

# Lady Jays second, boys tenth at State

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Coach George Rossi's Norton Community High School girls cross country team placed runner-up and his Blue Jay boys cross country team finished tenth in the Class 3A State Cross Country Meet on Saturday at Rim Rock Farm north of Lawrence.

The Lady Jays were also runner-up last year to the same team, Douglass and the Blue Jay boys, who were hampered this season by injuries, were third.

Douglass beat the Norton girls 76 points to 94 last year but this time around just edged the Lady Jays 78-81 or by three points!

"What a wonderful season for our girls," said coach Rossi. "Our expectations were set very high and we were extremely disappointed when we found out that we were runner-up to Douglass by a slim three point margin. Our girls ran their hearts out and gave every ounce of energy in their bodies!"

"There are a thousand different ways the race could have come out with us on top but it just was not meant to be. We give credit to Douglass who won the race.

"Our girls have every reason to hold their heads high. We won every race this season with the exception of the Rim Rock Classic and today.

"Individually, junior Sierra Griffith becomes only the second Norton runner to become a three-time All-State runner with her best finish at the state meet.

Senior Marisa Maddy also ran a fantastic race, beating her time from last year. Senior Darcy Bainter, senior Katelyn Engelbert, sophomore Raenee Patterson and junior Burgundy Sorter all ran faster times than they did at the Rim Rock race earlier this year. Sophomore Molly Maddy fought a sore Achilles tendon but fought through it to have a very good finish."

Douglass repeated as the girls champion with 78 points, followed closely by Norton with 81 as runner-up and Hiawatha in third with 94. Fourth place went to Southeast of Saline with 109, followed by Sacred Heart of Salina, 136; Atchison County, 146; Hutchinson Trinity, 161; Caney Valley, 189; Haven, 216; Pleasant Ridge, 233; Fredonia, 249; Council Grove, 259.

"Our boys were in a tough race," said coach Rossi. "The Rim Rock course is a tough course to really know how to run. Senior Marc Miller was able to run a great race and become a two time All-State runner with his 19th place finish.

"Senior Alec Hager, who was injured the first half of the season, finished his high school career with his best race of the season as did senior Keith Sander. Nate Hartwell finished a successful freshman season with a good run. Junior Dalton

Vanover also ran a tough race with a strong finish. Senior Garret Otter ended his career with a personal record, which is great. Sophomore Weston Erbert also had his season best in the biggest meet of the year.

"These boys have been through a lot this year with injuries but they stuck together and fought their way to the state meet. We are very proud of their efforts this year."

Hesston won the boys championship with 88 points, followed by Sacred Heart of Salina, 114; Riley County, 126; Hiawatha, 132; Thomas More Prep of Hays, 145; Halstead, 151; Silver Lake, 152; Kansas City Christian, 155; Chaparral, 165; Norton, 194; Wellsville, 238; Council Grove, 304.

This was the fifth straight year that both the Norton girls and boys have qualified as teams for the state meet.

A week ago, the Norton girls won the Regional championship and the Blue Jays boys placed third.

## GIRLS

Norton junior Sierra Griffith placed 12th individually to become an All-State runner with a time of 16:49. She was followed to the finish line by senior Darcy Bainter, 32nd, 17:50; senior Marisa Maddy, 38th, 17:57; sophomore Molly Maddy, 43rd, 18:05; senior Katelyn Engelbert, 44th, 18:10.

Also running for Norton were sophomore Raenee Patterson, 68th, 18:47 and junior Burgundy Sorter, 85th, 19:45.

"Seniors Darcy Bainter, Katelyn Engelbert and Marisa Maddy have been varsity runners for all four years at NCHS," said coach Rossi. "Words can't describe what they have meant to Blue Jay cross country. These girls have been outstanding leaders and role models for the younger girls and are competitors in every sense of the word.

"During their four years they were the Norton, Wamego, Mid-Continent League and Regional champions each year. They also have four state trophies with 2010 state champions and state runner-up in 2011, 2012 and 2013. Being successful is wonderful but being around these girls every day gives me more than any trophy. We will miss them dearly and they will always be an integral part of what we are and what we will become."

## BOYS

Norton senior Marc Miller was the first to the finish line for the Blue Jay boys with a time of 17:59, 19th place and All-State designation. He was followed by senior Alec Hager, 42nd with a season best 18:42; freshman Nate Hartwell, 52nd, 18:56; junior Dalton Vanover, 69th, 19:20 and senior Keith Sander, 89th, season best, 20:15.

Also running for Norton were senior Garret Otter, 97th, personal best 20:59 and sophomore Weston Erbert, 98th, season best, 21:30.

