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Briefly

Chamber to hold Winner's Circle on Saturday

The Fourth Annual Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Winner's Circle will be held on Saturday, October 3 at the Norton Eagles Lodge. Events will start at 6 p.m. It will be a festive evening of dining, and quality entertainment by nationally acclaimed Comedian David Graham. Prizes will total over \$10,000 with \$5,000 in cash, and \$5,000 plus in merchandise. The cost is \$100 per ticket. Only 200 tickets will be sold and a total of 50 prizes will be awarded. So the odds of winning big are 1 in 4. Ticket holders can purchase one additional meal/entertainment ticket for \$25. For more information or to purchase tickets call 785-877-2501.

Blue Jay Boosters to meet Wednesday

All Norton Community High School sports fans are invited to the weekly meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Fans will be updated on recent competitions by Norton football coach Lucas Melvin, cross country coach George Rossi, volleyball coach Peggy Cox and tennis coach Jim Green.

At the end of the meeting, fans will be invited to watch the film of Friday night's Homecoming football victory over Osborne.

You do not have to be a member of the booster club to attend.

Jr. Hi Cheerleaders to appear in Winter Sports tab

Norton Community Junior High School Cheerleaders were left out of The Telegram's Fall Sports tab. Look for their photo in the winter sports tab, expected at the end of January or beginning of February.



The 2009 Homecoming Royalty at Norton Community High School is shown immediately after the crowning ceremony prior to the Norton-Osborne football game on Friday at Travis Field. They are, from left, front row: crown bearers Reilly Manning and Collin Cox; back row: attendants

Emily Juenemann, Bethany Roy, Queen Kendra Engelbert, King Zane Perez, attendants Connor Pfannenstiel, Marcus Herman, Ashton Draper.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Blue Jays celebrate Homecoming

By DICK BOYD

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Zane Perez and Kendra Engelbert were crowned king and queen of the 37th annual Norton Community High School Homecoming on Friday night at Travis Field during ceremonies prior to the Norton-Osborne football game.

Zane is the son of Kelli and Rudy Perez and Kendra is the daughter of Pam and John Engelbert.

As a human interest note, Kelli was voted queen of her Johnson County High School in Johnson City, Kan. Homecoming in 1985 and Rudy was Homecoming king in Revere High School, Ovid, Colo., in 1981.

Attendants were: Ashton Draper, son of Debbie and Denny Draper and Laurie and Mike Cliff; Emily Juenemann, daughter of Angie and Lee Juenemann; Marcus Herman, son of Claire and Joe Herman; Bethany Roy, daughter of Gail and Corey Roy; Connor Pfannenstiel, son of Connie and Dan Pfannenstiel and Bethany Winkel, daughter of Joanie and Darin Winkel.

Crown bearers were: Reilly Manning, daughter of Staci and Ryan Manning, 1994 NCHS graduate and Collin Cox, son of Cayla and Joe Cox, 1997 NCHS graduate.

The crown bearers were chosen by the Student Advisory Council. At least one parent must be a graduate of Norton Community High School.

Crowning the king and queen were NCHS Principal Rudy Perez and Student Advisory Council Sponsor Chance McKinney.

The high school marching band, under the 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 with a special musical

selection, Mike Story's arrangement of the popular Roy Orbison and Bill Dees hit entitled "Pretty Woman".

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 girls tennis, cross country, volleyball, football, dance team or Jay Singers was eligible to be nominated for homecoming royalty.

Prior to the coronation on Friday night, the dance team, sponsored by Lindsay Wilson, performed for the large crowd.

Dance team members are Brae Bigge, Hannah Waggoner, Ashlie Stewart, Raven Brown, Bethany Winkel, Katherine Boteler, Shelbi McKenna, Mariah Farber, Kelsey Mordecai, Bekah Streck, Rachel Shepard, Caren Thomson, Brianna Karnopp and Kylie Nuzum.

The Norton Community High School marching band performed outstanding pre-game and halftime shows.

Parade and pep rally

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

The parade began at the junior high with the marching band leading the class floats and convertibles in which nominees for king and queen were riding.

The pep rally began where the parade ended on the lawn of the Norton County Courthouse. The rally included performances by the dance team and accompaniment by the Norton band.

Three humorous, competitive skits featuring Norton versus Osborne were performed by members of the Drama Club. They were tied 1-1 after two but, of course,

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Giving "high fives" to the Norton Blue Jay at half-time of the Norton-Osborne football game on Friday night were, from left, Traeven Mordecai, Haley Mordecai and Natalie Shoemaker.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton resident claims Pigskin Pick-Em first prize

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Chriselle Thomson, Norton, established herself this week as an early leader for the season championship in the 2009 Pigskin Pick-Em Contest by winning the first prize of \$15 in scrip money for the second time this season!

