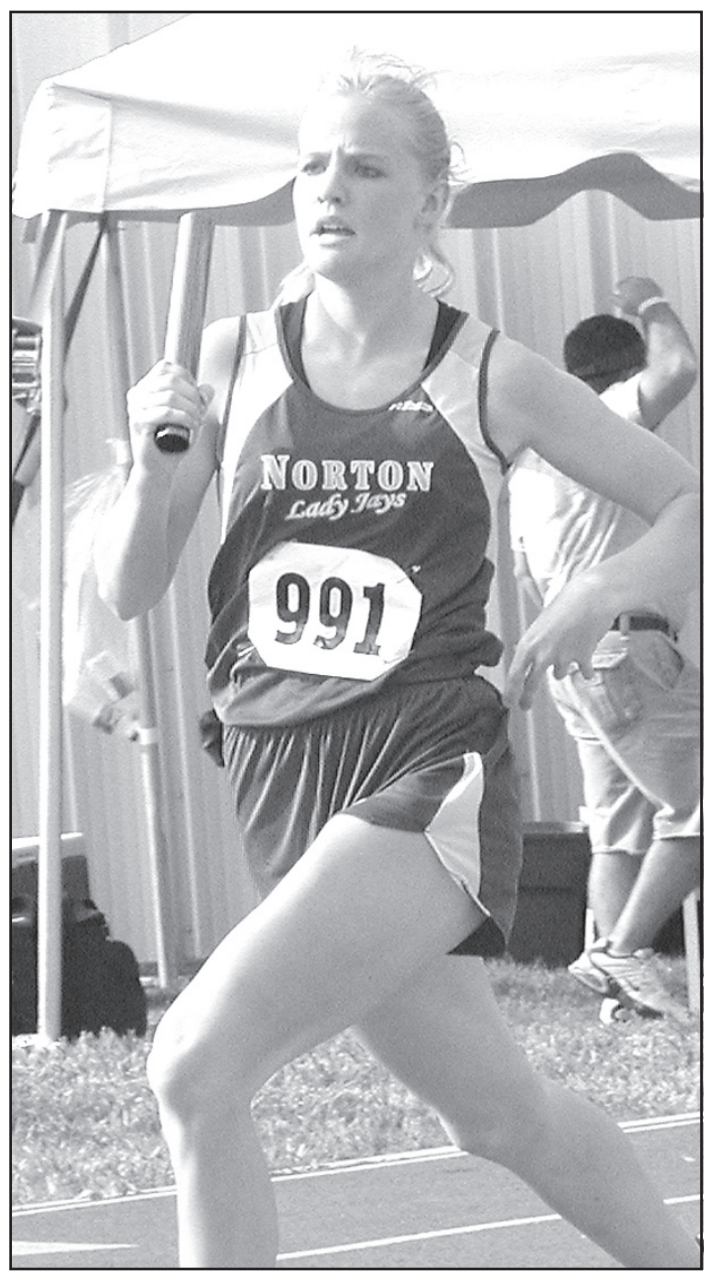




Norton senior Courtney LeClair sprinted ahead to start her 400 meter leg of the 4 x 400 meter relay, the final event of the 3A Division of the Kansas State Track Meet in Wichita last weekend. LeClair, juniors Karajo Jones and Laura Lee Baird and freshman Dustyna Sprigg combined for a fourth place finish which earned the Lady Jays their second state championship in Norton history.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

At State in Wichita



Lady Junior Karajo Jones had a determined look on her face as she started a finishing kick on her 400 meter leg of the 4 x 400 meter relay, the final event in the Class 43A Division of the Kansas State Track Meet in Wichita last weekend. Jones, senior Courtney LeClair, junior Laura Lee Baird and freshman Dustyna Sprigg placed fourth to earn Norton enough additional points to break a team tie and win the state championship.

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Area track and field athletes help Fort Hays' cause

By DICK BOYD

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The Fort Hays State track and field team competed in the MIAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships on Saturday and Sunday, May 3-4 at Northwest Missouri State, Maryville, Mo. and area

athletes performed well for the Tigers.

Katie Kersenbrock, senior from Oakley, was a member of the Lady Tiger 4 x 400 meter relay team which placed second with a time of 3:54.03

Kersenbrock also ran the 800

meter run and had the 14th best time in 2:23.10.

On the boys' side, Cole Erbert, freshman from Ellis, placed fourth in the discus with a throw of 155'4" and Tim McElroy, freshman from Logan, finished close behind him in sixth with a throw

of 151'10". McElroy also competed in the hammer throw where he placed 12th with a distance of 150'6".

Freshman Blake VanEaton from Norton competed in the 800 meter run and had the 19th best time in 2:01.31.

