

3A Regional track crown to Lady Jays

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The Norton Community High School track and field teams continued their winning ways in the Class 3A Regional Meet on Friday in Lakin with the girls earning the championship and the boys placing third.

The Lady Jays amassed 122 points to easily outdistance Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, who placed second with 67. Third place went to Scott City with 59.5, followed by Ellsworth, 53; Medicine Lodge, 45; Hoisington, 40; Ellinwood, 33; Cimarron, 31; Holcomb, 31; Phillipsburg, 28; Chaparral, 18; Hutchinson-Trinity, 14; Larned, 8; Lakin, 6.5; Lyons, 2.

Scott City won the boys championship with 114 points and Phillipsburg placed second with 87. Norton earned third place with 68, followed by Lyons, 44; Holcomb, 32; Ellinwood, 26; Hutchinson-Trinity, 26; Hoisington, 25; Lakin, 24; Ellsworth, 22; Larned, 22; Medicine Lodge, 18; Thomas More Prep of Hays, 14; Chaparral, 4; Cimarron, 1.

Ten Norton girls and four boys will compete in the Kansas State Track and Field Meet this weekend at Cessna Stadium in Wichita.

"We are extremely proud of the performances that our athletes posted in Friday's regional meet in Lakin," said Norton head track coach Jason Jones. "We had a wonderful day!

"We continued to get better in many areas on both sides and that is all we can ask for at this point in the season.

"Our girls team, who won the meet by a large margin, came home with five new personal records and seven individual champions as well as a new school record in the 4 x 100 meter relay and championship in the 4 x 400 meter relay.

"Ten of our female athletes will have the opportunity to represent our school and community in this weekend's state meet in Wichita. That is awesome and we cannot wait to take advantage of that opportunity!

"On the boys side, we felt good about finishing third overall. We had four new personal records, two individual regional champions and four boys qualifying to compete next weekend at the state meet. We are excited for them, as well, and we look forward to their opportunities, too! We had boys who were extremely close to qualifying in multiple areas and it is always tough to watch them go through that but they competed hard and conducted themselves very well.

"We are proud of all of our competitors. They competed very hard and conducted themselves with class. This meet was another successful trip for us and we are looking forward to our trip next weekend. We have a lot of athletes in positions to do well!"

The top four placers in each event qualified for the state meet.



The Lady Jays' Courtney LeClair was a double gold medal winner in the hurdles in the Class 3A Regional Track Meet on Friday at Lakin. Here she is shown flying over a hurdle to win the 100 meter hurdles. Later in the day, she set a personal record in winning the 300 meter hurdles.

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Norton girls who qualified are:

Hayli Bozarth, shot put, discus, javelin; Courtney LeClair, 300 meter hurdles, 100 meter hurdles, 4 x 400 meter relay, 4 x 100 meter relay; Laura Lee Baird, 400 meter dash, 800 meter run, 1600 meter run, 4 x 400 meter relay; KaraJo Jones, long jump, 4 x 400 meter relay, 4 x 100 meter relay; Taylor Rossi, pole vault; Alyssa Thomson, high jump; Dustyna Sprigg, 4 x 400 meter relay; Raven Brown, 4 x 100 meter relay; Hannah Waggoner, 4 x 100 meter relay and Katharine Roy, alternate, 4 x 400 meter relay.

Norton boys qualifying for the state meet were: Jared Cox, 110 meter hurdles, 300 meter hurdles; Terrell Lane, long jump, triple jump, 200 meter dash; Zach Bainter, 800 meter run, 1600 meter run and Wes Georgeson, 110 meter hurdles.

Girls

Norton junior Hayli Bozarth continued to dominate the field events and won gold medals in the shot put, discus and javelin events. She threw the javelin a personal record 121'7", the discus 119' and the shot 43'3".

Senior hurdler Courtney LeClair had a tremendous day, winning gold medals in both hurdles events. She was timed in a personal record 48.17 in the 300 meter hurdles and clocked in 16.15 in the 100 meter hurdles.

Junior Laura Lee Baird ran in four events, won two golds and two silver medals. She was first to the finish line in the 800 meter run in 2:21.56 and anchored her 4 x 400 meter relay team to a gold medal in 4:12.12. Running with her were LeClair, junior KaraJo Jones and freshman Dustyna Sprigg.

Laura Lee also placed second in the 400 meter dash in 1:00.14 and second in the 1600 meter run in 5:29.41.

Also winning silver medals in a school record time of 51.69 were

members of the 4 x 100 meter relay team of LeClair, Jones and sophomores Raven Brown and Hannah Waggoner.

The previous Norton 4 x 100 meter relay record was set in 1986 by Ani Bengsten, Marti Ryan, Pam Ryan and Heidi Stutterheim. Their record was 51.7 seconds.

Junior Taylor Rossi extended her string of wins in the pole vault by clearing 9'6".

In addition to running on two state qualifying relay teams, KaraJo Jones also qualified for the state meet in the long jump where she leaped a personal record distance of 17'3.75" to finish second.

Also qualifying for the state meet was sophomore Alyssa Thomson with a fourth place finish in the high jump with a clearance of 4'10".

