

# A Husky wins at Invitational held in Oberlin

By Kirk Kasson

Outrunning three of the area's top runners, Northern Valley's Gunnar Hays won the 44th annual Decatur County Invitational with a time of 16:25. Last year's champion, Zach Hartwell, battled hometown harrier Tyler Shields with a time of 16:39. Shields finished third ahead of Luke Friess of Hoxie.

Hays' teammate John Compton medaled in his fifth consecutive meet with an eleventh place time of 18:12.

In the Junior Varsity Philip Rupp placed sixth and Macy Kasson placed seventh with times of 20:56 and 21:01 respectively.

Brandon McDowell ran a time of 27:36.

Coach Kasson was especially pleased with Hays' performance. "Gunnar ran a very intelligent race. This course is very flat, and Gunnar considers hills to be his strength. Early on Shields and Hartwell pulled away, but Gunnar was patient and chose to make his move about one mile later. From that point on he was able to extend his lead."

"Oberlin is what we call a 'fast course' and everyone had their best time of the year. I would say Brandon's time was the most significant in terms of improvement."



Gunnar Hays of Northern Valley wins the Decatur County Invitational after outrunning several of the area's top runners. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

# Norton Junior High football team loses to Plainville, 16-12

By Dana Paxton

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Last Thursday the Norton Junior High football team played Plainville and lost by a score of 16-12.

During the first quarter, Skylar Johnson scored the first touchdown for Norton. He caught a 72 yard pass from Quinton Porter. The pass for the extra point attempt failed. Plainville scored one touchdown plus the extra points to end the first quarter with a score of 8-6.

Plainville was the only team to score in the second quarter ending the first half leading 16-6.

Norton scored another touchdown in the third quarter. Jacob Green got it on an eight yard run then the extra point attempt failed. This ended the third quarter with Plainville still leading 16-12.

No points were scored in the fourth quarter of play. Plainville walked away with the win, 16-12.

Norton head coach Shane Miller said, "This was a tough loss! I felt we were the better team and statistically we outplayed Plainville. Offensively, we had 236 total yards to Plainville's 91. We controlled the game except for two big plays, a kick off return and a 64 yard run. That coupled with turnovers were the difference. Big plays have been our achilles heel the past few ball games. We have to be more disciplined to eliminate the big play."

"Skylar Johnson put us on the scoreboard first as he was on the receiving end of a pass from Quinton Porter. Skylar was

able to scamper 72 yards for the score. We were unsuccessful in the PAT and on the ensuing kick off we allowed them to return the kick 75 for the score. So any momentum we gained was soon shifted back to Plainville. Later in the half we over pursued a run and they were able to cut back into open field for a 64 yard touchdown run for a 6-16 score at half."

We controlled them the second half and cut the score to four after Jacob Green broke free for a 49 yard run, then later in the series Jacob punched it in for the score. We did not allow them positive yards in the whole fourth quarter but our troubles continued with several good drives ending with a turnover."

Jacob Green led Norton in yards rushing with 15 carries for 121 yards followed by Kyle Bell with 14 carries and 31 yards. Riley Hager had five carries for eight yards, Quinton Porter with three carries for six yards and Tyus Henson carried the ball once for six yards.

Quinton Porter passed the ball 13 times completing three for 70 yards. Skylar Johnson made two catches for 68 yards and Dalton Pfannenstiel had one catch for two yards.

Jacob Green led in tackles for Norton with ten followed by Kyle Bell with six. Riley Hager and Cameron Heikes had four each, Quinton Porter and Michael Kasson had three each, Ward Hays and Tyus Henson had two each and Skylar Johnson, Nick Peterson, James Berry, Weston Erbert and Trenton Sprague each had one.

# Start searching for student loans

By Jason Alderman

If you have a high school senior, your household is probably knee-deep in senior-year activities, and expenses. Not to elevate your stress level, but this is probably a good time for you and your kid to start investigating how you're going to finance college next fall.

Loan application deadlines are right around the corner and you have many decisions to make and documents to fill out.

Your first step is start filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form. The application is required by virtually all colleges, universities and career schools for federal student aid, as well as for most aid from states and colleges. Although you can't yet finalize 2011 income-related information, once you start the process you can log-in anytime to update your file.

Get an application from your school's guidance counselor or financial aid office, at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), or by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID. The filing deadline for federal loans for the 2011-2012 school year isn't until June 30, 2012, but many state

and individual school deadlines fall months earlier.

Many types of aid are available to help cover costs at four-year colleges and universities, community colleges, and trade, career or technical schools.

Hundreds of thousands of free scholarships are awarded each year. Visit [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)/scholarships for details.

Federal Pell Grants are needs-based grants given to low-income students to pursue post-secondary education. The maximum annual Pell Grant amount is \$5,500. They need not be repaid.

Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants for up to \$4,000 a year are awarded to undergraduates with exceptional financial need.

The Federal Work-Study Program provides part-time jobs for undergraduate and graduate students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses.

Direct Stafford Loans are low-interest federal loans that have no origination fee and come in two varieties: "Subsidized," which are needs-based and the government pays the yearly

interest while students are enrolled; "Unsubsidized," which are not needs-based and students are responsible for interest that accrues while enrolled.

Low-interest Federal Perkins Loans are for students who demonstrate exceptional financial need. They are subsidized and have no origination or default fees.

Private education loans are offered by banks and other lenders to bridge the gap between government loans and actual education costs. They aren't government-guaranteed or subsidized and typically carry higher interest rates, although you can borrow greater amounts. Details and rates vary widely.

Some colleges sponsor their own loans, often with lower interest rates than federal loans. Check each college's aid materials to

see if they are available.

Federal Direct PLUS loans (Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students) allow parents to borrow for their children's college expenses. Interest rates are fixed and there is an origination fee.

Private parent loans are offered by banks and other lenders, usually at higher interest rates than PLUS loans. They may also have an origination fee. Some colleges also offer their own loans to parents, usually at rates below PLUS loans. Check each college's aid materials to see if they're available.

Check out [www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov](http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov) and [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) for complete explanations of the different types of grants/loans, calculators and many other tools.

Bottom line: Better start now.

## Sudoku Solution #2313-M

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