

# Norton athletes All-League

## Digging again....

**By DICK BOYD**  
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Two girls and two boys basketball players for Norton Community High School this season have received All-Mid-Continent League post-season honors by vote of the league coaches.

**GIRLS**  
Norton's Erin Terrell, 5'10" junior post and Tawni Griffey, 5'5" sophomore point guard, were both chosen to the second team.

Terrell led the Lady Jays in field goal shooting percentage by hitting 49.7 percent of her shots, was rebounds leader with 7.9 caroms per game, steals leader with 54 total steals and was second leading scorer with an average of 11.6 points per contest.

Griffey was leading scorer for Norton with an average of 12.6 points per game. She led in three-point shooting with 32.7 percent and was second in two-point field goal shooting at 39.1 percent. She led Norton in free throw shooting with 69 percent. She was also assists leader with 44, second in steals with 37 and fourth in rebounds with 45.

**OTHERS HONORED**  
Hill City had two players on the first team: 5'8" senior Lexi Hardiek and 5'3" junior Kelsey Keith. Two Smith Center players were also selected for the first team: 5'8" junior McKenzie Benoit and 5'7" junior Tangie Hileman.

Dani Winters, 5'11" senior from Plainville, was the other first team player.

Named to the second team with Terrell and Griffey were: Jordyn Sturgeon, 5'9" Osborne senior; Courtney Waldschmidt, 5'5" Ellis senior and Raegan Vanderplas, 5'7" Phillipsburg junior.

Receiving honorable mention were: Haley Dietz, Trego junior; Hannah Dietz, Trego junior; Sydney Benoit, Smith Center sophomore; Bailey Hensley, Ellis sophomore; Samantha Bobek, Plainville senior; Sheranda Brown, Hill City senior; Taylor Hixon, Plainville senior; Taylor Money, Hill City senior and Whitney St. Clair, Smith Center senior.

**BOYS**  
Norton's Terrell Lane, a 5'11" senior point guard, was chosen to the first team for the second consecutive year and the Blue Jays' 6'3" junior forward Jordan Wahlmeier was selected to the second team after receiving honorable mention last season.

Lane repeated as scoring leader for the Blue Jays by averaging 15.4 points per game. He was once again most accurate from the free throw line, hitting 71.4 percent of his attempts from the charity stripe. He was second highest in rebounds on the Norton squad with an average of 7.6 caroms per contest. He also led the team in assists with 71.

Wahlmeier repeated this season as second leading scorer for Norton by averaging 14.7 points per game and was most accurate field goal shooter at 54.1 percent. He also led the team in blocked shots with 47 rejections and in rebounds with an average of 8.5 per game, tied for tops in steals with 40 and was fourth high in assists with 30.

**OTHERS HONORED**  
In addition to Lane, others honored on the first team were: Andrew Casey, 6'1" junior, Plainville; Austin Smith, 5'10" senior, Stockton; Reggie Jordan, 5'10" senior, Hill City and Jakob Demars, 6' senior, Osborne.

On the second team with Wahlmeier were: Trevor Smith, 6' senior, Phillipsburg; Jameson Klein, 6'2" junior, Plainville; Kyle Becker, 6'1" junior, Plainville; Chance Miller, 6'2" senior, Stockton.

Receiving honorable mention were: Jesse Prockish, 6'6" senior, Stockton; Tyler Walters, 6'1" sophomore, Ellis; Steven Mick, 6'2" senior, Osborne; Brad Pfannenstiel, 5'7" junior, Trego; Alex Hobelmann, 6' junior, Smith Center; Dustin Kriley, 6' senior, Stockton; Adam Pfeifer, 5'10" junior, Hill City; Jacob Kinderknecht, 5'8" senior, Ellis; Sean Newlan, 6'1" sophomore, Phillipsburg and Clayton Riedel, 6'1" freshman, Trego.



The employees of the City of Norton have had their share of fixing broken waterlines since winter started and even before that. Pictured here is a crew mending a 12 inch water main that has had a small water leak at a joint for some time. The work being done was located at the corner of State and Lincoln in Norton.  
- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## School

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that he's had "a number of calls" from school superintendents and legislators about the inspections.

After the revised citations went out, he said, one superintendent told him he'd been about to order 73 or 74 new doors. All this comes at a time when the state is scraping to cut its budget and schools have been hit hard by cutbacks.

"The state is strapped, the school districts have been cut," Mr. Jorgensen said. "It was a valid concern."

While the safety of students is a concern, he said, his office has found that most schools can be evacuated in 2 to 3 minutes. And the old doors do not appear to be an immediate hazard to life or property.

"If there is a distinct hazard, we can cite those," he said.

