

Local athletes honored

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Hayli Bozarth, Laura Lee Baird and Logan Kats of Norton, Alison Cole of Northern Valley and Shelley Kemper and Zach Long of Logan have received All-State Basketball recognition from *The Hays Daily News*, *Topeka Capital-Journal* and *Wichita Eagle-Beacon* newspapers for their play this past season.

The *Salina Journal* no longer selects post-season prep all-state teams.

Hays Daily News

The Lady Jays' junior post Hayli Bozarth was chosen to the Second Team and junior guard Laura Lee Baird received honorable mention.

Northern Valley sophomore Alison Cole was named to the Third Team and Logan senior Shelley Kemper received honorable mention.

Named to the first team were Rachel Belisle, Palco senior; Kaylee Hoffman, Thomas More Prep-Marian sophomore; Raena Sander, Hays High junior; Whitney Taylor, Ellis junior and Meagan Weaver, Wheatland-Grinnell senior.

On the second team with Bozarth were Lissa Mazanec, Colby senior; Kendra Spresser, Hoxie junior; April Gee, Colby sophomore and Bailey Gehring, Palco senior.

Third team members along with Cole were Sara Miller, Atwood; Lindsay Dusin, Phillipsburg; Demi French, Osborne senior and Jenna Ulrich, Lucas-Luray sophomore.

Named honorable mention with Baird and Kemper were Bretta Mick, Plainville senior; Kimber Weiser, Oakley senior; Kara Gfeller, Triplains sophomore; Nichelle Erskine, Brewster sophomore; Maddie Holub, TMP junior; Payton Walker, Weskan sophomore; Paige Stephens, Colby senior and Danielle Pfeifer, Ellis senior.

On the boys side, Norton senior point guard Logan Kats received honorable mention.

Named to the First Team were Dylan Franz, Phillipsburg junior; Spencer Hemmert, Trego junior; Ethan Kuhlmann, Kensington senior; Braden Wilson, Smith Center senior and Jason Crawford, Natoma senior.

On the Second Team were Jared Stoecklein, Ness City senior; Levi Schlick, Colby junior; Jordan Juenemann, Hays High senior; Drew Basgall, Atwood junior and Jared Mocaby, Smith Center senior.

Sportsmen's Caucus result of meeting in Topeka

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Kansas hunters and fishermen now have an important ally fighting for them in the Kansas legislature.

On March 25, a group of sportsmen formed the Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus at the Topeka Country Club making Kansas the 35th state to be affiliated with the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses.

Legislators, who understand America's hunting, fishing and trapping heritage and its importance to wildlife management and its economic importance, have

Third team members were Jason Ball, Hays High senior; Nolan Smith, Trego senior; Kevin Wissman, Otis-Bison sophomore; Taylor Elder, Sharon Springs senior and Ethan Stover, Colby senior.

Receiving honorable mention in addition to Kats were Matt Weis, Hoxie junior; Ben Suchsland, Eastern Heights junior; Levi VonLehe, Ness City senior; Matt Bird, Quinter sophomore; Cameron Locke, Trego senior; Drew Hertel, TMP junior; Cade Scott, Victoria senior; Chase Waldman, Wheatland-Grinnell junior and Austin Buedke, TMP senior.

Topeka Capital-Journal

In Class 3A girls, Hayli Bozarth of Norton was named to the second team.

Katie Pratt, Sacred Heart of Salina senior, was chosen for the first team.

The Lady Blue Jays' Laura Lee Baird received honorable mention along with Alison Cole, Northern Valley in 1A. Lindsay Dusin, Phillipsburg junior, also received honorable mention.

The girls Class 4A second team included Lissa Mazanec, Colby senior. Receiving honorable mention were her senior teammates April Gee and Paige Stephens.

Whitney Taylor of Ellis was chosen to the 2A first team and Demi French of Osborne made the second team. Sara Miller, Atwood senior, was chosen to the third team. Receiving honorable mention were Lexi Hardiek, Hill City freshman; Bretta Mick, Plainville senior; Danielle Pfeifer, Ellis senior and Catie Riedel, Trego sophomore.

Megan Weaver, Wheatland-Grinnell, made the 1A first team and Kendra Spresser, Hoxie junior, was selected to the third team.

Honorable mention went to Rachel Belisle, Palco senior; Bailey Gehring, Palco senior; Kara Gfeller, Triplains sophomore and Corinna Hoyt, Hoxie senior.

