

# Northern Valley boys make two rounds of Sub-State

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First round of the Sub-State Basketball Tournament pitted the Northern Valley Husky boys varsity basketball team against the Trojans of Logan on Monday, Feb. 27 at Almena.

First quarter, the Huskies and Trojans had no problem filling up the basket. Sophomore Jordan Baird was the catalyst, pouring in 10 points for the Huskies in the quarter. Senior Gunnar Hays added two 3-pointers and Northern Valley led Logan by six, 23-17.

Second quarter, the Huskies cooled off offensively but they put the clamps on Logan defensively holding them to four points in the quarter. Senior Tyler Montgomery scored nine of his team's 13 points and the Huskies took a 15 point lead over the Trojans into halftime, 36-21.

Northern Valley struggled offensively in the second half. Third quarter, the Huskies managed to score only six points but their defense was stout, holding the Trojans to nine points and

the Huskies led by 12 points going into the fourth.

The Huskies remained cold offensively but played solid defense allowing only eight points for the Trojans. Montgomery scored six of the Huskies seven points in the quarter and finished as the game's high scorer with 19 points as Northern Valley advanced to the second round with an 11 point win over the Logan Trojans, 49-38.

Huskies head coach Chuck Fessenden assessed his team's performance.

"We scored pretty easily in the first half. We picked it up defensively and held them to four points in the second quarter," said Fessenden.

"The second half we did not play very well on offense. Fortunately, Tyler Montgomery had a huge game for us with 19 points and 15 rebounds."

"It's nice for our kids to get a win and advance to the second round of Sub-state," said Fessenden.

Second round of the Sub-state Basketball tournament had Northern Valley taking on the

top-seeded Palco Roosters on Thursday, March 1 at Norton Community High School.

First quarter, the Roosters were hitting from long distance, converting four 3-pointers in the quarter. Roosters senior Kody Hamel led his team with nine points on three 3-pointers and Huskies senior Gunnar Hays scored five points but Palco had a 10 point lead after one, 18-8.

Second quarter, the Huskies clamped down on defense holding the Roosters to just one point. Sophomore Jordan Baird and senior Daniel Field scored four points each giving the Huskies a one point lead going into the break, 20-19.

Third quarter, the Huskies went cold on offense and converted only two of six free throw attempts. The Roosters, on the other hand, went six for eight from the charity stripe and outscored the Huskies in the quarter 12 to seven giving them a 31-27 lead.

Final stanza, the Huskies had no answer for Hamel. He scored 10 of the Roosters 14 points hitting three field goals and going



four for four from the free throw line. Northern Valley's season ended with a 10 point loss to Palco, 45-35.

Huskies head coach Chuck Fessenden put the game in perspective.

"We fell behind early in the game by 10 points. Our players did a great job of fighting back in the second quarter. We held Palco to one point and took the lead at half," said Fessenden.

"The kids played some good defense for the last three quarters but we just couldn't score enough."

(Left) Northern Valley Senior Gunnar Hays takes the basketball and sprints down court against Palco on March 1 during the second round of the Sub-State tournament held in Norton. Northern Valley wasn't able to bring home a victory from the court, ending the Huskies' basketball season.

-Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

## Norton senior signs to play for Dodge City Community College

By Dick Boyd

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Trey Millan, a 5'10", 165 pound senior multiple sport star for Norton Community High School, has signed a letter of intent to play football this fall for Dodge City Community College.

As an outstanding running back and linebacker for the Blue Jays, Trey received Honorable Mention All-Mid-Continent League on offense this past year. He averaged six yards per carry for the season and was the second leading rusher for

Norton despite missing much of the season due to injury.

Trey is also a track letterman for Norton, was on the basketball team and was a member of last summer's successful Norton American Legion baseball team which competed in the State Tournament.

He expects to play either running back or defense for Dodge City.

"Trey is a talented athlete," said Norton head football coach Lucas Melvin. "He has good quick-

ness and speed and is naturally strong.

"He has the potential to do well in college.

"Trey received all-league recognition this year although he played in just four games.

"He will be playing for head coach Bob Majeski, who was named coach of the year this season."

Coach Majeski said that he will let Trey play either offense or defense, which ever he is most comfortable with.

"Most important is that Trey is a good young

man and we know he's got ability and will fit into our program. We had a good recruiting class and we look forward to Trey helping us have a good season," he said.

"I've been the head coach here for the past four years and we've gotten better each year. Last season we had 11 all-conference players from our team and we made it to the playoffs for the first time since 2005."

Trey is the son of Janine Gruwell and Fig Millan.

## Smith Center Rec Commission to host Sunflower Shoot-out

The Smith Center Recreation Commission will be hosting the second annual Sunflower Shootout all-star basketball games on Saturday, March 17, at the Smith Center High School gym.

The games will feature senior all-stars from the Mid-Continent League against a team of all-stars from a 14-county area in North Central Kansas.

The girls game will tip off at 5 p.m. with the boys game set for 7 p.m.

There will also be 3-point contests at halftime of each game.

