

# JV basketball team wins tournament championship

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity boys basketball team won the championship of the N-O-Q-T Tournament held Saturday in Norton.

Norton defeated Oakley 28-16 and Trego edged Quinter 32-30 in first round games. In the finals, the young Blue Jays outscored Trego 49-16 to win the championship and Oakley defeated Quinter 50-32 to place third.

**OAKLEY**

Norton outscored Oakley 6-3 in the first quarter but the Plainsmen outpointed the Blue Jays 7-2 in the second period. Norton tallied 13 points in the third quarter while limiting Oakley to 6 to take a 21-16 lead. Defense was the name of the game for Norton in the final stanza when they held the Plainsmen scoreless!

Carson McKenna was leading scorer for Norton with 10 points, followed by Dalton Miller, 6; Drew Schrum, 3; Conor Cox, 3; Marc Miller, 2; Ryan Bainter, 2; Tanner Furbush, 1; Trever Lewis, 1.

Ryan Kuhn, Mason Scheetz and Braydon Huber each scored 4 points for Oakley.

“We came out extremely sluggish in the first half but our defense was able to keep it close,” said Norton assistant boys coach David Stover.

“In the second half, our best offense became our defense as we were able to find a spark, creating turnovers that led to scoring opportunities. We

played very well down the stretch to earn a hard-fought victory.”

**TREGO**

Defense was also the name of the game when the Blue Jays held Trego to 16 points in the championship finals while throwing in 49 points themselves.

Norton held quarter leads of 13-6, 27-9 and 44-14.

Furbush was leading scorer for Norton with 12 points, followed by Cox, 10; Schrum, 6; Damian Lawson, 5; Miller, 4; Lewis, 4; Bainter, 4; Connor Griffey, 2; Lane Bigge, 2.

Scorers for Trego were Isaiah Fabrizio with 9 points and Austin Berry with 7.

“We carried over the defensive intensity from the end of the Oakley game,” said coach Stover. “Defensively, we were very good throughout this game and were able to see offensive improvement as well. We made better decisions on offense and it led to more scoring opportunities. This was a good win for us!”

**Overall coach’s comments**

“I am very proud of this group and how they competed all day long,” said coach Stover. “Our overall team effort was very good from start to finish.

“It has been a few years since we were able to win this tournament so, hopefully the success earned from today’s victories will carry over into continued improvement for the rest of the season.”

## Taking the prize



The most recent winner of the Norton Telegram’s Christmas On Us promotion, Darcie Brooks of Norton got her ticket at the Norton Telegram. This is the first year Brooks has participated in the contest and plans to use her \$25 winnings to finish up some Christmas shopping. Pictured, she receives her \$25 from Mike Stephens of the Norton Telegram.

–Telegram photo by Carleen Bell

## BOWLING

### Tuesday Night Mens League

Standings as of Dec. 13

1. Don’s Floor Coverings- 76 wins, 50 losses

2. D & M Service- 64 wins, 62 losses

3. WGAHA- 63 wins, 63 losses

4. The WTF’s- 49 wins, 77 losses

High Line: Bill LaSalle-199, Brad Riggins-197, Bill LaSalle-187, D & M Service-634.

High Line Handicap: Brad Riggins-263, Ray Caldwell-242, Bill LaSalle-239, WGAHA-830.

High Series: Bill LaSalle-539, Bev Miller-510, Ray Caldwell-493, D & M Service-1768.

High Series Handicap: Ray Caldwell-661, Bill LaSalle-659, Dale Carson-600, WGAHA-2425.

### Inter-City League

Standings as of Dec. 16

1. Bailey Electric- 84 wins, 51 losses

2. Heartland Partners- 77.5 wins, 57.5 losses

3. BLD’s- 70.5 wins, 64.5 losses

4. Jett SS- 67 wins, 68 losses

5. Hawks Depot- 58.5 wins, 76.5 losses

6. The Where Evers- 47.5 wins, 87.5 losses

High Line: Bill LaSalle-196, Brian Dicks-189, Rusty Miller-186, Bev Miller-171, Bailey Electric-647.

High Line Handicap: Brian Dicks-249, Bill LaSalle-235, Rusty Miller-224, Jane Engelhardt-217, Bailey Electric-826.

High Series: Bill LaSalle-519, Bev Miller-498, Brian Dicks-469, Mark Bailey-465, Rusty Miller-465, BLD’s-1840.

High Series Handicap: Brian Dicks-649, Bill LaSalle-636, Bev Miller-612, Merle Hawks-608, BLD’s-2383.