In the girls Top 15, Katie Pratt was named to the third team.

Among boys' selections, Norton's Logan Kats and Logan senior Zach Long both received honorable mention in Class 3A and 1A, respectively.

Cameron Horesky, Hoisington senior, was named to the 3A second team and Dylan Frantz of Phillipsburg was on the third team.

Receiving honorable mention, in addition to Kats, were senior Lucas Bradbury, senior Blase Martin and junior Conner Martin, all of Sacred Heart of Salina.

banded together.

They have put partisan politics on the back burner to help on sportsmen's legislative issues.

House Majority Leader Ray Merrick, Stilwell, and Representative Gary Hayzlett, Lakin, announced the formation of the group and its affiliation with the national caucus.

Caucuses work with sportsmen, state conservation groups, and the outdoor industry.

Over 425,000 sportsmen spend about \$1.6 million per day in Kansas. For more information sportsmen can go to: www.sportsmenlink.org.

In Class 4A, Colby senior Ethan Stover was named to the third team and Levi Schlick, Colby senior, received honorable mention.

In Class 2A, Smith Center senior Braden Wilson was on the first team. Drew Basgall, Atwood junior and Spencer Hemmert, Trego junior, were on the second team and Jared Mocaby, Smith Center senior, was named to the third team.

Honorable mention in 2A included Jared Hayes, Smith Center senior; Nolan Smith, Trego senior and Joe Windscheffel, Smith Center senior.

Ethan Kuhlmann, Kensington senior, was chosen to the Class 1A first team. Receiving honorable mention with Long was Ben Suchsland, Eastern Heights junior.

In the boys Top 15, Ethan Kuhlmann was chosen on the third team.

Wichita Eagle-Beacon

Norton's Hayli Bozarth was chosen to the Class 3A first team and Laura Lee Baird received honorable mention.

Katie Pratt of Salina Sacred Heart also made the first team and Lindsay Dusin, Phillipsburg, was chosen honorable mention.

Colby senior Lissa Mazanec was chosen to the Class 4A first team.

In Class 2A, Demi French, Osborne senior and Whitney Taylor, Ellis junior, were selected to the first team. Honorable mention went to Sara Miller, Atwood senior; Danielle Pfeifer, Ellis junior; Stephanie Plowman, Osborne junior and Tana Spears, Osborne senior.

Receiving honorable mention in Class 1A were Rachel Belisle and Bailey Gehring, both Palco seniors.

The Blue Jays' Logan Kats received honorable mention in Class 3A and Logan's Zach Long received honorable mention in Class 1A.

Dylan Frantz, Phillipsburg junior, also received honorable mention and Hoisington senior Cameron Horesky was named to the first team.

Colby senior Ethan Stover and Eagles junior Levi Schlick received honorable mention in Class 4A.

Smith Center senior Braden Wilson was named to the first team in Class 2A along with Drew Basgall, Atwood junior and Spencer Hemmert, Trego junior.

Receiving honorable mention were Jared Hayes, Jared Mocaby and Joe Windscheffel, all Smith Center seniors and Nolan Smith, Trego senior.

Kensington senior Ethan Kuhlmann was named to the 1A first team.

Receiving honorable mention, in addition to Long, were Taylor Barrett, Triplains senior and Ben Suchsland, Eastern Heights.

Blue Jay going to state

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The Norton Community High School varsity golf team placed fourth and qualified one golfer for the state tournament in the Class 3A Regional Golf Tournament on Monday in Lakin.

Phillipsburg won the championship with a 355 and Lakin placed second with a 359. Both teams qualified for the Class 3A State Tournament at the Municipal Golf Course in Salina this Monday.

In addition, Norton senior Preston Herman was third medalist and qualified for the state tournament by being one of the next five lowest scorers not members of the two qualifying teams. Herman actually tied for second medalist but lost a three-hole playoff.

Hoisington placed third among teams with a 391 and Norton was right behind with a 398. Fifth place went to Holcomb with a 404, followed by Cimarron, 410; Scott City, 420; Thomas More Prep of Hays, 452; Larned, 501.

Preston Herman shot a 42-45-87 to lead the Blue Jay foursome. Next came sophomore J.D. Gall, 53-47-100; senior Kyle Edgett, 53-51-104 and sophomore Marcus Herman, 56-51-107.

Also playing for Norton and their scores were sophomore Connor Pfannenstiel, 58-53-111 and junior Logan Kelly, 55-56-111.