Finishing fifth in the 100 meter dash and 200 meter dash to just miss state meet qualifying was Hannah Waggoner. She was timed in 13.27 in the 100 meters and 27.64 in the 200 meters.

Placing sixth in the discus with a throw of 97'11" was junior Wiyanna Paxton and freshman Kaylen Rossi finished sixth in the 3200 meter run in 13:48.35.

Norton girls' distances and times which did not place were: Wiyanna Paxton, 33'2", shot put; Wiyanna Paxton, 87'2", javelin; Raven Brown, personal record 13.30, 100 meter dash; KaraJo Jones, 28.08, 200 meter dash; Dustyna Sprigg, 1:06.60, 400 meter dash; Taylor Rossi, personal record 6:06.54, 1600 meter run; Kaylen Rossi, freshman Bekah Streck, freshman Sophie Mills, senior Courtney Cox, 11:54.15, 4 x 800 meter relay.

Boys

Norton senior Jared Cox had a great day in the hurdles, winning the 300 meter hurdles in 40.56 and placing third in the 110 meter hurdles in 15.73.

The Norton boys' other gold medal winner was freshman Ter-



Norton's Taylor Rossi continued her winning string in the pole vault by clearing 9'6" to win the gold medal in the Class 3A Regional Track Meet on Friday at Lakin.

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rell Lane, who jumped a personal best 21'10.5" to win the long jump. Terrell also had a career best distance of 42'2.5" in the triple jump to place second and also finished second in the 200 meter dash in 23.44.

Junior Zach Bainter ran well again to qualify for the state meet in two events. He placed second in the 800 meter run in 2:03.26 and second in the 1600 meter run in 4:41.60.

Also qualifying for the state meet was senior Wes Georgeson in the 110 meter hurdles where he placed fourth in 15.77.

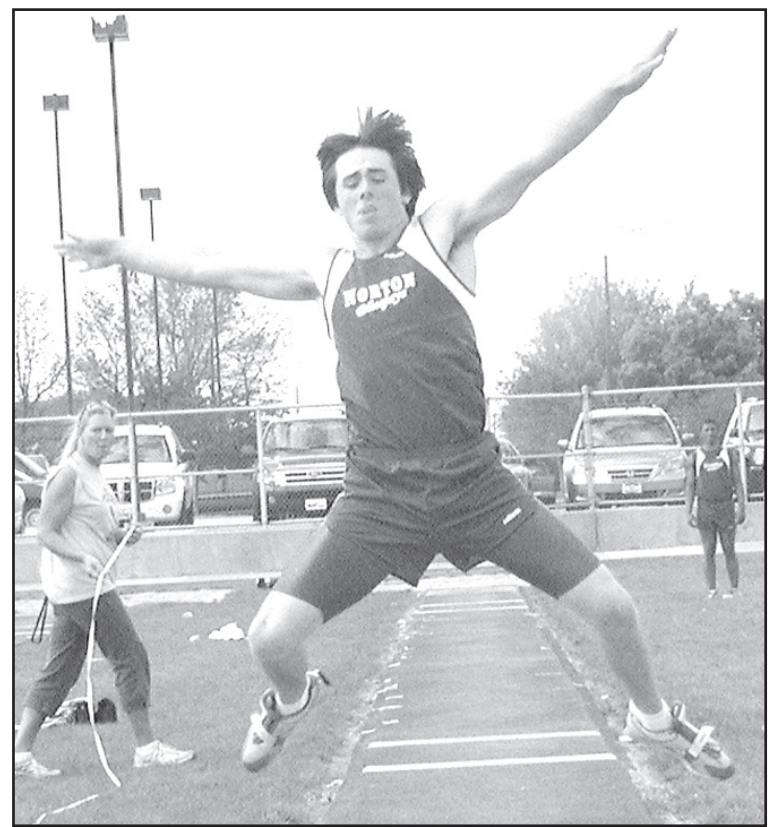
Norton just missed state meet qualifications in two individual events and two relays.

Senior Todd Bolt placed fifth in the triple jump with a personal best distance of 40'6.5" and sophomore Chris Maddy finished fifth in the 3200 meter run with a personal record time of 11:08.42.

Terrell Lane anchored Norton's 4 x 100 meter relay team to a fifth place finish in 45.35. Running with him were Bolt, sophomore Landon Hamel and junior Brock Lauer.

The Blue Jays' 4 x 400 meter relay team of Jared Cox, Landon Hamel, senior Logan Kats and Zach Bainter placed fifth in 3:37.77.

Norton boys' distances and times which did not place were: junior Zac Dreher, 141'8"; Wes Georgeson, 130'4", javelin; Todd Bolt, 19'4.75", long jump; freshman Dakota Dreher, NH, high jump; Landon Hamel, 43.69; Wes Georgeson, 44.90, 300 meter hurdles; Brock Lauer, 12.24, 100 meter dash; Todd Bolt, 24.73,



Norton senior Todd Bolt closed out his prep track and field career in the Class 3A Regional Track Meet on Friday at Lakin with outstanding jumps in the triple jump and long jump and just missed qualifying for the state meet despite setting a personal record of 40'6.5" in the triple jump.

