

# Coach

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and I say if, wife Janet could be credited with getting him prepared for the next game.

"Kevin was one of the early pioneers in promoting equal rights for women in sports in Norton. He developed high expectations, set goals, demanded a tough, strong work ethic that turned some young women away from the program. But, for those young athletes who stuck with it, they found themselves being pushed into a profound, competitive, responsible, cohesive group. They became a team! They became the Blue Jays!

"They felt the team role and a respect for authority that propelled them to success time after time, whether they won State or not.

"Kevin expected a determined effort, both mentally and physically. Mediocrity was not acceptable and a demonstration of an athletic skill and mentality was strongly and loudly encouraged!

"Small things such as getting on the floor after a loose ball, hustling back on defense, blocking out on the boards, extending the arm and flexing the wrists on every shot plus being willing to be in position to take a charge, were all areas where his athletes excelled. These skills were practiced, drilled, learned and implemented to win games time after time after time.

"Coach Jilka also had a positive relationship with most officials although there were a few times he questioned a call or two.

"As I looked on, it became clear that Kevin considered his assistants and team members as family. This was a relationship which included settling disputes, having meals together and discovering who was eating all the brownies after practice.

"As an administrator, I never became overly concerned when

coach Jilka was in charge. Actually he was in charge all the time. You knew if there was a problem, he would take care of it.

"Whenever you begin a job in education, your intent is to make life better for others and the people around you. In my opinion, Kevin Jilka made life better for many, many young lives, time after time, and not just those he had on the court but all those who were and are here at NCHS who witnessed his dedication, perseverance and determination to achieve. Under coach Jilka's direction, NCHS became known as a highly respected athletic program, year after year after year. He makes us proud to be Blue Jays!"

## 1983 team honored

Norton's 1983 girls basketball team won the Class 4A state championship with a 23-1 record.

They averaged over 55 points per game while holding opponents to an average of only 39 per contest. Their average margin of victory was 16 points.

Team members present and honored by the crowd as they were introduced were: Amy (Bullock) Kramer, a sophomore guard who played in college and lives at Lemont, Ill.; LaNell Cox, a senior guard who also played in college and lives in Liberty, Mo.; Lynn (McMullen) Lewis, a junior guard who resides in Norton; Angela (McKinley) Taylor, a junior post player who lives in Wichita; Kim (Myers) Kasson, a junior post player, who lives in Alma; Heidi Stutterheim, a freshman forward who lives in Broomfield, Colo.; Nancy (Van Der Wege) Bolden, a sophomore post player who lives in Lindsborg.

Five team members were unable to attend. Gina (Anthony) Timmons, was a senior guard who now lives in Istanbul, Turkey. Her mother, Susan Anthony, represented her. Renee (Cox) Wilberger was a

senior post player who resides in Scottsbluff, Neb. She was represented by her father Conrad Coxl. Tara Nelson was a sophomore guard and lives in Independence, Mo. She was represented by her mother, Bea Nelson. Wendy (Ryan) Bennett was a junior guard and lives in Atlanta, Ga. She was represented by her cousin Terri (Ryan) Hartloff. Robin McClelland Vanover was a junior forward and lives in Charlotte, NC.

Leslie (Dodd) Bates was an assistant coach on the 1983 team. She was also the head NCHS track coach and her 1982 women's team won the state track championship with many of the same athletes. Mrs. Bates was present. She teaches and is head high school track coach in Goddard.

## Cheer squad recognized

Also recognized was the 1983 Norton cheer squad coached by Roberta Ryan. They were instrumental in earning the 1983 KSHSAA Sportsmanship Award, the first of six won by Norton at State Basketball Tournaments.

Members present were coach Roberta Ryan, Nicci (Cox) Stutsmann, Terri (Ryan) Hartloff, Coleen (Strayer) Hardiek and Shelly (Alexander) Millan.

Not able to be present were Lisa Newell, Stacy Roe, Jan (Rumford) Bechard and Angie (McKie) Bott.

## Kevin's comments

Following all the public attention, Kevin made some very appreciative comments.

"This is all very nice but my assistant coaches and all the young ladies who played for me deserve a lot of the credit for our successes," said coach Jilka.

"It's good to live in Norton and coach here. Thank you for your support."

In addition to teaching, Kevin is currently the NCHS head volleyball coach.



