

# THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Tuesday

October 9, 2012

Briefly

## Booster Club will meet Wednesday

The seventh meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club in the new fall sports season will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Speaking about the results of their team's recent competition will be head tennis coach Jim Green, head volleyball coach Kevin Jilka, head cross country coach George Rossi and head football coach Lucas Melvin.

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to the meetings, which will be held every Wednesday evening at the same location.

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

## Volleyball team set for match tonight

The Norton volleyball team will play their first match in the annual Mid-Continent League Volleyball Tournament tonight at 6 p.m. versus Plainville in the NCHS Stull Gym.

## Early dismissal set for this Wednesday

Norton Community Schools will hold an early dismissal on Wednesday. Schools will dismiss at 1 p.m. and busses will still run regular routes. The next early dismissal is planned for Nov. 14.

## Church supper is next Wednesday

The annual Long Island United Methodist Church Supper and Bazaar will be held at the Long Island church on Wednesday, Oct. 17. The menu will include turkey/ham, dressing and all the trimmings with homemade pie as well. Serving will be from 5 to 7:00 p.m. with the Country Store open with baked goods and items too numerous to mention during the evening.

## Markets

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Wheat .....	\$8.18
Milo .....	\$6.86
Soybeans .....	\$14.95
Corn .....	\$7.36

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

## Weather

Tuesday Night - Clear with a low of 23. Wednesday - Clear with a high of 66. Winds from the south at 5 to 20 mph with gusts to 30 mph. Wednesday Night - Partly cloudy with a low of 37. Thursday - Mostly cloudy in the morning, then clear. High of 70. Thursday Night - Partly cloudy with a low of 37.

## Kingham Report

Friday, Oct. 5 .....	Low 31, High 53
Saturday, Oct. 6 .....	Low 36, High 44
	25 Rain
Sunday, Oct. 7 .....	Low 35, High 57
Monday, Oct. 8 .....	Low 30, High 75

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

## Prayer

Dear God, when we are afraid, give us faith, courage, and trust. Help us to remember that you are always with us. Amen

# Norton crowns Homecoming royalty



By Dick Boyd

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John Risewick and Tawni Griffey were crowned King and Queen of the 40th annual Norton Community High School Homecoming on Friday night at Travis Field during ceremonies prior to the Norton-Colby football game.

John is the son of Dawn and Rich Risewick and Tawni is the daughter of Jacque and Marty Griffey.

Attendants were: Jacob Brooks, son of David Brooks and Jennifer and Jamie Wildeman; Kamilla Jones, daughter of Lynette and Jeff Jones; Andrew Ellis, son of Darla and Scott Ellis; Julia Kent, daughter of Nancy and Ron Kent; Carson McKenna, son of Jennifer and Brian McKenna; Alec Melvin, daughter of Angela and Lucas Melvin.

Crown bearers were Eli Jones, son of Bill Jones (91) and Amye Smith Jones (91) and Ellie Miller, daughter of Brock Miller (95) and Jennifer Skrdlant Miller.

The crown bearers were chosen by the Student Advisory Council. They are kindergarten students from the Eisenhower Elementary School. 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 NCHS Marching Band, under direction of Jordan Kinsey, formed a heart on the field to surround the can-

didates. Following the crowning, they honored the king and queen and their court with a special musical selection.

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, cheerleading, Jay Singers or is a student manager of a team was eligible to be nominated for Homecoming royalty.

Prior to the coronation on Friday night, the dance team and cheerleaders performed for the large crowd.

Dance team members are: Teal Stewart, Kelsey Mordecai, Shelbi McKenna, Sami Gordon, Kaitlyn Bohl, Morgan Farber, Sierra Griffith, Adrianna Ankenman, Audrie Burge, Lauren Mordecai, Audrey Morel, Shelby Mulford. Their coach is Melody Bock.

Their dance team routine was choreographed by Kelsey Mordecai.

The Norton cheerleaders are: Kylie Perez, Nickala O'Hare, Morgan Griffey, Cayanna Campbell, Adrienne Hager, Brandy Davis, Jared Shelton, Katie Koch, Katherine Boteler, Sierra Black and Teresa Gallegos. Their coaches are Jill Lively and Victoria Robison.

The NCHS Marching Band performed outstanding pre-game and halftime shows.

