

Norton X-C teams perform well in state meet

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Coach George Rossi's Norton Community High School girls and boys cross country runners turned in another tremendous performance in the Class 3A State Cross Country Meet

The Lady Jays were runner-up this year with 63, followed by Riley County, 82; Salina Sacred Heart, 133; Southeast of Saline, 144; Sabetha, 165; Pleasant Ridge, 174; Osage City, 183; Lakin, 217; West Franklin, 223; Frontenac, 232.



With hair flying, Norton junior Julia Kent emerges from a covered bridge during the Class 3A State Cross Country race on Saturday at Rim Rock Farm north of Lawrence. Julia was third fastest Lady Jay runner.

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on Saturday at Rim Rock Farm north of Lawrence with the girls placing runner-up and the boys fourth.

It was the third straight year that both the Norton girls and boys had qualified as teams for the state meet. The Norton girls won the regional championship and the Norton boys were the runner-up the week before at Cimarron.

The Lady Jays won the state championship last season for the first time ever and the Norton boys were fifth at state. Two years ago the girls were third and the boys placed 11th at state.

The Norton girls scored better this year than last when they were the champions. They were defeated this year by a super Douglass team which set a state record with a 21 score. Norton won last year with 73 points.

Deer-car collisions peak in November

Deer can be spotted near our state's roadways any time of the year. However, in the fall, motorists should be especially vigilant for deer crossing the highways. Deer breeding season peaks in mid-November, and this marks the period when deer-vehicle collisions are highest. That's why the Kansas Department of Transportation, the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism are working together to raise awareness and help drivers avoid collisions with deer.

According to Wildlife and Parks biologist Lloyd Fox, the increase in deer-vehicle crashes is strongly influenced by the deer mating season, called "rut." During rut, deer focus on mating; they travel more than in other seasons, and pay less attention to hazards such as vehicles. Also during the fall, many deer move to new locations as crops are harvested and leaves fall from trees and shrubs, so they are less secure than in their summer habitats.

Not only are deer more active during the fall, shorter days mean dusk and dawn - when deer are more likely to be on the move - occur when commuter traffic is highest. According to Department of Transportation spokesperson Steve Swartz, there were 9,109 deer-vehicle collisions reported to the department in 2010. Deer-vehicle collisions occur in every Kansas county. In most cases, counties with high human populations and high traffic volumes record the most deer-vehicle crashes. Sedgwick County recorded the most crashes with 391, followed by Johnson County with 346 and Butler County with 287.

Motorists should observe the following tips to avoid deer col-

lisions:
· Be especially watchful at dawn and dusk when deer are particularly active;
· Watch for more than one deer. They seldom travel alone, so if one crosses the road, others may follow;
· Reduce speed and be alert near wooded areas or green spaces such as parks or golf courses and near water sources such as streams or ponds;
· Don't swerve to avoid hitting a deer - the most serious accidents occur when motorists swerve and collide with another vehicle or run off the road and hit an obstacle;

· Heed deer crossing signs;
· Always wear a seat belt; and
· Use bright lights and slow down whenever the reflective eyes of deer are spotted.

According to Technical Trooper Josh Kellerman of the Kansas Highway Patrol, if you hit a deer, pull onto the shoulder, turn on your emergency flashers, and watch for traffic before exiting your vehicle. Do not try to remove a deer from the roadway unless you are certain it is dead; an injured deer could hurt you. If you have a cellular phone and are on a Kansas highway, dial *47 (*HP) for a highway patrol dispatcher or *582 (*KTA) for assistance on the Kansas Turnpike, or dial 911.

Anyone involved in a vehicle-deer crash that results in personal injury or property damage that totals \$1,000 or more is required to immediately report the crash to the nearest law enforcement agency. Failure to report any traffic crash is a misdemeanor and may result in suspension of driving privileges.