"Seniors Marc Miller and Alec Hager have been varsity runners all four years," said coach Rossi. "They have also had a great deal of success being three time league champions, three time regional runner-up and last year third place at the state meet. Both of these young men left everything on the course each race and worked extremely hard each day in practice.

"Seniors Garret Otter and Keith Sander also helped us out a lot this year and work hard. Senior Kailen Kawahara's season was cut short with injury but, until then, he worked to get better every day. All of these guys hold a special place in our history."

## Many thanks

"Thank you to the staff and students at Norton Community High School and Norton Junior High School for the state send-off," said coach Rossi. "Thanks, too, to the Blue Jay Booster Club, cheerleaders and parents for the goodies, my wife, Sue, for helping at the meets with scoring to keep me calm, Mr. Mann, Mr. Perez and Mr. McEwen for their outstanding support of the cross country program.

"Many thanks to the parents,

students, fans and alumni who attended the race Saturday; you were the best, loudest and most active fans on the course; your support means everything to our team.

"For those who have never been to a cross country race, you need to go. It is unlike any other sport.

"Our team would also like to thank Dick Boyd and the Telegram for the great coverage all season. Dick is one of our best fans.

"Also, thanks to Lindsey Bailey for being the best assistant coach ever and to Jesika Smith, who is the best manager in the state and does a fantastic job. And, above all, thanks to the team for their work, friendship and memories."

## Other area placers

Conn of Beloit was the individual first place finisher among Class 3A boys at Rim Rock and Ratzlaff of Phillipsburg placed third in 16:54.

The Goodland boys placed 12th in Class 4A in the State Cross Country Meet in Wamego. Arteaga led Goodland with 66th in 18:45, followed by Redin, 68th, 18:47; Gerber, 71st,

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Norton senior Keith Sander ran another steady race for the Blue Jays in the Class 3A boys State Cross Country Meet on Saturday at Rim Rock Farm. Keith ran his best race of the season for a great finish to his high school career.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

## REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY for Ledo Buonamici Family Trust

# AUCTION

Lunch Stand Available by Norton County Youth Horse Show

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Auction Location: National Guard Armory, North Highway 283, Norton, Kansas

### PERSONAL PROPERTY

#### Antique Furniture and Collectibles:



*Buffet, Ornate with Large Mirror*



*Oak Dressers and Mirrors*



*Large Kitchen Cabinet with Top*



*Oak Dining Room Table 50"x42"*



*Several Fern Tables, Various Sizes*



*Oak Rocker, Nice*

(6) Matching Oak Chairs  
Painted Wash Stand Vintage Floor Lamp  
Oak Chest of Drawers Sewing Rocker  
Older Secretary, Painted  
Davis Sewing Machine Wardrobe 44"x78"  
Buffet - Old, all there but needs redone  
Antique Wheel Chair Aladden Lamp, Nice  
Older Linen and Dish Towels Ladders  
Older Dresser Lamps Phillips TV  
Household Dishes and Cookware  
Texasware Pyrex Bowls Hand Tools  
Aluminum Ware Pitcher and Glasses  
Juice Pitcher and Glasses  
(2) Full Size Beds, Mattress and Box Springs

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**215 STATE STREET, NORTON, KANSAS**

**Open House on Wednesday, Nov. 6  
from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

**Real Estate Auction  
will be Friday, November 8 at  
5:00 p.m. at the Home Location**

Nicely arranged 2 bedroom home with unfinished basement with beautiful woodwork throughout.  
Home consist of 964 square feet on the main level with 2 bedrooms and nice closets, family room, dining room, kitchen, and bath. There is also an attached back porch which is the access to the basement. The front porch is covered and great for evening relaxation. The home has floor heating and a metal roof. There is an 18' x 12' detached garage, corner lot.  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Lot One (1) in Block One (1), Broquet's fourth addition to the City of Norton, Norton, Kansas.  
**TAXES:** 2012 taxes were \$538.64. 2013 Taxes will be prorated to date of closing.  
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**POSSESSION:** Day of Closing.  
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**AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:**  
Ledo and Milli Buonamici have lived in Carson City, Nevada for a number of years. Milli enjoyed and always looked forward to going home to Norton, Kansas where she grew up. Milli passed away in September. Ledo said his age and health will no longer allow him to make the trip to Kansas so WEISER REALTY is offering their "second home and household items" for sale at auction.

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### Real Estate Conducted by: Weiser Realty, Jolene Weiser Broker

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Norton senior Darcy Bainter leads a long line of other runners during the heart of the Class 3A girls State Cross Country Meet on Saturday at Rim Rock Farm. Darcy beat her previous times on the course as she and her teammates placed runner-up by just a few points in the race.

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