

# Former Lady Huskies continue sports activities

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Three sisters, Kelli, Megan and Alison Cole, who are Northern Valley graduates and former outstanding Lady Husky athletes, are continuing their sports participation in college.

They are daughters of Monica and Jim Cole of Long Island and granddaughters of Charlene and Keith Ross of Long Island and Bill Cole and the late Dorothy Cole of Youngtown, Ariz.

**Kelli Cole**

Kelli is the oldest of the three

sisters. A 2007 graduate of Northern Valley High School, she is a senior member of the Ottawa University Lady Braves volleyball team.

As a junior last season, Kelli was a right-back defensive specialist and right-side hitter. She started in 16 varsity matches. Her team placed runner-up in the KCAC conference and compiled an 18-9 record.

She will graduate in May, 2012 with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

"With last year under her belt,

Kelli seems more confident and comfortable in her abilities and we are looking for her to challenge for a starting right-side hitter position," said Ottawa volleyball coach Tom Symons.

"Though Kelli is a little under-sized, her athleticism makes up the difference and allows her to compete at the collegiate level."

Kelli is also a 2009 graduate of Cloud County Community College in Concordia with an associate of arts degree in business. As a Lady Thunderbird

volleyball player, Kelli played the outside hitter and libero positions for two years.

**Megan Cole**

Megan is a 2010 graduate of Northern Valley High School and is beginning her second year as a member of the track team at Cloud County Community College.

Last season she competed in the high jump and javelin.

Her farthest throw in the javelin event was 114 feet in the Wichita State University meet.

Megan excelled in the javelin

while in high school and her throws were listed on the Salina Journal and Hays Daily News Track and Field Honor Rolls.

After graduation from Cloud County, Megan plans to enroll in a nursing school.

"Last season, Megan did great in both the javelin and high jump," said coach Ted Schmitz.

"Her goal this year is to qualify for the national meet. I feel she has the ability to do so. I look forward to working with her this year.

"We feel very fortunate to have had both Megan and Kelli in our athletic program. They are outstanding young ladies who work very hard with a great attitude every day. We need a bunch more Cole sisters in our program."

**Alison Cole**

Megan's twin sister, Alison, is also a 2010 Northern Valley graduate and played volleyball at Highland Community College last season.

She was a middle blocker and outside and right side hitter for

the Highland Scotties volleyball team.

They compiled a 25-7 record last season and placed fourth in the Kansas Junior College East Conference. They were also ranked No.20 nationally in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II.

Alison started every game for the Scotties. She received All-Tournament recognition at the Southeastern Iowa University tournament.

She had 214 kills, 25 percent hitting efficiency and produced 55 blocks. She was second best on the team in all three categories.

Alison's volleyball honors in high school included being a four-year all-league and all-area selection. She received the UNK outstanding camper award in Alma, Neb. two summers ago and was a Kansas Volleyball Association All-State second team selection as a senior.

Alison also lettered in track last season at Highland where she competed in the high jump event. She cleared 5'1.5" in the high jump to qualify for the National Indoor meet in Lubbock, Tex.

Alison was also an outstanding basketball player in high school and was invited to play in three post season games. She will also play basketball this season for Highland.

Upon graduation from Highland, Alison plans to continue playing volleyball in college and work towards a degree in sports and recreation administration.

"I am excited to see Alison play this fall," said Highland volleyball coach Diana Gaddis. "She worked very hard in the off season and during pre-season. She has stepped up her game and has become a leader on and off the court.

"Alison is very committed to the game of volleyball and is striving to get to the next level. Her determination and relentless attitude are two of her greatest qualities.

"I am blessed to have had the chance to work with her."



Kelli Cole, Northern Valley graduate, receives a serve while playing volleyball for Ottawa University, where she will be a senior this year. - Courtesy photo



Former Northern Valley Lady Husky Megan Cole displays good form while throwing the javelin for Cloud County Community College during competition last season. - Courtesy photo



Northern Valley graduate Alison Cole blocks a shot by an opponent during volleyball play last season for Highland Community College. - Courtesy photo

## Photo opportunity for Norton sports fans

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Fans of Norton Community High School and Junior High sports will have an opportunity to take team and individual pictures of Blue Jay athletes, dance team and cheerleaders during special times and locations this week and next week.

