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## Norton senior to play in Shrine Bowl

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Terrell Lane, Norton Community High School's 5'11", 220-pound senior tailback, defensive back, has been chosen by the Kansas news media as a member of the West squad in the 38th annual 2011 Kansas Shrine Bowl All-Star Football Game.

Terrell will be one of 34 players on the West team which will compete against the East squad of Kansas senior players in the annual game on Saturday, July 30 at Lewis Field Stadium in Hays.

A shifty and hard-running back for the Norton Blue Jays, Terrell has received All-Mid-Continent League recognition the past four years. He was a unanimous choice of league coaches this season as first team running back and was also named first team kick returner.

He was an honorable mention all-league tailback last season, a first team choice on offense, first team punter

and second team kick returner his sophomore year. Terrell also received honorable mention as a running back in the league his freshman season.

Terrell had a super senior season for the 9-1 Blue Jays. He rushed for 1,768 yards on 148 carries for an average of 11.95 yards per carry and rushed for 26 touchdowns.

In addition to being honored by the league coaches this season, Terrell was also chosen to a number of post-season honorary teams.

He was selected to the All Area Super 11 by the Hays Daily News, named first team in Class 3A on offense by the Topeka Capital-Journal and received honorable mention in the Wichita Eagle-Beacon.

The Salina Journal no longer selects players for post-season honors.

Terrell was also a first team running back on the Class 3A All-State Team chosen by the Kansas High School

Football Coaches Association.

He has also been chosen as a Class 3A first team running back by the Kansas PreGame Magazine (Kpreps.com) and was also named to their Second 11 Team.

Terrell is the son of Heidi Lane Davis of Norton.

Head coach of the West team will be Rick Wheeler, Wichita Heights. His assistant coaches will be Brian Hill, Garden City; Dan Adelhardt, Kapaun-Mt. Carmel; Jeff Geist, Abilene; Sean Racette, Trinity; Brett Kendrick, Stanton County.

**Other players honored**

Also honored by being chosen to the West squad are: Ron Baker, Scott City, quarterback, safety; Reggie Jordan, Hill City, quarterback, defensive back; Josh Nixon, Smith Center, offensive and defensive lineman; Derek Racette, Hutchinson Trinity, quarterback.

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### Briefly

#### Holiday makes for early ad deadlines

Deadlines for advertising in The Norton Telegram, Telegram Extra and Country Advocate for the New Year's holiday are—noon Thursday for ads that will run in the Monday Extra of Jan. 3 or the Telegram of Jan. 4. To run an ad on Friday, Jan. 7, copy must be to us no later than noon on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

#### Norton clinic to close Friday

The Norton Doctors Clinic will be closed Friday and Saturday for the New Years holiday. The clinic staff wishes you and your family a safe and healthy holiday season.

#### Library plans holiday closure

The Norton Public Library will be closed Friday for the New Year's holiday. The library will re-open again from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 3.

#### State park closed until Monday

The Prairie Dog State Park office will be closed through Sunday, Jan. 2. The park office will begin accepting camping reservations and selling long-term camping permits beginning on Monday, Jan. 3, for the 2011 camping season. License bargain sales began Dec. 15, when all 2011 KDWP licenses, permits, and other issues went on sale and are valid for the remainder of 2010 and all of 2011, adding more than two weeks to their value. This includes hunting, fishing, park licenses and permits. Licenses and permits can also be purchased online. Cabin reservations can be made 364 days in advance through <https://reserve.ksoutdoors.com> or through the park office.

### Taking a well-deserved break



Santa appears to have the after Christmas slump. He has collapsed on a roof top in Norton. Could it be the cookies and milk that finally caught up with him? Let's hope he can pull himself together in time for Christmas in 2011.

-Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

### 'Abnormal' dry weather not good for wheat

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With 3 months of unseasonably dry weather and no end in sight, much of western Kansas is being listed under drought conditions.

The U.S. Drought Monitor at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln lists most of the county as under "abnormally dry" conditions, just a shade under moderate drought. The monitor lists most of western Kansas south of Norton County as under a moderate drought.

Moderate drought means the area has seen two to three inches less moisture than usual, the monitor says. (See [drought.unl.edu/dm/DM\\_highplains.htm](http://drought.unl.edu/dm/DM_highplains.htm))

The National Weather Service is predicting clear skies and only slight chances of snow Thursday night and Friday morning. The Drought Monitor says that the drought should increase in western Kansas through February.

Thomas County Extension Agent Clint Milliman said the area has been getting close to drought conditions for several months.

This is a critical time for the wheat crop, he said, because it hasn't gone dormant yet. Wheat goes dormant when the soil temperature gets below freezing every night, he said. Until then, the plants continue to grow and any moisture from rain or snow will soak into the unfrozen ground, helping the wheat establish good roots. If those roots aren't well-established, Milliman said, farmers will see a lot of the plants simply blow away over the winter.

Worse still, the dry weather may delay some wheat from sprouting, which will reduce yields.

"Anything that sprouts in the spring instead of fall will bring 50 to 60 percent

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### More charges in Oberlin poaching case

Additional charges were filed last week in an alleged poaching case in which 12 bucks were killed in Decatur County.

Margaret Mahoney, with the Hirsch and Pratt law office, said a felony charge of commercialization of wildlife had been filed against six of seven people involved in the case, but warrants in the case had not been served.