Former Norton head girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka is pictured with his former players and assistant coaches who were present for the ceremonies honoring him for his 29 years as coach along with the 1983 State Championship team. The rows are lined up in order of classes. Pictured are, from left, front row: head coach Kevin Jilka; second row: Amy (Bullock) Kramer, LaNell Cox, Angela (McKinley) Taylor, Kim (Myers) Kasson, Nancy (VanDerWege) Bolden; third row: Marti (Ryan) Karlin, Sara (Roe) Robinson, Heidi Stutterheim; fourth row: Jennifer (Cox) Hauser, Jill (Ryan) Lively, Crista (Schrum) Moeckel, Jennifer (Georgeson) Ruder; fifth row: Jennifer (Wahlmeier) Boller, Honor (Ellis) Smith, Audra (Moritz) Bradbury, Michelle (McMullen) Cummings, Robin (Wiltfong) Sproul, Nikole (Sumner) DeWitt; sixth row: Olivia (Georgeson) Krehbiel, Julie (Howard) Otten, Mindy (Loughry) Harting, Christine (Eveleigh) Thompson, Kelly (Schieferocke) Margheim; seventh row: Wendy (Keith) Schmidt, Wendy (Strevey), Chandra Daffer; eighth row: Cheri (Miller) Brooks, Bekah (Bohl) Pankow, Jalyann (Colip) Urban, Shelby McKinley, Shadra (Reusink) Orso, Jodi (Ward) Cox; ninth row: assistant coach Sharon (Wondra) Gatton, Sara (Schrum), Hollie (Strevey), Amber (Reusink) Cook, Leslie (Vollertsen) Pfannenstiel, Corey (Rhodes) Grace, Missi Schoen; tenth row: Jillian (Cox) Scott, Jessica (Rhodes) Williams, Jenni (Sloan) Hanni, Holly (Jones) Puga; eleventh row: Kindra (Green) Rowe, Anna Berry, Chelle (Donovan) Herman, Allie Foley, Tara (Ward) Gillespie, Megan Walter, Kristen (Maddy) Fahrenbruch, Alicia (Donovan) Hering; twelfth row: Whitney (Newell) Criqui, Klaire (Mann) Brumbaugh, Karlie (Jones) Stroup, Kaitlyn Wolf, Taylor Rossi, Karajo (Jones) Sprigg, Amanda Ray, Ashlie Stewart; thirteenth row: Rachael (Lentz) Pfannenstiel, Caren Thomson, Erin Terrell, Kaylen Rossi, assistant coach George Rossi, assistant coach Joan Bolt; fourteenth row: Kamilla Jones, Alec Melvin, Tawni Griffey, Johnnye Ruder, Darcy Bainter, Katelyn Engelbert, Bailey Ambrosier, Marisa Maddy.

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# Solid problem of concrete

By Cynthia Haynes

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Norton County has a big pile of concrete it would like to eliminate.

It's possible to crush the big chunks of what used to be roads and basements but wire imbedded in the concrete to strengthen it is a problem when it comes to reusing the gravel-like material for road material.

Norton County Solid Waste Supervisor John Miller told the commissioners at their meeting on Monday that there will be a company with a crusher working in Decatur County next week. He said that he and road foreman Floyd Pfannenstiel are planning to go over and see how it works. Mr. Miller said that he was told that the finer the concrete is ground up the better the steel comes out and after crushing the county should get both steel and gravel.

Mr. Pfannenstiel said that he wants to see how well the process works because he's heard a lot of horror stories of places

that have put the recycled concrete on the roads and it has a lot of steel in it that causes lots of flat tires.

The county has about 6,000 tons of concrete, Mr. Miller said. It will cost a little over \$8 a ton to crush it.

Mr. Miller told the commissioners that he has also been looking for maintenance schedules for the machinery at the landfill but has not been able to come up with any.

He said that there needs to be a schedule for maintenance on the compactor and the other equipment out there. He said that the hydraulic oil, transmission fluid and final drive oil probably needs replacing in most of the equipment and that will be a little expensive but cheaper than having a motor seize up.

Mr. Miller said that he will get bids for rectifying the maintenance problems.

In other business, Mr. Miller said:

• There will be a training day for the prison inmates, who

work at the landfill, on Thursday, Feb. 27. The prison had hoped to close the landfill that day, he said, but he feels that would defeat the purpose of the exercise.

• Provided the commissioners with a prototype of an updated recycling brochure. The old brochure mentions the incinerator, he said, and has the wrong area code on it.

• Said that the prison staff are not happy that they were not notified of the rate change for the county landfill. He said that the county does not have any type of contract with the prison for dumping but he figures the increased prices will cost them a little over \$1,000 more a year.

• Noted that the winds last week wrecked havoc with trash that was dumped into the pit when it shouldn't have been. There was trash everywhere, he said, but its being picked up and the landfill should soon have its own weather station, which will help them to monitor the wind better.

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### HEIFERS:

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| 16 blk heifers, Beaver City | 393 | 165.00 |
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