

Sprinter to run at Wichita

By DICK BOYD

Jared Foley, 2004 graduate of Norton Community High School, has signed a letter of intent to run track for Wichita State University. Foley had a tremendous senior track season for Norton. In addition to breaking the school's 400-meter dash record in the regional track meet with a clocking of 49.6 seconds, he placed second in the 200-meter dash and anchored Norton's sixth place 4x100-meter relay team in the Kansas State Track and Field Meet in Wichita. He also competed in the 400-meter dash in the state meet, just missing the finals by .03 of a second. Foley was chosen as Norton's Track Events Co-Athlete of the Year this season and won the Gatorade "Will to Win Award" both his junior and senior years. Foley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Foley, Norton.



Norton senior Jared Foley glided toward the string at the finish line to win the 200-meter dash in a personal best time during the Plainville Invitational Track meet on April 20.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd.

"It will be nice to have him close enough to home that we can watch him. Wichita State University has a good track program and good people to train with. He'll maintain his excitement about what he can possibly accomplish and the rest will fall into place.

"It is always difficult to make the transition to college. You have to re-establish your work ethic but Jared had to work to get there so it'll be a lot easier for him to handle the second time around."

"Jared really came on this spring and had some terrific performances," said Wichita State University Head Track Coach Steve Rainbolt. "His best running is ahead of him. He was a late developer who has really shown that he

is a legitimate college prospect as a 400-meter runner.

"We're hopeful he'll continue to develop and are looking forward to having him on the team."

The Wichita State men's track team has won the outdoor Missouri Valley Conference championship the past three years and placed second indoors this season under the guidance of Coach Rainbolt.

"We feel we have a great track program at Wichita State and I'm confident that Jared will have the experience here," said Coach Rainbolt.

"We want to do a good job of recruiting Kansas athletes and he's one we're really pleased to have in our program."

Baseball teams end season

The boys Division I baseball season has ended. Here are the scores of the final games.

Engel's Sales and Service 7, Bridges Group 7

Engel's scored first with a five-run first inning. Miller singled and scored, Pulec doubled and scored, Temmel tripled and scored, Millan homered, Archer scored and Wahlmeier doubled.

Bridges made the score 5-4 in the second when Damien Davis, Bozarth, McKenna and Daniel Field scored. Douglas also had a single.

Engel's added a run in the top of the third when Archer scored to give Engel's a 6-4 lead. Bridges got the run back in the bottom of the inning when Hays scored.

Dylan Sprigg scored a run for Engel's in the top of the fourth to give them a 7-5 lead. Wahlmeier singled in the inning. Bridges forced the game to end in a tie with a pair of runs. Douglas and Wyatt Wentz scored.

Brooks Motel 12, Engel's Sales and Service 10

Brooks started the action with five runs in the top of the fifth scored by Ellis, Rossi, Taylor Meder, John Risewick and Joseph LeClair. Cody Ellis, Rossi and Risewick had singles in the inning.

Engel's tied the score in the bottom of the inning with singles and runs by Wahlmeier and Austin Duscher and runs from Millan, Archer and Temmel.

Brooks came up with six third-inning runs, taking an 11-5 lead. Risewick, LeClair, Bainter, RJ Ellis, White and Christopher Fisher scored. Risewick had a double.

Engel's scored four in the bottom of the inning to cut the Brooks lead to 11-9. Scoring were Millan, Archer, Temmel, who reached on a triple, and Engel.

Brooks added one more in the top of the fourth with a Blecha home run. Renner had a single in the inning. Wahlmeier scored for Engel's in the bottom of the inning, but they were held scoreless from there and Brooks Motel won 12-10.

Brooks Motel 8, Bridges Group 7

Bridges scored four runs over

the first two innings. Davis, Hays, Javen Colip and Spradlin scored and Ellis had a single.

Brooks scored all of its runs in the bottom of the second. Scoring were Rossi, who singled, Blech, who singled, RJ Ellis, Renner, Alex Tharman, Cody Ellis and Bainter.

Bridges scored three times in the final inning, but Brooks held on to win 8-7. Drew Ellis and McKenna both doubled and scored, Zane Miller singled and scored and Field singled.

Bridges Group 13, Brooks Motel 2

Bridges took a 10-run lead with

four runs in the first and six more in the third. Davis, Bozarth and McKenna scored twice and Hays, Hogan, Zane Miller and Douglas scored once. Davis had two singles, Hays homered, Bozarth, Hogan and Douglas each had one single, Zane Miller had two singles and McKenna had a single and a double.

