

Youth track meet draws 175-plus participants

By DICK BOYD

More than 175 young athletes competed for the top three places in various events and age groups in the annual Youth Track Meet sponsored by the Norton Recreation Commission on Saturday on the J.J. Byrum Track at Travis Field in Norton.

Joan Bolt and Steve Schrum were meet directors. Parents, Norton teachers and coaches volunteered to supervise.

"We had a beautiful day and everything went very well," said Bolt, who is the NRC president.

"We had a great number of volunteers to run the events and work the variety of jobs necessary to have such a successful meet.

"Most of the students participating were from Norton County but we had some from surrounding counties as well.

"The "ROCK" sponsored the concession stand which supplied meal deals, including pork burgers and hog dogs.

"Many thanks to all the volunteers for all their help in making this event such a success. We also thank the Norton School District for use of the facility and equipment and the Norton Recreation Commission Board and staff members for all the time and effort they put into organizing this meet.

"This meet originated in 1995 so Eisenhower Elementary students would have an opportunity to compete in a track competition. After the first year's success, the recreation commission decided to open it to all county elementary schools.

"A couple of years ago, others from outside the county were invited."

All competitors received a participation ribbon. Medals were awarded to the top three placers in each event. The 12 events are base running, long jump, shot put, softball throw, 50 meter hurdles, 50 meter dash, 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 800 meter run, 1600 meter run and 400 meter relay.

AGE 5-6 GIRLS

*50 meter dash — Paige Baird, 9.25 seconds; Conor Keith, 9.41; Tanya Peters, 10.68; Sydney Brands, 10.90; Allison Engelbert, 11.02; Raelynn Slipke, 11.81.

*100 meter dash — Paige Baird, 18.31; Conor Keith, 18.45; Allison Engelbert, 21.15; Taryn Kuhn, 22.03; Hadley Hauser, 22.47; Jasmine Covington, 22.53;

*200 meter dash — Paige Baird, first; Conor Keith, second; Hadley Hauser, third; Jasmine Covington, fourth.

*Softball throw — Tanya Peters, 34-feet 8-inches; Allison Engelbert, 33'4"; Ashley Karnopp, 33'3"; Taryn Kuhn, 25'; Rylee Ankenman, 20'3"; Sydney Brands, 19'1".

*Running long jump — Hadley Hauser, 5'6"; Taryn Kuhn, 4'6"; Jasmine Covington, 3'9"; Sydney Brands, 3'5".

*Base running — Tanya Peters, 17.06; Sylence Auker, 17.84; Rylee Ankenman, 19.65; Raelynn Slipke, 19.71; Ashley Karnopp, 21.65.

AGE 5-6 BOYS

*50 meter dash — Hayden Wiltfong, 9.53; Chris Lowry, 9.84; Riley Sides, 10.15; Brayden Smith, 10.31; Miles Harrington, 10.60; Nicholas Stutsman, 10.65.

*100 meter dash — Hayden Wiltfong, 19.03; Chris Lowry, 19.27; Riley Sides, 19.81; Brayden Smith, 21.15; Shayd Dicks, 21.84; Kade Melvin, 22.15.

*200 meter dash — Hayden Wiltfong, 39.40; Ross Cole, 42.34; Nicholas Davis, 46.65; Shayd Dicks, 49.84; Judson Wiltfong, 50.93; Cody Burns, 56.43.

*400 meter relay — Chris Lowry, Nicholas Stutsman, Ross Cole, Riley Sides, 1:27.09.

*Softball throw — Nicholas Davis, 51'4.5"; Brayden Smith, 39'; Aiden Baird, 39'; Andrew Gleason, 38'9"; Kade Melvin, 34'9"; Tucker Pfannenstiel, 32'3".

*Running long jump — Ross Cole, 7'5"; Nicholas Stutsman, 7'4"; Nicholas Davis, 6'4"; Aiden Baird, 6'2.5"; Shayd Dicks, 5'6"; James Sturgill, 5'4.5".

*Base running — Miles Harrington, 17.12; Lane Gruwell, 17.96; Tucker Pfannenstiel, 18.25; Andrew Gleason, 18.37; Aiden Baird, 18.75; Camdyn Unterseher, 19.06.

