

Blue Jays cross country teams take first, second at Wamego meet last Saturday

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After winning the championships of their own Norton Invitational to start the 2010 season, the Norton Community High School girls and boys cross country teams traveled to Wamego on Saturday and placed first and second, respectively, in the toughest meet in which they will compete this season!

GIRLS

"This was a fantastic day for our girls," said Norton head coach George Rossi. Four of the top ten teams in Class 3A and two ranked teams from Classes 1A and 2A were competing. Riley County is the defending state champion in 3A and is ranked No.1 in the state.

"Every one of our girls ran with maximum effort today. Astrid Moen did a great job placing behind Heather Ruder from Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays and Katelyn Henderson from Olpe. Both were state runners-up in cross country in 2009.

"The great thing about today is the fact the rest of our top five runners were within a minute and thirty seconds of Astrid and our entire team was within two minutes of each other.

"Every girl also had a faster time on the Wamego course than they did at the Norton meet. Abby Bainter, Kamilla Jones, Julia Kent and Dustyna Sprigg also improved their time from a year ago in the Wamego meet.

"We want to continue to improve. Wamego is always a great meet to see how we stack up against quality teams from all parts of the state. While we are very happy with our results, we

must now focus on Hays next. At Hays, we will compete again against TMP and also Colby and Ness City, both of which have outstanding girls teams."

Riley County won the Wamego championship last season with 80 points and Norton placed runner-up with 88 points. This time around, Norton scored 79 points and Riley County tallied 88 points for second.

Overland Park Prep was third with 107, followed by Southeast of Saline, 137; Winchester-Jefferson County, 140; Thomas More Prep, 149; Kaw Valley, 173; Northern Heights, 205; Sabetha, 212 and Olpe, 222, in the top ten.

Junior Astrid Moen led the way for Norton with a third place finish individually in 17:05.

Freshman Darcy Bainter was 13th in 17:48, followed by freshman Katelyn Engelbert, 23rd, 18:17; sophomore Kamilla Jones, 26th, 18:25 and sophomore Julia Kent, 33rd, 18:42.44 to complete the five team members' times.

Also running for the Lady Jays and their places and times were: junior Abby Bainter, 34th, 18:42.46 and senior Dustyna Sprigg, 47th, 19:12.

There were 107 runners in the girls race and the top 40 places medaled.

The top ten runners in the girls race were: Heather Ruder, Thomas More Prep, 15:56.36, first; Katelyn Henderson, Olpe, 16:59.71, second; Astrid Moen, Norton, 17:05.39, third; Karly Ruggle, Riley County, 17:09.23, fourth; Mindy Wilson, Kaw Valley, 17:12.27, fifth; Courtney Freed, Scandia-Pike Valley, 17:13.32, sixth; Brooklyn Meinke, Overland Park, 17:17.07, seventh;

Allison Pfeifer, Thomas More Prep, 17:19.38, eighth; Maria Fernandez, Burrton, 17:28.10, ninth; Mallory Kramer, Winchester-Jefferson County, 17:41.24, tenth.

BOYS

"When our Blue Jay boys took the course they also ran a fantastic race," said coach Rossi. "Zach Hartwell had a tremendous kick to make up about 30 yards with 150 yards to go to catch and pass another competitor for third place.

"Troy Bainter, John Renner and Kegan Vanover also improved their times compared to the 2009 Wamego race. Freshmen Marc Miller and Alec Hager also ran great times for their taste of the tough Wamego course.

"Junior Bryan Henry also bettered his time from last week by about 30 seconds.

"Just like the girls, the boys are happy with their results but we also found several areas that need improvement. This meet is a great tool to point out strength and weakness among each runner. Our boys need to continue to work with passion and take advantage of every minute of practice in order to achieve the goals not only for themselves but for their team as well."

Overland Park Christian Prep won the boys championship with 45 points, followed by Norton, 85; Holcomb, 108; Wellsville, 115; Pretty Prairie, 164; Winchester-Jefferson County, 166; Southeast of Saline, 235; St. George-Rock Creek, 239; Scandia-Pike Valley, 244; Alma-Waubensee, 246, in the top ten.

Junior Zach Hartwell led the Norton boys with a third place finish in 18:02, followed by senior Troy Bainter, 19th, 19:12; fresh-

man Marc Miller, 23rd, 19:25; freshman Alec Hager, 27th, 19:31 and junior Bryan Henry, 37th, 19:52, to complete Norton's five-man team placings.

Other Norton runners and their placing and times were: sophomore John Renner, 38th, 19:53 and senior Kegan Vanover, 52nd, 20:31.

The top ten individual runners were: Joel Allen, Hillsboro, 16:59.50, first; Isaac Williams, Pretty Prairie, 17:52.36, second; Zach Hartwell, Norton, 18:02.61, third; Colby Nuessen, Olpe, 18:03.36, fourth; Paul Goldsmith, Overland Park, 18:20.94, fifth; Kenneth Froebe, Overland Park, 18:26.30, sixth; Brendan Thomas, Holcomb, 18:27.95, seventh; Cole Meyer, Wellsville, 18:28.88, eighth; Joshua Gillett, Overland Park, 18:34.31, ninth; Dallas Edwards, Winchester-Jefferson County, 18:44.53, tenth.

There were 125 runners in the boys race and 40 medaled.

Next action

The Norton girls and boys cross country runners will have another good test when they compete in the Hays Invitational on Thursday in Hays with starting time set for 3:45 p.m.

Teams competing, in addition to Norton and Hays High, will be Colby, Dodge City, Garden City, Great Bend, Junction City, Liberal, Ness City, Plainville, Salina Central, Salina South, Stockton and Thomas More Prep-Marian.

