



Student Advisory Council Sponsor Dale Engelbert (above) crowned King Andrew Ables after Principal Lary Stull had crowned Homecoming Queen Rachael Lentz during ceremonies prior to the Norton-Ellis football game. Crown bearers were Jace Ruder and Anna Burge. Freshman Jacob VanSkiel (left) watched during the pep rally on Friday.



Norton Bluejay cheerleaders (above) boosted the crowd's spirit during a pep rally on the courthouse steps while the freshmen class float (left) urged a Norton Homecoming victory.

Norton triumphs in Homecoming game

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They were chosen by the Student Advisory Council. At least one parent must be a graduate of Norton Community High School. Anna is the daughter of Darin Burge, Norton Community High School class of 1987 and Amie Burge, a graduate of Decatur Community High School. Jace is the son of Jennifer Georgeson Ruder, Norton Community High School class of 1989 and John Ruder, a graduate of Victoria High School.

Crowning the king and queen were High School Principal Lary Stull and Student Advisory Council Sponsor Dale Engelbert.

The Norton Community High School marching band, under direction of David Will, formed a heart on the field to surround the candidates. Following the crowning, they honored the king and queen and their court by playing "A Whole New World" from the Disney movie "Aladdin" and ar-

ranged for band by Paul Lavender. Michael Ward was the trumpet soloist.

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

Any senior who is participating in fall activities including girl's tennis, cross country, volleyball, dance team, football or cheerleading was eligible to be nominated for homecoming royalty.

Prior to the coronation, the dance team, sponsored by Cindy McKenna and the cheerleaders, coached by Tami Antrim, performed for the crowd.

Dance team members are Shelby Annon, Sara Campbell, Jessica Cook, Cindel Harrington, Haley Jones, Megan Kats, Morgan Kauten, Courtney LeClair, Klaire Mann, Kylie Morel, Naomi Streck and Amber Waggoner.

The Norton cheerleaders are Chelle Donovan, Jaelyn Krueger,

Danielle LeClair, Alyssa Kaus, Morgan Bailey, Hannah Mills, Gena Myers, Amy Husted, Cyndie Milnes, Kayla Scheetz, Tanner Griffith and Hannah Fulton.

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

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

The parade began at the junior high with the marching band heralding the class floats, a special tram ride for the former winners of the Blue Jay Booster of the Year Award and convertibles showing off the nominees for king and queen.

The pep rally began where the parade ended on the lawn of the Norton County Courthouse. The rally began with the cheerleaders and dance team showing off their moves.

Guest speaker was Dan Pfannenstiel, father of senior foot-

ball player, Luke, and last year's Blue Jay Booster of the Year. He talked about success.

"It doesn't matter whether you win or lose," he said. "It's how you perform... How you feel inside when you're done..."

"Life is not about keeping score... It's about knowing you did your best. Life is about being happy..."

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Spirit Week winners were:

- Best dressed — Monday/Twin Day, Lance Roe and Brian Juenemann and Ashley Colip and Taylor Rossi; Tuesday/Dress-Up Day, Jared Cox and Karlynn Kent; Wednesday/Pajama Day, Aaron Daniels and Karlynn Kent; Thursday/Redneck Day, Jared Cox and Lacy Roe; Friday/Blue and Yellow Day, Aaron VanDerWege and Stephanie Shepard.
- Downtown poster contest — Annette Becker and friends, first; Corey Rutherford, Alex

Hageman, Todd Zink, Blake Jacques and Chris Davis, second; and Jake Kramer and Gabe Vittitow, third.

• Parade floats — junior class, Jessica Sprigg and Lacy Roe, first; sophomore class, Layne Graham

and Logan Kats, second; senior class, Tyler Burns and Amber Overlease, third; and freshmen class, Taylor Rossi and Hannah Fulton, fourth.

The pep rally ended with the Blue Jay fight song.



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