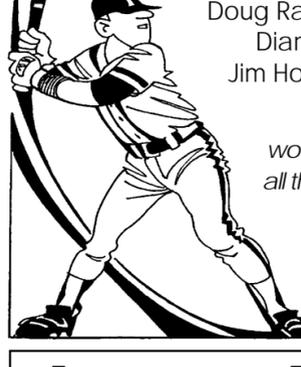
Brooks runs came in the top of the fourth when Rossi and LeClair both singled and scored. Brooks had two other hits when Rossi doubled in the first and Cody Ellis singled in the second.

Bridges added three runs in the bottom of the fourth when Wentz, Colip and Spradlin scored.

K-18 RAFFLE WINNERS

The winners of the K-18 raffle, held by the Norton Recreation Center were:

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Boys team wins one, loses one, ties

By DICK BOYD

The Norton 12 and under boys baseball team completed its 2004 season in the Ellis Tournament on July 19-20.

Norton lost 6-4 to the Hays Diamondbacks, then defeated Hill City 8-3 on July 19. On July 20, they played Russell to an 8-all tie. The game was called due to the time rule.

GAME WITH HAYS

Hays took a 5-0 lead in the top of the first inning and added another in the top of the second to make it 6-0.

Norton scored three runs in the bottom of the second inning to narrow the Hays lead to 6-3. J.D. Gall singled, Kaid McKenna walked and Terrell Lane cleared the bases with a home run.

Hays was three up, three down in the top of the third inning but Norton was unable to score more than one run in the bottom of the third to make the final 6-4. Kaenon Keiswetter and Zach Bainter both walked and Troy Bainter singled Keiswetter home. Landon Hamel and Landon Keiswetter both walked but neither Blue Jays was

able to score.

Norton had seven hits in the game, eight Norton batters walked and two struck out.

Lane batted just once but his home run with two men on base made him the leading Norton hitter.

Bainter was the losing pitcher. He gave up five hits, walked four batters and struck out four.

WIN OVER HILL CITY

Norton took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning in their win over Hill City. Landon Keiswetter (Continued on Page 11)

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Valley Views —
"Our Most Precious Resource"



I have heard it said that most people will experience only a handful of life changing events in one's lifetime. My personal experience with one of these events came with a comment. Fifteen years ago, a young farmer north of Norton, shared his observation with me that "the only difference between success and failure is just a positive attitude."

With that comment in mind, I have observed with great clarity the difference between offense and defense. Even though we learn in athletics the great value of defense, in business and in life I have grown to question its usefulness. Defense tends to ignore the facts, embellish and distort events usually at the expense of all involved. Even if you are 10 to 90% successful you still lose. I wonder if our community can afford the division and destruction of defense?

Did you know that the actions of select county politicians exposed grave jeopardy to the total livestock industry in Kansas? It took actions from a District Court and the Kansas Supreme Court to throttle the destructive defensive resolutions that would have given Norton an undeserving reputation. Sometimes justice does prevail. (No pun intended) It was my hope a few years ago that there was a better use of the \$110,000 of county taxes other than spending it on attorneys and consultants that don't even live in our community. I wonder what the results would have been if we had spent that money on a new community project?

I have noticed that when playing offense with a positive attitude, opportunities arise that were not even contemplated. I recall the attitudes and visions that forwarded Valley Hope, New Age, Natoma, the golf course, a new Norton High School, Norton Correction Facility and others. You can easily be swallowed up in the enthusiasm and pride of the Norton Community projects of NW Kansas Library, Restoration of the Norton Theatre, Home Owned Carnival, a \$1.2 million airport runway, Hospital Renovation and a whole host of others. Offense can be an extremely powerful community ingredient. We have all had the opportunity to experience Norton at its finest. Like a few things from yesteryear, I hope we can find it again.

Some people have asked me "Why hogs?" Surprising to many- my involvement in the beef industry has been much more extensive than hogs ever will be. To answer their question will reveal my reasons and reveal Our Most Precious Resource. In trying to utilize natural resources, enhance our renewable resources and provide positive economic offensive opportunities for all, there are very few business ventures that compare. The chance to increase the employment opportunities and tax base for our schools is unparalleled.

I have always marveled at the affinity of families to return home to the place in which they grew up. Isn't it all about the great education our schools provide and the fond memories of life in western Kansas and getting reacquainted with family and friends? I realize that many of our children embark to experience the world and find new homes elsewhere, and it is impossible to support every job opportunity, but if we don't invest in our own community, I wonder who will? An investment in our community not only provides for our retirement and a brighter future for our generation, but more importantly it provides all of the perfect ingredients for our most precious resource, our Children.

Next time— "Our Most Precious Resource"

Terry Nelson

My Primary Goal has always been:

To Preserve, Protect and Promote our most Precious Resource