By Dick Boyd

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The Norton Community High School girls and boys basketball teams will open their 2011-12 season when they compete in the annual Topside Tip-Off Basketball Tournament in Max Jones Fieldhouse at 12th and Arcade in Goodland this Thursday, Friday and

Playing, in addition to Norton and Goodland, will be teams from Ottawa, Sharon Springs, Weskan, McCook, Neb. and Wray and Burlington, Colo.

Trophies will be awarded to the first, second, third and fifth place teams. Members of the top three teams will receive individual medals. An all-tournament girls and boys team will be se-

The tournament will feature a threepoint contest. A spirit award will also be given and the girls and boys team with the highest free throw percentage will receive an award.

GIRLS

The Norton girls will play Sharon Springs at 3 p.m. on Thursday in the fieldhouse. In the other girls first round games on Thursday, Burlington will play Weskan at 5 p.m. in the junior high gym, Goodland will play McCook at 7 p.m. in the fieldhouse and Ottawa will play Wray at 9 p.m. in the junior high gym.

On Friday, winners of the Ottawa-Wray and Norton-Sharon Springs games will play at 3 p.m. in the fieldhouse and winners of the Burlington-Weskan and Goodland-McCook

contests will play at 7 p.m. in the field-seventh place.

Topside Tip-Off tournament set for this weekend

In the consolation bracket on Friday, losers of the Ottawa-Wray and Norton-Sharon Springs games will play at 3 p.m. in the junior high gym and losers of the Burlington-Weskan and Goodland-McCook contests will play at 7 p.m. in the junior high gym.

Winners of Friday's games in the championship semi-finals, will play at 6 p.m. on Saturday in the fieldhouse for the championship. Losers on Friday in the championship bracket will play at 2 p.m. on Saturday in the fieldhouse for third place.

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On Saturday, winners of Friday games in the championship semi-finals will play for the championship at 8 p.m. in the fieldhouse. Losers of the championship semi-finals will play at 4 p.m. on Saturday in the fieldhouse for third place.

Also on Saturday, winners of Friday's consolation games, will play at 4 p.m. in the junior high gym for fifth place. Losers will play at 2 p.m. in the junior high gym for seventh place.

Northern Valley falls to S-B/T Friday night

By Mike Stephens

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Turnovers proved too much to overcome as Northern Valley's high school boys basketball team fell 42-34 to St. John's-Beloit/Tipton on Friday night.

Guard Gunnar Hays got things going scoring seven points in the first quarter, including a three-pointer, for the Huskies as they finished the first quarter down only two, 11-9, to St. John's-Beloit/Tipton.

The Huskies had a more balanced attack in the second quarter. Five players scored in the quarter, led by Daniel Field's two field goals. The Huskies went into halftime trailing by only three, 23-20.

In the third quarter, Northern Valley

outscored St. John's-Beloit/Tipton by one point. Hays added another 3-pointer and Alex Tharman and Ian Vincent both contributed a field goal each as the Huskies closed the gap to 30-28.

The Huskies went cold in the 4th quarter, scoring only six points, led by Vincent's two field goals but St.John's-Beloit doubled up with 12 points in the quarter as Northern Valley fell to St. John's-Beloit/Tipton 42-

Despite the loss, Huskies Head Coach Chuck Fessenden saw the positives in his

"I thought that we were pretty solid defensively. Our kids played hard and our defense kept us in the game," said Fessenden.

"We made 39 turnovers which really hurt us on the offensive end of the floor. Poor free throw shooting was also a major factor in the loss. We really need to get the turnover situation straightened out before Tuesday's game with Hodgeman County."

Leading rebounders for the Huskies were Daniel Field with eight, and Tyson Callaway with seven. Gunnar Hays had six steals.

Fessenden added that Northern Valley won the JV game 49-37. Leading scorers were Matt Stutsman with 16 points, Clint Cole and Ian Vincent added 11 points each. Leading rebounders were Ian Vincent with 11, and Jon Compton with eight. Matt Stutsman contributed with six steals.

Hoxie tourney canceled

The annual Hoxie Invitational Wrestling Tournament, which was scheduled for last Saturday, was canceled due to inclement weather.

The Alma Invitational Wrestling Tournament, which was also scheduled for last Saturday, was postponed until Monday of this

The season will now begin for the Norton varsity wrestlers in the annual Clay Center Invitational, beginning at 9:30 a.m. this Saturday.

The Norton junior varsity wrestlers will compete next in the Southern Valley Invitational, beginning at 3:30 p.m. this Friday.

Ladies Inter-City League Standings as of Nov. 28

- 1. Animal Health- 40.5 wins, 15.5 losses
- 2. BEB & Assoc.- 36.5 wins, 19.5 losses
- 3. Nelson Bros.- 30 wins, 26
- losses 4. Geezeretts- 30 wins, 26
- losses 5. Logan Gals- 21.5 wins,

34.5 losses High Line: Becky Williams-185, Kathleen Berlier-167, Margaret Thomas-159, BEB

BEB & Assoc.-400. Handicap: High Line Margaret Thomas-228, Williams-226, Becky Kathleen Berlier-218, BEB & Assoc, -583, Animal Health-583,

Assoc.-424, BEB & Assoc.-406,

High Series: Becky

Animal Health-572, BEB

Assoc.-565.

Williams-448, Kathleen Berlier-420, Margaret Thomas-404, & Assoc.-1229, Nelson Bros.-1032, Animal Health-1000.

Series Handicap: High Margaret Thomas-611, Judy Luft-583, Kathleen Berlier-573, BEB & Assoc.-1707, Animal Health-1693, Nelson Bros.-1668.

