

Blue Jay junior varsity competes at Cambridge

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity wrestlers placed ninth out of 19 teams in the varsity Fran Jorgensen Wrestling Invitational on Saturday, Dec. 21 at Cambridge.

The tournament champion was Fillmore Central with 133.5 points, followed by Harvard, 131; Franklin, 114.5; Loomis-Bertrand, 105; Cambridge, 91; Minden, 86; Oberlin JV, 82.5; Elm Creek, 82; Norton JV, 73; Eustis/Farnam, 72; Wilcox-Hildreth, 66.5; Overton, 63; Axtell, 60; Ansley/Litchfield, 49; Alma, 45; Hitchcock County, 33; Superior, 31; Elwood, 16; Wauneta-Palisade, 12.

Norton had one individual champion, Skylar Johnson at 106. Finishing runner-up was Kade Unterseher at 113. Weston Erbert was third at 145 and Dalton Vanover finished fourth at 138. Placing sixth at 138 was Derek Rowh.

The placing of five Norton wrestlers was unknown. They were Garret Otter, 145; Layton Miller, 152; Maverick Engel, 170; Alex Hjort, 182 and Lance Armbrister, 285.

Cochair's comments

"Overall, I was pretty pleased with our performance as I continue to see improvement in these young men," said Norton assistant coach Doug Ray. "In the big picture, it is our long term goal to get better each competition.

"Our young men need to understand that after the opening whistle, it is time to wrestle. We had several matches that we found ourselves down after the first period; yet we were able to battle back and win some of them.

"Two matches that really stand out are Dalton Vanover's first round match in which he was defeated 10-1, yet battled through the backdoor and defeated the same opponent in the consolation semis by a score

of 2-1. He actually wrestled all three periods unlike his first round match. And another one was Weston Erbert's first round match. Weston was down 7-1 after the first period and battled back to take an 8-7 lead and then pinned his opponent en route to a third place finish in a pretty tough bracket.

"Skylar Johnson continues to wrestle very well and was our lone champion. He won his first two matches in dominating fashion and defeated a very tough, undefeated wrestler from Minden in the finals by a score of 7-4.

"For Skylar's excellent performance, our coaching staff chose Skylar 'Junior Varsity Wrestler of the Week'.

"Kade Unterseher had another nice tournament en route to a second place finish. Derek Rowh also had a nice tournament and compiled a 3-2 record. He was scheduled to wrestle for fifth but, due to Kansas rules, he could not wrestle his sixth match so had to forfeit in a match I am confident he would have won.

"It will be nice to have a long Christmas break and, hopefully, these young men will come back more eager than ever and will continue to improve throughout the rest of the season."

Individual matches

106 - Skylar Johnson pinned Drew Goosic, Franklin, in :22; pinned Cole Jividen, Fillmore Central, in 1:46 and won a 7-4 decision over Austin Olson, Minden, to win the championship.

113 - Kade Unterseher won a 6-0 decision over Ben Bogle, Elwood; won a 12-8 decision over Shea Shannon, Franklin and was pinned in 1:27 by Jeffrey West, Elm Creek, to finish second.

138 - Dalton Vanover lost a 10-1 major decision to Grant Dahlgren, Loomis/Bertrand; received a bye; pinned Mason Morgan, Cambridge, in 1:28;

won a 2-0 decision over Cade Wurm, Oberlin; won a 2-1 decision over Grant Dahlgren, Loomis/Bertrand and lost a 10-7 decision to Matthew Sweet, Franklin, to place fourth.

138 - Derek Rowh won a 15-0 tech fall over Sam Thompson, Loomis/Bertrand, in 5:37; lost a 7-3 decision to Vince Vollmer, Overton; pinned Jonathan Johnson, Minden, in :35; pinned Jude Wallinder, Oberlin JV, in 2:39; lost a 5-2 decision to Matthew Sweet, Franklin and lost by rule to Grant Dahlgren, Loomis/Bertrand, to finish sixth.

145 - Weston Erbert pinned Lane Morris, Superior, in 4:20; won a 3-2 decision over Rafael Guerrero, Harvard; was pinned in 3:12 by Wyatt Schiermeyer, Fillmore Central; won a 5-2 decision over Ace Bloom, Elm Creek and won by rule over Rafael Guerrero, Harvard, to place third.

145 - Garret Otter lost a 16-1 tech fall to Wyatt Schiermeyer in 4:30; pinned Devon Strunk-Martin, Hitchcock County, in 2:05; won by injury default over Jon Dobish, Axtell and lost a 2-1 decision to Ace Bloom, Elm Creek.

152 - Layton Miller pinned Avery Goldfish, Loomis/Bertrand, in 4:33; lost a 6-4 decision to Hunter Mowry, Cambridge and was pinned in 2:07 by Colton Barton, Minden, in 2:07.

170 - Maverick Engel was pinned in 4:18 by Trent Christianity, Franklin and was pinned in :52 by Robert Sloane, Minden.

182 - Alex Hjort was pinned in :46 by Anthony Fischer, Cambridge and was pinned in 2:42 by Ramsey Hunt, Wilcox/Hildreth.

285 - Lance Armbrister received a bye; was pinned in 1:26 by Douglas Johnson, Harvard; received a bye and was pinned in 1:40 by Ben Glading, Oberlin JV.

Yet another fire...