### Ladies Inter-City League

Standings as of Dec. 19

1. Geezeretts- 4 wins, 0 losses

2. Nelson Bros.- 3 wins, 1 loss

3. Logan Gals- 3 wins, 1 loss

4. Animal Health- 1 win, 3 losses

5. BEB & Assoc.- 0 wins, 4 losses

High Line: Jackie Wright-157, Jackie Wright-147, Lynn Nelson-145, BEB & Assoc.-426, BEB & Assoc.-399, Nelson Bros.-364.

High Line Handicap: Jackie Wright-224, Evah Dougherty-219, Jackie Wright-214, Geezeretts-594, BEB & Assoc.-582, Geezeretts-579.

High Series: Jackie Wright-434, Lynn Nelson-406, Carol Ross-388, BEB & Assoc.-1167, Nelson Bros.-1022, Geezeretts-1017.

High Series Handicap: Jackie Wright-635, Lynn Nelson-604, Donna VanKooten-590, Geezeretts-1731, Logan Gals-1667, Nelson Bros.-1664.

## Drawing

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Gifts, The Bank and the Norton Telegram.

The first number to be drawn Thursday was for one of the unclaimed \$25 winners. It took only one draw to find a winning ticket and it went to David Bainter. The second prize drawn for was for the other unclaimed \$25 winner. It also took only one draw for Althea Paxton, Santa’s helper, to find that winner and it was Nick Mandl. The third \$25 instant winner took a whopping 19 draws to find and finally, Cathryn Blasi came forward with the winning ticket.

The second place drawing came next for the \$100 prize. Little Miss Paxton dug deep and pulled two tickets before she found the winner and was John Carlin.

The highlight of the evening, the \$500 prize-winning ticket was selected and two tickets were drawn before Cynthia Collins came forward with the winning ticket.

Finally, the seven \$50 winners

were drawn, and those winners were Andy Weskamp, Darcie Brooks, Kris Mizell, Pamela Bigge, Weldon Carlin and Karen Smith. Kris Mizell was the winner of two of the \$50 drawings.

During the first week of the promotion a total of 5,701 tickets were collected. The \$25 instant winners were Courtney Holder and Lisa Donovan.

During the second week, a total of 2,886 tickets were collected. The instant winners were Beverly Kindler and Amanda Majors.

There were no instant winners during the third week, but a total of 4,816 tickets were collected.

During the fourth week, 6,114 tickets were collected and the instant winners were Charlene Weskamp, Darci Brooks and Elaine Lofgreen.

During the final week of the promotion, no new numbers were published but tickets were still collected until Wednesday. A total of 4,546 tickets were counted on Wednesday for a total of 23,433 tickets for the year.

That total means that \$234,330 was spent locally through the promotion, money that may have left town otherwise.

This year’s total was a substantial increase over last year’s total of 16,060 tickets.

“We are thrilled to be able to report that we gave away so many tickets this year,” Paxton said. “More tickets given away means more money is staying in our community, which is the mission of the Christmas On Us program.

“We here at the Telegram would like to thank each and every participant and sponsor that took part in this promotion. I would also like to thank the Norton Community Center for providing a nice warm place to hold the drawing again this year and to Larry Henderson and LeAnn Shearer for providing the wonderful holiday music prior to the drawing as well as Althea Paxton for helping to draw the numbers. We couldn’t have done it without all of you.”

## School

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from district residents.

In addition, the state-wide mill levy of 20 mills that each school district is required to assess is what would be equalized under the proposed new formula.

The supplemental general fund, also known as the Local Option Budget, is currently equalized and under the governor’s proposal, it would not be.

“All school districts would have the opportunity to raise more and more local funds, but the less wealthy districts would not be able to raise as much money as would the more wealthy,” Mann said. “For example, in Norton, one mill locally raises about \$36,400. In Holcomb, though, which is a 3A school district like Norton, one mill raises about \$250,000. So, what Holcomb can raise with one mill would require Norton to levy seven mills.”

Despite some concerns about the proposed overhaul, Mann explained that there is some poten-

tially good news for Norton schools. “Using this year’s budget figures for comparison and if the new plan were to go into effect in the fall of 2012, we could initially see an increase of \$240,000,” Mann said. “The bad news is that the new and permanent costs would probably eat through that increase in just a few years. Worse still, we would have to rely on our comparatively meager ability to raise additional funds by increasing our local option budget.”

Regardless of how the new formula might effect school districts across the state, the proposal is still in the early stages and still must go through legislative approval before it becomes reality. Mann reiterated that because it wouldn’t take affect until 2013, true comparison of funding gains or losses cannot be made until next year.

“The governor’s plan would help us in the short term because we are comparatively poor in property wealth,” Mann said. “However, over the long term it could become increasingly difficult to sustain our quality of education and our facilities without large local property tax increases.”

Community Calendar

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Pictured from left to right front row: Carleen Bell, Dana Paxton, back row: Mike Stevens, Marcia Shelton and Vicki Henderson.  
Not pictured: Dick Boyd and Derek Laughlin

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