The Mid-Continent League girls roster includes Mikayla Gottschalk of Ellis; Kelsey Keith and Haley Dinkel, Hill City; Raegan Vanderplas, Phillipsburg; McKenzie Benoit, Tangie Hileman and

Hallie McCall, Smith Center; and Lexi Reidel, Hannah Dietz and Haley Dietz, Trego. Coaches will be Kevin Jilka, Norton, and Kim Pakkebie, Phillipsburg.

North Central Kansas girls are Cami Englebert and Bailey Brown, Beloit; Prairee Marlier, Lakeside; Caley Greiving, Logan; Alissa Gasper, St. John's Beloit/Tipton; Kayley Johnson, Republic County; Shelby Heim, Hoxie; Kelsey Atchison, Thunder Ridge; Morgan Bissette, Washington County; and Morgan Bell, Colby. They will be coached by Dallas Cox, Beloit, and Brandon Gehring, Logan.

The Mid-Continent boys team features Tye Nickell and Jordan Wahlmeier, Norton; Matt Craig and Adam Pfeifer, Hill

City; Brad Pfannenstiel, Trego; Alex Habelmann and Kale Terrill, Smith Center; and Andrew Casey, Kyle Becker and Jameson Klein, Plainville. Coaches will be Doug Reusink, Norton, and Chris Rorabaugh, Plainville.

The North Central Kansas boys squad includes Zach Brummer, Beloit; Keegan Heiland, Lakeside; Austin Herman, Thunder Ridge; Kalen Cromwell, Republic County; Cole Christenson, Golden Plains; Jaxsen Moss, Hoxie; Corey Dunlap, Natoma; Blake Walter, Rock Hills; Mitchell Walter, Washington County; and Dalton Jones, Decatur Community. Coaches will be Alan Sheets, Republic County, and Kyle Beisner, Lakeside.

"We have assembled some of the top

high school basketball talent in the state for this event, and we are really excited about it," said Mike Hughes, Smith Center Recreation Director. "We are trying to make this an exciting and fun event for the players, and think the fans will enjoy the evening as well. Anyone who enjoys basketball will truly want to see this event. Last year's event was fun and exciting and everyone had a great time, and we anticipate the same this year."

Admission for the event will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6 to 12, and children 5 and under are free.

This event is sponsored by the Smith Center Recreation Commission, and in part with the Smith Center Chamber of Commerce.

## Professional Bull Riding event coming to Phillipsburg

Fans of rodeo in north central Kansas will be treated to a new bull riding event this year.

The Phillipsburg Rodeo Association, in conjunction with the Riverless Festival, will host a Pro Bull Riders event on June 2 in Phillipsburg.

This is a good fit for the city's annual Riverless Fest, said Rod Innes, rodeo chairman. "It's an opportunity for the rodeo as-

sociation to contribute to the Chamber's Riverless Festival. The PBR will draw people to town who appreciate the Festival and enjoy bull riding."

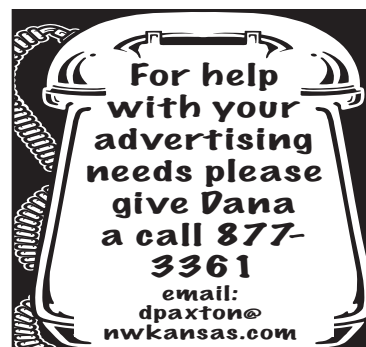
The Riverless Festival runs June 2-3 and includes an arts and crafts fair/flea market, music on the square, 2-mile run/walk, men's softball tournament, state sanctioned kids pedal pushers event, open horse show, games

and vendors.

Bucking bulls will be provided by Jimmy Crowther of New Frontier Rodeo Co., Gypsum. Announcer will be Troy Goodridge, Ft. Scott, and barrelman and clown antics will be provided by Justin Rumford, Ponca City, Okla. Bullfighters will be Mark Peters and Danny Munsell.

The Phillipsburg PBR will

begin at 8 p.m. on June 2. Tickets will go on sale in early May at Heritage Insurance Company in Phillipsburg. For more information, contact the Phillipsburg Area Chamber of Commerce office at 785-543-2321.



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Curt Archibald, Adjutant

**Eagles Lodge FOE 3288**  
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Larry Hawks, President  
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Joe Ballinger, Quartermaster

**The American Legion Riders Post 63**  
Meet at 5:00 p.m. at the American Legion Building on the Second Sunday of Every Month  
website: www.alr63.org

## Trey Millan signs with Dodge City Community College



Norton Community High School senior running back and linebacker Trey Millan has signed a letter of intent to play football this fall for Dodge City Community College. He is pictured here with his father Fig Millan and mother Janine Gruwell and Norton head football coach Lucas Melvin.

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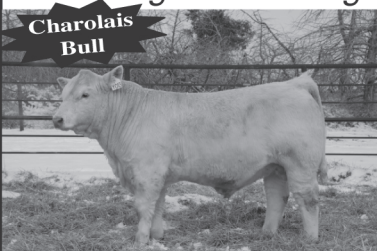
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