska 14, Kansas 8
- Missouri 17, Colorado 9
- Auburn 34, Tennessee 10

Emergency chief looks at retiring

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this job. Also, he said, the job has gone from part time to full time with the influx of money and paperwork from the Homeland Security Act.

"I'm to the age now," he said. "In another year, I should be retiring anyhow. I'll be 75.

"I'm getting burned out. I'd say you guys should look for a new emergency manager."

Mr. Mapes said that he was working 160 hours a month and only getting \$850. He said that he had figured that up and he was about minimum wage at that rate.

The commissioners and Mr. Wyatt said that they thought that was the rate that he had asked for when he went to full time. Mr. Mapes said that he didn't know how that wage had been figured.

He suggested if the county wasn't going to pay him mileage that it should add another \$50 to his wages.

The commissioners asked him to come back and talk to them next week, when the commissioners will be meeting on Tuesday instead of Monday because of Columbus Day.

Mr. Mapes agreed that he would come back to talk more about his grievances.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard from Ken Rutherford that he would like asphalt millings put down on his road from the junction of K-9 and U.S. 283 due to truck traffic and because the road is so muddy.
- Learned that Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald had received a letter from the Kansas Landfill Association. The dues to join are \$750, he said.
- Heard from Road and Bridge Supervisor Tom Brannan that the state is updating the county's five-year plans for bridges.
- Learned from Acting Ambulance Director Andy Nielsen and Emergency Medical Technician Ruth Schillig that the ambulance service will be inspected on Wednesday by the state Board of Emergency Medical Services.
- Will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 12, due to Columbus Day.

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