

Norton junior high basketball takes on Hill City and Ellis

By Cheri Brooks
 Due to opposing teams having fewer players, our junior varsity group for the 7th and 8th graders has had fewer opportunities to play. Hoxie only played a 7th grade game, which was actually classified as their "B" team game and an 8th grade game, which was classified as their "A" team game. They have sixth, seventh, and eighth grade girls on their Junior High team. Therefore, we did have a junior varsity game against Hoxie.
 Then Hill City was only able to play two quarters of a junior varsity game, which was an exciting game for us because this particular group of girls was able to get their first victory.

During the first quarter, Norton put up eight points and Hill City only scored two points. Then in the next and final quarter Norton scored eight points again for a total of 16 points. Hill City also chalked up eight points, but lost by six points to the Junior Varsity Jays, 16 to 10. We had four players that each contributed four points each. They were Shelby Mulford, Kylie Perez, Kira Robertson and Alexis Hartwell.
 On Thursday, Dec. 8, the Junior varsity girls wrapped up their season in a close two-quarter game. The Lady Jays had three players each score two points, all in the first quarter. Ellis was only able to score three points in

the first quarter so the Lady Jays lead 6-3 at the conclusion of the first quarter.
 Unfortunately, Ellis was able to score five points in the last quarter to come out victorious 8-6. Scoring for Norton was Kira Robertson, Alexis Hartwell, and Alma Clavijo. For the Lady Rainers Brianna Rohr led their scoring with four points. Kira Robertson was our leading rebounder for the game. Kylie Perez and Alexis Hartwell were able to get the most steals for the Lady Jays junior varsity team.
 These particular girls improved as the season went along in so many areas.

Huskies fall to LaCrosse, 50-34

By Mike Stephens
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 The Northern Valley Huskies boys varsity basketball team struggled on the offensive end of the court and fell to LaCrosse 50-34 Friday night.

The Huskies stumbled out of the gate scoring only three points in the first quarter. Tyson Callaway threw in the lone field goal for the Huskies and LaCrosse jumped out to an early 11-3 first quarter lead.
 The offensive woes continued in the second quarter for Northern Valley. Calen Bach hit on three of four free throw attempts but the Huskies managed only five points in the quarter, and went into halftime trailing LaCrosse 25 to eight.
 In the third quarter, the Huskies showed a little improvement. Hunter Chandler and Daniel Field contributed a basket and free throw each but LaCrosse scored 15 points in the quarter and led the Huskies 40 to 16 going into the fourth quarter.
 Northern Valley had an excellent fourth quarter, scoring 18 points, led by Jordan Baird and Tyler Montgomery scoring five points each, but it wasn't enough to overcome the deficit. LaCrosse prevailed 50 to 34 over the Huskies.

"Our defense was decent as we held them to 36 percent shooting from the field," said Huskies Head Coach Chuck Fessenden. "However we could only shoot 29 percent. We switched from a zone (defense) to man to man (defense) late in the third quarter, and I thought our kids did a good job of pressuring the ball and getting up in the passing lanes."
 Northern Valley next faced Smith Center on Saturday in the third place game.
 The Huskies offensive woes continued and the game got away from Northern Valley early. Smith Center jumped out early, scoring 21 first quarter points and the Huskies managed only three.
 In the second quarter things got worse and the Huskies went into halftime trailing Smith Center 37 to five.
 Smith Center kept the hammer down in the third quarter outscoring Northern Valley 20 to six and cruised in the fourth quarter for the easy win over the Huskies 59-22.
 Coach Fessenden explained the loss.
 "Smith Center's quickness and defensive pressure was too much for our players to handle. We had trouble scoring and gave them a lot of easy shots. We can only hope to learn from this game and try to improve."

