

Norton cross country invite scheduled Thursday

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Second year head coach Tom Hehn and his 2008 Norton Community High School cross country team will host the annual Norton Invitational Cross Country Meet on Thursday at the Prairie Dog Golf Course south of Norton.

The meet will begin at 4:30 p.m. with the junior varsity race and will continue with the girls varsity race at 5 p.m. and the boys varsity race at 5:30 p.m.

The boys will run 3.1 miles and the girls will run 2.5 miles.

Team medals will be awarded to the top three boys and girls teams. Individual medals will go to the top 15 varsity boys and girls and the top 10 junior varsity boys and girls.

Teams from Stockton Hill City, Hoxie, Northern Valley, Oberlin, Phillipsburg, Trego Community and Wheatland will compete in addition to Norton.

The Norton girls have won the meet the past two years and the Blue Jay boys placed second last

season after having won three years in a row.

Coach Hehn has 13 boys and seven girls on the team.

Returning boys lettermen are: Zach Bainter, Josh Gallentine, seniors; Chris Maddy, junior and Troy Bainter, sophomore.

Other boys runners are Matt Miller, Adam Myers, Grant McClymont, Casey Robison, juniors; Cole Archer, Zach Porter, Kegan Vanover, sophomores; Zach Hartwell, Brian Henry, freshmen.

Returning girls letter winners are Taylor Rossi, KaraJo Jones, Laura Lee Baird, seniors; Amanda Ray, junior; Kaylen Rossi, Dustyna Sprigg, sophomores.

Abby Bainter, freshman, is the only other girls runner on the team.

Jim Green is the assistant coach this year. Student managers are: Emily Scott and Phillip Becker, both seniors.

The Norton boys won the Mid-Continent League championship last year for the fourth year in a

row and the Norton girls placed second for the second year in a row.

Zach Bainter repeated as the league champion in the boys race and Chris Maddy finished eighth.

KaraJo Jones placed fourth in the league race, Taylor Rossi sixth and Kaylen Rossi ninth.

The Norton girls placed second in the Class 3A regional meet in Norton and the boys finished fifth. The entire Lady Blue Jay squad

qualified for the state tournament for the first time in school history.

Laura Lee Baird placed third in the regional to qualify for the state meet for the third straight year. KaraJo Jones placed tenth. Taylor Rossi finished 18th and qualified for the state meet for the second year in a row.

Zach Bainter placed second in the regional meet to qualify for the state meet for the third year in a row and Chris Maddy placed

twelfth to qualify for the state meet for the second straight year.

The Norton girls placed sixth in the Class 3A state meet in Wamego. Baird finished eleventh out of 100 runners and Jones was 32nd.

Bainter placed fourth out of 104 boy runners and Maddy finished in 24th spot.

Coach Hehn is beginning his ninth year as a teacher in Norton. He was assistant Norton football coach one year during that time.

A graduate of Minot State University, Minot, N.D., he coached football for 13 years, basketball for two years and track for two years prior to moving to Norton.

"Since all of our girls scorers return, we should be better than last year," said coach Hehn.

"Our boys team is a question mark with only three returning scorers.

"We are delighted to have three good freshmen runners who should help both teams."

Schedule

- Thursday, September 4 - Norton Invitational Here 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, September 13 - Wamego Invitational There 9 a.m.
- Thursday, September 18 - Hays Invitational There 3:45 p.m.
- Thursday, September 25 -- Hill City Invitational There 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 30 - Oberlin Invitational There 5 p.m.
- Thursday, October 9 - MCL Meet in Phillipsburg 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 16 - Lakeside Invitational There 4 p.m.
- Saturday, October 25 - Regional Meet TBA
- Saturday, November 1 State Meet in Wamego TBA

'Scoreboard Show' set for another season

The "Scoreboard Show," Smoky Hills Public Television's highly popular, weekly high school sports roundup show, returns to the air Friday, Sept. 5, for its sixth season.

Slated for an eleven-week, fall-season run, "Scoreboard Show" is scheduled to be broadcast on Smoky Hills live from its studio at Bunker Hill at 10:30 p.m. each Friday with a replay broadcast at 10 a.m. the following Saturday through mid-November.

Produced by Michael Quade and hosted by Troy Waymaster, "Scoreboard Show" will feature

video highlights and scores of high school football, volleyball, soccer, cross country, golf and tennis events from throughout central and western Kansas.

In addition, the station's Web site will feature a separate "Scoreboard Show" page with scores and results. Check www.shptv.org.

"We are very excited to be bringing 'Scoreboard Show' back for a sixth season," Quade said, "and we encourage coaches and fans to call us at 1-800-337-4788 or email us at sports@shptv.org with their scores, results and other information."

Roberts, Slattery debate to be telecast Sunday night

Smoky Hills Public Television this week said it will present a taped, delayed broadcast of the first debate between the candidates for Kansas' U.S. Senate seat, incumbent Republican Senator Pat Roberts and Democratic challenger Jim Slattery, on Sunday, Sept. 7, at 8 p.m. as part of the station's "Kansas Candidates 2008" series.

The announcement was made by Lawrence Holden, general manager and chief executive officer of Smoky Hills Public Television.

The debate is scheduled to be conducted before a live audience at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson on Saturday, Sept. 6, according to Holden.

The broadcast, "Kansas Candidates 2008 - Race for the Senate," is being presented in cooperation with WIBW Radio, Topeka, and the Kansas Public Broadcasting Council, said Holden. WIBW's Kelly Lenz will moderate the debate.

The debate, with the candidates taking questions from three Kansas television, radio and newspaper journalists - Patrick Lowry, editor and publisher of The Hays Daily News; Jan Lunsford, news director of the Kansas Information Network; and Ralph Hipp, reporter with WIBW-TV, Topeka - is slated for 11 a.m. at the AT&T Arena on the fairgrounds.

"Smoky Hills Public Television is delighted to be able to present this debate for our viewers throughout central and western Kansas as a part of our 'Kansas Candidates 2008' series," Holden said. "Participation in the process of democracy is essential for gov-

ernment to serve the needs of its citizens."

"Smoky Hills Public Television sees this type of programming as central to our mission to enrich the lives of the people of central and western Kansas and make Kansas a better place to live and work," he said.

Other debates also on the station's "Kansas Candidates 2008" schedule to date include:

- Thursday, Sept. 18, 9 p.m. - Kansas House of Representatives, District 112: Bill Wolf (R), Great Bend, and Marty Keenan (D), Great Bend;
- Thursday, Sept. 25, 9 p.m. - Kansas House of Representatives, District 113: Bob Bethell (R), Alden, and Mike Laudick (D), Great Bend; and
- Thursday, Oct. 2, 9 p.m. - Kansas House of Representatives, District 71: David Norlin (D) Salina, and Charles Roth (R), Salina.

Beginning with the Sept. 18 program, "Kansas Candidates 2008" is scheduled to air every Thursday at 9 p.m. with an encore presentation of the Thursday edition slated for 5 p.m. the following Sunday through October.

"Kansas Candidates" has been part of Smoky Hills' production schedule every election since the station was founded in 1982, according to Mary Pat Waymaster, the station's director of broadcasting.

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