

Blue Jay wrestlers second at Goodland event

By DICK BOYD

Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School wrestling team placed second in the annual duals Holiday Wrestling Classic on Saturday in Goodland.

Garden City won the championship, followed by Norton, Goodland, Oakley, Scott City, Buhler, Pratt, Dodge City, Ulysses, Hugoton, Quinter, Wichita County.

Norton was in a pool with Buhler, Leoti and Ulysses. The Blue Jays defeated Buhler 56-18, Leoti 72-6 and Ulysses 64-15 to advance out of their pool into the championship finals. In the semi-finals, they outscored Goodland 39-30, then lost their dual with an outstanding Garden City team by a score of 35-24.

"I was very nervous going into the tournament with the lineup we had," said coach Johnson. "We were trying to fill many of the upper weights plus Blake VanEaton, one of our best wrestlers, was home ill with the flu. I knew it would be a difficult task for us to finish very high.

"As it turned out, I was very, very pleased with our wrestlers' performance. Many of our young men wrestled out of their normal weight class to cover some open weights. I was very pleased with their valiant efforts to represent

their school whether win or lose. We told some of them that avoiding getting pinned or losing by a major decision would only cost us three points and would help for team points. These valiant young men included Jeff Soderlund, Matt Stanley and Brock Lauer. All went up weight classes to help our team.

"I was disappointed with the quality of the competition until we wrestled Goodland. I was really happy with our performance against Goodland.

"We wrestled our best dual of the day against our toughest opponent, Garden City. We won several close matches and competed extremely well in ones we did lose. It was a very competitive dual with only a few pins. Matt Stanley had a big pin over the Garden City wrestler. Kent Mann gave a Garden City wrestler his only loss.

"We were in superior condition compared to our opponents in most of our duals at Goodland.

"It was a good way to end the year. Hopefully, we will continue to improve.

"We'll step up our wrestling intensity over the holidays and have some twice-a-day practices to get ready for our J.R. Durham Tournament the first of the year."

Coach Johnson named Kent Mann the "Wrestler of the Week". Norton's Nathan Broeckelman and Goodland's Brett Schields tied for the "Outstanding Wrestler" award.

Norton 56, Buhler 18
*103 — Connor Pfannenstiel

pinned Anthony Negrette in 5:20.

*112 — Kaenon Keiswetter won by forfeit over Dallas Lawrence.

*119 — Zane Perez pinned Orion Medrano in 2:42.

*125 — Zach Bainter shutout Danny Owens 15-0.

*130 — Nathan Broeckelman won by forfeit.

*135 — Kent Mann pinned Logan Stoss in 1:06.

*140 — Aaron Husted pinned Gus Garcia in 4:34.

*145 — Todd Bolt pinned Dylan Young in 37 seconds.

*152 — Jeff Soderlund decided Kaylob Phillips 9-7.

*160 — Matt Stanley lost an 8-5 decision to Jeff Valentine.

*171 — Brock Lauer lost a 5-2 decision to Alex Juby.

*189 — Robert Derauf was pinned in 2:34 by Lucas Ridgeway.

*215 — Norton was open and Jered Eash won by forfeit.

*285 — Alex Thomas pinned John Leeper in 1:30.

Norton 72, Leoti 6

*103 — Leoti was open and Connor Pfannenstiel won by forfeit.

*112 — Leoti was open and Kaenon Keiswetter won by forfeit.

*119 — Leoti was open and Zane Perez won by forfeit.

*125 — Leoti was open and Zach Bainter won by forfeit.

*130 — Nathan Broeckelman pinned Nathan Porter in 1:02.

*135 — Kent Mann pinned Kyler Mastel in 36 seconds.

*140 — Aaron Husted pinned Derick Dicks in 4:40.

*145 — Todd Bolt pinned Tate Berning in 1:30.

*152 — Leoti was open and Jeff Soderlund won by forfeit.

*160 — Brock Lauer lost by a fall in 2:38 to Ben Brown.

*171 — Leoti was open and Matt Stanley won by forfeit.

*189 — Leoti was open and Robert Derauf won by forfeit.

*215 — Both teams were open.

*285 — Leoti was open and Alex Thomas won by forfeit.

Norton 64, Ulysses 15

*103 — Connor Pfannenstiel pinned Ryan Benyshek in 1:40.

*112 — Ulysses was open and Kaenon Keiswetter won by forfeit.

*119 — Zane Perez pinned Brady Trotman in 50 seconds.

*125 — Zach Bainter won an 11-2 major decision over Derek Newell.

*130 — Nathan Broeckelman pinned Javy Garcia in 1:41.

*135 — Kent Mann pinned Brandon Seger in 4:11.

