



Empty chairs were silent testament to the competition at the Norton Junior High spelling bee runoff. Steve Cummings and Christie Johnson awaited their final and deciding words. Each knew that one of them would be first and the other would be in second place. Telegram photo by Harriett Gill



(Back row, from left) D.J. Ebner, Casey Robison, Cody Cook. (Front row, from left) Grant McClymont, Matt Pollock, Chris Maddy. The boys will be competing for the 2010 Mr. NCHS at 3 p.m. on Feb. 7 at East Campus. The event is sponsored by the Kansas Association for Youth Club. Marcus Herman not pictured.

—Photo courtesy Mirla Coleman

Boys compete in annual event

Norton Community High School's Kansas Association for Youth is sponsoring their third annual Mr. NCHS competition at 3 p.m. on Feb. 7. Cody Cook, D.J. Ebner, Marcus

Herman, Chris Maddy, Grant McClymont, Matt Pollock and Casey Robison will be competing in activities such as formal wear, talent and career dress. Kansas Association for Youth

Sponsor Mirla Coleman encouraged the public to attend the event, which will cost \$1 at the door. The program is expected to last an hour.

Junior high holds spelling bee

By Todd Fulton
Special to The Telegram
The annual Norton Junior High School spelling bee was held Jan. 26 during the school activity period. Nine seventh graders and nine eighth graders qualified for the final oral competition round. Those competing were: seventh graders Steve Cummings, Sierra Griffith, Nick Koch, Molly Scott, Lance Armbrister, Derek Rowh, Connor Cox, Chris Reyn-

olds and Brooke Sumner; eighth graders Ty Burns Leif Carlson, Mark Baxter, Maggie Spradlin, Justin Bell, Ethan Ross, Christie Johnson, Ashley Hildebrand and Abbie Smith. The 2010 spelling bee was an exciting day for those individuals involved. The Bee is sponsored nationally by Scripps National Spelling Bee and regionally by The Great Bend Tribune. When it was all said and done

after 14 rounds, Steve Cummings won by spelling "expectant" then "whetstone." Christie Johnson finished second missing the word "migraine" while Ethan Ross battled Connor Cox for third. Connor will serve as the alternate, Steve, Christie, and Ethan will represent Norton Junior High School at the Norton County Spelling Bee at Norton East Campus auditorium on Feb. 10 at 4 p.m.

Library offers Kansas Reads

In this lyrical, unsentimental and compelling memoir, the son of a black African father and a white American mother searches for a workable meaning to his life as a black American. It begins in New York, where Barack Obama learns that his father—a figure he knows more as a myth than as a man—has been killed in a car accident. This sudden death inspires an emotional odyssey—first to a small town in Kansas, from which he retraces the migration of his mother's family to Hawaii, and then to Kenya, where he meets the African side of his family, confronts the bitter truth of his father's life and at last reconciles his divided inheritance.

Professor Cheryl Ragart teaches American Ethnic Studies at K-State and will present at Dodge City Public Library on Feb. 10—and will broadcast via video conferencing at the Norton Public Library at 7 p.m. Professor Doretha Williams is instructor in Humanities and Western Civilization at KU. She will present at Salina Public Library on Feb. 25, which will be broadcast at Norton Public Library at 7 p.m. Professor David A. Nichols taught history and was academic dean at Southwestern College in Winfield and is a 2008 Kansas Notable Books author. He will present at Manhattan Public Library on Mar. 14, which will be broadcast at Norton Public Library at 2 p.m.

All these programs will feature the scholars discussing "Dreams from My Father" from their scholarly perspectives. All programs are free and open to the public. Make plans now if you would like to attend these discussions through ELMerR (the Enhanced Learning Meeting Room) video conferencing at the Norton Public Library Community Room.

Eisenhower winner crowned after 19 round spelling bee



Kristen Stewart

BY HARRIETT GILL
Twenty-eight, fourth through sixth grade students participated in the Eisenhower Elementary School Spelling Bee on Jan. 27. After 19 rounds, the winner was Kristen Stewart. She and Lauren Mordecai battled with spelling words to see who would be the first place winner. Both girls are sixth grade students in Mrs. Slipke's class.

