

*It's music to my ears....*



Abby Bainter and Alexis Henson were among the fifth and sixth graders who performed during the Feb. 20 concert, "We Haz Jazz!" Joyce Morel directed the production about exploring the history of America's own music. The words and music were by John Jacobson and Kirby Shaw. — Telegram photo by Charlotte Stephenson

# 'Prince' of football comes to Norton

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"It was shocking some of the things I heard," he said. "It really made me proud of where I was from."

From there he went on to South Carolina State, and eventually had the opportunity to work with the New York Giants.

"I tell people it was my Ph.D. in coaching," he said. "I really learned a lot, including it's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice. Everyone was really great to me."

Later, he said, he also had an opportunity to assist the Washington Redskins and the Atlanta Falcons.

"What I really want folks to know," he said, "is after 14 years back east, the way we do things out here in Kansas just might be right. Be proud of who you are."

A dream come true, he said the K-State coaching job was the culmination of a lot of hard work and effort. It took absolute persistence and having a plan and sticking to it to get where he is today. Which is what he wants from the football program and players.

"If we want to sustain our success, we have to work hard," he said. "I want to build something here that's lasting and enduring."

"We have to be unrelenting and have to be relentless in our pursuit of our objective."

"K-State has the heart and soul of the people here and I want people everywhere to see that."

Mr. Prince said people need to come to the spring game on April 22 to show their support and "wow" the recruits, so they know they will be getting a true football experience at K-State.

"Embrace the fact that you are from this great state," he said. "Be proud of who you are and remember, the grass isn't always greener somewhere else."

After speaking, Mr. Prince answered questions from the crowd about the upcoming season, practice, the players and the schedule.

Chamber Board President Marvin Matchett said the Chamber has had a phenomenal year, beginning with the Chamber breakfast and going on through the spring promotion, golf tournament, Crazy Days, Fourth of July, teachers' welcome, Moonlight Madness, Christmas promotion, Christmas dinner and various ribbon cuttings. He said they also participated in things like the car show, Halloween parade and 4-H achievement night.

Door prizes were given out and then Mr. Prince was given three things, so he will remember Norton. He warmly accepted a Norton Blue Jays hat, a three-time state wrestling champion T-shirt, and a framed photograph of Sebelius Reservoir by Bill Bussen.

Mr. Prince sign autographs for anyone who wanted one and posed for pictures with the fans before flying back to Manhattan.

# Faith will be focus if ranch is re-opened

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Langless, Doug Hasty, Royce Leitner, Bill Duncan and Doug Mason, members of the Decatur County Ministerial Alliance. The alliance hosted a breakfast at the LandMark Inn. Guests included Gaylen Huntley, county noxious weed director; Aureila Jackson, head teacher at the ranch; Marilyn Horn, county clerk; Commissioners Pat Glenn and Ralph Unger; and Tim Davis, a former ranch employee.

Rep. Kelsey said he operates Kings Camp in Goddard. The 128-acre camp is a faith-based facility for boys placed by the Juvenile Justice Authority, he said.

Rep. Kelsey said he has a degree in pastoring, does a lot of motiva-

tional speaking, has written a book for teens and has run the faith-based boys home since 1998.

The main thing, he said, is that you can't reach these boys unless you can touch their hearts.

The staff has to help give these boys mental success, he said, not the failure they have had in the past.

The boys will be taught that they need to turn their lives over to God, he said.

There is a voluntary church service every Sunday morning, said Rep. Kelsey. There is also a 30-minute class daily on life lessons, which covers both motivation and the Bible.

It is important to know, he said, that he believes the Bible is the

inspired word of God. Although the facility will be faith-based if Rep. Kelsey takes it over, he said employees aren't required to be Christian. The facility will be openly Christian, though, and involve the church community.

The school situation at the ranch, he said, is double what he sees in other places.

If he took the facility over, the school would need little or no change.

In some facilities, said Rep. Kelsey, there are often openings for a while after boys leave. In the facility in Goddard, though, he has a waiting list with an average of 20 kids.

He said more than 80 percent of

the boys have never darkened the doorway of a church. They have never heard about Jesus Christ, he said.

Rep. Kelsey asked the ministers and others at the meeting to pray with him and for him for guidance on what to do about the opportunity. He said he would make a decision by today.

City Administrator said the city has pursued a couple of leads mainly through the Economic Development Corp.

"We feel like there are some options available to do something with the property," said Mr. Shike, "but none of the others involved the school as a component, except this one."

# City wants lot sales handled through its office

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actively on the lots that have already been sold. They would have to look at it, he said, because an actual deed is given to the buyer when a lot is sold.

Mr. Lawson said he and Mr. Worden would take a look at it to see what could actually be done.

In other business, the council:

- Accepted a low bid of \$4,500 and approved a contract for engineering services with Evans, Bierly, Hutchinson and Associates of Goodland to design the reconstruction of the intersection of Main St. and State St. The design will include the removal of the existing bulb intersections, and replacement to match the existing

intersections in the downtown area.

Councilwoman Elaine Mann suggested that the city should apply for a grant first, so that the cost of engineering could be part of the grant project. Councilwoman Donna Foley said the economic development director might be able to help.

The vote was 3-3 with Mr. Briery, Councilmen Jim Williams and Kelly Gaer voting yes and Councilman Jerry Jones, Mrs. Foley and Mrs. Mann voting no. Mayor David Corns broke the tie with a "yes" vote.

• Heard from Mrs. Foley that the Public Safety Committee met with the municipal judge and municipi-

pal court clerk. She said the municipal court brought in \$41,000 in 2005. She said the committee talked about getting the clerk a laptop and will look at the clerk's salary.

• Went into a 5-minute closed session to discuss non-elected personnel.

• Heard from Mr. Lawson that he has received several complaints from home owners asking about businesses being operated out of shops and garages in residential areas. He said he and Mr. Worden will look at the properties in question and determine if code enforcement is needed.

• Learned that the city received a payment from the Norton School

District in accordance with the agreement made about Travis Field. Mr. Lawson said the surveyor resurveyed the property to include the property line change the city requested. As soon as the surveyor finishes the written legal description, the transfer of ownership to the school district will be finished.



Will Everhart, bass player in the Norton Junior High band, plucked the strings during rehearsal in Mr. Mordecai's band class. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

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