Inter-City League

Standings as of Dec. 1

- 1. Heartland Partners- 71.5 wins, 45.5 losses
- 2. Bailey Electric- 71 wins, 46 losses
- 3. Jett SS- 62.5 wins, 54.5
- 4. BLD's- 55.5 wins, 61.5
- 5. Hawks Depot- 47.5 wins, 69.5 losses

High Line: Nick Daniels-199,

Corbin-196,

High Line Handicap: Dennis Corbin-247, Nick Daniels-244, Dennis Balderston-239, Vaughn Newman-231, Luke Bailey-231,

Hawks Depot-831, Jett SS-822. HighSeries: NickDaniels-508, Dennis Balderston-490, Rusty Miller-481, Dave Keller-463. Bailey Electric-1777, Heartland Partners-1718.

High Series Handicap: Dennis Balderston-649, Nick Daniels-643, Luke Bailey-610, Sheila Swisher-607, Heartland Partners-2360, Jett SS-2320.

Standings as of Nov. 29

- 1. Lenora Nutrition Center-
- 2. BEB & Assoc.- 29.5 wins.
- 26.5 losses

losses

4. Amateurs- 24 wins, 32

High Line: Jacque Griffey-194, Cheri Brooks-182, Kathleen Berlier-141, Lenora Nutrition Center-427.

High Line Handicap: Jacque Griffey-237, Cheri Brooks-220, Margaret Thomas-213, Moffet Drug-606.

Series: High Jacque Griffey-489, Cheri Brooks-482, Kathleen Berlier-393, Lenora Nutrition Center-1169.

High Series Handicap: Jacque Griffey-618, Cheri Brooks-596, Pam Menagh-587, Moffet Drug-1704.

Tuesday Night Mens League Standings as of Nov. 29

- 1. Don's Floor Coverings- 67 wins, 41 losses
- 2. WGAHA- 55 wins, 53 3. D & M Service- 51 wins,
- 57 losses 4. The WIFS- 43 wins, 65

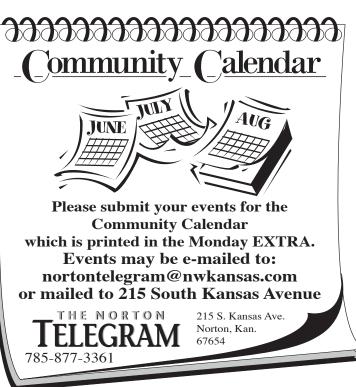
HighLine:FigMillan-202,Bill

LaSalle-183, Joel Duscher-175, D & M Service-624.

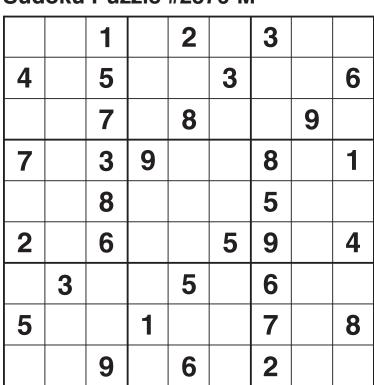
High Line Handicap: Fig Millan-257, Bill LaSalle-224, Joel Duscher-219, Don's Floor Coverings-816.

High Series: Duscher-500, Rusty Miller-499, Bill LaSalle-494, D & M Service-1785.

High Series Handicap: Fig Millan-648, Joel Duscher-632, Bill LaSalle-617, Don's Floor Coverings-2356.



Sudoku Puzzle #2376-M



Medium

Rusty Miller-188, Dennis Balderston-186, Bailey

Electric-632, BLD's-608.

Tuesday Housewife League

- 34.5 wins, 21.5 losses
- 3. Moffet Drug- 24 wins, 32







American Legion Harmonson Redd Post No. 63 Second and Fourth Monday

7:30 p.m. Darren McMullen, Commander Curt Archibald, Adjutant



Eagles Lodge FOE 3288 Second and Fourth Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Larry Hawks, President Secretary, Ron Miller



Veterans of Foreign Wars Reg. 7:00 p.m.

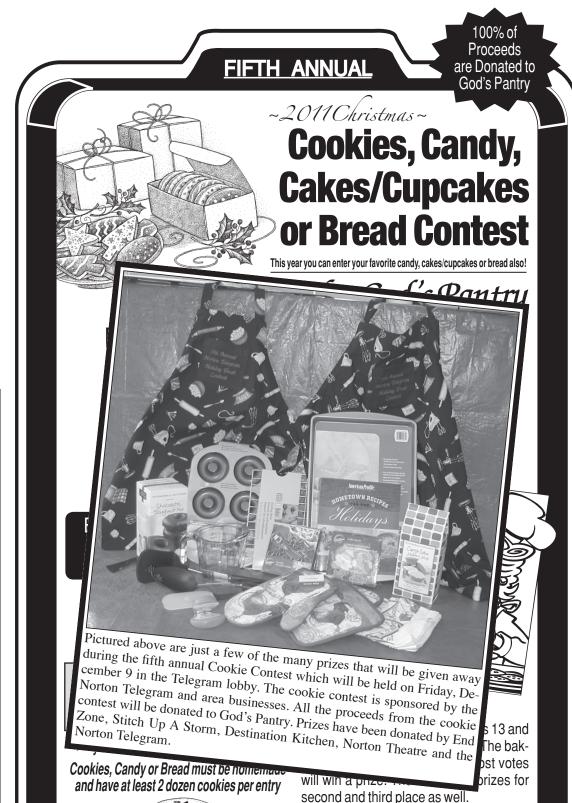
Curt Archibald, Commander Joe Ballinger, Quartermaster



First and Third Thursday Each Month at 7:30 p.m. Geneva Tier, Noble Grand Randy Knoll, Secretary The American



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