

Northern Valley High School begins season Friday at Norton

The Northern Valley High School track and field teams will start their season Friday at the Norton Invitational Track Meet.

Nine members of the boys' team are returning letterwinners. They are: seniors — Avery Thalheim, Clarke Nelson, Cody Lowry, Joey Copper, Andrew Sheley and Casey Dole; junior — Chase Miller; and sophomores — Blake Johnson and Bryce Marble.

Other members of the team are: seniors — Renier Deetlefs and Patrick Hammond; junior — Cameron Duede; and freshmen — Stanton Nelson, Chaim McMillin, Drew Britt, Nathaniel Graham, Travis Redeker and Cody Callaway.

Six Lady Huskies on the girls' team are returning letterwinners. They are: juniors — Kelli Cole, Jessie Redeker and Andrea Lowry; and sophomores — Amanda Hopkins, Joni Hilburn and Jessica Largent.

Other members of the team are: senior — Sarely Salazar; and sophomores — Kylene Hager, Stephanie Tubbs and Kelsey Kinderknecht.

Chuck Fessenden is the boys coach, Lonnie Brungardt is the girls coach and Staci Montgomery is the assistant coach.

Northern Valley High School Track and Field Schedule	
Friday, April 7	— Norton Invitational, Norton, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 11	— Triplains Invitational, Oakley, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 18	— Northern Valley Invitational, Logan, 3 p.m.
Friday, April 21	— Osborne Invitational, Osborne, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 2	— Logan Invitational, Logan, noon
Friday, May 5	— Mankato Invitational, Mankato, 3 p.m.
Monday, May 8	— Hill City Invitational, Hill City, 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 11	— Cheyenne Conference, Logan, 3 p.m.
Friday, May 19	— Regional Track Meet, Hays, 3 p.m.
Friday & Saturday, May 26-27	— State Track Meet, Wichita

Norton graduate to play volleyball for McPherson

By DICK BOYD

Ashley Wegener, a 2004 graduate of Norton Community High School, has signed a letter of intent to play volleyball for McPherson College in the 2006-07 year.

After graduating from Norton Community High School, Wegener played the past two years at Colby Community College for Coach Pedro Gonzalez.

The 5-foot-8-inch Wegener was a two-time Mid-Continent League honorable mention selection while playing for Norton Coach Jill Lively.

"Ashley comes to us from Colby Community College with experience at the middle position," said McPherson Head Coach Nathalea Stephenson.

"She and teammate Jordan Shay will bring competitive and skill experience to our program. Ashley is a hard working individual and one who will help others around her improve their



Ashley Wegener of Norton signs a letter of intent to play volleyball for McPherson College. Pictured with her is McPherson Head Volleyball Coach Nathalea Stephenson.

skills as well. Not only is she hard working on the court, she is also an excellent student.

"We are excited about having a middle who will keep us strong at that position."

She is the daughter of Cindy and Bruce Wegener of Norton. She plans to major in graphic design at McPherson College.

Northern Valley Junior High track season begins with 41 members

Seven meets await the 41 members of the Northern Valley Junior High track team this spring, said Jim Cole, coach.

His roster contains 22 boys and 19 girls who, he said, "Have been running and practicing very hard and are looking forward to the track meets."

Here is the roster:

- BOYS**
- 6th grade (7 members) — Calen Bach, Daniel Field, Gunnar Hays, Austin Herman, Dillon Hogan, Zane Miller, Tyler Montgomery.
 - 7th grade (8 members) — Caleb Bach, Matthew Dole, Dusty Eagleburger, Ethan Gallentine, Skyler Harris, Colton Lowry, Bryant Tharman, Zachary Vincent.

