

# Wrestling coach welcomes roster of 28

**By DICK BOYD**  
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Norton Community High School head wrestling coach Bill Johnson, who is beginning his 17th year as the Blue Jay mentor, has welcomed 28 wrestlers, including 11 lettermen, to the 2007-008 squad.

After winning the state championship the previous three years in a row, Norton placed third last year, missing a state championship by one and one-half points as Smith Center and Beloit tied for the title in one of the closest finishes ever.

Norton returns four state medalists from last year's team which compiled a 19-1 overall dual record, which included a perfect 8-0 dual record and 12th consecutive dual championship of the Mid-Continent League.

In addition, they won their fourth straight championship of the Hoxie Invitational, placed second in the Goodland Holiday Classic dual tournament, second in the Clay Center Invitational, won their fourth straight championship of the J.R. Durham Invitational in Norton, entered the Emporia Dual Tournament for the first time and returned with a perfect 5-0 record, won the Mid-Continent League Tournament championship for the eighth consecutive year, won the Panther Classic in Phillipsburg for the fourth year in a row and won the Regional Tournament for the third year in a row.

Returning from that outstanding team are four state medalists. Senior Alex Thomas returns at heavyweight, where he placed third in the state last season.

Senior Jeff Soderlund finished fourth at 145 pounds in the state

NORTON HIGH WRESTLING SCHEDULE	
Tues., Nov. 27	- Blue & Yellow Classic, Norton Junior High Gym, 6:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 1	- Hoxie Invitational in Hoxie, 9 a.m.
Sat., Dec. 1	- Junior Varsity in Alma Tournament, 10 a.m.
Fri., Dec. 7	- Southern Valley Invitational in Oxford, 3:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 8	- Clay Center Invitational at Clay Center, 9 a.m.
Fri., Dec. 14	- Phillipsburg/Stockton dual in Norton (Senior Night), 6 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 15	- V and JV Holiday Classic in Goodland, 9 a.m.
Sat., Jan. 5	- J.R. Durham Invitational in Norton, 9:30 a.m.
Thurs., Jan. 10	- Smith Center/Trego dual in WaKeeney, 5 p.m.
Fri./Sat., Jan. 11-12	- Newton Tournament of Champions in Newton, 11 a.m. and 9 a.m.
Fri., Jan. 11	- Junior Varsity in Elm Creek Invitational in Elm Creek, Neb., 2:30 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 22	- Hays/Kearney dual in Hays, 4 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 26	- Mid-Continent League Tournament in Norton, 10 a.m.
Fri., Feb. 1	- Plainville/Ellis dual in Ellis, 5 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 2	- Panther Classic (V and JV) in Phillipsburg, 9 a.m.
Thurs., Feb. 7	- Hill City/Osborne dual in Osborne, 5 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 9	- Colby Junior Varsity Tournament in Colby, 9 a.m.
Fri., Sat., Feb. 15-16	- Class 3-2-1A Regional Tournament, TBA, 1 p.m.
Fri./Sat., Feb. 22-23	- Class 3-2-1A State Tournament in Hays, 9 a.m.

tournament last season and received the team's "Most Improved Wrestler of the Year" award after moving up from the junior varsity the year before. Jeff is expected to wrestle at 152 pounds his season.

Junior Zach Bainter placed second in the state his freshman season and fourth last year and is expected to wrestle at 130 or 135 pounds. Bainter was named "Outstanding Sophomore Wrestler" last season.

Sophomore Zane Perez, who placed sixth at 119 pounds in the state tourney last season, is ex-

pected to crack the lineup at 125 or 130 pounds. Perez was the Blue Jays' "Outstanding Freshman Wrestler" last season.

Thomas compiled an excellent 38-1 record last season, Soderlund was 34-12, Bainter was 32-12 and Perez was 30-11.

Other returning lettermen, their records and weights last year and class this year are: Aaron Husted, 23-12, 140; Todd Bolt, 19-12, 160, seniors; Brock Lauer, injured, 160; Coady McMullen, 9-12, 189, juniors; Connor Pfannenstiel, 26-13, 103; Kaenon Keiswetter, 32-8,

112; Robert Derauf, 15-20, 189, sophomores.

Husted, Bolt, Pfannenstiel and Keiswetter are returning starters. Husted, Pfannenstiel and Keiswetter were also state tournament qualifiers last season.

The other wrestlers on this year's squad are: Austin Brown, 152 pounds, senior; Cody Brede-meier, 130; Logan Kelly, 145; Brad Nuzum, 160; Matt Stanley, 160; Jordan Bebb, 171, juniors; Casey Robison, 171; Tyler Cook, 189, sophomores; Troy Bainter, 103; Colby Poage, 103; Billy Broeckelman, 112; Landon Keiswetter, 119; Brett Terrell, 119; Kaid McKenna, 135; Spencer Shirk, 135; Ryan Blecha, 152; Jeremy Sproul, 171, freshmen.

Assisting coach Johnson with his coaching duties again this season will be Doug Ray, Shane Miller and Chance McKinney.

Student managers are Emily Juenemann, Alyssa Thomson, sophomores and Shelby Schaefer, freshman.

"Our strengths this season will be in our returning state medalists and state qualifiers," said coach Johnson. "We look to have good depth from 103 to 171 pounds but will be thin in the upper weights again this season."

"A good group of freshmen have entered our program after having much success in the past. As always, these young men will have to prove themselves at the high school level. It is not out of the question that several of these freshmen could crack the varsity lineup."

