

# Sixty-two Jay track members ready to go

By DICK BOYD

Jason Jones, new head coach for the Norton Community High School track team, has 62 athletes competing for positions this season.

Twenty-two are returning letter winners and eight competed in the state track meet last season.

Norton will open the 2007 track season on Monday, April 2 in the Junior Varsity Track Meet in Smith Center. Competition will begin at 4:30 p.m. with the field events and the 3200 meter run. Other running events will begin at 5 p.m. There will be no running preliminaries.

The Norton varsity track team will open the season on Thursday, April 5 with the annual Norton Invitational Track Meet on the Jep Byrum Track at Travis Field.

Field events will begin at 3 p.m. and running events at 5 p.m. This is a change in format from previous years. No preliminaries will be held and all events will be run as finals. All athletes may be entered.

In addition to Norton, compet-

ing teams will be from Colby, Goodland, Logan, Northern Valley, Phillipsburg and Smith Center.

Assisting coach Jones this season will be Todd Fulton, Dale Engelbert, Doug Reusink and Lucas Melvin.

Student managers are Nathan Pollock, senior; Arlene May, Valerie Wagoner, juniors.

Coach Jones is a Logan native. He graduated from Logan High School in 1994 and was the Class 1A state pole vault champion. He attended Fort Hays State University in Hays on a track scholarship and pole vaulted for the Tigers. He was an all-conference performer and graduated in December, 1998.

He was head track coach and assistant football coach at Fowler High School for three years before moving to Norton. He has been a teacher and assistant football and track coach the past four years in Norton.

"The coaching staff and I are very, very excited about the arrival of track season and the opportuni-

## Track schedule

**VARSITY**

Thurs., April 5 — Norton Invitational, Norton, 3 p.m.  
 Tues., April 10 — Smith Center Invite, Smith Center, 3 p.m.  
 Tues., April 17 — Plainville Invitational, Plainville, 4 p.m.  
 Fri., April 20 — Lexington Invitational, Lexington, 3 p.m.  
 Fri., April 27 — Goldsmith Relays, WaKeeney, 3:30 p.m.  
 Tues., May 1 — Oberlin Invitational, 3 p.m.  
 Fri., May 4 — Russell Relays, Russell, 3 p.m.  
 Fri., May 11 — Mid-Continent League Meet, Osborne, 3 p.m.  
 Fri., May 18 — Regional Track Meet, TBA  
 Fri., Sat., May 25-26 — State Track Meet, Wichita, TBA

**JUNIOR VARSITY**

Thurs., April 2 — Smith Center, 4:30 p.m.  
 Mon., April 16 — WaKeeney, 4 p.m.  
 Mon., April 23 — Hill City, 4 p.m.

ties that it promises to offer this community's young people," said coach Jones.

"We have 62 young women and men who began practice on March 19 and they continue to work extremely hard on a daily basis at practice. Eight of our 22 returning

letter winners represented your Blue Jays in nine separate events in last year's State Track Meet at Cessna Stadium in Wichita.

"Our entire group remains overly excited about the season. They bring very positive work-oriented attitudes to practice and

they have collectively supported and bought into the new program philosophy extremely well. They are well on their way to becoming a strong group of athletes and people who will experience a great amount of success with one another.

"We are looking forward with great anticipation to the beginning of our competitive season. Following the junior varsity meet in Smith Center on Monday, fans can see first-hand every active member of our roster compete on our home track on April 5. Please come out and support Norton County's young people as they compete in Norton. We look forward to seeing you in the stands!"

**Girls team**  
 Twenty-eight girls have reported for the Lady Jays track and field team, which is five more than last season.

There are nine returning letter winners. They are: Hannah Mills, Lacey Roe, seniors; Courtney LeClair, junior; Laura Lee Baird, Hayli Bozarth, KaraJo Jones, Wiyanna Paxton, Taylor Rossi, Katharine Roy, sophomores.

Other squad members are: Morgan Bailey, Laura Delimont, seniors; Chantille Campbell, Courtney Cox, Alyssa Farber, Ashley Martinez, Ashley Maybon, Cyndie Milnes, Tabitha Vincent, Thea Wiseman, juniors; Amanda Delimont, Lucy Gosselin, sophomores; Allie Corbin, Shelby Jones, Kelsey Nuzum, Bethany Roy, Alyssa Thomson, Hannah Waggoner, Bethany Winkel, freshmen.

