## Topside Tip-Off tournament set for this weekend

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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
Saturday.
Poaying, 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-tour-
nament girls and boys team will be se-


#### Abstract

The tournament will feature a three point contest. A spirit award will also be given and the girls and boys team be given and the girls and boys team with the highest free throw percentage will receive an award. The Norton girls will play Sharon Springs at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. 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 Frida On Friday, winners of the OttawaWray and Norton-Sharon Springs games will play at 3 p.m. in the field- house and winners of the Burlinghouse and winners of the Burling- ton-Weskan and Goodland-McCook


In the consolation bracket on Friday,
losers of losers of the Ottawa-Wray and NortonSharon Springs games will play at 3 p.m. in the junior high gym and losers of the Burlington-Weskan and Goodp.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. third place.
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Losers bracket winners on Friday will play at 12 noon on Saturday in the
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## BOYS

 The Norton boys will play Sharon fieldhouse. In other boys first round games on Thursday, McCook will play Wray at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the junior high gym Ottawa will play Burlington at $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the junior high gym and Goodland will play Weskan at 9 p.m. in the fieldhouse.On Friday, winner of the OttawaBurlington game will play in the championship semi-finals versus the winner of the Norton-Sharon Springs game at 5 pm . in the fieldhouse and winners of the McCook-Wray contest and Good-land-Weskan game will play in the championship
the fieldhouse.

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and losers of the McCook-Wray and and losers of the McCook-Wray and 9 p.m. in the junior high gym.
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.
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junior high gym for seventh place.

## Northern Valley falls to S-B/T Friday night Hoxie tourney canceled

By Mike Stephens
Turnovers proved too much to overcome as Northern Valley's high school boys
basketball team fell $42-34$ to St. John'sBeloit/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 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-
one point. Hays added another 3-pointer and Alex Tharman and Ian Vincent both 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 team's effort.
"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 throw shooting was also a major factor in
the loss. We really need to get the turnover the loss. We really need to get the turnover
situation straightened out before Tuesday's game with Hodgeman County." Leading rebounders for the He
Daniel Field with eight, and Tyson Ces were 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.

The annual Hoxie Invi Tational Wrestling Tournament, which was scheduled for last Saturday, was canceled due to inclement weather.
The Alma Invitational
Wrestling Toutiona Wrestling Tournament which was also scheduled for last Saturday, was post-
poned until Monday of this week.

The season will now The season will now sity 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.

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