Coach Johnson's career wrestling coaching record is 162-56 and his Norton record is 156-38, an 80 percent winning record.

A graduate of Flinthills High School, Rosalia, Johnson wrestled for Fort Hays State University. In addition to winning the national championship, he was national runner-up twice and placed fourth once.

He was chosen the "Outstanding Senior Male Athlete" at Fort Hays State in 1989. He also placed 10th in the wrestling Olympic trials at 114.5 pounds in 1988.

Coach Johnson was inducted in the fall of 1999 into the Tiger

Sports Hall of Fame at Fort Hays State University. He has also been inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame.

In 2005, he was named the Head Coach of the Year in Kansas by the National High School Wrestling Coaches Association.

He was also one of 18 coaches and boosters of high school wrestling named "2005 Man-of-the-Year" by *Wrestling USA Magazine*.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Matter of Estate of Velda E. Brewster

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS**  
Case No. 2007-PR-20

In the Matter of the Estate of **VELDA E. BREWSTER**, Deceased.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Gloria Jean Cole, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Velda E. Brewster, Deceased, praying that her acts be approved; that her account be settled and allowed, that the will be construed and the estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that the costs be determined and ordered

paid; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the Executor be discharged and that she be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 12th day of December, 2007, at 4:00 o'clock p.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

**Gloria Jean Cole, Executor**  
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### Matter of Estate of Katie Estella Blair

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS**  
Case No. 2007-PR-44

In the Matter of the Estate of **KATIE ESTELLA BLAIR**, Deceased.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
STATE OF KANSAS )  
) ss.

COUNTY OF NORTON )  
The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on November 14, 2007, a *Petition For Determination Of Descent* was filed in this Court by Don Blair, an heir at law of Katie Estella Blair, deceased, praying for the Determination Of Descent

Of Katie Estella Blair, deceased and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 12th day of December, 2007, at 1:30 o'clock p.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, in Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

**Don Blair**  
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# Wrestlers open season Saturday

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The Norton Community High School wrestling team will open the season Saturday in the annual Hoxie Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

This early season tournament always proves to be one of the toughest invitational in Northwest Kansas.

Competing, in addition to teams from Norton and Hoxie, will be squads from Holcomb, Lakin, Oakley, Oberlin, Plainville and Trego Community.

The tournament will begin at 9 a.m. and will be in the Hoxie

High School gymnasium. The first round matches will be followed by the semi-finals and first and second place consolation matches in session No.2 and the third and fourth place and championship matches in session No.3. The tournament will run continuously with minimum breaks, probably 15-20 minutes between sessions. The breaks will depend upon the needs of the officials.

Trophies will be awarded to the top two teams and medals to the first through fourth place wrestlers in each weight class.

Admission is \$6 for adults and \$5 for students (K-12) for all day

or \$4 for adults and \$3 for students (K-12) for the consolation and championship matches.

**Junior varsity in Alma**  
The Norton junior varsity wrestlers will compete in the Alma Junior Varsity Tournament on Saturday in Alma, Neb.

Other teams competing will be varsity teams from Alma, Overton, Pleasanton, Kearney Catholic, Eustis-Farnam, Wilcox-Hildreth and Wauneta-Palisade.

Competition will begin at 10 a.m. with the second session set for noon and the third for 2:30 p.m.

Admission will be \$6, all day, \$4, final session, adults; \$4, all day,

\$3, final session, students.

Plaques will be awarded to the top two teams. Four individual medals will be awarded in each class.

# Seventh grade girls lose thriller

The Norton seventh grade basketball girls lost a thriller to Phillipsburg 15-14.

Tesley Nickell was the leading Norton scorer with 6 points. Brianna Karnopp had 4, and Katherine Boteler and Kamilla Jones both had 2 points.

Coach Lynette Archer said, "As the seventh grade varsity girls

took the floor, they knew they had to play aggressive and smart defense. Our starting lineup has changed... I think we finally have fine players who will challenge their opponent.

"We have been working on defensive positioning and rebounding and you can tell. Overall, the team has improved ten times from

the beginning of the season."

Coach Archer said Brianna Karnopp ended up fouling out of the game and changed the line-up. She said Rachel Slipke and Julianna Miller stepped up and played well coming off the bench.

"We just didn't have enough time in the end to score," she said.

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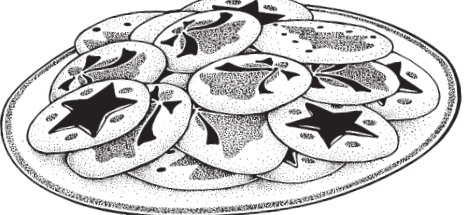
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Entries must be received by  
10 a.m. on December 5  
Voting will be from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**\$5.00 for each entry;**  
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## PRIZES

**FIRST PLACE** will receive an apron embroidered by Kay Strevey at The Sewing Box, a 2007 Taste of Home 3-Ring Binder Cookbook and four tickets to the Norton Theatre. The first place winner will have their picture on page 1 of The Norton Telegram.

**SECOND PLACE** will receive a Taste of Home Chocolate Lover's cookbook and four tickets to the Norton Theatre. The second place winner will have their picture on page 2 of The Norton Telegram.

**THIRD PLACE** will receive four tickets to the Norton Theatre. The third place winner will have their picture on page 3 of The Norton Telegram.