

# Seniors enjoy visit from Norton football players

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High School football — what in the world makes it so good? I stop to ponder this each fall when I drive by the field and see the players practicing.

I drive around the field just to see how well things are going and it becomes real when Coach Bruce Graber is interviewed and the first game happens.

Then I stop and realize, what makes high school football so good is the young men and the people involved who actually play or coach the sport.

Doris Wallack listens to the KQNK high school sportscast each week and knows the names of all the players. She doesn't know their faces but she says she knows them by the way they are described.

Bill Wright is another resident who listens to the games. Viola Meier had a great-grandson playing a year ago and often her television was turned to the sports telecast.

Beth Mustoe remains interested in Norton Community High activities and Paul Ballinger likes to keep up on high school sports.

The activity staff at the Andbe Home wanted to put some faces to the names for residents. I talked to Dietary Manager Patty Fisher.

"Let's have a tailgate party at noon and invite Coach Graber and some of his football boys to be the main event," I suggested.

She thought we could serve hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, beans, relishes and Blue Jay cupcakes. Administrator Coni Park agreed.

Coach Graber said he would try to get an OK from High School Principal Lary Stull. Somehow

knowing Mr. Stull, I didn't think that would be a problem but I was not so sure how the young men would react to coming to what, in their opinions, might be an "old folks place".

What happened at that tailgate party was beyond all my hopes and expectations.

The anticipation was high, the back patio had been turned into a blue and gold extravaganza and the weather was perfect.

Coach Graber and seven Blue Jay football team members stepped out of the school van and into the lives of the 60 residents, who attended the party.

The coach had Luke Pfannenstiel, Davvid Stanley, Andrew Ables, Clay Madden, Lance Roe, Blake VanEaton and Nathan Broeckelman demonstrate offensive techniques and the way the team is taught to tackle.

Pfannenstiel, the quarterback, threw some passes to show the passing attack.

Broeckelman said he wanted to attend college and become a nutritionist. The residents said they wouldn't mind having a handsome nutritionist.

Madden became famous when the residents heard him say that his grandparents were Vadis and Bob Madden.

The blond big guy, Stanley, took on more personality when the residents realized his mom was Shelly Delimont, a licensed practical nurse at the Norton Hospital, who has cared for many of them.

Ables, the tall fellow, is a nephew to Jane Wyatt, one of the registered nurses who works the afternoon shift.

Pfannenstiel stole our hearts just because everyone loves a quarterback.

Van Eaton said that he is not sure what he wants to do after high



CeDoris McMullen (left) held one end of the Blue Jay Banner, while Isola Bowman held the other. Aileen Gibson (right) cheers for Norton football player Luke Pfannenstiel.

— Photo by Andbe Home staff

school but, since he was just a junior, the residents thought he still had time to decide.

The seven were asked who was the most mischievous of the bunch and Roe got the vote.

The boys were invited to eat lunch.

I had no idea what would happen as there were a few empty spaces at the tables here and there and no one wanted to leave early.

The boys filled their plates, sat among the residents and let all of us fall in love with them.

Roe ate lunch with A.W. Lyon on one side and Velva McClain on the other. He had to feel right at home, as both knew his family.

Bethel Wicker and Herman Wudtke found Broeckelman entertaining as they ate.

Stanley had Viola Meier on one side and Geneva Long on the other.

Pfannenstiel ate with Claude and Ellen Archer and Ila Zellmer. Blake Van Eaton won a special award from Ann Kneubel and Judy Wood during lunch.

Gisela Harrington visited with Ables and Madden was all smiles as Ellen Anderson and Vernon Tanner entertained him during lunch.

Beth Mustoe and CeDoris McMullen wanted to visit with Coach Graber and they did.

What a party! What a way to celebrate high school football!

These players and Coach Graber are to be commended.

They are young, muscular and strong as Blue Jay football stars should be. But when they came to the Andbe Home, they seemed to know that nothing is as strong as gentleness and nothing is as gentle

as real strength.

When they loaded up in the school van, I wondered what each was thinking as they pulled away. Then all of sudden, I shed a tear because as they left, they waved and smiled.

This is what makes high school football wonderful.

## Weekly Pigskin Pick'Em winners named

Jerome Laurin, Long Island, was one of six football fans to submit a perfect entry in last week's Pigskin Pick-Em Contest but won the \$15 scrip money first prize by picking closest to the actual score of the tiebreaker game.

Kansas State defeated Kansas 12-3 in the tiebreaker contest and Laurin picked Kansas State by 23-17 or 25 total points off.

Second prize of \$10 in scrip money goes to Donna Nichols, Almema, for her perfect entry and choice of Kansas State by 27-17 or 29 points off.