If you are involved in a non-injury crash on an interstate, U.S. highway, or any divided or multi-lane road in the state

of Kansas, and if you are not transporting hazardous materials, you are required by law to move your vehicle out of the lane of traffic. This law is intended to help keep drivers and passengers safe by getting them out of the lane of traffic, and away from oncoming vehicles. Make sure you and your passengers are buckled up and are using the appropriate child safety seats, which are the best ways to prevent injuries or death should you be involved in a crash.

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"Fourth place at the state meet is very good, but it was bitter-sweet. Alec paced the team with a great effort and a top 30 finish, followed closely by Marc and Bryan. Dalton, John and Ryan also ran much better times than they did earlier this year at Rim Rock. Like the girls, our 1-5 split was right at one minute, which is very good.

"Senior Zach developed a severe cramp about a mile into the race and showed a lot of guts finishing the race. I feel for Zach a great deal because he has had a great career, being our number one runner for three years and to have this happen in his last race is just a terrible thing.

"Along with Zach, our team loses another top runner, Bryan. Both Bryan and Zach were All-State runners last year and have been consistently our number one and two runners the last three years and will be greatly missed next year. If the remaining young men work hard, we can be contenders again next year. I am very proud to have coached this team this year. They were a great group to work with."

The top ten runners were: Cory Donley, Sacred Heart, 17:05.8, first; Cordell Goering, Hutchinson Trinity, 17:10.7, runner-up; Jordan Hett, Marion, 17:13.2, third; Tyler Jantz, Belle Plaine, 17:14.2, fourth; Alex Conn, Beloit, 17:24.9, fifth; Jacob Campbell, Wichita Independent, 17:32.8, sixth; Edgar Gutierrez, Hutchinson Trinity, 17:33.7, seventh; Joey Meyer, Scott City, 17:39.6, eighth; Jonah Aspegren, Wichita Independent, 17:40.4, ninth; Todd McIntyre, Belle Plaine, 17:48.5, tenth.

Coach's final comments
"Thank you to the staff and students of NCHS and NJHS for the state sendoff," said coach Rossi. "Thank you also to the booster club, cheerleaders and parents for the goodies. Thanks to Mr. Mann, Mr Perez and Mr Wallingford for their outstanding support of the cross country program.

"Thanks also to the parents, students, fans and alumni who attended the race Saturday. You were the best, loudest and most active fans on the course. Your support means everything to our team.

"For those who have never been to a cross country race, you need to go. It is unlike any



Norton senior Zach Hartwell, left, and sophomore Marc Miller stride out to start the Class 3A State Cross Country race on Saturday at Rim Rock Farm north of Lawrence. Marc finished second fastest for Norton, behind sophomore Alec Hager. Zach, who is normally the fastest Blue Jay runner, developed a severe cramp about a mile into the race and displayed a lot of courage in finishing the race.

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other sport.
"The team also thanks Dick Boyd and the Telegram for the great coverage all year. Our thanks to Deena Wente and KQNK for the weekly radio broadcast. Norton is blessed to have such great news coverage

Sudoku Puzzle #2341-M

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Throwaway Puzzle

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LODGE NOTICES

**American Legion
Harmonson Redd
Post No. 63**
Second and Fourth Monday
7:30 p.m.
Darren McMullen, Commander
Curt Archibald, Adjutant

**Eagles Lodge
FOE 3288**
Second and Fourth
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Larry Hawks, President
Secretary, Ron Miller

**Veterans of
Foreign Wars**
Reg. 7:00 p.m.
First Mon. of each Month
Curt Archibald, Commander
Joe Ballinger, Quartermaster

**I.O.O.F.
No. 157**
Meet at Eagles Club
First and Third Thursday
Each Month at 7:30 p.m.
Geneva Tier, Noble Grand
Randy Knoll, Secretary

**The American
Legion Riders
Post 63**
Meet at 5:00 p.m. at the
American Legion Building
on the Second Sunday
of Every Month
website: www.alr63.org