- 8th grade (7 members) — Michael Callaway, Samuel Field, Jacob Gallentine, Hutch Gehrke, Jordan Herman, Uriah Murphy, Brandon Towery.
- GIRLS**
- 6th grade (7 members) — Ashley Constable, Cassie Field, Melissa Hawks, Savannah King, Kelsey Raburn, Kynzie Stevens, Sarah Whitney.
 - 7th grade (3 members) — Kenzie Chandler, Staci Dole, Kayla Field.
 - 8th grade (9 members) — Christina Anderson, Pam Araujo, Alison Cole, Megan Cole, Miriah Florence, Caitlyn Patterson, Amber Sheley, Karen Wenzl, C.J. Woodmansee.

Norton Junior High to begin track season at home Thursday

The Norton Junior High School track and field teams will open their season by hosting the Norton Junior High Invitational Track Meet on Thursday, April 6 in Norton.

Field events will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by the running events, which should start around 1:30 p.m. The 3200-meter will be run at 12:45 p.m.

On this year's track and field teams are:

- Eighth grade girls** — Hannah Waggoner, Shelley Jones, Kendra Engelbert, Raven Brown, Alyssa Thomsson, Lacy Keilig, Amanda Ray, Bethany Roy, Kelsey Nuzum, Allie Corbin, Ashlie Stewart, Kaitlyn Wolf, and Cassie Wuest.
- Eighth grade boys** — Landon Hamel, Chris Maddy, Kaenon Keiswetter, Ashton Draper, Marcus Herman, Connor Pfannenstiel, Robert Derauf, J.D. Gall, Matt Miller, Casey Robison, Tyler Cook, Matt Pollock, Grant McClymont, and Ronne Tafoya.

Seventh grade boys — Kaid McKenna, Troy Bainter, Bill Broeckelman, Spencer Shirk, Andrew Otter, Brett Terrell, Kegan Vanover, Ryan Blecha, Landon Keiswetter, Luke Ninemire, Dakota Dreher, Jesse Gallentine, Scott Arehart, Brady Riggins, Colby Poage, Terrell Lane, Justin Griffith, Chance McMullen, Randy Cochran, David Cressler, Jacob Nuzum, Jeremy Sproul, Cole Archer, and Tanner Morel.

Norton Junior High School Track and Field Schedule	
Thursday, April 6	— NJHS Invitational, here, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 11	— Phillipsburg Invitational, there, 11 a.m.
Thursday, April 20	— Hill City Invitational, there, 10 a.m.
Tuesday, May 2	— Plainville Invitational, there, 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 9	— Mid-Continent Elementary League, Hill City, 10 a.m.
Thursday, May 11	— Rain day for league meet

Northern Valley Junior High Track Schedule	
April 3, K-Town Inv., 6-7-8,	Smith Center, Noon.
April 6, Norton Inv., 7-8,	Norton, 10:30 a.m.
April 13, Husky Inv., 6-7-8,	Norton, 9 a.m.
April 20, Hill City Inv., 6-7-8,	Hill City, 10 a.m.
April 28, Quinter Inv., 7-8,	Quinter, 10:30 a.m.
May 4, Logan Inv., 6-7-8,	Logan, 9:30 a.m.
May 11, League, 6-7-8,	Logan, 2 p.m.

Local athlete performs well for Fort Hays

By DICK BOYD

Jered Sloan, red-shirt freshman from Norton, performed well for Fort Hays State University in Saturday's Alex Francis Relays at Lewis Field Stadium in Hays.

Jered won the 110 meter high hurdles championship with a time of 14.67 seconds and placed third

in the high jump by clearing 6-foot-4.25-inches.

The Fort Hays men won the team championship with 221 points. Nebraska-Kearney was runnerup with 217. The Lady Tigers were second overall with 194 points. Nebraska-Kearney won the women's title with 222.

This was the first outdoor competition of the season for Fort Hays since their first two meets were canceled due to inclement weather.

Next action for the Tiger thinclads will be this Saturday in a dual meet with Pittsburg State in Pittsburg.