On Wednesday, the Norton Community High School volleyball team will be in the Stull Gym for pictures, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Pictures of the Norton Com-

munity High School dance team and cheerleaders are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Friday at the Stull Gym. Fans may then travel to the tennis courts to take photos of the Norton Community High School tennis team, beginning at 4 p.m.

The Prairie Dog Recreation Association Golf Course south of Norton will be the location to take pictures of the Norton Community High cross country team, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

On Saturday morning, fans are invited to Travis Field for

pictures of the Norton Community High School football team, beginning at 8 a.m. A scrimmage will follow at 8:30 a.m.

**God's Pantry**

Fans attending Saturday's football scrimmage are encouraged to donate a canned good, non-perishable food item, laundry or dish soap or deodorant for the non-profit God's Pantry in Norton.

Boxes for donated items will be placed at the entrances to the scrimmage at Travis Field on Saturday.

It is important to make sure donated foot items have not expired.

God's Pantry, which adjoins the Trinity Episcopal Church in Norton, is utilized by the entire county to help those in need. It is open each Sunday at 3 p.m.

**Junior high photos**

Tuesday of next week at 3:p.m. is the scheduled time for fans to take photos of Norton junior high football and volleyball teams and individual players. Location is the Norton junior high gymnasium.

## Local athletic teams beginning fall practices

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Practices began the first of last week for fall sports in Norton, Northern Valley and Logan high schools and junior highs.

**Norton**

The Norton Community High School football team practiced twice a day last week through Friday and held a scrimmage on Saturday morning.

Blue Jay gridders' practices this week will be after school from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Returning head football coach is Lucas Melvin. His assistant coaches are: Todd Fulton, Tony Fiscus, Jeremy Hawks and Ben Gordon.

Lady Jay high school volleyball players have been practicing once daily and will practice this week from 3:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Their season will begin Friday at Almena versus Northern Valley, Lakeside and Plainville.

Their new head coach is Kevin Jilka, who is also the long-time Norton high school girls basketball coach. His assistants are Traci Uehlin and Jodi Ward.

Norton's high school cross country team is practicing daily from 3:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. Returning head coach is George Rossi. His assistant coach is Nicole Saturan.

The Lady Jay high school tennis team is practicing daily from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Returning head coach is Jim Green and his assistant coach is Crystal Montgomery.

The Norton junior high head football coach again this season

is Shane Miller. His assistants are Bill Johnson, Roy "Buz" Palmer and Don Burge. They are practicing daily during the week from 3:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Returning as head junior high volleyball coach is Ashley Wegener. Don Mordecai and Cayla Cox are her assistants. Their practices are daily during the week from 3:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Northern Valley**

The Northern Valley High School football team also practiced twice daily last week and on Monday of this week. They will practice after school only each day this week.

Head Husky football coach again this season is Chuck Fessenden. His assistant coaches are Marvin Gebhard and Brad Cox.

The Lady Husky high school volleyball team has been practicing at 4 p.m. daily during the week and will continue to do so this week.

Returning as Northern Valley head high school volleyball coach is Chuck Zimmerman.

The Northern Valley junior high football team has also been practicing daily since last Monday. Their head coach again this season is Jim Cole. His assistant coaches are Alex Tharman and Conrad Corman, who is from the Logan school system and assists since the two schools are combining teams for this season.

The Northern Valley junior high volleyball team head coach again this year is Kirsten Baird. They have also been practicing

daily during the week since last Monday. Her assistant coach is Robbie Griffiths.

**Logan**

Logan High School also began practices on Monday. New head football coach is Brandon Gehring. His assistant coach is Michael Delimont.

They have had two practices a day during the week. This week they will practice from 6:30 a.m. until 8 a.m. and on Monday and Wednesday of this week the Trojans also have practices from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Beginning Monday, August 29, they will practice after school at 4 p.m.

Returning as head Logan High School volleyball coach is Robin VanLaeys. Her assistant coach is Paul Prew.

The Lady Trojan volleyball team practiced twice-a-day last week. They will practice from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and again

from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday of this week. Today, Thursday and Saturday, they will practice one time from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Logan volleyball practice will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. next Monday, August 29. Their first matches will be on Tuesday versus Natoma.

The Logan junior high football team is combining with Northern Valley this season and players and coach Conrad Corman are traveling to Northern Valley for practices and games.

Robin VanLaeys is also returning as the Logan junior high head volleyball coach. Cher Greving is her assistant coach.

