

Norton youth wrestlers compete in state tournament

On Saturday, March 24, the Norton Wrestling Club sent 15 Athletes to the 2012 Kansas Kids Folkstyle Championships. A total of 1,439 Athletes from all over the State of Kansas competed in five age divisions at Topeka’s Expo Center for title of State Champion.

Club Coach Jeremy Harding commented that “wrestling in a tournament of this size is a big deal, and to place in the top six is a major accomplishment. Our kids do not just compete against 3-A towns, we compete against all size towns. In many ways this tournament is much tougher than the 3-2-1A State Tournament that they will wrestle in during the high school season.”

Most all of the grade school

kids were in the bottom end of their age division and had a little tough luck. But they will be back in the same age group next year and will have one more year of experience.

Norton did have four wrestling club members place in the state tournament. They are as follows:

14 and under:

Skylar Johnson-90 pounds, 4th Place
Gavin Lively-145 pounds, 6th Place
Kendall Miller-150 pounds, 4th Place
High School:
Ethan Ross-106 pounds, 5th Place

Several other wrestlers were very close to placing but came up just short.

Others competing:
8 and under: Gavin Sproul-80 pounds, 2-2 record.
10 and under: Cole Am-long-90 pounds, 1-2 record, Judson Wiltfong-120 pounds, 2-2 record.

12 and under: Hayden Wiltfong-105 pounds, 0-2 record, Trenton Wright-115 pounds, 0-2 record.
14 and under: Riley Hager-110 pounds, 1-2 record, Chandler Summer-175 pounds, 0-2 record, Jacob Green-235 pounds, 0-2 record.

High School Division: Garret Otter-113 pounds, 0-2 record, Alec Hager-138 pounds, 0-1, Lucas Engel-182 pounds, 1-2 record.

Coach Harding summarized the season and thanked everyone for their participation.

“This was the first season

for Luke Pfannenstiel and I to take over the coaching duties. We would like to thank all the parents for helping during the season and especially the many dads that helped assist at practice and tournaments.”

The Norton Wrestling Club will conclude the season with an awards banquet and meal on Thursday, April 26 at 6 p.m. The banquet will be held in the high school cafeteria and all family members and fans are invited to attend. The main dish and drinks will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert and your own table service.



(Left) Norton’s Kendall Miller (left) faces off with Matt Pratt from the East Kansas Wrestling Club. Miller placed fourth in the Kids Championships tournament in the 150 pound weight division. Three other Norton wrestlers placed in the tournament. Skylar Johnson took fourth at 90 pounds, Ethan Ross placed fifth at 106 pounds and Gavin Lively finished in sixth place at 145 pounds.

–Photo contributed

Library provides many free services

By Mary Luehrs
Norton Public Library

In today’s world where there never seems to be enough money at the end of the month, let your library help you out. The Library provides many services and most of them are free .

Among the newest items available at the Library are Video games that are able to be checked out. These include games for Xbox 360, Playstation 2, Playstation 3, and Wii gaming systems.

A service that has been around for a long time are magazines for check out. The Library receives 47 different magazine titles and you can check them out for two weeks at a time.

Our library also delivers books to homebound patrons, to the Norton Manor and to Whispering Pines.

There are 10 computers with

internet service available to the public. Courtesy of Rural Telephone we also have wireless service available for those who bring their laptops and other devices and want to use them here.

The community will see something new on the Library’s website www.nortonpubliclibrary.org. Through Northwest Kansas Library System we now have Gale Reference Databases available. Anyone can type in a subject to search and lots of current and credible information will be available immediately. This includes medical, historical, and scientific databases.

Monday at the Movies is a program for adults to come and watch a movie on the last Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Family movies are shown during this time and refreshments are served.

The Library also provides free entertainment for the children. On Wednesdays we have Chess Club with Jared Shelton available. Thursdays is Story time day all year around at 10:30 a.m. The biggest program of the year is Summer Reading. Many wonderful programs by local volunteers and special programs from around the state are planned for the summer.

Best seller books, and DVDs are ready for our patrons to check out and enjoy.

Something else coming your way is the ability to get a State of Kansas Library Card and have books available to download onto your e-reader or onto your audio device.

During National Library Week come and visit the Norton Public Library and take advantage of all the Library has to offer.

Museum meeting set for this Sunday

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum’s annual meeting will be held on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Dane G. Hansen Community room. A presentation of a colored print of Dane and Polly Bales

will be made. Polly will be present for the presentation. The public is welcome to attend and visit with Polly. Fort Hays State University will also be presenting a musical program.

Caucus

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139 credentialed voters at the Norton County caucus are part of the tally to decide those three votes.

The results of Norton County are as follows: Rick Santo-

rum-54 votes; Mitt Romney-33 votes; Newt Gingrich-31 votes; Ron Paul-12 votes; Herman Cain-one vote; John Huntsman-one vote; and Michelle Bachman and Rick Perry took no votes. One voter was uncommitted to a candidate. Two provisional bal-

lots were also counted.

Participation and voter turnout in this year’s caucus was up from 2008. The state party reported that Kansas showed a higher increase than any other state with a 55 percent increase from 2008.

Heaton

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“When all the pieces are together, no one can tell the difference between the original and the replications,” Schamber said. “We used what we could of the original and duplicated it exactly for what had to be manufactured.”

Now that much of the major work is completed on the building, restoration crews are working to dig out areas under the sidewalks that run along the east and west sides of the building. Schamber explained that on both sides of each of the three buildings were entrances into the basements below street level. Those entrances were covered and buried in 1987, though, when the state re-built Highway 283 that runs through Norton (State Street).

The renovation crew has uncovered those entrances, however, to reinforce the brick walls of the basement and prevent water leakage. Because of past water damage, though, some of the entrances will have to be refilled.

The entrances that are not refilled will become extra rooms in the basements of the building, but will still be covered over with sidewalk on the outside, so the former basement entrances will not be visible from the outside of the building.

The last major part of the restoration, Schamber said, will be to renovate and restore the storefronts on the east and west sides of the Heaton Building.

Though the original storefronts were wood, wood construction is high maintenance and less durable than stone or metal, so four of the six storefronts will be completed in the original style with stone and metal.

The Heaton Building, owned by the Norton County Community Foundation, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Because of that designation, Schamber said, restoration crews must follow very specific guidelines and regulations to complete the restoration process. Certain demolition and rebuilding practices must be observed and Schamber’s company works closely with the historical society and the Department of Interior to make sure the building is restored by proper standards and procedures. To help maintain the historical significance of the building, crews are saving and restoring as much of the 100-year old building as possible, such as original woodwork, tile and design elements.

“It isn’t our job to hide the history of the building or cover up what it used to be,” Schamber said. “We want to restore it to its former style while making it safe and useable for many years to come.”

While’s Schamber’s company is only currently responsible for the exterior restoration of the Heaton Building, Schamber said plans are to make the building into service and/or retail space.. Those plans, however, have not been finalized.

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