There will be four students to represent Eisenhower Elementary in the Norton County Spelling Bee. Kristen Stewart, 6th grade, took first place; second place went to Lauren Mordecai, sixth grade; third place went to Hailey Branek, sixth grade; and Anna Burge, fourth grade, will be the alternate. The Norton County Spelling Bee will be on Feb. 10 at East Campus at 4 p.m.

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1:15 p.m. Report of stop light out
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1:57 p.m. Request for offense report
3:40 p.m. Report of front door being blown open by wind, resident not home
5:18 p.m. Motorist assist, West and Lincoln
5:58 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning ongoing case
January 26
1:01 a.m. Officer request to contact power plant
2:34 a.m. Welfare check, 36 Motel
8:59 a.m. Activated alarm, High Plains Mental Health
9:20 a.m. Individual contacted PD concerning hit and run accident
12:23 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning on-going case
2:29 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning security system at Telegram.
3:00 p.m. Report of individual wanting to clean carpets, 200 block N. Graves
3:40 p.m. Report of erratic driver, McDonalds
3:51 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning accident
January 27
1:40 p.m. Request for ride from Norton County Hospital
3:28 p.m. Report of loud Mustang
9:56 p.m. Report of front door found open
January 28
10:10 a.m. Motorist assist, State and Waverly
12:10 p.m. Two vehicle accident, Pizza Hut
1:07 p.m. Assist animal control
2:49 p.m. Request to speak to


officer concerning possible intoxicated individual
3:28 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, Jamboree
3:41 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning hit and run
5:05 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, 300 block West St.
January 29
12:46 p.m. Request for accident report
2:14 p.m. Found drivers license, returned to owner
5:00 p.m. Delivered council packets
5:20 p.m. Traffic control, Main and State
5:30 p.m. Motorist assist
January 30
12:06 a.m. Activated alarm, Dairy Queen
12:46 a.m. Curfew violation
11:41 a.m. Civil standby, 300 block Pearl
5:17 p.m. Activated alarm
4:26 p.m. 911 call, keys locked in vehicle
4:45 p.m. Report of dog stuck in fence
7:30 p.m. Parking citation
10:27 p.m. Report of barking dog, Indiana St.
January 31
12:03 a.m. Report of loud noise,

300 block West St.
1:14 a.m. One individual in custody
5:27 a.m. One vehicle accident,




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Student of the Month
Norton Community High School
DECEMBER 2009



Student:
Mitchell Shelton
Parents: Jay and Pam Shelton
Grade: Sophomore



Student:
Teslee Nickell
Parents: Denny and Lari Ann Nickell
Grade: Freshman

Nominating Staff Members: Mrs. Robin Sides and Mr. David Will. Comments from nominating staff members: Mitchell works hard to maintain his grades and is quiet and respectful in class. Mrs. Robin Sides, Mitchell is caring and friendly to those around him. He is always where he's supposed to be when he's supposed to be there. He is willing to "help out" outside of class, and is helpful to others in class. He has done a very good job in Jay Singers and choir (making honors groups in district and UNK). In this era when it's not always so, he is a student I believe I can count on. -Mr. David Will

Factoids About Mitchell
Favorite Class: All of them
Favorite Drink: Dr. Pepper
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Food: Hamburgers
Favorite Movie: 17 Sweeney Todd
Favorite Saying: "Fail"
Favorite Song: Unholy Confessions by Avenged Sevenfold
Favorite Hangout: With friends
Personal Hero: Matt Damon
Future Plans: To attend Kansas University

Nominating Staff Members: Mr. Kevin Jilka and Mrs. Brenda Mann. Comment from nominating staff members: Teslee is a very personable young lady and is always ready to participate. Also she gets along very well with her peers. -Mr. Kevin Jilka. Teslee is a cooperative student, and is always prepared for class, organized and brings materials to class. She works well with other students and is a nice person to be around. -Mrs. Brenda Mann

Factoids About Teslee
Favorite Class: Art
Favorite Drink: Fruit Punch
Favorite Color: Orange
Favorite Food: Chicken
Favorite Movie: Time Travelers Wife
Favorite Saying: "We may not become as significant as we aspire to be, but we can become the best we are capable of becoming."
Favorite Song: All the Right Moves by One Republic
Favorite Hangout: Anywhere with friends
Personal Hero: Jenny Finch
Future Plans: Go to Nebraska University and study pastry

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