Ms. Mahoney said she couldn't release the names or the charges other than the felony one.

In addition to five men from Wisconsin being arrested on Wednesday, Dec. 8, on charges of illegally killing a trophy-size mule deer, Ms. Mahoney said, charges now have been filed against two Decatur County men.

On Monday, Clerk of the District Court Janet Meitl said the cases weren't public record until the warrants have been served.

The felony charge is spelled out in the Kansas statute as knowingly or willingly capturing or killing wildlife for commercial purposes. That includes deer.

The five men were arrested in the Lyle area, in the northeast corner of the county near the Nebraska line. Jail records identified them as John Jacobs III, 53; Joseph R. Jacobs, 28; John Jacobs IV, 30; Mark G. Jacobs, 45; and Paul J. Jacobs, 26. The family is from De Pere, Wis.

They were released later that day on bonds totaling \$83,500, or \$16,700 each. The men had to come up with all of the bond money in cash, not the normal 10 percent, said Sheriff Ken Badsky.

While a first appearance was scheduled for 10 a.m. this morning in Decatur County District Court, Ms. Mahoney said a lawyer for one of the men had requested a continuance.

### Decatur County kennel story attracts national attention

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In the week since an application to dump nearly 1,200 dog carcasses in a central Kansas regional landfill became public, information about Jeff Fortin's kennel in Decatur County has been released by state and federal agencies and newspapers across the nation have picked up the story.

A quick online search shows the story in The Washington Post, New York Daily News, Los Angeles Times, Hays Daily News, Huffington Post, Lawrence Journal World, The Wichita Eagle and The Denver Post and on ABC and NBC affiliates, to name a few.

Mr. Fortin returned calls from The Oberlin Herald last week but said he didn't want to give an interview until after talking with his lawyer and the state.

The story first came to light when a request was made to the Barton County Landfill to dump 1,200 euthanized dogs. The request apparently came because the landfill has a permit to take that kind of waste, said Manager Mark Witt, but

instead he was told the dogs were buried on land in Decatur County.

Mr. Witt mentioned the request for what he estimated at 33 tons of dog carcasses to his county administrator, who mentioned it in a Barton County commissioners' meeting last Monday.

The dumping fee is \$34 a ton, he said, so given the estimate, it would have cost \$1,122 plus a \$25 administrative fee to place them there. The landfill charges the fee on animal carcasses, said Mr. Witt, because they have to keep permanent records on that type of waste.

Last Wednesday, the day after the weekly Decatur County commissioners meeting, the county received a form and a letter from the state Department of Health and Environment asking for zoning approval for a site to dispose of dog carcasses. After discussion at the courthouse, the form was signed by Commissioner Ralph Unger with a statement that no county approval was needed.

"No zoning exists for sites outside the City of Oberlin, so no local approval is needed," was typed on the form, and it

was signed and sent back. The form asked for approval to dispose of waste "without a permit."

During the commissioners meeting last Tuesday, Sheriff Ken Badsky asked if there was anything they wanted him to do on the issue. Mr. Unger asked the sheriff if he had been contacted when state officials came to deal with the dogs. He said he hadn't been.

The form, said Mr. Unger, just said canine; it didn't say how many canine carcasses.

County Attorney Steve Hirsch said he talked to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and they wanted to know if there was any zoning in the county. Since the county has no zoning, he said, the commissioners have no control over the burial.

Sheriff Badsky added that it would have been nice to have a courtesy call from the state.

Mr. Fortin apparently filled out the application to dispose of the canine carcasses without a permit. He is listed as the owner of Beaver Creek Kennels near

Cedar Bluffs.

A statement issued by the Kansas Animal Health Department says that the facility had been under quarantine twice since the middle of October with an outbreak of distemper. Throughout that time, the agency said, repeated tests showed distemper in dogs in the kennel.

According to health communities.com, "Canine distemper is a contagious, incurable, often fatal, multi systemic viral disease that affects the respiratory, gastrointestinal and central nervous systems. Distemper is caused by canine distemper virus."

The department, which regulates and licenses kennels in the state, said that with the puppies under quarantine, the kennel owner had no income flow, so he wasn't able to maintain the work force, had difficulty in keeping proper sanitation and being able to keep the animals fed and watered.

"It was apparent the owner could not survive financially under these condi-

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### Markets

Tuesday, December 28, 2010

Wheat . . . . .	\$7.07
Milo . . . . .	\$5.21
Soybeans . . . . .	\$12.95
Corn . . . . .	\$5.54

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

### Weather

**Tonight** - Partly cloudy with a low around 21. **Wednesday** - Partly sunny with a high near 46. **Wednesday Night** - Patchy fog. Otherwise mostly cloudy with a low around 30. **Thursday** - A 20 percent chance of rain in the afternoon. **Thursday Night** - A 30 percent chance of snow.

### Kingham Report

Thursday, Dec. 23 . . . . .	Low 16, High 25
Friday, Dec. 24 . . . . .	Low 18, High 35
Saturday, Dec. 25 . . . . .	Low 19, High 28
Sunday, Dec. 26 . . . . .	Low 7, High 26
Monday, Dec. 27 . . . . .	Low 9, High 42

(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

### Prayer

Generous God, thank you for those whose efforts bless our days. Help us to sow seeds of your goodness for those who come after us, leaving outcomes with you. Amen.