Dwight Vallin, Long Island, was third place winner of \$5 in scrip money. He entered a perfect entry and chose Kansas State by 28-20 or 33 points off.

Also turning in perfect entries and points off the tiebreaker were: Foster Brands, Almema, 35 and Nancy Springer Moore, Hoisington, 35. Lawrence Wiseman, Norton, was the sixth fan to turn in a perfect entry but, unfortunately, he did not put down a score for the tiebreaker game and was out of the running for a prize.

Missing one game were: Kevin Jilka, Lacy Keilig, Roland Washburn, Mary Ann Hager, Deb Thiele, Virginia Carlton, Jeris Norman, Douglas Daniels, Eric Farber, Betty Harper, Craig Foley, Rick Green, Cathy Kellerman, Norton, Bob Covington, Shirley Sides, Marilyn Lowry, Almema; Chris Foley, Fairfield, Calif.; Denise Bailey, Norcatur.

Correct on all but two games were: Mark Bailey, Lucas Bailey, Shayla Bailey, Norcatur; Sherri Lowry, Janette Callaway, Glenn Brands, Mike Shearer, Kirk Kasson, Brian Thompson, Almema; Dale Shearer, Edmond; Bob Moore, Tim Moore, Andy Moore, Randy Springer, Barbara Springer, Hoisington; Travis Vallin, Watkins, Colo.; Bobby Lee Jackson, Logan; Brody McDowell,

Lexie McDowell, Aaron McDowell, Hill City; Bradley Killian, Lincoln; Tiffany VanDerVeen, Prairie View; Jim Springer, Kenny Tharman, Frank Kaiser, Roger Shearer, Karen Shearer, Donald Thalheim, Emily Vallin, Kirsten Baird, Jim Cole, Long Island; Keegan Smith, Spencer Shirk, Tom Davis, Erin Hill, Anastasia Foley, Doug Ray, Kirk Foley, Wilma Wiseman, Craig Heskett, Laura Washburn, Austin Hager, Jane Mindrup, Amy Daniels, Jennifer Terrell, Luke Keilig, Jo Holmes, Mark Keilig, Sady Keilig, Norton.

Missing just three games were: Gail Bailey, Norcatur; Paula Stutterheim, Prairie View; Sydney Brands, Kristen Brands, Almema; Mary Boyd, Hill City; Evelyn Springer, Hoisington; Dorothy Shearer, Edmond; Jillian Stoelting, Orleans, Neb.; Mike Hammond, Long Island; Lonnie Kellerman, Russ Frack, Kelly Hill, Lynn Nelson, Georgie Rorabaugh, Dalton Smith, Kenney Leiker, Tracey Sproul, Dalton Miller, Kristy Keilig, Charlotte Stephenson, Sandy Husted, Norton.

Incorrect on four games were: Jared Foley, Wichita; Dorelle Stewart, Almema; LeeRoy Schuckman, Hays; Christian Shewey, Deanna Gallentine, Marj Allen, Justina Grubbs, David Riemann, Howard Gill, Nathan Morse, Norton.

Correct on all but five games were: Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Julie Hilburn, Shelly Shearer, Almema; Renee Schaefer, Chriselle Thomson, Misty Nuzum, Tami Black, all of Norton.

Missing six games were: Linda Covington, Almema; Amie Menagh, Kathy Erbert, both of Norton; Ann Becker, Lenora.

Incorrect on seven games were Tiffney Yeager, Linda Matson, both of Norton.

One entry which just missed

four games was submitted without a name.

The seventh week's entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. Friday or you may bring them to *The Telegram* office before 5 p.m. on Friday.

See the full page 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 blanks for other members of the family may be picked up from any sponsor.

Prizes of \$30 in scrip money 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:

- Norton 34, Ellis 7
- Phillipsburg 61, Hill City 0
- Osborne 34, Stockton 14
- Smith Center 46, Trego 0
- Northern Valley 60, Logan 32
- Oakley 38, Oberlin 0
- Texas Tech 34, Nebraska 31
- Colorado 41, Texas A & M 20
- Texas 45, Oklahoma 12
- Boston College 28, Virginia 17
- UCLA 47, California 40
- Kansas State 12, Kansas 3

## Economic group works on contract

Norton is close to getting a new economic development director.

The Norton County Economic Development Board is in contract negotiations.

County Attorney Karen Griffiths said the salary was set at \$45,000 yearly with a single health insurance plan, 48.5 cent mileage

reimbursement rate and reimbursement for economic development business, such as lodging and food during out-of-town meetings. Prior authorization from the board is needed for on-the-job-training courses.

The contract is subject to a six-month probation period.



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