*140 — Ulysses was open and Aaron Husted won by forfeit.

*145 — Ulysses was open and Todd Bolt won by forfeit.

*152 — Jeff Soderlund lost a 14-9 decision to Jesus Baeza.

*160 — Brock Lauer won by injury default over Dan Gerstberger.

*171 — Ulysses was open and Matt Stanley won by forfeit.

*189 — Robert Derauf lost by a fall in 1:27 to Derrek Heckel.

*215 — Norton was open and

Saul Landeros won by forfeit.

*285 — Alex Thomas pinned Zac Besette in 1:21.

Norton 39, Goodland 30

*103 — Connor Pfannenstiel lost a 9-3 decision to Kade Sheldon.

*112 — Goodland was open and Kaenon Keiswetter won by forfeit.

*119 — Goodland was open and Zane Perez won by forfeit.

*125 — Zach Bainter pinned Kerek Mason in 3:30.

*130 — Nathan Broeckelman pinned Lorenzo Delgado in 16 seconds.

*135 — Kent Mann pinned Bryan Gray in 1:10.

*140 — Aaron Husted lost a 6-0 decision to A.J. Stephens.

*145 — Todd Bolt pinned Paul Starr in 39 seconds.

*152 — Jeff Soderlund lost a 10-6 decision to Aaron Deeds.

*160 — Matt Stanley lost a 10-4 decision to Ryan Taylor.

*171 — Brock Lauer was pinned in 1:50 by Brett Schields.

*189 — Robert Derauf was pinned in 36 seconds by Josiah Goodley.

*215 — Norton was open and T.J. Hawkins won by forfeit.

*285 — Alex Thomas won a 14-7 decision over Bob Doxon.

Norton 24, Garden City 35

*103 — Connor Pfannenstiel was pinned in 1:16 by Josh Arellano.

*112 — Kaenon Keiswetter decided Alonso Hernandez 3-2.

*119 — Zane Perez lost a 4-2 decision to Lane Greenlee.

*125 — Zach Bainter lost a 6-5 decision to Kyle Blackburn.

*130 — Nathan Broeckelman shutout Michael Arellano 7-0.

*135 — Kent Mann decided Eric Servin 7-2.

*140 — Aaron Husted lost a 9-3 decision to Daniel Gonzales.

*145 — Todd Bolt lost an 8-5 decision to Moses Padilla.

*152 — Jeff Soderlund decided Michael Garrison 3-1.

*160 — Brock Lauer was pinned in 4:47 by Aaron Martinez.

*171 — Matt Stanley pinned Cameron Rapp in 4:25.

*189 — Robert Derauf was pinned in 1:54 by Jare Banner.

*215 — Norton was open and Martin Juarez won by forfeit.

*285 — Alex Thomas won by a fall in 1:23 over Daniel Adams.

Booster Club to meet Wednesday

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

Wrestling coach Bill Johnson, boys basketball coach Doug

Reusink and girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka will report on their team's latest competition and preview upcoming contests.

All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited.



Norton senior center Blake Wolf scored inside during the Blue Jays' 40-31 win over Phillipsburg here Friday night.
- Telegram Photo by Dick Boyd

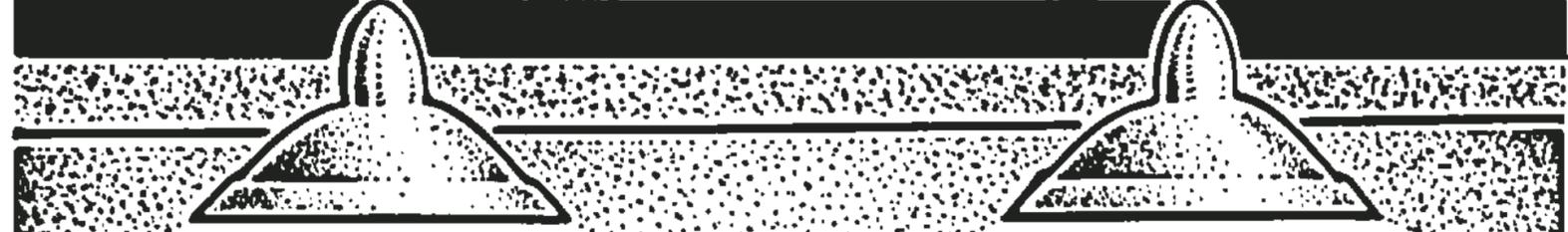
Eighth grade girls suffer two losses on road

The 8th grade Norton girls were in Smith Center last week for a one-day round robin tourney and came away losing to Smith Center 34-15 and to Bellville 50-12.