Chriselle was one of just two fans who missed only one contest. She edged Aaron McDowell, Hill City, by just one point for the top prize. Both Chriselle and Aaron were incorrect on the tiebreaker game winner.

Houston defeated Texas Tech 29-28 but both incorrectly chose Texas Tech. Judges went to the actual scores each had picked for both teams. Chriselle chose Texas Tech by 35-17 or 19 points off. Aaron picked Texas Tech by 42-35 or a total of 20 points off the actual scores. Aaron will receive the \$10 scrip second prize.

Chriselle's only miss was the Oakley victory over St. Francis and Aaron missed the Penn State loss to Iowa.

Third place of \$5 in scrip money goes to Baylee Miller, Norton, who was one of eight fans missing two games. Baylee was the only one of the eight to correctly pick Houston to win the

tiebreaker game. Baylee miscued on the Oregon win over California and the South Florida victory over Florida State.

The other seven missing two contests were: Julie Hilburn, Rodger Stutterheim, both of Almena; Monica Wilson, Charlotte Stephenson, Patty Gall, Kathy Zimmerman, Jim Richeson, all of Norton.

Correct on all but three games were: Christal Rose (defending champion), Arapahoe; Joshua Steele, Denver; Dale Shearer, Edmond; Barbara Brooks, Clayton; Chris Lowry, Shirley Stutterheim, Lexi Voss, all of Almena; Tom Baumann, Diana Smith, Naedean Whitney, Deb Thiele, Mary Ann Hager, Megan O'Connor-Wetter, Rosalie Schulze, Misty Nuzum, Taryn Graham, Jennifer Boller, Linda Matson, Bill Meyer, Nathan Morse, Douglas Daniels, Jacob Green, Patrick Pomeroy, Tom Davis, Karen Cozad, Roy Newell, David Riemann, all of Norton.

Incorrect on four contests were: Donna Nelson, Jim Ninemire, Dan Mannel, all of Lenora; Emma Steele, Denver; Noah Kalny, Lake Quivera; Chase Rice, Abby Rice, Doug Ray, Aden Schillig, Rick Green, Jeris Nor-

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City council applies for Ag Department grant

By ERICA BRADLEY

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The Norton City Council met in special session at 5:30 p.m. last Thursday to sign documents related to the application for the United States Department of Agriculture grant.

The grant is to aid with the debt the city is currently in due to state mandates requiring upgrades to the water and sewer plants.

David Barber, United States Department of Agriculture representative, discussed with the council the conditions of the application. The application includes

Eight awarded Valley Hope scholarships

The Board of Directors of the Valley Hope Association has approved the 2009/10 recipients of the Judge Bernard Sprague Memorial Scholarship program, established in 1987 to award scholarships to exceptional students of employees. Local recipients are Annette Becker, Amber Norman, Timothy S. Becker, Jessica Nichols, Philip T. Becker, Kyle Mindrup, Travis Ray and Kasey Nichols.

Candidate selection is based on grade point average, extra-curricular and volunteer activities and written responses. The program awards first place \$1500 annual scholarships that are renewable for up to

a loan for \$3,234,000 and a grant totaling \$628,500.

Norton City Clerk Darla Ellis said the application is in on deadline, and the city should know soon if the grant is approved.

"We should know within a month," she said.

Part of the loan will be refinanced through the United States Department of Agriculture, totaling \$1,900,000. The remaining \$1,962,500 will not be refinanced. Ellis said that money was set aside for new projects including painting

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four years and second place \$750 annual non-renewable scholarships.

First place winners include Annette Becker, Amber Norman and Timothy S. Becker. Annette is the daughter of John and Ann Becker and attends the University of Kansas. She is majoring in art history. Annette was a first place scholarship winner in 2007. Amber, daughter of Richard and Jeris Norman, attends the University of Kansas and is majoring in chemistry. Amber was a first place scholarship winner in 2007. Timothy is the son of John and Ann Becker and

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weather forecast

SCATTERED SHOWERS

Tonight - Mostly clear with a low around 53. Wednesday - Mostly sunny with a high near 87. Wednesday Night - A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a low around 58. Thursday - A slight chance of showers before 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy with a high near 63. Thursday Night - Mostly cloudy.

Kingham report:

Friday, Sept. 25 Low 45, High 67
Saturday, Sept. 26 Low 45, High 76
Sunday, Sept. 27 Low 54, High 80
Monday, Sept. 28 Low 36, High 67
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Dear Lord, forgive our impatience. Remind us that our time is not your time and that you always desire the best for us. Amen.