

Sunflower Shootout set for this Saturday

By Dick Boyd

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Norton seniors Tawni Griffey and Jacob Brooks will play for the Mid-Continent League teams versus the North Central Kansas all-stars in the third annual Sunflower Shootout all star basketball games this Saturday in the Smith Center High School gym.
The girls game will tip off at 4 p.m. and the boys game is set for 6 p.m.

The Smith Center Recreation Commission is the sponsor. There will also be three-point contests at halftime of each game.
Members of the Mid-Continent League Girls Team, in addition to Griffey, will be Sydney Benoit, Alexis Ryan, Trenna Cox, Smith Center; Bailee Fritts, Trego; Shelby Stewart, McKenzie Cooper, Hill City; Bailey Hensley, Ellis; Hannah Friend, Shelbe Pywell, Plain-

ville. They will be coached by Perry Mick of Ellis and Brad Roadhouse of Osborne.
The North Central Kansas teams will have players from 14 counties. The North Central Kansas Girls Team will include Brittany Kirchoff, Thunder Ridge; Devin Nutsch, Belleville; Kora Bergstrom, Pike Valley; Danel Stithem, Hoxie; Angela Ritter, Golden Plains and Erin Schroeder, Beloit St. John's - Tipton.

In addition to Brooks, members of the Mid-Continent League Boys Team will be: Koby Beougher, Stockton; Payton Buckmaster, Smith Center; Seth Derr, Sean Newlan, Phillipsburg; Luke Lohrmeyer, Tyler Walters, Ellis; John Griffith, Trego; Solomon Wilson, Hill City; Nolan Weiser, Plainville. Keith Sides of Phillipsburg and Lance Ziegler of Trego will be the coaches.
The North Central Kansas

Boys Team will include Tyler Bruggeman, Oberlin; Trenton Kuhlman, Belleville; Trevor Lowe, Thunder Ridge; Todd Kane, Colby; Phillip Murphy, Natoma; Quinton Isaacson, Cade Huncovsky, Pike Valley; Wyatt Flinn, Rock Hills; Seth Armbrister, Palco.
"We have assembled some of the top high school basketball talent in the state for this event and we are really excited about it," said Mike Hughes, Smith

Center Recreation Director.
"We are trying to make this an exciting and fun event for the players and think the fans will enjoy the evening as well."
Admission for the event will be \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 5 to 12 and children 4 and under will be admitted free.

Norcatour grad into Hall of Fame

Gary Ritter, a 1968 graduate of Norcatour Rural High School, was among three Cloud County Community College alumni inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, Jan. 26 in the cafeteria on the Concordia campus.
The inductees were also honored during halftime of the men's basketball game versus Hutchinson Community College.
Mr. Ritter, who now lives in Manhattan, starred in men's basketball for Cloud County from 1968-70. He is one of only three players in the school's history to score 1,000 points and grab at least 600 rebounds in a career. His 1,013 points and 649 rebounds still rank among the most in Cloud County CC history. His rebound total is the second highest ever at the school and he ranks 12th in scoring. There was no three-point basket when Gary was playing.
The 6'6" Ritter anchored a Thunderbirds team that claimed the school's first Region IV tournament victory in 1969 and

followed that with Cloud's first Prairie Junior College Conference Championship in 1970.
Gary also played later at Fort Hays State University and also played on a conference championship team for the Tigers.
Gary also starred for Norcatour Rural High School during his four-year prep career. He was a prolific scorer and rebounder for the Cardinals. During his sophomore year, he twice topped the 30-point mark. As a junior, he averaged 31.8 points per game and scored over 30 points in 12 games, including 42-point efforts against both Almena and Long Island.
His highest scoring game his junior year came in a 74-71 loss to an outstanding Alton team



