

Blue Jay points towards Iowa State

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Hayli Bozarth, outstanding all-around senior athlete and 2009 Norton Community High School graduate, has signed a letter of intent to compete in track and field for Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

She has thrown the shot, discus and javelin for the Norton Lady Blue Jays and is expected to throw the hammer, shot and discus in college competition.

Hayli has been a state medalist all four years of her high school career. In the recently completed Kansas State Track & Field Championships in Wichita, she easily outdistanced all challengers by winning the gold medal in both the shot and discus and placed fifth in the javelin, just a few inches out of third. She was the league and regional champion in the shot and third in that event at the K.U. Relays where she also placed tenth in the discus.

As a freshman, Hayli placed first in the regional meet and seventh in the state meet in the shot and second in the regional and third in the state in the discus.

During her sophomore year, she was league champion in the shot and also placed second in the regional and seventh in the state. In the discus, she was runner-up in the league, 11th at the K.U. Relays, regional champion and second in the state.

In her junior season, Hayli was league champion in the shot and discus as well as regional cham-

pion in the shot, discus and javelin. That year, she was second in the state in both the shot and discus. Also in 2008, she was 11th in the shot and 13th in the discus at the K.U. Relays.

Hayli is the Norton Community High School record holder in the shot and discus. She broke the shot put record with a heave of 45' 5.5" in the league meet in Plainville this season and the discus record with a throw of 143' 4" in the Russell Relays in 2008.

She has also been a star Lady Jay athlete in basketball and volleyball. In basketball, she was a first team all-Mid-Continent League choice in her junior year and a unanimous first team selection her senior year. In 2009, she was the leading scorer and rebounder for the Lady Jays.

In volleyball, Hayli was honorable mention all-league her sophomore year, second team all-league in her junior season and first team as a senior.

"I am very happy and excited for Hayli and for her future in track and field!" said Norton head track and field coach Jason Jones.

"She is a gifted athlete and a great leader who has always worked exceedingly hard and that has really paid off for her as reflected by her tremendous success at the high school level.

"She is a model teammate and a mainstay of our program, always willing to do whatever she can in order to help her team succeed. She has always set great examples of how to prepare and compete.

These attributes, along with her obvious talent and success, are what have given her this outstanding opportunity to compete and perform at the NCAA I level in track and field.

"As she works towards completing her post-secondary education, she will get to compete with the best of the best and I know she cannot wait to take advantage of what she has earned in this opportunity.

"I have no doubt that her exceptional work ethic will continue and will lead her to additional and continued success during her time at Iowa State University.

"She is very goal-oriented and driven by her desire to succeed and she is entering a top-notch program. I fully expect her to become a valued asset to their program!"

"Hayli is a very mature individual for her age," said Iowa State track and field throws coach John Dagata.

"She's a hard worker and very thorough. She's amazing!

"Hayli is a great person. She knows what she wants and will do what it takes to succeed."

Hayli is the daughter of Marla and Curt Bozarth. Her grandparents are Deloros and Bozie Bozarth and the late Rose and Leo Uhrich.

Hayli Bozarth signs with Iowa State University



Norton's all-around senior athlete Hayli Bozarth signed a letter of intent to compete in track and field at Iowa State University in Ames. Sitting with her are, from left, Norton throws coach Todd Fulton, and Norton head track coach Jason Jones. In the back row are, from left, her father Curt, Norton throws coach Bill Manning and her mother, Marla.

~ Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

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NEW ALMELO

By **BETTY OTTER**
New Almelo Correspondent
Lorraine Long celebrated her 90th birthday Easter Sunday at the home of Rita and Bill Barker at Hays. Ten of her children along with their spouses were present.

On Friday, April 30, Roger and JoAnn Long flew from Denver to New Orleans where they were met by their daughter, Stephanie Kirk. While in New Orleans, they toured the French Quarter, Jackson Square, St. Louis Cathedral, which is the oldest cathedral in the U.S. They walked through the French Market that led to the famous outside dining area called Cafe du Monde for hot beignets and their Chickory coffee. Chickory coffee became famous during the Civil War due to the lack of coffee, so they made coffee from Chickory root. The Spring Jazz Musical Festival was being held at this time so every eating place had jazz music playing. On the way to the Kirk's house in Lafayette, some of the points of interest seen were Avery Island where the Tabasco Pepper Sauce factory is located along with the beautiful Jungle Gardens and its Bird City where Egrets migrating from here to South America stop to nest. Beautiful magnolias, azaleas, cypress trees with hanging Spanish moss were plentiful in this area. After a week of touring many churches and sights, they flew back to Denver to be with the Cella family while their granddaughter Claire Cella celebrated her First Communion Day on Sunday. They came home the next day.

The Long Family Reunion will once again be held at the Webster Lake starting with the Memorial weekend extending to June 6. Many of the children, grandchildren and some great-grandchildren will attend along with Lorraine Long during the week. The reunion will close with a mass said by Fr. Joseph Scheetz on Saturday evening.

Graduation Mass was held May 17 at St. Joseph Church for three high school graduates. Brian Linden, son of John and Becky Linden, graduated from the Hoxie High School. Graduating from Norton Community High School were Gabrielle Otter, daughter of Frank and Lavonne Otter and Kayla Scheetz, daughter of Chris and Julie Scheetz. A reception was held for the graduates after Mass in the Parish Hall.

Marion and Marilyn Otter at-

tended the graduation ceremony May 16 at Lakin High School for their grandson, Robert Kessler, son of Gary and Emily Kessler. On May 17, they attended the graduation of their granddaughter, Gabrielle Otter, daughter of Frank and Lavonne Otter, from Norton Community High School.

Dorothy Mindrup attended her granddaughter, Amanda's graduation from Bethal College, Newton, with a BSN in nursing on May 25. The ceremony was held in the outdoor stadium. Amanda's parents Mike and Arleen Mindrup, Olathe, and her brother Jason; her uncle and aunt, David and Mary Mindrup, and Joseph and Rachel, Olathe, were also in attendance. The family visited the cemetery where Dorothy's parents are buried. After Dorothy returned home, she drove to Aurora, CO to her sister's home. Dorothy's brother was also visiting at her sister's home.

Memorial Day guests at the home of Marion and Marilyn Otter were their son, Steve Otter, Wichita; and her sisters, Hilaria Huff, Denver, and Wilma Farrell, Phoenix, AZ.

Karl Otter, Great Bend, spent Memorial weekend with his parents, Alfred and Betty Otter. Other visitors were Jim and Jolene Moss and family, Smith Center; Art and Karen Bates, Edmond, OK and Jim and Mary Tyrrell, Cameron, MO. Art and Jim were attending their 45th class reunion in Lenora.

Father Vincent Thu Laing celebrated Mass at the St. Joseph Cemetery on Memorial Day. Paul R. Nauer read the roll call of veterans buried at St. Joseph Cemetery as well as the veterans buried overseas. He also read the names of those buried in the last year at the cemetery.

Each veteran's grave was decorated with a small flag along with the avenue of large flags. Father blessed all of the graves in the cemetery.

On Friday, May 29, Marion and Marilyn Otter, Steve Otter, Wichita, Frank and Lavonne Otter, Gabrielle and Brandon attended the memorial and burial of their brother-in-law and uncle, Bernard Farrell, at Fort Logan, CO cemetery. Saturday morning Brandon Otter boarded a plane to return to his base in Germany.

Sunday, May 31, Dennis Linden, McPherson, visited his father Robert Linden in New Almelo.

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