

# Norton senior invited to play in Shrine Bowl

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Norton Community High School senior Terrell Lane received his official invitation to play in the 38th annual 2011 Kansas Shrine Bowl All-Star Football Game during a special school assembly in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium on Friday, April 15.

Present were Shriners, junior high and high school students, teachers, parents, coaches and fans.

Terrell was chosen by the Kansas news media as one of 34 players on the West team which will compete against the East squad of Kansas senior football players in the annual game on Saturday, July 30 at Lewis Field Stadium in Hays.

Terrell is a 5'11", 220 pound tailback, defensive back for the Norton Blue Jay football team. A four-year letterman, the shifty, hard-running Terrell has received All-Mid-Continent League recognition all four years, as well. He was a unanimous selection by league coaches this season.

Terrell was also a first team choice in Class 3A by the large daily newspapers as well as the Kansas High School Football Coaches Association.

He 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. This season, he gained 2,278 all-purpose yards since he returned punts and kickoffs.

During his four-year career, Terrell ran for 5,011 yards and rushed for 59 touchdowns!

"Thank you to the Shrine Bowl representatives for coming to Norton to provide this presentation," said Norton head football coach Lucas Melvin.

"Terrell's selection to the Shrine Bowl is a great honor to our entire team and the community of Norton. He could not have done it without the team. Norton is fortunate to have another player chosen. It is a great honor for



Norton senior football star Terrell Lane, left, received a congratulations handshake from Dave Mize, executive director of the Kansas Shrine Bowl, for his selection to play in the 2011 Kansas Shrine Bowl All-Star Football Game. Mize was in Norton for the school assembly where Lane received from the

Terrell.

"He is a special player. He was gifted by God with a lot of talents. If he uses these talents to the best of his ability at the next level, he will continue to be successful.

"We're proud of you!"

Norton Community High School Principal Rudy Perez introduced Dave Mize, Wamego, executive director of the Shrine Bowl, who was present to explain the reason for the Shrine Bowl.

"It is a pleasure and honor to be in Norton," said Mize. "It is the 22nd time we have come to Norton to invite a total of 24 Norton athletes to play in the Shrine Bowl. A lot of Class 6A schools can't brag about these numbers.

"Terrell plays for outstanding coaches and in a community that strongly supports athletics.

"The Shrine Bowl is more than just a football game.

"The players are chosen by the news media of the state of Kansas and the game benefits the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

"The Shriners work tirelessly to support this game."

Mize asked everyone who knows of a child who needs hospital care to contact one of the local Shriners and they will make the arrangements at no cost to the family.

Among the Shriners present was Ray Terrell, Emporia, a 1953 graduate of Norton Community High School, who is past president of the Shrine Bowl Board of Directors and currently director of the East Team Camp. "It's something to come back home to 'Blue Jay Heaven'. I'm proud to

Shriners his official invitation to play in the prestigious game. Observing at right is Ray Terrell, Emporia, a 1953 graduate of Norton Community High School, who is past president of the Shrine Bowl Board of Directors and currently director of the East Team Camp.

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say that Norton and Norton Community High School have been a big part of my life," he said.

"I got involved in the Shrine Bowl because I wanted to support the 22 Shrine Hospitals across the country through the Shrine Bowl. These hospitals offer help for children free of charge and they don't accept any government money."

Also present was Jeremy Hawks, a former Norton football player who was a member of the West team in the 1993 Shrine Bowl all-star game. He is now a teacher-coach in Norton. "The trip we took to one of the Shrine Hospitals was an eye-opener," said Jeremy. "The children didn't look like they were suffering because of the good care. Playing the game for them was heart-

warming."

Denzel Lofgreen, president of the Prairie Dog Shrine Club, introduced the other local Shriners who were present: Delbert Berry, Abner Williams and Tom Thomas.

Lofgreen also presented the official invitation to play in the Shrine Bowl game to Terrell Lane.

Terrell was invited to speak to the crowd and, prior to doing that, he asked every member of his Norton Community High School football team to come down front with him.

"I couldn't have done it without you," he said to his teammates. "We went through a lot together. Remember those two-a-day practices!"

"I appreciate everything you guys did for me and the team.

Many thanks, too, to the coaches, teachers, and principal for all you do for the students.

"I am happy for this opportunity to play in the Shrine Bowl and excited about it!"

In the crowd were Terrell's mother, Heidi Lane Davis with his sister, Taraja Lane Davis; his grandmother Patty Fisher and great-grandmother Lila Fisher.

The Kansas Shrine Bowl benefits the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Kansas children are treated in Shriners Hospitals for Children absolutely free, regardless of their race, religion, nationality or relationship to a Shriner.

To date, the Kansas Shrine Bowl All-Star Football Game has generated \$2.5 million profit, all of which has been used for free treatment and/or transportation of Kansas children to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The Shrine Bowl is the principal hospital fund-raising project of all five Kansas Shrine organizations. It is estimated that Shrine Bowl receipts are 70 percent general public funds and 30 percent Shrine dollars.

Hundreds of Shrine volunteers, ladies of Shriners and community volunteers help make the Kansas Shrine Bowl one of the top high school all-star games in the nation.