The junior varsity girls race will begin at 3:45 p.m., followed by the junior varsity boys, 4:15; varsity girls, 4:45 and varsity boys, 5:15.



All the excitement was not on the field Friday night when Norton defeated St. Francis in football. The cheerleaders from the Little Girls Cheer Camp, ranging from kindergarten to sixth grade in age, provided lots of enjoyment for the large Norton crowd when they performed some routines they had learned at camp.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

LYLE NEWS

On Tuesday morning, Joyce Sumner came by and I rode to Lyle with her and Eleanor Jensen. It had rained some, but Joyce made it OK. The gravel on the Lyle road was a great help. Her pickup was filled with small quilts made by Jackie Porter. There was also a full-size quilt top that Joyce thought was from Jackie, but later found that it wasn't from her. So "thank you" to whoever brought it. We got it finished that afternoon.

Since the Norcat Bar and Grill was closed, the Lyle group took me to Cambridge, Neb., for a belated birthday dinner. The diners were Toots Magers, Joyce Sumner, Eleanor Jensen, June Jolly, Kathy Van Meter and myself. June took her car, and Kathy met us in Cambridge. After our lunch we went to the local thrift store where we browsed for a

while before heading back to Lyle. We made plans to take Kathy Van Meter to Oberlin for her birthday dinner on Friday.

The same group made it to Oberlin, with the exception of myself, who suddenly developed some, shall we say, 'gastric disturbance.' The group then drove back to Norcat to the Senior Citizens meeting.

Aubrey High gets off the school bus at my house until her mother gets home from work. She loves school, and shows us her homework. She took a hair ornament out of her hair and I suggested she put it in her backpack. She emphatically said, "No, that's for kool." It's still cute the way she leaves the 's' off the front of some words.

Teresa Wood's father, Lester Goode of Lapeer, Mich., passed

away on Wednesday, Aug. 18. The family members plan a memorial at a later date. Her sister, Diane, had knee replacement surgery done on Monday.

Granddaughter, Tracey Pershing, has to wait a week before having stitches out of her foot. It is hard for her to be as inactive as she needs to.

Earnest Huff is some better. He is still in Hillcrest in McCook.

Vonne Sumner visited Toots Magers Sunday afternoon, took over her weed work and had a long visit.

Gary Anthony reported that Carol Woodmansee is not feeling up to giving the message at Lyle Church as she usually does on the fifth Sunday of the month, so Jim Plotts offered to fill in. We appreciate them both.

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LONNY E. WHEELER

Published in The Norton Telegram on Tuesday, August 31, and September 7, 14, 2010 (3T)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS In the Matter of the Estate of LONNY E. WHEELER, deceased No. 2010 PR 01

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Lelia M. Hall-Wheeler, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Lonny E. Wheeler, deceased, praying that her acts be approved; that her accounts be settled and allowed; that the heirs be determined; that the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that

fees and expenses be allowed; that the costs be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the Estate be closed; and that the Executrix be discharged and that she be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 24th day of September, 2010, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition. S. Scott Sage #14529 SAGE & SAGE LAW OFFICES 620 Third Street P.O. Box 243 Phillipsburg, Kansas 67661 (785) 543-2022 Attorney for Executrix

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Published in The Norton Telegram on Tuesday, September 7, 14, 21, 2010 (3T)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION In the Matter of the Estate of JOSEPH J. FRITZ, Deceased Case No. 2010-PR-24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned: You are hereby notified that on September 2, 2010, a Petition For Probate Of Will And Issuance Of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Donald L. Kiser and Ernest Kiser, heirs, devisees and legatees of Joseph J. Fritz, deceased, praying that the Will be admitted to probate and record, and that Donald Lowry

be appointed as Executor without bond and that he be granted Letters Testamentary.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Donald L. Kiser and Ernest Kiser Petitioners

John F. McClymont, #09379 RYAN, WALTER & McCLYMONT, Chtd. 120 S. State - PO Box 364 Norton, Kansas 67654 785-877-5183 Attorney for Petitioners

Community Calendar

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High School Sports This Week

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FOOTBALL:
Norton Blue Jays vs. Plainville Cardinals (Homecoming) 7 p.m. Friday in Norton
Northern Valley Huskies vs. Logan Trojans 7 p.m. Friday in Logan

VOLLEYBALL:
Norton Lady Jays vs. Goodland 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Norton
Norton Lady Jays vs. Hill City and Hoxie 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Hill City
Norton Lady Jays in Quinter JV Tourney 9 a.m. Saturday in Quinter
Northern Valley Lady Huskies vs. Southern Valley and Palco 4 p.m. Today in Almena
Northern Valley Lady Huskies vs. Logan and Alma 5 p.m. Tuesday in Logan
Logan Lady Trojans vs. Stockton, Franklin, Thunder Ridge 3 p.m. Today in Logan
Logan Lady Trojans vs. Northern Valley and Alma 5 p.m. Tuesday in Logan

CROSS COUNTRY:
Norton Cross Country in Hays Invitational 3:45 p.m. Thursday in Hays

TENNIS:
Norton Lady Jays in Phillipsburg Quad 3 p.m. Today in Phillipsburg
Norton Lady Jays JV in Russell JV Invitational 3 p.m. Today in Russell
Norton Lady Jays JV in Phillipsburg JV Quad 3 p.m. Thursday in Phillipsburg
Norton Lady Jays JV vs. Tribune/Greeley Co./Goodland 3 p.m. Tuesday in Goodland

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