They have been practicing daily and will practice all this week and next week from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. before going to afternoon practices after the start of school on Thursday, Sept. 1.

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## JENNINGS 20th ANNUAL FIREMEN'S FUN DAY

**Saturday, August 27, 2010**  
(ALWAYS THE 4TH SATURDAY OF AUGUST)  
Parade Theme: "Happy Birthday Kansas"  
Celebrating 150 yrs of Statehood"

**8:00-10:00 Health Fair** - Sr. Center (sponsored by Decatur Health Systems, Oberlin Clinic and Decatur Co. EMS) Health Fair Profile-\$35 (must be fasting) includes thyroid, lipid (cholesterol) profile, CBC, ChemProfile, Uric Acid, C-reactive Protein and Hemoglobin A1C. **New This Year Vitamin D Level - \$25**, Prostate Cancer Screening-\$20; free BP, blood sugar, diabetic education

**8:00-10:00 Kolache Coffee** - Sr. Center. Welcome Sean Conroy PA.-C (sponsored by United Methodist Church) Sean will evaluate skin lesions and answer health questions. **Kolaches sold all day at first station (as long as they last) - \$1 each**

**8:00-3:00 Community Garage Sale and Bake Sale** - American Legion Hall (1/2 block east of City Hall)

**10:00 Children's Games Begin/Dunk Tank**. Coin Search - Main St., Giant Slide - Heritage Park

**10:00 Pony Rides** - Peggy Westmorland, Oakley

**10:00 Train Rides for Kids** - Main Street, Courtesy of Greg Otter, Lenora

**10:00 Cake Walk** - City Hall sponsored by Mark Wahlmeier

**10:00-Wii Games** Main St (courtesy of Nex-Tech)

**10:00-5:00 Wobble-Trap Shoot** - 1/2 mile north of Jennings on Cnty RD #385, Keny Wildeman farm. Bring your own shotgun and plenty of shells! Follow the signs

**10:30-1:00-Saftey Demo**-Midwest Energy in front of Fire Station

**11:00-1:00-3:00-Honor Flight Presentation**-George Launchbaugh, Gayle Bainter, Cindy Schnellle (city hall)

**11:00-5:00 Czech Museum Open** - Free admission, donations appreciated

**11:00-5:00 Bingo** - Sr. Center, closed at noon until after the parade. Tickets 3\$/1 or 50¢ each

**11:30 Lunch Counter Opens** - Fire Station

**11:30 Safety Demonstration** - Colby Implement

**12:30-1:00 Line-up for Parade** - South end of Penn Ave., aka School Street. Please be prompt, all entries appreciated, no pre-registration, no entry fee

*Parade will be lead by the American Legion Post #63 motorcycle group*

**12:30 All females competing for title of "Jennings Firemen's Fun Day Queen"**, must register at parade site, no age limit

**All children's games close at 1:00 for parade**

**1:30 Parade** - Main Street. Queen candidates will be introduced at conclusion of parade. Ashley Vacura, reigning queen

**Affghan Raffle** - Tickets sold until time of drawings at the American Legion and Firehouse, \$1 each. Must be present to win. First drawing at conclusion of parade. New winner every 15 minutes. Winners announced on Main Street and at tractor pull

**Vote for Queen** - At speakers stand. 1 vote per person. Voting concludes at 5 p.m.

**2:30 Children's Games Resume** - Funnel cakes, sno-cones

**2:30 Registration for Children's Tractor Pull** - Heritage Park, ages 4-12

**3:00 Children's Tractor Pull** - Heritage Park, sponsored by Great Northwest Insurance Agency. Sanctioned for State Fair

**4:00 Free Bike Give Away** - With helmet, 1 boy's, 1 girl's, courtesy of Jennings Fire Department/EMS. Must be 12 years old or under, must be present to win. Sign up at speaker's stand or kolache stand

**4:00 Firemen's Team Barrel Competition**

**6:00 Hog Roast** - Fire station (Barbecued pulled pork, beans, chips)

**7:00 Crowning of Fun Day Queen**

**7:00 Auction** - Donated items from area businesses and individuals

**Firemen's Raffle** - TV, Surround Sound System, Portable DVD Player. Winners announced at auction. Need not be present to win

**Street Dance with Mobile Music Express DJs**, Oberlin, to follow the auction

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