



Back-to-back beauties! Lisa Jones, left, and Reesa Volgamore were two models for the KAY Club's Prom Preview held Wednesday evening at East Campus Auditorium.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Preview gives a sneak peak at fashions

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Parents of Norton Community High School junior and senior girls had a sneak peek at formal fashions Wednesday evening at East Campus Auditorium.

The KAY Club sponsored Prom Preview featuring prom gowns from Schoen's Bridal World, Downs.

Modeling the formal wear were: Ashley Maybon, Lacey Roe, Mor-

gan Kauten, Reesa Volgamore, Lisa Jones, Lacy Ellis, Tiffany Marx, Hannah Mills, Sara Lentz, Maggie Nielsen, Gena Myers, Thea Wiseman, Ashley Traxler and Amie Richard.

Acting as escorts for the models were Andrew Black and Tanner Griffith.

The formal gowns were provided by Schoen's Bridal World, Downs.

The following local businesses donated items for door prize drawings: Shear Magic, Moffet Drug Store, Elleven, White Field's Coffee House, The Razor's Edge, Bella Sole, Garden Gate Florals, Etc., Beauti-Control products from Kayla Tacha, Norton Flowers Gifts and Greenhouse and Bella Villa Beauty Salon.

KAY sponsors are Erin Hill and Mirla Coleman.

Youth compete in Knights' free-throw competition

The Knights of Columbus District 44 Free Throw Contest was held Sunday in Phillipsburg

There were 16 girls and 19 boys from 10-14 years of age participating. They were the winners of the local contests from Phillipsburg, Esbon, Norton, Smith Center, and Logan. The winners may advance to the regional competition to be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 in Tipton.

Winners were:

Boys: Chase Copple, 10, Mankato; Zachary Duffy, 11, Guide Rock; Kale Terrill, 12, Smith Center; Brock Baxter, 13, Smith Center; and Cody Derr, 14, Phillipsburg.

Girls: Alyssa Hobbleman, 10, Smith Center; Briana Dietz, 11, Lebanon; Samantha Tien, 12, Prairie View; Hallie McCall, 13, Smith Center; and Karsen Means, 14, Phillipsburg.

Spotter training just around the corner

It's time once again to begin preparing for the severe weather season.

During the months of February and March, almost two and a half hours of daylight are gained and each day the sun climbs higher in the sky. Typically, the first severe thunderstorms rumble across the Tri-State area in late March or early April. The time to prepare for severe weather season is rapidly approaching.

The National Weather Service Forecast Office in Goodland is offering Basic Storm Spotter classes at many locations in the Tri-State area. Classes will begin in early March and wrap up the first week of April.

Everyone is invited to attend, and the classes are free of charge.

If you would like to assist your local community by becoming a volunteer storm spotter, or if you simply want to learn more about severe weather on the High Plains, consider attending one of these classes. Most classes are held in the evening and will last approximately 2 1/4 hours. Topics covered include a brief discussion of High Plains severe weather climatol-

ogy, a discussion of 2006 severe weather events, storm structure and evolution, weather safety and how to report severe weather events.

Those people who attend these classes annually might notice a change in the schedule compared to prior years. Most classes will be held in March this year. In addition, classes will begin at 6:30 p.m. local time for each county.

There are two exceptions. In Kit Carson and Cheyenne counties in Colorado, spotter classes will be held at local schools and be held during regular school hours. Please check the schedule carefully if you wish to attend a class in either of these counties.

Area spotter classes will be held:

- March 5 — Colby, Thomas County, 6:30 p.m., Community Building
- March 6 — Leoti, Wichita County, 6:30 p.m., Firehouse
- March 7 — Hill City, Graham County, 6:30 p.m., Frontier Stage, 321 E Main St.
- March 8 — Norton, Norton County, 6:30 p.m., Prairie Land Electric Co-op, 1101 W Highway 36

- March 9 — Tribune, Greeley County, 6:30 p.m. (MST), EMS Building

- March 12 — Atwood, Rawlins County, 6:30 p.m., Prairie Development Center

- March 13 — St. Francis, Cheyenne County, 6:30 p.m., High School Cafeteria

- March 14 — Goodland, Sherman County, 6:30 p.m. (MDT), National Guard Armory

- March 15 — Oakley, Logan County, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse, 710 W 2nd

- March 16 — Sharon Springs, Wallace County, 6:30 p.m. (MDT), CAB Building

- March 19 — Benkelman, Neb., Dundy County, 6:30 p.m. (MDT), High School Distance Learning Room

- March 20 — Hoxie, Sheridan County, 6:30 p.m., Bowen Scout House

- March 22 — Grainfield, Gove County, 6:30 p.m., 4-H Building

- March 23 — Trenton, Neb., Hitchcock County, 6:30 p.m., Courtroom

- March 27 — McCook, Neb., Red Willow County, 6:30 p.m., Location To Be Determined

- March 28 — Stratton, Colo., Kit Carson County, 12:30 p.m. (MDT), Stratton School. During school hours, public invited

- March 29 — Yuma, Colo., Yuma County, 6:30 p.m. (MDT), Ambulance Barn

- April 2 — Kit Carson, Colo., Cheyenne County, 10 a.m. (MDT), Kit Carson School. During school hours, public invited.

Nex-Tech scholarships available

Incoming freshmen who plan to major in information networking and telecommunications, with an emphasis in computer networking and telecommunications at Fort Hays State University (FHSU), will be eligible for a new scholarship established by Nex-Tech Inc. of Hays with the university's Endowment Association.

The scholarship will be awarded annually beginning with the 2007-2008 academic year.

"FHSU has a long history of providing qualified and motivated employees for our company. Providing assistance to a deserving student is an opportunity for us to reward and further that relationship," said Jeff Wick, chief operating officer of Nex-Tech.

Applications can be made through Feb. 17 on the school's web site at www.secure.fhsu.edu/

scholarship/, or through the Department of Information Networking and Telecommunications.

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Staff Spotlight

Classified Employee

Keri Vanover

Mrs. Keri Vanover is in her seventh year as an employee of USD 211 and is employed as a custodian at NCHS. Mrs. Vanover and her husband, Greg, have five children, all of whom are boys and students in the Norton schools. In her spare time, she likes to ride horses and read. She is also active with her church, 4-H and the BB gun team. Her favorite thing about her job is getting to interact with the students.

Certified Employee

Kevin Jilka

Mr. Kevin Jilka is in his 28th year as an educator and all of those have been spent in the Norton Schools. Mr. Jilka teaches physical education and math and is a coach at NCHS. He earned his Bachelor's Degree at Fort Hays State University, where he also met his wife, Janet. Mr. Jilka's hobby is golf and more golf. "Helping kids to improve and get better" is what he likes most about his job.

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