

# Norton girls, boys track team honored with awards

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School girls and boys track teams were honored during the annual Track Awards Assembly on Sunday, June 3 in the high school band room.

Head coach Jason Jones introduced members of both squads and told about their successes. Parents and fans were present to help honor the athletes.

Each athlete received a certificate listing his or her events and best marks/distances throughout the season.

Both girls and boys teams had outstanding seasons.

## GIRLS

The Lady Jays were champions of the Plainville Invitational, Norton Invitational and Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney and tied Beloit for the Class 3A Regional championship in Holcomb.

They were also runner-up in the Smith Center Redmen Relays, Oberlin Invitational and Mid-Continent League meet. They were third in the Russell Relays and fourth in the Phillipsburg Invitational.

The Norton girls placed 12th in the Kansas State Track and Field Meet in Wichita. Qualifying in the regional meet and competing in the state track meet were: Lacey Roe, javelin; Hannah Mills, 4 x 100 meter relay; Laura Delimont, discus, seniors; Courtney LeClair, 100 meter hurdles, 300 meter hurdles, 4 x 100 meter relay, junior; Taylor Rossi, pole vault; KaraJo Jones, 4 x 100 meter relay; Hayli Bozarth, discus, shot put; Laura Lee Baird, 400 meter dash, 800 meter run, sophomores; Hannah Waggoner, 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 4 x 100 meter relay, freshman.

All state participants received a certificate of participation from the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

Receiving the certificate for the most points scored this season by a Norton girl was Hayli Bozarth with 198.5 points.

Two Lady Jays broke Norton school records in the state meet. Hayli Bozarth threw the discus 132-feet, 2-inches to place second and break the record of 126' 10" set by Danielle Roeder in the regional meet in 1996.

Laura Lee Baird placed third in one of the fastest 800 meter runs in all classes. She was timed in 2:19.60 to break the old Norton record of 2:20.8 set by Susan Miller in the regional meet in 1987.

Receiving girls letters were: Laura Delimont, Hannah Mills, Lacey Roe, seniors; Courtney LeClair, Alyssa Farber, Courtney Cox, juniors; Laura Lee Baird, Hayli Bozarth, Amanda Delimont, Wiyanna Paxton, KaraJo Jones, Taylor Rossi, Katharine Roy (provisional), sophomores; Shelby Jones, Bethany Roy, Alyssa Thomson, Hannah Waggoner, freshmen.

## BOYS

The Norton boys track and field team won the championship of the Plainville Invitational, the Norton Invitational, Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney, Oberlin Invitational, Russell Relays and Mid-Continent League meet. They were runner-up in the Smith Center Redmen Relays, fifth in the

Phillipsburg Invitational and third in the Regional meet in Holcomb.

The Norton boys placed eighth in the Kansas State Track and Field Meet in Wichita. Qualifying for the state meet with performances in the regional meet were: Blake VanEaton, 400 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 4 x 400 meter relay, 4 x 800 meter relay; Brett Thomson, long jump; Kent Mann, 4 x 400 meter relay; Nic Lewis, triple jump; Logan Keiswetter, 4 x 800 meter relay; Jared Engelbert, 800 meter run, 4 x 400 meter relay, 4 x 800 meter relay, seniors; Logan Kats, 4 x 400 meter relay; Jared Cox, 110 meter hurdles, juniors; Zach Bainter, 1600 meter run, 4 x 800 meter relay, sophomore.

Blake VanEaton received the certificate for scoring the most boys points during the season with a total of 147.75.

The 4 x 800 meter relay team of VanEaton, Keiswetter, Englebert and Bainter won the gold medal at the state meet with a super 8:07.57 time. They took almost 20 seconds off their previous season's best and broke the Norton school record by almost nine seconds!

The Norton record of 8:16.20 was set at the state meet in 1986 by Brent Bohl, Kevin Hahn, Kirk Kasson and Mike Colip.

Engelbert recorded the third fastest time in all classes in finishing second in the 800 meter run in 1:56.41. Norton's school record of 1:55.3 was set by exchange student Urs Sahli in 1982.

Receiving boys letters were: Jared Bebb, Nathan Broeckelman, Jared Engelbert, Logan Keiswetter, Nic Lewis, Kent Mann, Brett Thomson, Blake VanEaton, seniors; Todd Bolt, Jared Cox, Wes Georgeson, Logan Kats, Luke VanSkiel, juniors; Zach Bainter, Zac Dreher, sophomores; Chris Maddy, freshman.

## Coach's comments

Coach Jones thanked his athletes, coaching staff, managers, parents and fans for a great season. His coaches were: Doug Reusink, Dale Engelbert, Todd Fulton and Lucas Melvin.

Student managers were Nathan Pollock and Valerie Wagoner.

"To those 56 athletes who were members of our team, I extend a most heart-felt and honest thank you," said coach Jones. "You did everything that we asked of you on a daily basis without complaint and, for the most part, you each gave us your most diligent and honest effort, day in and day out. Your intrinsic trust in the program and in the coaches of the program allowed us to be very successful. Truly, your actions spoke a thousand words.

"You put together a season that was full of and marked by success. You quickly established yourselves as a force to be reckoned with, no matter what the size of the meet.