Individual medalists were: Jeff Jarvis, Phillipsburg, 79; Chris Schneider, Phillipsburg, 87; Preston Herman, 87; Chris Ramos, Lakin, 89; Tanner Berning, Lakin, 89; Stephen Austin, Cimarron, 90; Braden Barnhardt, Lakin, 90; Ben Kuhn, Lakin, 91; Joe Monroe, Phillipsburg, 91; Dylan Demel, Hoisington, 92.

In addition to the Phillipsburg and Lakin players, Austin and Demel qualified for the state tournament with Herman. Non-medalists who qualified were Cody Ellis, Scott City, 93; Kolton Cook, Hoisington, 94 and Tanner Born, Holcomb, 94.

"As the scores for the entire field indicate, it was a battle for all at the Regional Tournament," said Norton head golf coach David Stover. "Lakin is a challenging course with many trouble spots and very small, extremely fast greens. On top of that, golfers



Norton senior Preston Herman hit golf balls onto the green time after time on Wednesday at the Prairie Dog Recreation Association golf course south of Norton while practicing for the Class 3A State Golf Tournament on Monday in Salina. Herman was the only member of the Blue Jay golf team to qualify for the state event during regional competition in Lakin on Monday of this week.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

were battling high winds all day. As the overall scores indicate, the course won today.

"I was extremely proud of all our golfers. Although our scores were higher than we hoped, there is no doubt in my mind all Norton golfers competed well all day.

"Obviously, the highlight of the day for the Blue Jays was the play of Preston Herman, who earned a well-deserved trip to the Class 3A State Golf Tournament on Monday in Salina."

The state tournament will begin at 9 a.m.

Wet weather doesn't dampen spirits

The rainy weather caused some problems for the first American Legion baseball team's Cook Out fund raiser on Saturday, April 26 at Elmwood Park but did not dampen the coaches' and players' spirits.

"Baseball and rain are two words that don't go good together and the rain also caused the auto races to be canceled," said Norton Legion head coach Joe Durham. "But, the cook out continued due to the 170 pounds of ribs that had been prepared by Wolf's Barbecue. Shop and Save, Norton Ice Company,

Jamboree, KQNK Radio, Norton Telegram, Nex-Tech and Steve Jeltz helped make the inaugural cook out a success.

"A lot of people came down and got take out, so that helped. Then, they told their friends and their friends came down and got take out, too. My wife Sara and my mother Ruth fixed the baked beans and Terry Davis fixed the potato salad.

"Having the races canceled affected our sales but our players went out and drummed up busi-

ness in town.

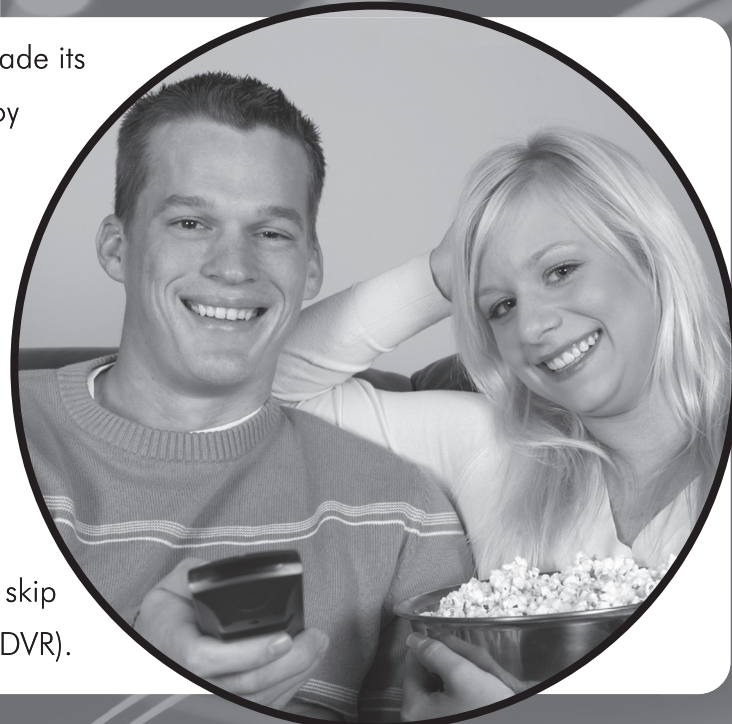
"The money earned will go to help with the cost of buying equipment and paying for travel expenses for the team."

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