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200 meter dash; Dakota Dreher, 2:21.32, 800 meter run; Dakota Dreher, Chris Maddy, senior Luke VanSki, freshman Troy Bainter, 9:41.21, 4 x 800 meter relay.

Next action

The athletes who qualified for the state meet in all classes will compete in the Kansas State Track and Field Meet on Friday and Saturday at Cessna Stadium in Wichita.

Competition will begin on Fri-

day at 7:45 a.m. with the 3200 meter run in Classes 4-5-6A. The hurdles and other running events for Classes 4-5-6A will begin at 9 a.m. and the hurdles and other running events for Classes 3-2-1A will begin at 2:10 p.m. The 3200 meter run for Classes 1-2-3A will begin at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, events for all six classes will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the preliminaries of the girls and boys 100 meter dashes.

Four Huskies, two Trojans qualify for 1A State Track

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Four athletes from Northern Valley and two from Logan High School performed well enough in the Class 1A Regional Track Meet on Friday in Hays to qualify for the Kansas State Track and Field Meet at Cessna Stadium in Wichita this Friday and Saturday.

Northern Valley's Alison Cole placed first in the 100 meter hurdles in 16.76 and third in the high jump with a 5' clearance to qualify

in both events. She was sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 31'10.5" but did not make it in that event since only the top four placers qualify.

The Lady Huskies' Joni Hilburn tied for third in the pole vault with an 8' clearance and Northern Valley's Kayla Field finished third in the 3200 meter run in 12:41.7 to also qualify.

Northern Valley's Megan Cole placed sixth in the high jump with a 4'8" clearance.

Nathaniel Graham was the only boy qualifier for Northern Valley. He placed third in the javelin with a throw of 167'2".

Logan's Zach Long qualified for the state meet in three events. He won the gold medal in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 15.42, tied for second in the pole vault with a clearance of 12'6" and finished fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 41'5.75".

The Trojans' Brady Tien just missed qualifying in the pole

vault, placing fifth with a 12' vault and Levi Kiser was a near miss with a fifth place in the 100 meter dash in 11.90. Charlie Becker cleared 11' and placed eighth. Garrett Becker placed ninth in the shot put with a heave of 42'3.75" and Charley Harmon was ninth in the discus with a throw of 117'4".

The only girl to qualify for Logan was Aspen Larson who placed

third in the discus with a throw of 105'1".

Two Lady Trojan relays ran well but not well enough to qualify, both finishing in seventh place. Shelley Kemper, Jenny Archer, Dawn Archer and Tiffany Clements were members of the 4 x 400 meter relay team which was timed in 4:42.41 and the same foursome ran on the 4 x 800 meter

relay team which was clocked in 11:09.21.

Winona-Triplains won the girls championship with 95 points. Northern Valley placed eighth with 28.3 and Logan was 16th with 6.

In boys competition, Ness City was the champion with 54 points. Logan tied for tenth with 25 and Northern Valley was 18th with 6.

Concession stand progressing

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

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The floor has been poured and the walls are going up at the new concession stand/rest room facility at the horse arena in Elmwood Park.

With funds provided by the Norton County Horse Council, the City of Norton and Norton County, the handicapped-accessible facility is scheduled to be completed by June 1. That will be

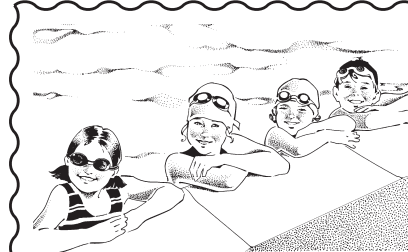
just in time to start the season, with 12 scheduled events, from June 1 to Sept. 20.

Council member Dave Donovan said these events include the District 4-H Horse Show. He said the stand will be utilized by the entire community.

Mr. Donovan said the council will operate the stand and they will be able to serve hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos and cold drinks. "We're looking forward

to the completion of the project. This will be something the whole community will benefit from. We also hope it will bring more out-of-towners into Norton which will benefit local businesses," he said.

More funds are needed to add appliances and totally complete the stand. If you would like to help, send your donations to Cindy Wegener, Rt. 1, Box 118, Norton, Kan. 67654.



Norton Municipal Swimming Pool OPENS MONDAY, MAY 26

POOL HOURS: MONDAY-THURSDAY: 1-5 P.M. & 6:30-8:30 P.M.
FRIDAY-SUNDAY: 1:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

Daily Admission Price: \$1.50 Per Person • 20 Punch Card: \$25.00
Season Tickets: Individual-\$30.00 • Family: \$75.00 (Immediate Family Only)
Private Pool Party: 40 People or Less-\$75.00; • Over 40 People-\$10.00

The pool will be closed if any of the following occur: 5 swimmers or less; lightning, rain or severe storms in the immediate area; or if the outside temperature is 65 degrees or colder. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult and are admitted to the pool free. There is no lifeguard on duty at the baby pool.

Pool passes will be sold at the City Office Thursday, May 22, and Friday, May 23, during normal business hours, for those wishing to purchase tickets in advance.

JILL LIVELY, POOL MANAGER