"Your success was marked by

constant improvement in all areas of competition. Week in and week out, meet in and meet out, day in and day out, you just flat got better!. The list of seasonal bests and personal records was endless, proving that success does, in fact, breed success. Even at season's end in the State Championships, you posted a combined two seasonal bests and five personal records. In those efforts, you earned seven medals and, even more excitingly, you posted times and distances that established an amazing three new school records!

"Most importantly, you were successful because you wholeheartedly committed yourselves to our cause and honored that commitment. You came to the weight room at 6 a.m. two to three times a week for the entire season. There were times you stayed at practice until nearly 7 p.m. and you respected and honored team rules every day. Additionally, you committed yourselves to the team, many times competing in more events than you wanted or in events you didn't normally in order to benefit the team.

"I am exceedingly proud to have been the head coach of this highly successful team and I am deeply honored to have been part of the season that you gave to this school and community. I am indebted to each of you, as, together, you have given me a first season that I will always remember with pride and joy. I have truly and deeply enjoyed coaching you!

"Seniors, please know that you will be sorely missed but that we will be behind you wherever you go. In the biggest meet of all, life, just run your race but make sure that you run it with everything you can! Thank you again and good luck!"

# Runner stepping up to Fort Hays track

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Blake VanEaton, 2007 graduate of Norton Community High School, has signed a letter of intent to compete in track at Fort Hays State University in Hays.

VanEaton has been the high points leader for the Blue Jay boys team the past two seasons and has competed in the Kansas Track and Field Meet in Wichita three seasons.

His freshman season, he was a member of the 4 x 100 meter relay team which placed sixth in the state meet. His junior year, he placed third in the state meet in the 400 meter dash and was a member of the eighth place 4 x 800 meter relay team.

This past season, he was the regional 200 meter dash champion. He placed seventh in the state meet in the 400 meter dash and had the 14th best time in the 200 meter dash. He was also a member of the 4 x 800 meter relay team which won the gold medal in the state meet and set a new school record.

VanEaton also qualified for and competed in the 400 meter dash his senior season in the 80th annual Kansas Relays in Lawrence.

He has also had an outstanding high school career in both football and wrestling for the Norton Blue Jays.

"I am very excited for Blake," said Norton head track and field coach Jason Jones.

"He has worked for his success as hard as anyone I have ever seen! His diligent and comprehensive work ethic will continue to bring him success in the future and I love the fact that he will be able to continue to do something that he loves to do as he furthers his education."

"I currently have a great group of young quarter milers and I am very excited about having Blake join them in the fall," said Dennis Weber, head track



Norton's Blake VanEaton, who has signed a letter of intent to compete for Fort Hays State University, hit the finish line on the anchor leg of the 4 x 400 meter relay in the Class 3A Regional Track Meet in Holcomb.

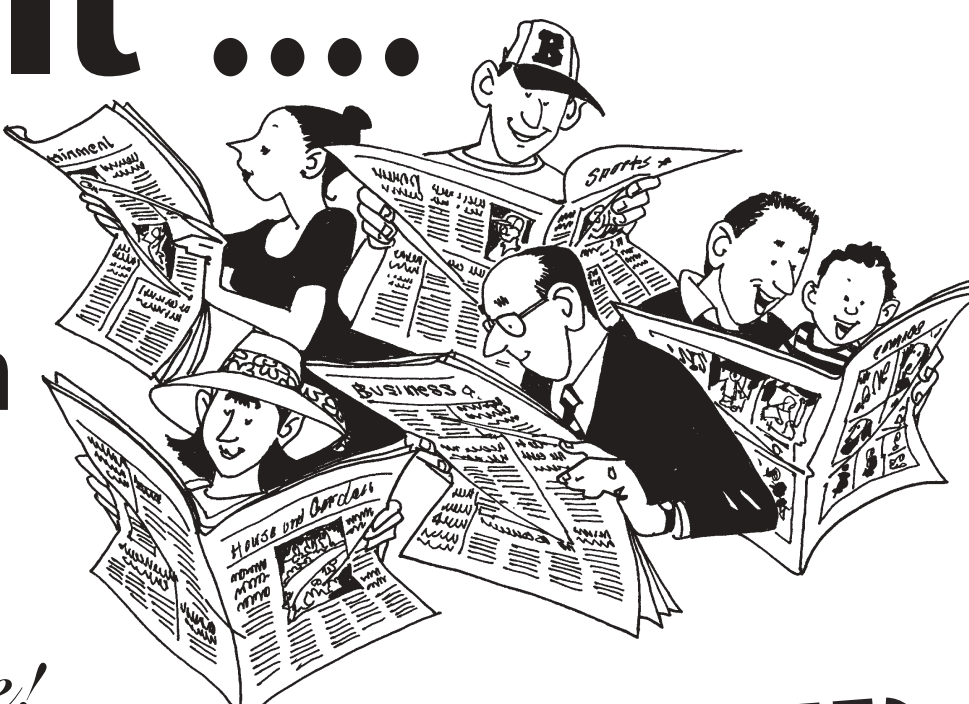
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and field coach at Fort Hays State University.

Blake is the son of Lori and Robert VanEaton of Norton.

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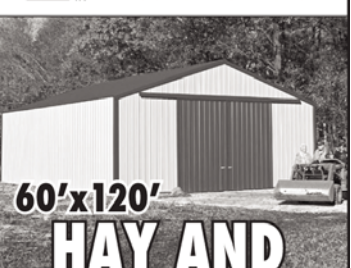
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