

# And here they are!



Homecoming crown bearers Mason Urban and Tessa Hauser carefully carried the King and Queen crowns before last Friday night's homecoming football game in Norton. Mason is the son of Dominic and JaLynn Urban and Tessa is the daughter of Keith and Jennifer Hauser.

— Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

# Walking: 166 kids took part

(Continued from Page 1) and about 10 parents. Eighty to 85 students from Eisenhower Elementary participated in the Walk to School event. The students held up signs made by Mrs. Streck proclaiming "Walk to School Day" and "Caution Kids Walking."

"Walk to School Day" is an excellent activity to promote a healthy lifestyle. Mrs. Streck, the school nurse, deserves a big thank you for organizing this activity for the students of Norton Schools," said Mr. Mann.

One hundred sixty-six students from Eisenhower Elementary, or 47 percent, participated in the event.

"I am very pleased with the number of students who participated, and I hope to hold the event again next year," said Mrs. Streck.

Africa, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji — 21 countries in Europe, South America, Central America and North America all participated in the event.

The Kansas Department of Transportation is a supporter of the event, and donated prizes to the two classes at each school who had the most walkers. At Eisenhower, Mrs. Haresnape's second grade class had 71 percent participation, and Mrs. Smith's third grade class had 66 percent participation. The students in the winning classes received pencils, finger puppets and keychains.

In 2007, more than 5,000 schools in the United States participated in the International Walk to School Day. It was originally established by the Partnership for a Walkable America to encourage parents to teach children about pedestrian safety and become aware of difficulties and dangers children face on their trip each day.

"It took courage for the kids to walk to school because it's something different. It was a beautiful morning for the walk," said Mr. Roy. Every morning, Mr. Roy reads a quote to the elementary students over the intercom. Today's choice was "If a person never fails, it is because he never tried," something Mr. Roy felt was appropriate for the morning's activities.

Between 1995 and 2005, the total number of children ages 14 and under killed as pedestrians decreased by 51 percent. However, each year about 630 child pedestrian fatalities occur.

Pedestrian injuries are still the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths among children ages 5 to 14 in the United States. According to the press release from Kansas Safe Kids, a national survey of driver speeds found that two-thirds of drivers exceeded the posted speed limit during the before and after school hours.

"Children walk differently from adults," said Maria Vegega of the

National Traffic Safety Administration in Washington, D.C. "When a child walks to school or to the bus stop, for example, it's not necessarily a purposeful walk. Instead, children are checking out the scenery. If they're walking with friends, they're probably joking, running, pushing each other back and forth, laughing and talking. The walk to school or to the bus stop isn't the purposeful walk that it might be for an adult. It's more of an exploratory walk, and they may be oblivious to traffic."

Some other examples of how children are different from adults are that they focus on one thing at a time — when they're concentrating on a ball game in the yard, they are not thinking about nearby traffic; children have trouble judging traffic speed, gaps in traffic, or whether a car is coming, going, or standing still; children have difficulty figuring out the meaning and direction of sound; children tend to focus on sounds that interest them — like an ice cream truck — rather than those that are important in traffic — like vehicle engines.

Fewer children walk or bicycle to school than did so a generation ago. In 2001, 16 percent of students between ages 5 and 15 walked or bicycled to or from school, as opposed to in 1969, when 42 percent of students walked or bicycled to school.

## Veterans Day Parade scheduled

Special to The Telegram

The annual Norton Veterans Day Parade will again be hosted by the Norton American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The parade will be held on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11 with the parade to start at 2 p.m.

All area organizations, youth, fraternal, churches and service organizations, clubs and interested parties are invited to enter the parade with floats or other entries. Antique car and tractor owners are especially invited to enter as well as horse owners and saddle clubs.

All Veterans, active duty, Guard and Reserve are asked to march

with the Marching Veterans Group who will form up at the Christian Church parking lot on US 283 in downtown Norton.

Cars will be available for Veterans who are unable to march to ride through the parade

Parade entrants are asked to check in at the East Campus gymnasium, 600 N. State Street, (US 283) any time after 12 o'clock noon for parade line-up. If possible, send or call entries in advance to:

Jake Durham, 414 N. First, Norton 67654, (785) 877-2400, or Richard Wiltfong, 1105 Nixon Drive, Norton 67654, (785) 877-2459.

## 'Think Pink' program set Oct. 15 here

October is "Breast Cancer Awareness" month, and it is a great reason to bring friends, co-workers, mothers, sisters and daughters together for a program to discuss the devastating disease that concerns every woman — breast cancer.

"Think Pink" is a program designed to encourage and enlighten, not scare. The program discusses

risk factors, family history and age-related risks, but focuses on the positives that are happening at a rapid pace to encourage women to pay attention to their health and their bodies and to empower themselves with knowledge. We also "pledge" to encourage, support and celebrate as we make advances in treatment and succeed in overcoming the odds.