He said he had called a meeting of all the inspectors in the Topeka office for Monday to go over the law and the rules on older buildings.

"We want to get them all on the same page with the inspection process," he said. "I think that will help a lot."

Rep. Cassidy said he's been working on the fire-inspection issue since taking office in January, prompted by his experience with inspectors as a principal. A slew of inspections in western Kansas early this year prompted superintendents to complain, he noted. News coverage included an Associated Press story prompted by a report in *The Oberlin Herald*.

At the same time, other bills had been filed, including at least one which would break up the fire marshal's office and parcel its duties out to other agencies.

School officials often complained that something which passed inspection one year was found to be a danger the next. Mr. Cassidy said he'd learned the fire inspectors had to go in each year for training before they went out to check schools.

"The inspectors are the ones who were giving us a bad time," he said.

Norton Schools superintendent, Gregg Mann, said that after the initial inspection the buildings were looked at. "If we were to put in smoke detectors in lieu of the doors the cost would be about

\$12,000."

Regardless of the new agreement, USD 211 will still have to do some work in the high school chemistry room. Three interior and one exterior door will need replaced. This will be a costly improvement since the door frames have been cemented in. They are still working with the fire marshal on this and plans to do the work should take place over the summer.

When asked what he thought about the agreement between the state fire marshal and legislators Mr. Mann said, "I think it is a good thing. The students and staff are in no greater danger than they have been since 1997"

# County commissioners approve a new hire

**By CYNTHIA HAYNES**  
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Norton County commissioners said they didn't care if the road and bridge department hired one person or two as long as its total expenditures did not go over its budgeted amount.

Road and Bridge Administrative Assistant Sandy Smith and Foreman Floyd Richard visited with the commissioners about hiring a new person for District 6.

Smith said that she has checked the budget and felt that the department could hire two full-time people if it didn't hire summer mowing help. The extra person could be used to help whenever there is someone on vacation or sick, she said, which seems to be most of the time.

"With one more body," Smith said. "We feel we can make it."

County Clerk Robert Wyatt said that as long as the department stayed within its budget, it wouldn't be a problem. However, he warned the department's budget would be tight for the rest of the year.

The commissioners and road workers also discussed several projects the crew is working on including bridge work and road work.

Commissioners Carolyn Applegate asked that No Parking signs be put up across from Elmwood Park. The commissioners had passed a resolution to make the area a no parking zone a while back, she said.

Maintenance on the many county graders, bulldozers and forklifts and those at the landfill was discussed.

Smith said that the cost of inspection for the 16 machines in question, which includes three at the landfill, will be \$17,723 plus \$2,400 for the landfill vehicles.

Many repair jobs can be done by the county crew, she said.

Commissioner John Miller said that it is good to have the machines inspected. That way, he said, if there is a problem, it can be fixed before it gets out of hand and really costs a lot of money.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Learned that there had been a backing accident at the county shop the previous week. The pickup involved will need to be repaired. The building it hit was not damaged and there were no injuries.
- Discussed putting in a burn

ban in an effort to avoid controlled burns getting out of control. Farmers are starting to burn off fields and on partly windy days it's a problem.

- Heard from Economic Development Director Scott Sproul about the new businesses and expansions occurring in the county and signed a resolution authorizing county money up to \$300,000 to help promote the development and construction of railroad improvements.
- Was told that the Twin Creeks Extension Service would be moving out of the courthouse and into the old Stapleton Building, which is owned by Janice Monier, who will be working with the extension service to set up their new offices.
- Learned that the grass at the

new emergency medical building has been all planted and fertilized. The elevator at the building is all complete but still needs a control board to work.

- Heard that the county received \$6,300 for paper and cardboard recycling from Tamko in Phillipsburg. The cardboard brought in \$140 a ton and the paper \$95 a ton, Solid Waste Supervisor Curt Archibald said.
- Learned from Archibald that the county has applied for its household hazardous waste and regular waste permits.



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Division II (Player Pitch-Fast Pitch) ..... Fourth, Fifth, Sixth Grade
- BOYS BASEBALL**  
Division I (Coach Pitch) ..... First, Second, Third Grade  
Division II (Machine Pitch) ..... Fourth, Fifth, Sixth Grade
- OTHER TEAMS**  
T-Ball Coed League ..... Ages 4, 5 and Kindergarten  
K-18 Boys Baseball ..... Ages 15 and Under (As of August 1)

### COACHES MEETINGS:

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011** —  
7:00 p.m. - T-Ball • 8:15 p.m. - Boys Division I  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2011** —  
7:00 p.m. Boys Division II  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2011** —  
7:00 p.m. Girls Division I • 8:15 p.m. Girls Division II

**Youth Track and Field Fun Day — Saturday, May 14**  
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