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(Top) The 2012 Homecoming Royalty at Norton Community High School is shown after the crowning ceremony prior to the Norton-Colby football game on Friday at Travis Field. They are, from left, front row: crown bearers Ellie Miller and Eli Jones; back row: attendants Kamilla Jones, Julia Kent, Alec Melvin; Queen Tawni Griffey, King John Risewick, attendants Carson McKenna, Andrew Ellis, Jacob Brooks. (Above) Junior Jared Shelton, yell leader for the Norton Cheerleaders, demonstrates his enthusiasm for the Norton Blue Jays as he jumps high in the air during the Homecoming Pep Rally at the Courthouse Square on Friday afternoon. Also pictured are, from left, Nickala O'Hare, Katelin Koch, Katherine Boteler and Sierra Black.

-Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

## County awarded additional credits

Norton City/County Economic Development announced last Wednesday that an additional \$100,000 in tax credits for the Norton County NetWork Kansas E-Community Loan Fund has been allocated. The added tax credits will result in \$133,333 to be used to help further the community's efforts to provide additional capital to Norton County businesses.

In 2011, Norton County was selected as an Entrepreneurship Community and was awarded \$125,000 in tax credits, which after sold, translated to \$166,667 in loan funds. A small portion, 5 percent, was used to market and promote the program. "Three businesses applied for and received \$45,000

each from this fund," said Economic Development Director Scott Sproul. "That left us with a minimum amount to help other businesses, and I'm confident we'll be able to use the additional funds to develop new businesses and help existing businesses."

This E-Community fund was designed to act as a gap financing mechanism which would allow a project to move forward with additional matching capital.

Norton County has until Dec. 14 to sell the additional tax credits. These are 75 percent tax credits, and county leaders encourage anyone interested in purchasing tax credits to talk to their accountant to see if these tax credits

would be beneficial to their financial situation.

The NetWork Kansas E-Community designation came about in Norton County when the county assembled a local leadership team of representatives from throughout the county to apply for consideration during the 2011 competition round. The team included Jon Boxler, Diana Smith, Gloria Nelson, Maggie Ellis, Wally Burton and John Milnes. To apply, the team submitted a written application in August 2011 and after an interview and application approval, Norton County was designated as an E-Community.

During the first four years of the E-Community partnership, more than \$4.7 million have been raised. These funds are estimated to generate more than \$33 million of investment in rural businesses across Kansas. The E-Community partnership is based on two fundamental principles. In order for rural and distressed communities to survive, they must grow from within by fostering local leadership; and organizations involved in community development need to empower businesses with the assets they need to succeed, including education, expertise and economic resources.

For more information about the tax credits or the NetWork Kansas E-Community program, contact Scott Sproul at 785-874-4816, or by email to nortonedata@ruraltel.net.

## City awarded \$90,000 grant from Hansen Foundation

By Carleen Bell  
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Thanks to the generosity of the foundation, leaders with the City of Norton have announced that the city has received \$90,000 in grant funding from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation.

Norton City Administrator Rob Lawson reported last Wednesday that the city received notification that the foundation has awarded a \$75,000 grant and a \$15,000 grant from the foundation.

The \$15,000 is earmarked for the city's fire department and the \$90,000 can be used in any way the city chooses as long as it benefits the community as a whole.

While the city council will need to decide how to best spend the grant funding, some possible ideas include park improvements, playground equipment, or downtown beautification.

Lawson said the city did not apply for the grant funding and leaders did not know the money was going to be awarded.

"This is just out of the goodness of their hearts," he said. "The council may decide to ask for public input on the best way to spend this generous gift."

## Holiday delays Pigskin Pick-Em

By Dick Boyd

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Since there was no mail delivery on the Columbus Day holiday Monday, all mail entries for the weekly Pigskin Pick-Em Contest were not received in time for grading prior to the deadline for today's Telegram.

The story listing the winners will be in Friday's Telegram.

Turn to the full page Pick-Em Contest advertisement in today's Telegram for this week's high school and college games.

Only one entry per person on official entry blanks is allowed but extra entry blanks for other members of the family may be picked up from any sponsor.

Prizes of \$30 in scrip money will be paid each week.

At the end of the 12-week season, the fan picking the most correct games will receive \$50 in scrip money and an engraved trophy.