Tressie Mitzner, Gove County Extension Director, will be teaching this program on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m. at the 4-H Building in Norton. Please call the Norton County Extension Office at (785) 877-5755 to register by Tuesday, Oct. 14 so enough materials can be made available. Come for a great time, door prizes and educational gifts.

## Flu shot clinic/drill on Norton agenda

The Norton County Health Department will conduct a Mass Dispensing Flu Vaccine Clinic/Drill at the Norton Junior High School from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 15. The department is required to be ready and able to provide needed supplies, medication and/or vaccine after a natural disaster or disease outbreak to the citizens of the county in a short amount of time. All are encouraged to take part in this clinic/drill.

Here are the details:

- 1) You must have cash/check or health insurance card in-hand at the front door to enter.
- 2) Flu shot is \$25 (if paying by cash/check)
- 3) Only flu vaccine is being offered.
- 4) You must be at least 6 months old to receive flu vaccine.
- 5) Adults and older kids, please consider wearing clothing that

will allow easy access to the upper arm.

6) For infants and young children, please dress them for easy access to the upper thigh for injection.

More than 40 volunteers, who commit their time, expertise and energy to their community, will be running this clinic. Thank them.

## Area college turning to telephones

By ANDY HEINTZ  
Colby Free Press

Colby Community College's best and brightest will be calling on two October weekends, asking for money for scholarships during the annual Endowment Foundation Phonathon.

"It's one of the two main fund raisers for scholarships we do during the year," said Debbie Schwanke, public information director at Colby Community College.

The foundation was put together over three decades ago to help raise money so the college can offer scholarships to students interested in attending classes here, officials say.

"We want to give them an opportunity to come if they want to," said foundation Director Nick Wells, adding that the group raised about \$50,000 last year.

Wells said this year, the foundation hopes to exceed that number. Students will be calling from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 19, 20 and 21, and Oct. 26, 27 and 28

The Phonathon brings together about 50 or 60 Presidential Scholars, college Student Ambassadors, members of the Student Senate and student representatives from clubs and organizations. They will try to solicit donations from about 12,000 alumni and friends of the college over two weekends.

Wells said he hopes the money they raise will help increase attendance at the college, as did Schwanke.

"We need to grow our enrollment so we can get the best and brightest students to come to our college," she said.

All calls are made at the back part of the student union, where fifteen phones are set up on tables. Schwanke said about 15 students work the phones each night of the Phonathon, making calls from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The students manning the phones introduce themselves to the caller and talk to them about the college, Schwanke said. She said there is no script.

The foundation sent letters out to alumni and friends this week, Wells said, so those who didn't want to be called could send donations in advance. He said the foundation will begin calling people in two weeks.

President Lynn Kreider talked in a release announcing how important the campaign is in regards to raising money to pay for

scholarships this year.

"We have an increase in freshman enrollment numbers this semester," said Kreider. "The completion of the new 160-bed dormitory, the new programs, and the increasing competition to attract the best students to Colby Community College are all factors that contribute to the need for additional scholarships."

The college is starting three new programs this year, entrepreneurship, feedlot certification and therapeutic massage therapy to attract students.

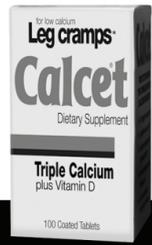
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TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS: WHEREAS, Knights of Columbus throughout the state will be extending a helping hand to others during the 10th, 11th, and 12th days of October and nearly all of the approximately 35,000 members in Kansas' 259 councils will participate in the 39th annual fund drive for people with intellectual disabilities; and WHEREAS, Thousands of citizens have received needed assistance through the Knight's Tootsie Roll campaign; and money collected is distributed to schools and agencies concerned with people with intellectual disabilities in the area in which the funds are collected. Twenty percent of the funds are used to sponsor the annual Special Olympics Basketball Tournament, and in 2007, council members collected over \$315,000; and WHEREAS, It is important to be aware of the need to assist these often neglected citizens, who with training and instruction can be prepared to lead more fulfilled lives: NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim October 10-12, 2008, as

#### Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities Days

In Kansas and urge all citizens to join in this observance. DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka under the Great Seal of the State this 10th day of June, A.D. 2008 BY THE GOVERNOR: Kathleen Sebelius Ron Thornburgh, Secretary of State

## Investment: Why Norton? 'It's the people'

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store to fill some of the remaining gaps in our downtown area," said Miss Becker.

"All this may lead someone to ask, 'why Norton?' When other towns are struggling, why is Norton prospering? The answer to that question is best stated by a long time resident and community supporter, Carol Ryan — "It's the people..." said Miss Becker.

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