AGE 7-8 GIRLS

*50 meter dash — Kara Frack, 9.31; Jessica Ambrosier, 9.40; Miah Melvin, 9.59; Annie Mills, 10.00; Lexi Voss, 10.16.

*100 meter dash — Orianna Ratzlaff, 16.59; Kara Frack, 17.88; Jessica Ambrosier, 19.03; Chaylee Lowry, 19.56; Kylie Kinderknecht, 20.87.

*400 meter dash — Kirsten Burger, 1:19; Chaylee Lowry, 1:33; Baylee Miller, 1:34; Kylie Perez, 1:35.52.

*800 meter run — Kylie Perez, 3:42; Jena Risewick, 4:12.

*200 meter dash — Orianna Ratzlaff, 35.75; Kirsten Burger, 36.06; Kara Frack, 38.46; Miah Melvin, 40.00; Chaylee Lowry, 40.71; Annie Mills, 41.18.

*Shot put — Lexi Voss, 12'9"; Jena Risewick, 9'3.5"; Shania Burns, 7'8".

*Softball throw — Lexi Voss, 86'2"; Baylee Miller, 68'3"; Miah Melvin, 52'2"; Kylie Kinderknecht, 44'6"; Treianne Park, 40'5"; Trae Braun, 36'4".

*Running long jump — Orianna Ratzlaff, 10'10"; Kirsten Burger, 8'5"; Trae Braun, 7'10"; Kylie Perez, 6'7.5"; Annie Mills, 6'5.5"; Jessica Ambrosier, 6'4".

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*50 meter dash — Tyus Henson, 8.62; Kade Unterseher, 9.47; Tevin Petrie, 9.50; Damian Wellman, 9.68; Landon Porter, 9.78; Wyatt Cressler, 10.09.

*100 meter dash — Tyus Henson, 17.75; Jace Ruder, 18.06; Ryan Johnson, 18.84; Trenton Chisham, 18.87; Wyatt Cressler, 19.24; Landon Porter, 19.87.

*400 meter dash — Tyus Henson, 1:21.04; Jace Ruder, 1:27.70; Jacob Green, 1:30.00; Jacob Archibald, 1:32.56; Mitchell Hickman, 1:37.83; Tevin Petrie, 1:42.96.

*800 meter run — Ward Hayes, 3:41.50.

*200 meter dash — Ward Hayes, 38.03; Tevin Petrie, 41.21; Ryan Johnson, 43.53; Trenton Chisham, 44.40; Kaegan Smith, 46.16.

*Softball throw — Jacob Green, 111'0"; Jace Ruder, 90'10"; Landon Porter, 90'9"; Ward Hayes, 89'8"; Kade Unterseher, 82'8"; Jacob Archibald, 71'8".

*Running long jump — Jacob Archibald, 9'6"; Kade Unterseher, 8'9.5"; Jacob Green, 8'7"; Ryan Johnson, 8'1"; Damien Wellman, 7'4"; Matt Vacura, 7'2".

*Shot put — Matt Vacura, 13'2"; Justis Posson, 12'6.5"; Adam Baughman, 11'8"; Collyn Auker, 10'8"; Cuden Kinderknecht, 10'7"; Levi Kendall, 10'2.5".

AGE 9-10 GIRLS

*50 meter dash — Brooke Baird, 8.53; Kayla Keith, 8.56; Casey Ambrosier, 8.72; Hanna Brooks, 9.34; Nicole Tacha, 9.93; Hannah Park, 10.56.

*100 meter dash — Brooke Baird, 17.15; Kayla Keith, 18.00; Hanna Brooks, 18.02; Erin Archer, 18.31; Lexi Hartwell, 20.65; Jessie Porter, 20.69.

*400 meter dash — Peyton Renner, 1:28.65; Casey Ambrosier, 1:28.74; Jessi Porter, 1:41.40.

*800 meter run — Sierra Griffith, 3:34.40.

*400 meter relay — Peyton Renner, Hanna Brooks, Casey Ambrosier, Lexi Hartwell, 1:13.37.

*Softball throw — Morgan Farber, 90'4"; Sierra Griffith, 90'1"; Nicole Tacha, 77'4"; Peyton Renner, 65'4"; Sara Baird, 60'2"; Lauren Mordecai, 54'5".