JENNINGS NEWS

Mark Shaw and Ethan, rural Logan, spent Wednesday through Friday of last week at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw to do some deer hunting.
 Guests at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw over the weekend for pheasant hunting were Brandon Wagoner, Granby, Mo.; Brent Finley, Joplin, Mo. and Kevin and Colleen Wagoner of Sharon Springs. Saturday evening guests were Rick and Tammy Shaw and their grandson, Skylar, from Selden.
 Wednesday, Dec. 7 card players gathering at the Senior Center were Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier, Diane Carter, Alice Wagoner, Carol Carter, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Wayne and Louise Cressler and Alice Mizer. Refreshments of cookies, candy, nuts and drinks were served.
 We welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Wednesday, Dec. 14. will be our Christmas dinner at noon. Main dishes are being prepared at the center. If you would like you may bring a salad or dessert.
 A large crowd attended the Lions Soup and dessert lunch Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Community Hall. Santa arrived shortly after 1 p.m. and a gift drawing was held afterwards. Two turkeys and two hams were given by the City of Jennings; one smoked turkey given by Fleckensteins and a \$20 envelope given by Daryl Hartzog were drawn last. All the gifts donated by individuals for the drawing were very much appreciated. Without individual donations this could not have been a successful day.
 We thank everyone who helped decorate and those who donated gifts.

Once in a lifetime



A friend of former Norton resident Sue Sharp, fifty-year-old Margarita Rodrigues of Rancho Viejo, Texas, went sledding for the first time in her life here in Norton at Elmwood Park on Saturday. She had never seen real snow, thrown a snowball or gone sledding and she got to enjoy all of these things while here in Norton during a visit this past week. Her ability to appreciate the stuff that we Kansans dread was enlightening.
 -Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

LYLE NEWS

Another Christmas is just around the corner. Again, I don't know how a year could go so fast. The town lights are up, Christmas parties are taking place, cards are coming and cookies are baking.
 I received a beautiful tray of goodies from the 4-H kids. Bless their hearts and the hearts of the mother's and helpers. I sampled them and they are as good as they look. Thank you so much!
 My neighbor, Brandy, came over, brought me some things for future quilts, and had coffee and a cookie with me. She and other neighbors have been good to take us places. I appreciate it all a lot.

Norma McCallister took me to The Red Hat Christmas party at Lenora at the home of Veda Heisel. We had a good time, elected officers, opened gifts from a grab bag, and had Christmas goodies.
 Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen went to the annual Nebraska Cattlemen's Convention at Holiday Express in Kearney, Wednesday to Friday, Dec. 7 to 9. They had trade booths, workshops and a banquet on Thursday evening.
 Judy and Charlie Easton visited Toots Magers on Sunday, had lunch and did some jobs.


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 an expansion project at Ag Valley that will bring a rail spur to the facility from the existing railroad that will allow the company to transport much more grain by train.
 Location Manager Rick Mullen reported that the rail spur is still in the preliminary stages of planning, but Ag Valley is working with railroad officials and the Kansas Department of Transportation to make the project a reality. The new rail construction will allow the facility to move train loads of grain, up to 110 rail cars at a time.
 The increased grain processing capacity will mean that vehicle traffic in and out of the facility will increase, leading Norton County to explore options for updating roadways to the facility. Norton City/County Economic Development Director Scott Sproul reports that Norton County has committed \$300,000 to the development of the rail spur, but that money will be recovered over time with property tax revenue from the facility.


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Prizes have been donated by the following businesses:
 Dairy Queen: Treat tokens to all Entrants; Norton Animal Hospital: \$20.00; The Bank: Savings Bond; First Security Bank and Trust Co.: Gold Coins; End Zone: Ribbons; Norton Theatre: Movie Tickets; Pizza Hut: Personal Pan Pizzas; Rainbow Lanes: T-shirt; Garden Gate Florals Etc.: \$10.00; Norton Sports Center: Kawasaki Teddybears; Herb's Your Sign: Headband and Hair Tie; Woody's Diner: Gift Certificate; United Northwest Federal Credit Union: Kansas Teddy Bears; First State Bank: \$25.00 Savings Account; Almema State Bank: \$50.00 Savings Bond; Norton Telegram: \$30.00

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