



Norton Junior High students demonstrate the "WOW" and "COOL" signs. Left to right Conor Cox, Derick Campbell, Tyler Kuhn, Erin Archer, Kristin Georgeson, Casey Ambrosier,

Peyton Renner and Lauren Mordecai. -Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

# Parade and hot dogs

The Halloween Parade and Wiener Roast will be held Thursday, Oct. 28 in downtown Norton. The Norton Volunteer Fire Department and the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce will again co-sponsor the event. Participants in the parade are asked to assemble in the parking lot behind Hall's Clothing at 6 p.m. Sheriff Troy and Chriselle Thomson will be dividing the children into groups from preschool to sixth grade. Representatives of DSNWK and others will be holding signs for each age group to direct you where to line up. The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will move east along Main Street to State Street, then south to Washington Street and east to the City Hall. At the conclusion of the parade, the free wiener roast will be held by the Norton Volunteer Fire Department. The wiener roast is financed through donations from businesses and individuals in the Norton area. Norton County Hospital personnel will be handing out trick or treat bags that contains apples and candy. This year the candy will be donated by the Norton County Hospital. All children are invited to participate. For more information, call the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Office at 877-2501.

# Kindness to stop bullying

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Bullying has become a national problem affecting our children. Hardly a day goes by without a national story on the effect of bullying on a child or young person. Magazines and newspapers have devoted editorials and stories on the problem. With the internet accessibility, bullying has evolved.

as a teacher, counselor, coach, athletic director and administrator. Joe has a Bachelor of Science in Education from Southwestern College in Winfield. He received his Master's in Education from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, Okla. and his Certification as a School Administrator from Fort Hays State University.

with verbal skills and feeling. It takes boys a longer time to reach the same level of skills." Coles stressed the idea of "developing habits that will change your life," replace put downs with put ups, be proactive and take charge of your life and tell yourself and others that you/they are awesome, cool, and super duper.

cal contact bullying should be reported immediately. Verbal bullying can be ignored once but should be reported if it happens more than once. He stressed the importance of not reacting to bullying by responding in a negative way. He said, if you call them the same name or do the same physical contact, you are both in trouble.

Norton student educators realized the problems of bullying among school children and arranged for Joe Coles to present "Knocking out Bullying behavior with Kindness" to all students enrolled in the Norton Community Schools. Coles has been a presenter at schools, in communities and at many conferences all over the state and in many parts of the Midwest. Joe has been a devoted educator for 31 years working

"I present a different talk to different age groups, but I use the same power points," said Coles. His talk to the Norton Junior High students provoked some interesting thoughts. He compared the difference between boys and girls when they entered the kindergarten class for the first time. "You remember if you are a girl how excited you were, what you would wear and the new friends you would meet. You boys, however, thought yech. No excitement there. Girls are already there

"Bullying is when someone or a group of people create a risk to another person's health or safety, either mentally or physically or to their property, reputation or social acceptance on more than one occasion," said Cole. The school group that sees the most bullying is seventh grade through ninth with the fourth through sixth coming in second. There are three elements to a bullying episode, the victim, the bully and the bystander. He told the students that physi-

"Do you know the difference between reporting and tattling?" asked Cole. "Reporting is to get people out of trouble, tattling is wanting to get people into trouble." He showed them the hand signs of "WOW" and "COOL" and encouraged the kids to go home and talk to their parents. "Can you imagine how surprised your parents would be if you asked them how their day was?" Coles said.



# Walnut tree problems

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Are you wondering why the leaves of the Black Walnut trees are falling off and leaving the walnuts clinging to bare branches? Keith VanSkiel, Twin Creeks Extension Director, had an explanation. "The trees are suffering from a blight disease called 'Anthracnose' that affects leaf tissue. It is a perennial problem and very rarely causes severe distress, especially on a well established tree."

lower and upper leaf surfaces. Extensive leaf spotting causes yellowing, curling and premature defoliation. Lesions may also appear as dark, sunken spots on the nut husks. The severity of walnut anthracnose tends to increase as the summer progresses, especially if rainfall is frequent. The blight disease is usually caused by humidity and temperatures. "Then there is always the walnut caterpillar; the caterpillar affect the trees in midsummer," said VanSkiel. "With the temperatures becoming cooler the problems of the trees will cease. I wouldn't worry too much about older trees, but young trees probably will need to be treated."

Anthracnose symptoms first appear in late spring as a small, brown, circular lesion, typically surrounded by a yellow margin, on the under side of leaves which have attained full size. Lesions are soon apparent from both the

If you have further questions, call the Twin Creeks Extension Office at 877-5755.

# Tomb guard gives history



Tom Tudor, a retired Army Guard of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, answers questions after his presentation at the Norton Public Library on the history of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Mary Luehrs, Norton Public Library director, listens to his explanation. Tudor said in his presentation that there will be no more unknown soldiers, "With the knowledge we have now about DNA, we will be able to identify everyone and return them home to their families."

-Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

# Search for pageant applicants

Samantha Reinecke, Mrs. Kansas 2010, recently competed at Mrs. America. The search is on. Mrs. Kansas is proud to announce its search for married women residing in Kansas who wish to receive the honor of representing their community in our 2011 State Competition. Selected applicants will receive an official title and banner and become their community's representative. The State Competition will be held January 21-22.

The woman who is crowned as Mrs. Kansas 2011 will then go on to represent the great state of Kansas in the only nationally televised pageant for married women, Mrs. America. Come and join this prestigious group of women who are dedicated to marriage, family and community. Those interested should contact Tracy Crist, Executive Director, at 785-539-5727 or email her at info@MrsKansas.net

# Pumpkin Patch opens

Granny Mae's Pumpkin Patch in Dorrance opened for the fall season Sept. 25. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays. Granny Mae's features an old-fashioned fall festival atmosphere with hayrack rides, bonfires, marshmallow roasts and music. Visitors can select a pumpkin from 15 acres of pumpkins and gourds with more than 100 varieties to choose from. Mums, sheaves and Indian corn are available from displays on the grounds. Covered trolley rides through

Scarecrow Meadow featuring live music begin at noon on Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. Other activities include Kernal's Carnival Games, the Haunted Forest, barrel train rides down Pumpkin Lane and Prairie Trail. Children can also go on a scavenger hunt in the living maze or search for hidden treasure in Baley Park. The gift shop and candy store are open, and food is available in the Cider House. Picnic areas are available for rent for families, meetings or special events.

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