Local basketball players named on all-area team by Salina Journal

By DICK BOYD

Heath Vincent, Karlie Jones, Chelsea Cox of Norton, Joey Copper of Northern Valley and Bryant Reese of Logan have all received honorable mention on the 2006 All-Area Basketball Team selected by the Salina Journal newspaper.

Named to the Boys Top Five were Jase Herl, Goodland; Nathan Locke, Trego, Tyler Reed, Quinter; Matt Stramel, Hays and Ryan Wedel, Minneapolis.

Boys Coach of the Year was Don Shubert, Trego.

The Girls Top Five Team players were Ashley Junker, Belleville; Kendra Matteson, Eastern Heights; Lisa Mazanec, Colby;

Ashley Sweat, McPherson; Brette Ulsaker, McPherson.

Girls Coach of the Year was Shane Stout, Belleville.

Among those on the boys second team was Tyler Ummel of Trego's state championship team. Ethan Kuhlmann, Kensington, was chosen to the third team.

Also receiving honorable mention on the boys team were Trey Barnett, Colby; Justin Casey, Plainville; Daren Haas, Ellis; Andy Inman, Oberlin; Taylor Jones and Braden Wilson, both of Smith Center; William Keese, Phillipsburg; Jake Moss, Hoxie; Shay Simoneau, Palco; Curt Welter, Hill City.

Among the players chosen to the girls second team were Danielle Pratt of Hoxie's state runnerup team; Katie Pratt, Salina Sacred Heart and Jannica Schultze, Osborne.

On the girls third team was Shannon Bechard, Salina Sacred Heart, along with Katelyn Spreser, Golden Plains.

Honorable mention girls selections included Jamie Alexander, Hill City; Michaela Berg, Eastern Heights; Valerie Broeckelman, Golden Plains; Lauren Fortin, Oberlin; Tiffany Goetz, Hoxie; Justeen Koehler, Goodland; Danielle Pfeifer, Whitney Taylor and Kristin Waldschmidt, all of Ellis.

Weather shortens racing action at Norton

By MIKE HUGHES

A good field of cars in all four divisions were on hand for racing action at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton on Saturday evening, April 1, only to be fooled by Mother Nature. After the heat races were completed for the three IMCA-sanctioned divisions, a thunderstorm moved in, forcing track officials to call the race program for the evening.

The remainder of the program will take place on Saturday evening, April 15. The program will open with the two Cruiser make-up heats, followed by the make-up features in all four divisions. Then a full race program, which was scheduled for April 15, will follow the make-up races. The Easter Bunny is also scheduled to make an appearance that night.

RESULTS:
IMCA Hobby Stocks
Heat 1: 1. Kelly Karnopp, 2. Wade Wagenblast, 3. Aaron Koch, 4. Dustin McClurg.



Heat 2: 1. B.J. Dauer, 2. Jeromy Wagner, 3. Mike Shriver, 4. Brent Schoen.
Heat 3: 1. Jim Buss, 2. Adam Balthazor, 3. Jason Koch, 4. Justin Wagner.
Feature: Rained out.
IMCA Stock Cars
Heat 1: 1. Tyler Hahn, 2. Jay Hachmeister, 3. Lloyd Meeske, 4. Josh Hudson.
Heat 2: 1. Cory Struckhoff, 2. Brady Koch, 3. Jared Remus, 4. Jason McCartney.
Heat 3: 1. Jason Davis, 2. Caleb Peters, 3. Bryan Lariviere, 4. Nathan Glendingen.
Feature: Rained out.
IMCA Modifieds
Heat 1: 1. David Murray Jr., 2. Nate Schaben, 3. Wes O'Bannon, 4. Corey Lagroon.
Heat 2: 1. Brian Calhoon, 2. Lonnie Veteto, 3. Ronnie Wallace, 4. Tim Watts.
Heat 3: 1. Jason Schoenberger, 2. Jeff Walters, 3. Doug Shearer, 4. Don Hagan.
Feature: Rained out.
Cruisers
Rained out.

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