*Running long jump — Darcy Bainter, 11'0"; Erin Archer, 9'5"; Sara Baird, 7'3.5"; Lauren Mordecai, 7'1.5"; Audrey Morel, 5'10"; Hannah Park, 5'10".

*Shot put — Morgan Farber, 20'; Sierra Griffith, 15'4"; Sara Baird, 13'10".

AGE 9-10 BOYS

*50 meter dash — Sam Sage, 7.0; Stewart Whitney, 8.31; Riley Hager, 8.37; Caysean Campbell, 8.43; Kobe Unterseher, 8.46; Brant Cox, 9.18.

*100 meter dash — Eli Lowry, 15.93; Tanner Furbush, 16.23; Stewart Whitney, 16.37; Riley Hager, 16.40; Caysean Campbell, 16.43; Gage Hardiek, 17.21.

*1600 meter run — Quinton Porter, 7:42; Skylar Johnson, 8:26.

*200 meter dash — Matt Stutsman, 34.34; Eli Lowry, 35.31; Tanner Furbush, 37.46; Cody Lund, 42.59; Weston Erbert, 43.20.

*400 meter relay — Caysean Campbell, Derick Campbell, Riley Hager, Breven Sondergaard, 1:06.31; Brant Cox, Stewart Whitney, Clinton Cole, Matt Stutsman, 1:06.34.

*Softball throw — Alec Otter, 104'4"; Brant Cox, 98'11"; (unknown), 94'5"; Luke Keilig, 91'4.5; Quinton Porter, 90'9.5"; Cody Lund, 86'5".

*Running long jump — Sam Sage, 12'6"; Matthew Stutsman, 12'; Kobe Unterseher, 10'9"; Gage Hardiek, 9'10"; Derick Campbell, 9'5.75"; Philip Boutwell, 9'3".

*Shot put — Eli Lowry, 21.8.5"; Sam Sage, 21'4.5"; Derick Campbell, 18'11"; Ame Baird, 18'4.5"; Luke Keilig, 18'2"; Andrew McMullen, 16'9".

AGE 11-13 GIRLS

*50 meter hurdles — Erika Chandler, 9.96; Katherine Boteler, 10.15; Bailey Ambrosier, 10.43; Katelyn Engelbert, 10.50; Brianna Karnopp, 10.92.

*50 meter dash — Maggie Henry, 8.71; Ruth Kendell, 9.02.

*100 meter dash — Katelyn Engelbert, 15.37; Johnnye Ruder, 16.03; Jade Cressler, 16.18; Alec Melvin, 17.43.

*400 meter dash — Erika Chandler, 1:10.59; Katherine Boteler, 1:13.21; Kamilla Jones, 1:13.31.

*800 meter dash — Erika Chandler, 3:02; Kamilla Jones, 3:17.43.

*400 meter relay — Johnnye Ruder, Katelyn Engelbert, Bailey Ambrosier, Darcy Bainter, 1:03.34; Jade Cressler, Maggie Henry, Kara Stanton, Kayleigh Norwood, 1:09.75.

*Softball throw — Alec Melvin, 124'2"; Rikele Green, 197'8"; Madison Dusin, 101'2"; Jade Cressler, 101'1"; Brianna Karnopp, 97'9"; Ruth Kendell, 92'2".

*Running long jump — Katherine Boteler, 11'10";

AGE 11-13 BOYS

*50 meter hurdles — Jacob Brooks, 9.54; Austin Hager, 9.56; Carson McKenna, 10.09; Grant Lambert, 10.68; Lane Archer, 10.78.

*50 meter dash — Jacob Brooks, 7.28; Keaton Orr, 7.28; Michael Dusin, 7.72; Cody Temmel, 7.84; Grant Lambert, 8.15; Marc Miller, 8.26; Jordan Baird, 8.64.



Hayden Wiltfong hit the finish line in the age 5-6 boys division of the 100 meter dash in the Youth Track Meet. Placing second at left was Chris Lowry. Wiltfong also defeated Lowry to win the 50 meter dash and won a third gold medal in the 200 meter dash.

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Brianna Karnopp, 11'5"; Madison Dusin, 8'8"; Kayleigh Norwood, 8'3"; Kelsey Mordecai.

*Shot put — Alec Melvin, 28'3"; Madison Dusin, 26'2.5"; Rachel Slipke, 24'8"; Rikele Green, 21'8"; Ruth Kendell, 17'3"; Sierra Black, 16'7".