Sparks from an eastbound semi truck caught two patches of dry grass on fire along the south ditch of U.S. 36 west of Norcatour just after 10 a.m. Friday morning. The Norcatour Rural Fire Department extinguished the flames within minutes, preventing them from spreading, said Fire Chief Carl Lyon. - Herald staff photo by Ladd Wendelin

Paving scam hits Kansas

Although winter has set in across Kansas, door-to-door paving scams are continuing to be seen throughout the state, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said today.

In the past three months, the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has received complaints regarding door-to-door driveway paving scams from Cloud, Douglas, Jefferson, Marshall, Mitchell, Nemaha, Neosho, Osage, Otta-

wa, Republic, Saline, Shawnee and Stevens counties.

Typically, the scam involves the pavers claiming they have leftover asphalt from a recent job, and offering consumers a "good deal" to pave their driveways. Often, they do not disclose all of the charges, do not inform the consumers of their three-day right to cancel, perform substandard work - or do not complete the job at all.

Schmidt reminded consumers

that when hiring contractors or construction workers, it is best to deal with reputable, local companies.

Schmidt asked that any Kansans who may have done business with a deceptive or fraudulent paving operation contact his Consumer Protection Division by calling 1-800-432-2310 or by filing a complaint online at www.InYourCornerKansas.org.

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County

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and seven countries, Norton County has the most aggressive taxing he has ever seen.

He said that he needs to see a return on his investment in the property. Property taxes are high and then there is the 8 1/2 percent sales tax when he shops in Norton, "which I do as little as possible," he said.

He said that he has a 16-year-old son, who is driving, and a daughter, who soon will be and he doesn't feel the road is in good enough condition for them to drive on it.

"We'll see what we can do, Doug," Commissioner Thompson said.

The commissioner then told him that much of his property taxes go to the school district and not to the county. They only collect the taxes and the complaints, they said, they don't get to keep most of the money.

Mr. Richard said that he

would talk to the road crew to get the road graded more often.

Before leaving the meeting, Mr. Thraikill gave the commissioners a written request to fix the road plus a request for several open records documents including county wages and the latest county financial statement. And, he asked that the commissioners give him a written reply on his request.

County Attorney Doug Sebelius looked over the record requests and said that they were all legitimate open records and said that perhaps Clerk Robert Wyatt had extra copies of some documents so that they didn't have to be copies at a cost of 50 cents a page and \$25 an hour, which Mr. Thraikill would need to pay.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Authorized the purchase of a one-year old band saw for the road and bridge department for

\$31,060.

- Were told by Mr. Richard that the prison crew which works for both the City of Norton and the at the county shop does a great job and is really appreciated by the county workers.

- Decided to change the commission meeting dates in January and February from the last Monday to the last day of the month. In January, the commissioners will not meet on Monday, Jan. 27, and instead will meet on Friday, Jan. 31, and in February, the Monday, Feb. 24, meeting will be postponed until Friday, Feb. 28.

- Heard from County Attorney Doug Sebelius that he was working on a resolution that would allow the county to provide up to \$550 in funeral assistance for indigent county residents who have no estates and no one else to help with the burial.

Postage

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liams is not optimistic this can happen.

"This latest action by the PRC only makes the Postal Service's survival challenge tougher and scarier. This decision opens the door to perpetual steep postage increases for American businesses, including ours, which strives to fill a deep desire by readers to receive a hard copy newspaper, even if they also

read online."

NNA Postal Committee Chair Max Heath said he is also disappointed the exigency rate increase is granted. Heath notes that although USPS certainly has been impacted by the recession, so has its customers and raising postage rates now is ill-advised.

"We calculated increases up to 7 percent for some of our critical newspaper mail categories. To the extent that USPS

suffered from the recession, so did our business," said Heath. "It is too bad the law doesn't allow for an "exigent decrease" in postage so we, who must respond to market realities, could be made whole as well."

Williams said NNA will renew its efforts to seek prudent postal reform legislation during the annual Newspapers Leadership Summit March 13, 2014, when publishers visit Capitol Hill to urge action.

LAND AUCTION

160 Acres-Grassland
Seller: Lowry Trust

LOCATION: Logan Community Center, Logan, Kansas
DATE: January 15, 2014 TIME : 10:30AM

Legal Description: NE1/4 19-3-22 Norton Co.
Land Location: SW Corner of Rd.P and E3 Road
Norton Co, Kansas

MINERAL RIGHTS: Sell with the property and are intact.

TAXES: Taxes for 2013 were \$72.30

POSSESSION: March 1, 2014

All grass with 4 wire fence and good water

ACREAGES: Acreage figures are considered to be approximate and are from reliable sources based on (USDA) FSA figures. All FSA information is subject to change, including but not limited to the number of cropland acres, grass acres, base acreages and yields. FSA acres may not be the same as deeded acres or county appraiser acres. Acreages are not covered by title insurance.

EVIDENCE OF TITLE: Seller will provide title insurance to the Buyer in the amount of the purchase price with the premium to be split between Buyer and Seller. Title evidence will be provided on sale day.

INSPECTIONS: Each potential bidder is responsible for conducting their own independent inspections and due diligence concerning pertinent facts about the property.

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TERMS: 10% Down at contract signing of contracts and balance due on or before Feb.17, 2014. Personal checks will be acceptable for the down payment but certifiable funds will be needed for final payment. Escrow funds will be held by Norton Co. Title and they will be the closing agent. Financing if needed must be arranged prior to auction. Announcements made day of sale will take precedence over printed material and previously made oral statements. Auction house has right to refuse any and all bids.

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