

Just for kicks....



Norton's soccer field was filled with screaming, running children Saturday as it was the first day of games for the American Youth Soccer Organization. Practices have been held for several weeks, but that was the first day where the age-organized teams could compete against each other. — Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Norton golf team finishes second in first tourney

By DICK BOYD
 Coach David Stover's Norton Community High School golf team opened the 2006 season with a second place finish in the Smith Center Invitational tournament on Tuesday in Smith Center. Phillipsburg won the championship with 359 points, followed by Norton, 395; Hill City, 400; Osborne, 407; Smith Center, 435; Beloit, 436; Belleville, 457. Junior Michael Ward, one of only two returning letter winners, was the low scorer for the Blue Jays with a 52-43-95. Other Norton scores were: sophomore Preston Herman, 48-48-96; junior Pat Burton, 47-54-101; senior Blake Jacques, 49-54-103. Also playing for Norton and their scores were sophomore Kyle Edgett, 55-54-109 and sophomore Zach Dole, 53-61-114. Ward was seventh medalist. Low medalist was Brandon Karlin, Phillipsburg, 87; followed by Jeff Jarvis, Phillipsburg, 90; Nam Nguyen, Phillipsburg, 90; William Keese, Phillipsburg, 92; Darron Roberts, Hill City, 94;

Ryan Sturgeon, Osborne, 95. Senior Dane Krizek, who competed in the state tournament last year, is Norton's other returning letter winner but is injured and did not play on Tuesday. "We came away from this tournament with many positives," said Coach David Stover. "Because our team is very inexperienced at the varsity level, it was good to get the season started. We now have a better idea what areas need improvement and what we can work on. "Earning second place team honors is a good confidence builder for our players. "Individually, Michael Ward got his season off to a good start. He bounced back from a poor front nine to shoot a solid back nine and earn seventh place medalist honors." **Next action** Norton will split its team to compete in two tournaments on Tuesday. The Goodland Invitational will begin at 2 p.m. and the Ellis Invitational at 3 p.m.

Norton competed in junior varsity track meet Monday in Smith Center

By DICK BOYD
 Norton Community High School opened the 2006 track season by sending 11 boys and five girls to compete in the Smith Center Junior Varsity Track Meet on Monday afternoon. Team scores were not kept. Norton's Jared Bebb had an outstanding meet, winning three gold medals. Bebb won the 800 meter run in 2:25.82, the 1600 meter run in 5:26.8 and the 3200 meter run

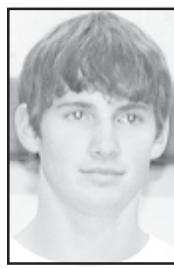
in 11:50.64. Luke VanSike placed third in the 3200 with a clocking of 12:27.89 and seventh in the 1600 meter in 6:08.4. David Counter placed fifth in the 3200 in 12:47. Matt Stanley placed fifth in the 100 meter dash in 12.79 and fifth in the 400 meter dash in 1:00.8. Brock Lauer was fourth in the 400 meter dash in 1:00.75. Zac Dreyer placed second in the discus with a throw of 105'10" and

fifth in the shot put with a heave of 35'7". Results of other boys' performances that did not place were: Josh Gallentine, 2:59.28, 800 meter; 6:39.7, 1600 meter; Matt Stanley, 27.93, 200 meter dash; Brad Nuzum, 29.79, 200 meter dash; 13.46, 100 meter dash; 1:02.23, 400 meter dash; Brian Ulmer, 30.1, 200 meter dash; 14.19, 100 meter dash; 1:07.49, 400 meter dash; David Counter,

6:21.0, 1600 meter; Nish Millan, 28'9", shot; 73'6", discus; Zac Dreyer, 107', javelin; Perrell Stanley, 32'3", shot; 66'10", discus. In girls competition, Wiyanna Paxton placed first in the shot put with a heave of 32'4" and fifth in the discus with a throw of 81'2.25". Ashley Martinez placed second in the discus with a throw of 87'11.5". Kayla Foley was fourth in the javelin with a throw of 76'3". Other girls performances were: Tabitha Vincent, 25'11" personal record, shot; 44'7.5", discus; Amanda Delimont, 27'6", shot; 62'.5", discus; Ashley Martinez, 26'5", shot.

Northern Valley senior gets Academic All-State

Joey Copper, a senior at Northern Valley High School, was recently elected as a member of the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association Academic All-State Team. To be considered for this award the student athlete must maintain a 3.5 GPA and be nominated by



their coach. All nominees are then voted on by Kansas high school coaches. Northern Valley Boys basketball coach A.J. Landon said, "I am really excited that Joey was chosen to be on the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association Academic All-State team. Joey was a great leader on the court for our team as well as being an excellent student." He is the son of Jim and Pam Copper, Almena.

BOWLING

TUESDAY NIGHT MENS
 Standings March 14 — Trigard Vaults, 65-55; Carpet Munchers, 65-55; D & M Service, 64.5-55.5; Norton Sports Center, 60.5-59.5; Afford Classic Limousines, 58.5-61.5; Don's Floor Coverings, 46.5-73.5; High Scratch Game: Bobby Rutherford, 220; Rusty Miller, 190; Chuck Vsetecka, 176; Gilbert Courtain, 175; High Scratch Series: Bobby Rutherford, 540; Rusty Miller, 493; Chuck Vsetecka, 492; Gilbert Courtain, 485; High Handicap Game: Bobby Rutherford, 265; Gilbert Courtain, 231; Craig Knapp, 226; Rusty Miller, 225; High Handicap Series: Bobby Rutherford, 673; Gilbert Courtain, 653; Craig Knapp, 649; Joel Duscher, 637. Results March 7 — High Scratch Game: Louie Keiswetter, 206; Rick Green, 203; LeRoy Burks, 201; Mike Jacobs, 198; High Scratch Series: Louie Keiswetter, 514; Nick Daniels, 506; Mike Jacobs, 479; Rick Green, 477; High Handicap Game: Mike Jacobs, 256; LeRoy Burks, 252; Louie Keiswetter, 244; Nick Daniels, 243; Tobi Boller, 243; High Handicap Series: Nick Daniels, 668; Mike Jacobs, 653; Tobi Boller, 628; Louie Keiswetter, 628.

Series: Curt Wahlmeier, 633; Rick Green, 620; Louie Keiswetter, 619; Wanda Daniels, 616. Results Feb. 21 — High Scratch Game: Gilbert Courtain, 188; Rick Green, 187; Chuck Vsetecka, 184; Mark Saintz, 182; High Scratch Series: Rick Green, 506; Mark

Saintz, 502; Chuck Vsetecka, 494; Bill LaSalle, 488; High Handicap Game: John Steelsmith, 245; Gilbert Courtain, 244; Merle Hawks, 231; Monte Skrdlant, 228; High Handicap Series: Jan Maley, 632; Mark Saintz, 631; Sara Kindall, 615; Brent Carlton, 612.

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