Terrell is the 24th Norton Community High School football player to have the honor of playing in this prestigious bowl game. Others have been John Horesky, 1977; Amos Donaldson, 1978; Dan Pfannenstiel, 1981; John Tacha, 1983; Kelly Barnard, 1983; Stan Wahlmeier, 1984; J.D. Hand, 1986; John Paul Jimenez, 1986; Jerry Sonntag, 1987; James Allen, 1988; Todd Sumner, 1989; Kendall Hahn, 1990; Scott Bohl, 1990; Dustin McEwen, 1991; Mark Wahlmeier, 1991; Justin Bratt, 1992; Jeremy Hawks, 1993; Ryan Manning, 1994; Jeff Boyle, 1997; Jesse Williams, 1997; Neal Philpot, 2000; Terry Petrie, 2003; Zac Dreher, 2009.

## All-State basketball players chosen

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The Kansas Basketball Coaches Association has announced their All-State High School Basketball Players for 2010-11.

A number of players familiar to Nortonites have been honored.

### GIRLS

Kayla Hockersmith, 5'6" senior, Colby, was chosen to the Second Team in Class 4A.

Kelly Thomson, 5'11" junior, Riley County and Rachel Jacobs,

5'8" junior, Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, were selected to their First Team in Class 3A. Among those receiving Honorable Mention in Class 3A was Jade Herl, 5'7" senior, Goodland.

Lexi Hardiek, 5'8" senior, Hill City and Dani Winters, 5'11" senior, Plainville, were chosen to the First Team in Class 2A.

Hillary Chvatal, 6'2" junior, Atwood and Jordan Dreher, 5'5" senior, Oberlin, were selected to

the Second Team in Class 2A.

Hannah Dietz, 5'5" junior, Trego Community; Hannah Hubert, 5'5" senior, Oakley and Jordyn Sturgeon, 5'9" senior, Osborne, received Class 2A Honorable Mention.

### BOYS

Ron Baker, 6'3" senior, Scott City and Grayson George, 6'2" junior, Minneapolis, were chosen to the Class 3A First Team.

On the Class 3A Second Team was Derek Racette, 5'11" se-

nior, Hutchinson Trinity. Receiving Honorable Mention was Joel Garver, 6'3" junior, Riley County.

Andrew Casey, 6'1" junior, Plainville, was selected to the Class 2A Second Team.

In Class 1A, Austin Smith, 5'11" senior, Stockton, was selected to the Second Team. Cameron Dinkel, Victoria senior, received Honorable Mention in Class 1A.

## Norton BB Gun team takes sixth at State 4-H

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The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team placed sixth out of 12 teams in the State 4-H Shooting Match held Saturday, April 16 in Great Bend.

The Norton County marksmen have already qualified for the Daisy National BB Gun Championships to be held Fourth of July weekend in Rogers, Ark. with a third place finish in the State BB Gun Championships in Alma, which are hosted by the Kansas State Rifle Association.

They competed in the 4-H State Shoot after earlier qualifying in the Regional 4-H Shoot. Having already qualified for the Daisy National BB Gun Championships, they competed in this shoot as a practice shoot.

"A gun problem and a different shooting schedule for our young marksmen contributed to our lower than normal shooting scores," said Norton BB Gun Team head coach Cameron Archer.

"We can and will shoot better in the national shoot."

Riley-Pottawatomie Counties won the championship with a total shooting score from the prone, standing, sitting and kneeling positions of 1846. They were followed by Phillips-Rooks Counties, 1827; Wyandotte, 1824; Jefferson County, 1811; Wabaunsee, 1793; Norton, 1783; Sedgwick, 1769; Jackson-Nemaha Counties, 1768; Johnson, 1668; Lyons, 1666; Edwards, 1651; Harvey, 1608.

James Berry had the best shooting score for Norton, recording a

373, followed by Dalton Vanover, 369; Trenton Sprague, 359; Cameron Heikes, 346; Scott Sansom, 336.

Berry had the sixth highest shooting score of all the marksmen and Vanover's score was 13th best.

Individual shooting scores of Norton marksmen were: James Berry, 96 prone; 91 standing; 90 sitting; 96 kneeling; Cameron Heikes, 90 prone; 70 standing; 98, sitting; 88 kneeling; Trenton Sprague, 94 prone; 84 standing; 92 sitting; 89 kneeling; Dalton Vanover, 97 prone; 90, standing; 90 sitting; 92 kneeling; Scott Sansom, 89 prone; 79 standing; 88 sitting; 80 kneeling.

Also competing for Norton and their scores were: Adson Day, 91 prone, 67 standing; 84 sitting, 72

kneeling, total score 314; Dylan Goss, 89 prone, 79 standing; 87, sitting; 83 kneeling, total score, 338; Dallas Gosselin, 91 prone, 79 standing; 76 sitting; 87 kneeling, total score 333.

Norton's Berry had the second best score in kneeling, sixth best in standing, 10th best in prone and was sixth overall in aggregate score.

Heikes was second best in sitting and Vanover was fourth best in prone and eighth best in standing.

There are no written tests in 4-H shoots.

A total of 173 marksmen between 8 and 14 years of age competed in the shoot.

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