Gary Ritter
CCCC Athletic
Hall of Fame inductee

where his 50 points were just not quite enough Ritter hit 20 of 31 floor shots and was a perfect 10 of 10 from the charity stripe.
In the second game of his senior season, Gary flirted with the 50-point mark but settled for 48 points in a victory over Alton. They ended the regular season with a 17-2 mark and Top Ranking in Class BB. Their season ended with a 59-56 overtime loss to Brewster which kept them from the state tournament. Brewster advanced to the state tournament and claimed their first state basketball title.
Norcatour's final record in Gary's senior season was 20-4. During the season, Gary scored 699 points to average 29.1 points and pulled down 437 rebounds

to average 18.3 rebounds per game. His rebounding total is one of the highest in the history of the state of Kansas!
Gary ended his high school career by scoring 1,861 points for the Norcatour Cardinals!
Other inductees into the CCCC Athletics Hall of Fame were Denis Graham, a native of Meriden and Garla (Chaffee) Pierson, Clay Center.
Mr. Graham was a three-time NJCAA All-American in track and field. He finished as shot put national runner-up in both the indoor and outdoor championships in 1978. He still holds the school record for a throw of 53'7" in the outdoor shot put.
Ms. Pierson became the first Cloud County Community College track athlete to win an individual national championship when she claimed the 800 meter run in a national record time of 2:18.2 at the 1981 NJCAA Indoor meet. She also anchored the national champion 4 x 800 meter relay team in 1982.

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Norton athlete signs letter of intent

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Tawni Griffey, an outstanding senior athlete at Norton Community High School, has signed a letter of intent to play tennis for Emporia State University in Emporia.
Tawni moved with her family to Norton in time for her sophomore year. In three years playing tennis for the Lady Jays, Tawni won the Class 3A state championship as a sophomore and placed state runner-up the next two years to the same girl.
In her senior year, Tawni was unscored upon until mid-season and did not lose until the state tournament finals.
Tawni is also an outstanding basketball player and led the Lady Jays offense as point guard. She was voted second team All-Mid-Continent League in basketball her sophomore and senior years and received honorable-mention as a junior.
"Tawni is a tremendous player and person," said Norton head tennis coach Jim Green. "She had a phenomenal record in high school with just two losses

in three years.
"She puts so much time into tennis. Her techniques are textbook."
"She also puts so much into every match. Tawni goes all out and always plays 100 percent. She didn't have any close matches until state tournament semi-finals.
"Tawni is an outstanding student and person as well. She will be missed. She did a lot for our tennis program. She encouraged our other players to do better than they might.
"Tawni's level of play raised the level of everyone's play on our team.
"She is definitely a dominant tennis player."
In the Class 3A State Tournament finals this year, Tawni played Sara Goodwin of Prairie Village-Kansas City Christian in the finals, the same girl who beat her for the state championship the year before. Tawni was the only girl in the tournament to win any games from Sara and was the only player in the tournament to give Sara some tough competition.

"Tawni has had a great career playing tennis, three times finishing high in the state tournament," said coach Green.
"She will definitely be missed as a player but mostly as the wonderful person that she is."
Emporia State competes in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, which includes Washburn, Pittsburg State and Fort Hays State University.
"Tawni is a fantastic tennis player with tremendous potential," said John Cayton, head men's and women's tennis coach at Emporia State.
"She has developed her forehead into a genuine weapon with which she regularly penetrates the court and wins points.
"Griffey's excellent mental game, consistent hustle, great personality and positive attitude put her in a unique group that will continue the fantastic tradition in women's tennis that we have here at Emporia State University."
Tawni is the daughter of Jacque and Marty Griffey.



Norton Community High School senior Tawni Griffey signs a letter of intent to play tennis for Emporia State University. Also pictured are, from left, her mother Jacque and father Marty. In the back is Norton head tennis coach Jim Green.



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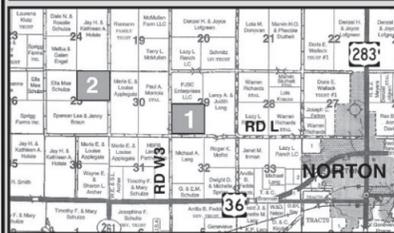
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