

Dodgeball tournament sees first-year success



Pictured, Norton Rec Center representative Joan Bolt (center) gives last minute instructions to Colby Menagh (left) and Abby DuBois before beginning a round of dodgeball Saturday morning at the East Campus gym. Proceeds from the tournament go to support the annual Easter Egg hunt.

-Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

By Cheri Brooks
 The Norton Child Study Club and the Norton Recreation organized a dodgeball tourney for students 1st grade through 12th grade on Saturday, Feb. 25.
 This event was held not only for the kids to have fun with their friends but it was also held to help the Child Study Club, which is a non-profit organization, raise money to buy supplies needed for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt that is held at the Norton County Courthouse every year on Easter.
 The tournament was a complete success. There were 20 teams of six people each that participated. The kids were divided up into age groups. Our first division was first, second, and third graders. In this division were seven teams.
 The "Strikers" team of Sydney Menagh, Tessa Hauser, Makayla Alexander, Ryan Schrum, Addison Brooks and Hunter Woodyard were our champions. The "Monster Dodgers" were our second place team and the members on that team were Colby Menagh, Christian Hawks, Collin Brooks, Aiden Wicker, Clayton Sumner and Silas Jones. Other teams competing were "Jayhawks" Tate Schullze, Jarrett Krehbiel, Ellie Kats, Ella Carter, Hudson Richmond and Jefferson Otter; "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" Courtney Jones, Emily Bohl, Emily Miller, Hannah Bailey, Dru Kasson and Alyson Vahling; "The Wild Bunch" Josie Stover, Shaylee Hartwell, Madison DuBois, Nolan Juenemann, McKenzie Ruesch and Lilly Beikman; "The Daring Dodgers" Abby DuBois, Gracie Temmel, Coral Stewart, Kennedy Yeager, Olivia Carter and Autumn Harvey; "Dodgers" Coleton Frack, Matt Wilhour, Braden Amlong, Kolton Field, Jacob Gordon and Devon Bowen.
 Another age division was fourth, fifth, and sixth graders. Once again we had seven teams in this group as well. The "Maniacs" were our champions. Their team consisted of Carter Jones, Kade Melvin, Camdyn Unterseher, Tucker Pfannen-

stiel, Connor Haresnape and Trey Richmond. Our 2nd place finishers were Jessica Ambrosier, Kara Frack, Tevin Petrie, Collyn Auker, Callie Uehlin and Justis Posson. Their team was called "Throw at Me Bro!" Our other teams and members were "Underdogs" Shelby Tanner, Sy-lence Auker, Sam Mulford, Kas-adie Brennfoerder, Seth Nielsen and Carol Schoenthaler; "The Marines" Greyson Tanner, Mason Schulze, Kalub Stull, Lance Griffey, Nic Esslinger and Alex Auker; "Thunderbolts" Tayli Ruesch, Emma Krehbiel, Lexi Kats, Dalaina Karnes, James Sturgill and Abbey Auker; "The Manlies Plus One" - Garrett Esslinger, Ryan Lively, Taryn Kuhn, Brady Sumner, Jacob Peterson and Austin Koerperich; "Turtles" Raye Kasson, Oren Rhea, Andrew, Wyatt Cressler Connor, and Dallas Gosselin.
 In our Junior High division, we only had two teams competing. "The Men in Pink" were Mike Kasson, Riley Hager, Alec Otter, Kade Unterseher, Gavin Lively and Ward Hays. They defeated the "Sling Shots" in three games. The members of the "Sling Shots" were Alexis Hartwell, Molly Maddy, Lexi Voss, Peyton Renner, Nate Hartwell and Kylie Perez.
 In our High School division we had four teams competing. In this division they had to win two out of three games before they could advance on to their next competition. It was a very challenging and quite entertaining 30 minutes. Instead of bracket play like we did with the 1st through 6th grades we did a round robin where every team played each other. The "Spartans" were our overall champions. This group consisted of Austin Hager, Marc Miller, Alec Hager, Toby Nickell, Ethan Ross, and Garrett Otter. Our second place finishers were the "Dodgers." Competing for the "Dodgers" were Tye Nickell, Taylor Meder, Joe LeClair, John Risewick, Drew Schrum and Trevor Lewis. Our other two teams were the "Bandits" and "The Dodgefather's." Alec Melvin, Teslee Nickell, Caren Thompson, Bailey Ambrosier, Tanner Furbish and Lane Bigge played on "The Bandits" team. Dillon McConney, Clayton Esslinger, Zach Hartwell, Andrew Ellis, Jacob Brooks, and Trey Millan battled on "The Dodgefathers" team.
 The first place teams were awarded t-shirts and the second place teams were given a candy bar and a bottle of water. After each division was done competing in their bracket play, we had all of the children in their particular division play against each other in a mass game of dodgeball just for fun. The kids all seemed to have a lot of fun. A big thanks goes out to Joan Bolt, Norton Recreation Center, all the Child Study Club members, Endzone, USD 211, Post Prom committee members that helped with the concession stand, and everyone who donated or participated in our first ever Dodgeball tournament.
 Cheri Brooks, Ann DuBois, Amie Menagh, Teresa Stewart, Mindy Jones, Tara Vance, Jennifer Isernhagen, Chandra McKenna, Jodi Ward, Jenny Braun, Corene Smith, Kelly Leiker, Tiffany Yeager, Lisa Henderson and Lori Shields.