Both opponents attacked with full court pressure creating problems for the Blue Jays, and the opponents also made baskets which Norton is still struggling to do.

Scoring vs. Smith Center — Kaylen Rossi 2; Diedra Kramer 1; Sophie Mills 2; Dustyna Sprigg 6; and Lindsey Tacha 4.

Vs. Bellville — Rebekah Streck 2; Sophie Mills 1; Dustyna Sprigg 5; and Lindsey Tacha 4.

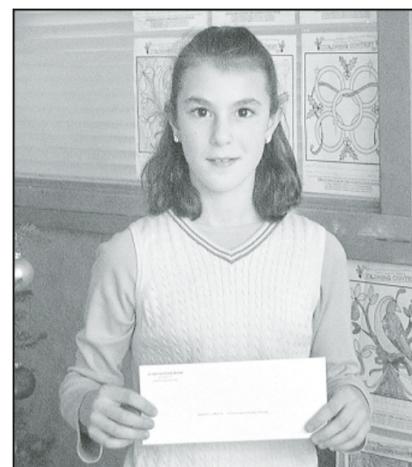


The Spotlight's On You

Winners of the Twelve Days of Christmas Coloring Contest



Brant Cox, Long Island
First Place Winner
Receiving a Cashier's Check from the Almena State Bank in the amount of \$50.00, Brant chose to spend his prize money at Pamida. Brant said that he was going to use the money to buy a mini computer for Christmas.



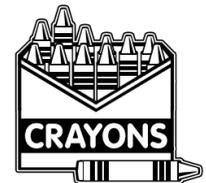
Bailey Ambrosier, Norton
Second Place Winner
Receiving a Cashier's Check from the Almena State Bank in the amount of \$25.00, Bailey chose to spend her prize money at Kowpoke Supply. Bailey said that she was going to use the money to buy something for her horse.



Chaylee Lowry, Almena
Third Place Winner
Receiving a Cashier's Check from the Almena State Bank in the amount of \$10.00, Chaylee chose to spend her prize money at the Hidden Dragon Chinese Restaurant. Chaylee said, "I want to get chicken...lots of chicken!"



Lisa Marie Henderson



All the pictures are on display in the Norton Telegram Lobby.

Thanks to the Almena State Bank for donating the prize money for the first, second and third place winners.

Below is a list of all those who participated. Each child listed will receive an honorable mention prize. Honorable mention prizes were donated by Randall and Tammy Ball from the Norton Dairy Queen. Please stop by the Telegram to pick up your child's coloring contest picture and prize.

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| ALMENA | Heskett, Nathan | Schroeder, Makensy | CLAYTON | Vincent, Shayna | Hickman, Mitchell | Stewart, Coral |
| Anderson, Tony | Johnson, Katie | Shearer, Drake | Brooks, Addison | NORTON | Lively, Alexis | Wallace, Carson |
| Baird, Anne | Kasson, Macy | Sides, Riley | LONG ISLAND | Ambrosier, Casey | Lively, Anna | Wicker, Aiden |
| Baird, Sarah | Kasson, Micah | Stevens, Dawson | Clafin, Trace | Ambrosier, Jessica | Lively, Gavin | PHILLIPSBURG |
| Baker, Brooklyn | Keith, Allison | Stutsman, Matthew | Cole, Clinton | Baughman, Parker | Lively, Ryan | Schiller, Blade |
| Baker, Devlyn | Land, Cody | Towery, Jonathan | Cole, Ross | Gallegos, Heaven | Patterson, Cale | PRAIRIE VIEW |
| Brands, Sydney | Linner, HalLee | Unterseher, Kade | Cox, Camden | Gallegos, Theresa | Patterson, Raenee | Anderson, Elexsa |
| Bryant, Phillip | Linner, Turner | Unterseher, Kobe | Cox, Kale | Goss, Dylan | Puga, Libbi | Anderson, Gabriel |
| Burger, Kirsten | Lowry, Christopher | Van Patten, Khrianna | Kinderknecht, Caden | Goss, Riley | Smith, Dalton | Lowry, Eli |
| Deal, Austin | Martin, Brianna | Van Patten, Te'a | Kinderknecht, Kylie | Hanes, Tommy | Smith, Jaden | Lynch, Tanis |
| Fuemmeler, Briana | Mussman, Aaron | Whitney, Stewart | Rogers, Brady | Haresnape, Connor | Smith, Keegan | Wellman, Damian |
| Heskett, Joe | Ross, Kaci | Whittenburg, Paul | Stillion, Alex | Heskett, Andrew | Smith, Makayla | Yocum, Briely |

Thanks to the Almena Market for collecting the Almena, Long Island, Prairie View and Phillipsburg entries.