Lacey Roe is the only three-year letter winner on the girls squad. She competes in the field events with her strongest event being the javelin. She was a state meet qualifier last season in the javelin.

Hannah Mills is a two-year letter winner and is a sprinter for the Lady Jays.

Courtney LeClair is also a two-year letter winner. Her freshman season, she was the high scoring female athlete for the Lady Jays. Last season, she was the Mid-Continent League champion in both the 110 meter and 300 meter hurdles. She qualified for the state meet in both events and placed eighth in the 110 meter hurdles.

Laura Lee Baird was the 800 meter run and 400 meter dash champion in the Mid-Continent League last season and was a member of the 4 x 400 meter relay champion team in the MCL.

She placed second in the state meet in 59.3 in the 400 meter dash and sixth in the 800 meters in 2:24.5.

Hayli Bozarth placed third in the state meet in the discus with a distance of 125'8" and seventh in the state meet in the shot put with a heave of 35'3".

KaraJo Jones was a member of the Lady Jays' 4 x 400 meter relay team which won the MCL championship.

**Boys team**  
 The Norton Community High School boys track and field team consists of 34 members, three more than last season and 13 of them are returning lettermen.

Lettermen from last season are: Jared Bebb, Nathan Broeckelman, Jared Engelbert, Logan Keiswetter, Nic Lewis, Kent Mann, Brett Thomson and Blake VanEaton, seniors; Jared Cox, Wes Georgeson, Tanner Griffith, Logan Kats, juniors; Zach Bainter, sophomore.

Other squad members are: Mark Scheetz, Perrell Stanley, seniors; Todd Bolt, David Counter, Bryce Engelbert, Zach Mannel, Travis Ray, Allen Robinson, Luke VanSike, juniors; Zac Dreher, Josh Gallentine, Brock Lauer, Nish Millan, Matt Stanley, sophomores; Landon Hamel, Robert Derauf, Ashton Draper, Kaemon Keiswetter, Chris Maddy, Zane Perez, Casey Robison, freshmen.

Blake VanEaton, Nathan Broeckelman, Logan Keiswetter, Kent Mann and Jared Engelbert are all three-year lettermen.

VanEaton placed second in the 800 meter run in the Mid-Continent League meet his freshman season and was also voted Most Inspirational Athlete. As a sophomore, he was voted Most Outstanding Male Athlete and Most Inspirational Athlete. Last season, VanEaton was the 400 meter dash champion in the MCL and placed third in the state meet in the 400 in 51.2.

Kent Mann is the returning MCL champion in the 1600 meter run.

Jared Engelbert, Logan Keiswetter and Zach Bainter teamed with VanEaton as the 4 x 800 meter relay MCL champions. They competed in the state meet and placed eight in 8:29.

Nathan Broeckelman has been a solid competitor in the 300 meter hurdles, high jump and pole vault.

Jared Cox is a two-year letterman. He is a strong hurdler who was a state meet qualifier in the 300 meter hurdles his freshman season and placed sixth. He was also the high scoring male athlete as a freshman.

Logan Kats is the other two-year letterman and is a sprinter for the Blue Jays.

## Action just around the corner

# Blue Jay golf team has roster of 27

By DICK BOYD

Coach David Stover's Norton Community High School golf team will open the 2007 season in the Smith Center Invitational on Tuesday, April 3, beginning at 3 p.m.

The first home varsity competition will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 5 when the annual Norton Invitational Golf Tournament is held on the PDRA course south of Norton.

Competing teams, in addition to Norton, will be Atwood, Colby, Goodland, Hill City, Hoxie, Oakley, Phillipsburg, Quinter, Stockton and Smith Center.

Norton will award medals to the top three teams and to the top six individuals. Plaques will be awarded to the top two teams.

Norton will also host the Norton Junior Varsity Invitational Golf Tournament on Tuesday, May 1.