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 realized my classmates at Eisenhower Elementary were captivated by space too. Every morning Miss Roush, my fifth-grade teacher, had a student stand in front of the class and read about current events from that day's paper. Often the stories were about the space program and about America's mission to land on the moon.
 (Miss Roush has a special place in my memory. Each day, after giving assignments to the rest of the class, she'd grab a set of flashcards and sit down with me to teach me English. "Bathtub," she'd say, holding up a picture. "Bashtub." "BATHtub." "Bathtub." "Very good.")
 By 1968, the early days of the space race with the Soviets were history. Gagarin had been eclipsed by Glenn and others, the Soviets left far behind in the race to the moon.
 I became something of a space-age nut in my family, as in most American homes at the time, we didn't miss a moment of the moon landing. To this

day I'm fascinated by the exploration of space, and I remain a hardcore fan of science fiction. I have no doubt much of that is due to growing up, both here and there, with stories about cosmonauts and astronauts.
 Though we celebrated the recent anniversary of Glenn's orbiting the earth, I think those who came of age after the early years of the space race are largely unaware that there were others who ventured out there, too, half a century ago. The space age was built on their work as well as ours today, American astronauts fly to the International Space Station on Russian Soyuz rockets.
 Yes, the communists manipulated the cosmonauts' achievements for brazen propaganda. But that doesn't negate the reality that, in the space race, there were genuine heroes on both sides.
 Whether their names were Shepard or Gagarin, Glenn or Tereshkova, from the right or the left, they all had the courage to go where no man had gone before, and surely that's worth remembering.

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 "The requirements for the 2012 Five Star Relay have changed slightly," Gayle Walsh explained. "This year, Norton County will be working again to achieve success in the fundraising, standards and survivorship categories, but will also be looking to excel in leadership and team Development. Norton County is off to a good start!"
 To be recognized as Exemplary Survivorship Community, Norton County needed to increase the number of cancer survivors recognized in our community.
 Norton County was recognized by the American Cancer Society High Plains Division, which covers Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri, Texas, Hawaii and Guam as the 2011 All American Relay. The All American Award recognizes growth, retention, Relay branding, diversity, and leadership in incorporating the "5 D's" within Relay events and throughout the year. The 5D's include fundraising development, event development, leadership development, team development, and survivorship development.
 -Events must meet National Relay For Life standards
 -Events must show overall growth
 -Events must demonstrate successful implementation of the 5 D's
 -Events must use proper event branding/signage with current Relay For Life logo
 -Events must show connection between Relay For Life and American Cancer Society
 -Events must demonstrate outreach efforts to diverse group(s)
 The 2012 Relay For Life of Norton County will be held on June 8 - 9 at the Court House square in downtown Norton. This year's theme is "Camping For a Cure." Anyone who

wishes to join a team or to have a team in this year's Relay can contact Sandy Brown at 785-202-0204 or for information Relay For Life of Norton County call Jay or Gayle Walsh at 785-669-7002. Information is also available at www.relayforlife.org/nortoncountyks or on Facebook by searching Relay For Life of Norton County.

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Correction

Due to misinformation, Tuesday's edition of the Norton Telegram incorrectly identified the place of Alberta Crayton's 90th birthday party. The party will be at the Almena Senior Center on Saturday from 1-4 p.m.

Due to reporter error, Tuesday's edition of the Norton Telegram incorrectly stated the deadline for voter registration for the April 3 election. The deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, March 13.

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