Earlier in the season in the Loper Twilight in Kearney on April 24, Kersenbrock ran a 2:21.98 in the 800 meters to place third. She was also a member of the Lady Tiger 4 x 400 meter relay team which placed third in 4:01.43.

In boys' action, VanEaton ran the 800 meters in 1:58.83 to place fifth and was a member of the Tiger fifth place 4 x 400 meter relay team that was timed in 3:29.90.

In that same meet, McElroy placed fifth in the discus with a throw of 154'1" and 12th in the

hammer throw with a distance of 162'9"

At the Tabor College Invitational on April 16, McElroy placed fourth in the discus with a throw of 144'2.5", fourth in the hammer throw with a distance of 157'9" and fifth in the shot put with a heave of 45'5".

Erbert placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 142'3.5" and tenth in the shot put with a heave of 42'5.5". Norton freshman Jared Bebb placed seventh in the 800 meter run in 2:04.93.

VanEaton was a member of the Tiger 4 x 400 meter relay team which had the 22nd best time at the Kansas Relays on April 17-19. They ran the 1600 meters in 3:26.59. VanEaton also ran the 800 meters and had the 53rd best time with a clocking of 2:01.95.

Kersenbrock also ran the 800 meters at the Kansas Relays and had the 27th best time of 2:26.81. She was also a member of the Lady Tiger 4 x 880 yard relay team which placed fifth in 9:36.97 and ran on the Fort Hays 4 x 400 meter relay team which had the 15th best time at 4:04.18.

The Fort Hays thinclads competed in the ESU Twilight Qualifier on Saturday, May 10 in Emporia. The meet was the last chance to qualify for the NCAA II Outdoor Track and Field Championships, which were held in Pomona, Calif., from May 22-24.

Blake VanEaton competed in the 800 meter run and had the 17th best time with a clocking of 2:02.60. Tim McElroy was 12th in the discus with a throw of 147'9".

Legion, K-18 start season Sunday

By DICK BOYD

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The Norton American Legion and K-18 baseball teams will begin their 2008 seasons on Sunday with games versus Alma, Neb. at John Ryan Field in Norton.

The K-18 game with Alma will begin at 3 p.m. and will be followed by the Legion contest

at 5 p.m.

Lamont Shirk is head coach of the K-18 nine and his assistant coaches are Fig Millan and Ted Davis.

Joe Durham is head mentor for the Legion team and his assistants are: Steve Jeltz, fielding; Chris Davis, pitching and Aaron Daniels, hitting.

The Legion's next competition will be on Monday at John Ryan Field when they play host to Wakeeney in a double header, with games set for 6 p.m. and then 8 p.m.

The K-18 team will travel to Smith Center for a double header on Tuesday, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

North Kansas KU Alumni to host golf tournament

The North Kansas chapter of the University of Kansas Alumni Association will host the Jayhawk Golf Classic on Friday, June 13, at the Smoky Hill Country Club in Hays. Registration and lunch begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by the tournament at 1 p.m. and pig roast at 5:30 p.m.

After dinner, guest speakers will present tournament awards. The program will include a live auction featuring Jayhawk memorabilia from the Orange Bowl and men's basketball national championship. Speakers will be Lew Perkins, KU athletics director; Chris Piper, 1988 men's basketball team member and current basketball analyst for the Jayhawk Radio Network; David Lawrence, former all-Big Eight offensive lineman and current football analyst for the Jayhawk Radio Network; and Kevin Corbett, president of the alumni

association.

The tournament's format will be a four-person scramble. Those not interested in golfing may attend the pig roast for \$15. Prices to play are \$100 for an individual or \$400 for a team of four.

Participants also may sponsor a hole for an additional \$100. The tournament and roast are open to nonmembers and all proceeds benefit an alumni association fund that supports state and nationwide programs.

Heath Peterson, director of Kansas programs for the alumni association, will join Corbett in representing the association at the event.

For more information or to make a reservation, contact Bill Jeter at (785) 628-8226 (work) or (785) 628-8283 (home), or Rich Kraemer at (785) 625-0835 (work) or (785) 628-1877 (home).

CONGRATULATIONS!

... to our NCHS Women's Track Team and Coaches on Winning the 2008 3A State Championship!



NORTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD TEAM —

Pictured are, from left, front row: Head Coach Jason Jones, Hayli Bozarth, Karajo Jones, Courtney LeClair, Katharine Roy, Hannah Waggoner; second row: Assistant Coach Todd Fulton, Laura Lee Baird, Taylor Rossi, Alyssa Thomson, Dustyna Sprigg, Student Manager Blossom Jacobus; back row: Assistant Coach Doug Reusink, Assistant Coach Dale Engelbert, Assistant Coach Lucas Melvin. Not pictured: Raven Brown.

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