Twenty-seven men and women are competing for this year's team, five of whom are returning lettermen. Seniors Pat Burton and Michael Ward and juniors Zach Dole, Kyle Edgett

## Golf schedule

Tues., April 3 — Smith Center Invitational, Smith Center, 3 p.m.  
 Thurs., April 5 — Norton Invitational, Norton, 9 a.m.  
 Tues., April 10 — Ellis Invitational, Ellis, 3 p.m.  
 Tues., April 10 — Goodland Invitational, Goodland, 2 p.m.  
 Fri., April 13 — Hill City JV Invitational, Hill City, 3 p.m.  
 Tues., April 17 — Goodland JV Invitational, Goodland, 2 p.m.  
 Fri., April 20 — Hill City Invitational, Hill City, 3 p.m.  
 Tues., April 24 — Smith Center JV Invitational, Smith Center, 3 p.m.  
 Thurs., April 26 — Trego Invitational, WaKeeney, 9 a.m.  
 Thurs., April 26 — Logan Invitational, Logan, 3 p.m.  
 Mon., April 30 — TMP Invitational, Hays (Smoky Hills), 9 a.m.  
 Tues., May 1 — Norton JV Invitational, Norton, 3 p.m.  
 Thurs., May 3 — Colby Invitational, Colby, 3 p.m.  
 Thurs., May 3 — Trego JV Invitational, WaKeeney, 9 a.m.  
 Mon., May 7 — Phillipsburg Invitational, Phillipsburg, 1 p.m.  
 Thurs., May 10 — MCL Tournament, Smith Center, 3 p.m.  
 Mon., May 14 — Regional Golf, TBA, 9 a.m.  
 Mon., May 21 — State Golf, Cheney, 9 a.m.

and Preston Herman are lettermen. Burton, Ward and Herman have regional tournament experience. Last year's Norton team placed third in the regional and third in the Mid-Continent League Tournament behind excellent

Phillipsburg and Trego Community teams. Dane Krizek, a senior last season, qualified for the state tournament.

Other team members this season are: Andrew Black, Lacey Ellis, Kylie Morel and Young Sun Cho,

juniors; Ashley Colip, Hannah Fulton, Charli Lawson, Kyle Mindrup, Coady McMullen, Logan Kelly, Brittany Otter, Gabby Otter, Steph Shepard, Josh VanSike, sophomores; Justin Chandler, J.D. Gall, Marcus Herman, Lacy Keilig, Grant McClymont, Matt Miller, Connor Pfannenstiel and Matt Pollock.

Coach Stover's assistant coach this season will be Keith Hauser.

"I am excited about the upcoming season," said coach Stover. "The makeup of this team creates quite a diverse group. With five returning lettermen, three who competed at regionals last season, we have a solid nucleus returning. At the same time, with the large number of underclassmen, it will be quite a rebuilding process. I think this will be a team that will improve as the season progresses.

"As always, the league will be very tough with Trego returning many golfers from their Class 2A state championship team of last season and Phillipsburg returning many quality golfers from a team that finished third in the state in Class 3A last season."

# Broeckelman competes in classic

By DICK BOYD

Nathan Broeckelman, Norton Community High School senior who is a two-time Class 3-2-1A state champion, competed in the 20th annual Kansas Wrestling-Senior Classic 2007 dual in Topeka last Friday evening.

Broeckelman wrestled Brett Bahe, Great Bend and formerly of Goodland, in one of the 130 pound matches. Bahe was the Class 5A state champion this year. The match was very close through two and one-half periods, then a flurry occurred during which Bahe gained the advantage to win 10-3.

"Nathan wrestled well through most of the match, then he told me that he ran out of gas," said Bill Johnson, Norton head wrestling coach.

"He had not trained for this event like we normally train during the season."

Broeckelman is a senior letterman on the Norton Community High School track team who is in the middle of pre-season practices.

For the second year in a row, the

Small Schools defeated the Large Schools. Wrestlers from Class 3-2-1A and 4A were on the Small Schools Team and the Class 5A and 6A wrestlers were on the Big Schools Team.

The Small Schools outscored the Large Schools 35-27 and lead the series 2-1 since this format has been used. An estimated 2,000 wrestlers, parents, coaches and fans were in attendance.