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*100 meter dash — Keaton Orr, 14.03; Jacob Brooks, 14.40; Austin Hager, 14.87; John Renner, 16.56; Garrett Otter, 17.18; Ethan Ross, 17.78.

*1600 meter run — John Risewick, 6:35.34; John Renner, 6:35.49; Dalton Miller, 6:36.12; Alec Hager, 6:46.40; Mike Smith, 8:48.

*400 meter dash — Brendan Ratzlaff, 1:08.28; Garrett Otter, 1:27.21.

*800 meter run — Carson McKenna, 3:00.84; Toby Nickell, 3:08.28; Alec Hager, 3:09.62; Drew Schrum, 3:13.04.

*200 meter dash — Brendan Ratzlaff, 31.65.

*400 meter relay — John Risewick, Alec Hager, Marc

Miller, Dalton Miller, 62.25; Toby Nickell, Garrett Otter, Drew Schrum, Cody Temmel, 1:07.93.

*Softball throw — Michael Dusin, 143'4.5"; Dalton Miller, 138'3"; Travis Cressler, 126'10.5"; Tristan Ratzlaff, 126'4"; Jordan Baird, 121'9.5"; John Renner, 120'5".

*Running long jump — John Risewick, 13'9"; Brendan Ratzlaff, 13'6.5"; Tristan Ratzlaff, 12'5.5"; Carson McKenna, 12'2"; Lane Archer, 12'; Trevor Lewis, 11'2.6".

*Shot put — Grant Lambert, 27'5.5"; Dylan Sprigg, 27'; Michael Dusin, 26'6"; Keaton Orr, 26'3.5"; Travis Cressler, 24'11.5"; and Jordan Baird, 24'8".

Season ends for Blue Jay golf team

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School varsity golfers shot a season low score in the Class 3A Regional Golf Tournament on Monday at Southwestern Heights High School but it wasn't good enough to qualify any Blue Jays for the upcoming state tournament.

Lakin won the team championship with a score of 320 and Phillipsburg of the Mid-Continent League was right behind with a 321. Both teams qualified for state competition as well as the five best individuals not on one of the top two teams.

Southwestern Heights placed third as a team with a 332, followed by Hoisington, 334; Ellinwood, 334; Oberlin, 336; Holcomb, 344; Norton, 350; Scott City, 375.

J.D. Gall and Kyle Edgett were

low scorers for Norton. Gall shot a 40/45-85 and Edgett carded a 41/44-85. Preston Herman shot a 44-44-88 and Michael Ward scored a 45/47-92.

Also playing for Norton and their scores were Marcus Herman, 42/51-93 and Pat Burton, 46/47-93.

Medalists were: Zach Yakel, Lakin, 73; Jeff Jarvis, Phillipsburg, 75; Phillip Long, Ellinwood, 75; Trenton Specht, Southwestern Heights, 76; Breck Simonsson, Oberlin, 78; Chris Schneider, Phillipsburg, 78; Dan McPherson, Ellinwood, 80; Kolten Cook, Hoisington, 80; Ben Kuhn, Lakin, 81; Tanner Born, Holcomb, 81.

Qualifying for the state tournament, in addition to the Lakin and Phillipsburg golfers, were: Long, Specht, Simonsson, McPherson

and Cook. Although Born was a medalist, he did not qualify for the state tournament because he was the sixth low individual not on one of the top two teams.

"We knew coming into the tournament that we were going to have to play very well to have any opportunity to qualify for the state tournament either individually or as a team," said Norton head coach David Stover.

"After the front nine, we were in the game. At the turn, the top eight teams were all within 10 shots of each other and it came down to the back nine results. Unfortunately, we could not keep up with the pace of our front nine scores and fell back in the pack.

"However, it was a good way to finish the season since our team total was the best of the season. We were once again led by the solid late-season play of J.D. Gall and the play of Kyle Edgett, who stepped up to shoot a career low round in regional play.

"This brings an end to the 2007 NCHS golf season. We will hate to lose out two quality seniors Michael Ward and Pat Burton, who have contributed greatly to the success of NCHS golf the past four seasons. The future looks bright, however, as we will be returning many golfers who were able to gain valuable varsity experience this season and look to build on that in the future."

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