**Individual match results**  
 103/112 - Brandon Goodwin, Lawrence (BS) 13-10 decision over Zach Ceman, Phillipsburg (SS)

112 - Ryan Canale, Rose Hill (SS) 11-2 decision over Tyler Williamson, Mill Valley (BS)

119 - Paulie Hansen, Turner (BS) 3-1 decision over Dustin Dooley, Concordia (SS)

125 - Matt Migchelbrink, Atwood (SS) 7-3 decision over Marcus Walker, Schlagle (BS)

130 - Aaron Ely, Leavenworth (BS) 10-5 decision over Josh Hinman, Labette County (SS)

135 - Brett Swoyer, Rock Creek (SS) 3-1 decision over Adam

Almaguer, Olathe North (BS) 140 - Brad Esterl, Beloit (SS) 14-6 decision over Marc Somers, Free State (BS)

140 - Josh Cauthon, Santa Fe Trail (SS) 5-3 decision over Jeremy Plott, Salina South (BS)

145 - Zach Hentzen, Maize (BS) won by fall in 3:54 over Nick Kough, Scott City (SS)

145 - Jordan Edison, Wichita Northwest (BS) 3-1 decision over Aaron Hynick, Rose Hill (SS)

152 - Jordan Gienger, St. Francis (SS) won by fall in 4:33 over Bryant Petty, Manhattan (BS)

160 - Kyle Allen, Clay Center (SS) 8-7 decision over Jared Brown, Shawnee Heights (BS)

171 - Matt Hyman, Beloit (SS) 3-2 decision over Gavin Roach, Topeka West (BS)

189 - Michael Malay, Trego Community, 5-4 decision over Karl Oeser, Maize (BS)

215 - James Sparks, Emporia (BS) won by fall in 5:28 over Matt James, Clay Center (SS)

285 - Austin Hybsha, Andover (SS) 2-1 decision over Trent Hutton, Wichita Southeast (BS)

# Area athletes play in All-Star basketball game

The annual NWK All-Star Game rosters have been announced for girls and boys games to be played Sunday at the Community Building in Colby

The girls game will begin at 5 p.m. and the boys game at 7 p.m. No athletes from Norton are on the roster.

Area girls on the Light Team are: Lauren Fortin, Tricia Dorshorst,

Oberlin; Whitney Archer, Goodland; Katie Spresser, Golden Plains. Coach is Steve Rapier and assistant coach is Lou Berning. Dark Team - Kaylee Billinger, Emily Murray, Goodland; Avery Schultz, Brewster; Callie Baalman, Megan Dennis, Oakley; Kristin Waldschmidt, Ellis; Ashley Barnes, Colby. Coach is Willie Schaffer and assistant

coach is Stephanie Schaffer.

Playing for the boys will be Tane Brown, Hill City; Mikey Doll, Nick Angelos, Goodland; Joel McAttee, A.J. McAttee, both from St. Francis; Alan Bruggeman, Brett Spresser, both from Golden Plains; Trey Barnett, Trevor Siebert, both from Colby; Corey Kincaid, Wheatland; Jake Moss, Hoxie; Marty Lager, Grinnell.

## Let's Play Ball!

### Softball and Baseball Registration

**Entry Forms Due April 7, 2007, 5:00 p.m.**

**GIRLS SOFTBALL**

Division I ..... First, Second, Third Grade  
 Division II ..... Fourth, Fifth, Sixth Grade

**BOYS BASEBALL**

Division I ..... First, Second Grade  
 Division II ..... Third, Fourth Grade  
 Division III ..... Fifth, Sixth, Seventh Grade

**T-BALL COED LEAGUE..... Ages 4, 5 and Kindergarten**

**K-18 (BOYS)..... Ages 15 and Under\* (As of Aug. 1)**

### COACHES MEETINGS:

**BOYS BASEBALL AND T-BALL:**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2007**

9:00 a.m. .... T-Ball  
 10:15 a.m. .... Division I  
 11:30 a.m. .... Division II  
 12:30 p.m. .... Division III

**GIRLS SOFTBALL: SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2007**

1:00 p.m. .... Division I  
 2:15 p.m. .... Division II

— UMPIRE NEEDED FOR GIRLS SOFTBALL —

**Youth Track & Field Fun Day - May 12**

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