

# 12 and Under team gets five victories

# 12 and Under team completes season

By LAMONT SHIRK

The Norton 12 and Under baseball team completed its season by winning the Northwest Kansas League tournament in Hill City Saturday, July 16.

Back-to-back wins in the championship series over the No. 1 seeded Colby team brought Norton's record to 21-2.

Norton opened the tournament by defeating Goodland 18-4.

On Friday, July 15, an exciting game was played between Norton and WaKeeney.

The Blue Jays found themselves down 9-4 in the last inning. The Nortonites put their "rally caps" on and mounted a comeback. The tying run was scored with two outs as Ryan Blecha slid home, knocking off the catcher's glove and sending the game into an extra inning.

The Jays again found themselves down 11-9 in the bottom of the sixth. Landon Keiswetter scored the tying run when Spencer Shirk ripped a grounder to third.

Two errant throws by WaKeeney allowed Shirk to stretch the single all the way home for the winning run. The final was 12-11.

On Saturday, the third day of the double-elimination tourney, Norton faced Colby, coached by Blake Amberger. Norton was unable to keep pace and fell short, losing 7-5.

The loss forced an elimination game between Norton and WaKeeney.

Keiswetter pitched five strong innings and the Blue Jay bats woke up as the Jays won 8-4. Luke Ninemire and Justin Griffith produced key hits to jump-start the Norton offense. WaKeeney finished the tournament in third.

To keep their championship hopes alive, the Blue Jays faced the task of beating Colby in two straight.

Troy Bainter took to the mound. Neither the Colby batters nor Landon Keiswetter's catcher's glove were any match for his fast balls.

Colby squeaked out only two runs and Keiswetter's glove was



Norton's Ryan Blecha bats during the 12 and Under Blue Jays' back-to-back wins over Colby on Saturday, July 16 in Hill City to win the championship of the Northwest Kansas League tournament and complete a 21-2 season.

— Telegram photo by Charlotte Stephenson

literally blown apart. Norton played its best defense of the season as great catches were made by center fielder Dakota Dreher and first baseman Andrew Otter. Third baseman Kaid McKenna and shortstop Spencer Shirk made Colby pay for hitting ground balls their way as multiple runners were thrown out at first. Norton defeated Colby 6-2, holding Colby to its lowest run output of the season and sending the series into the final game.

Norton scored two in the first by Keiswetter and Shirk. Two more were added by Keiswetter and Brett Terrell in the third and Andrew Otter scored Norton's

final run by stealing home in the fourth.

The Blue Jay pitching staff produced its finest performance by shutting out the Colby squad and allowing only two hits. Shirk pitched the first three, Bainter, the fourth and Keiswetter, the fifth. The defense was highlighted by a diving catch by catcher Kaid McKenna, a spectacular running grab by right fielder John Koch and a beautiful throw from first baseman Blecha to third baseman

Bainter to catch a Colby base runner for the game's final out, sealing a 5-0 victory.

Completing nearly seven hours of continuous baseball action in 96-degree heat, spanning 20 innings, the young Blue Jays ended on top of the seven-team league of Norton, Colby, WaKeeney, Grainfield, Hoxie, Quinter and Goodland.

The team and coaches Mike Terrell and Lamont Shirk thanked the Norton Recreation Commission and Steve Schrum for their support.

Bainter was the winning pitcher. He was relieved in the fourth by Keiswetter.

Grainfield had nine hits, four walks and five strike outs.

Shultz was the losing pitcher. A second game was scheduled, but it was canceled due to inclement weather.

The Blue Jays drove to Colby on July 8 and defeated the Eagles 9-8 in an exciting contest, then completed the night with an 11-3 win over Goodland.

In the win over Colby, both teams scored three in the first and none in the second. Colby tallied two in the top of the third but the Blue Jays scored three in the bottom of the inning to lead 6-5.

Neither team scored in the fourth but Colby hit three runs home in the top of the fifth to take an 8-6 lead.

The Blue Jays were equal to the task in the bottom of the fifth, scoring three runs to win 9-8. Shirk, Kaid McKenna and Dreher all singled and Blecha doubled.

Norton had 10 hits. Shirk was a perfect three for three at the plate. Bainter was two for three, which included a triple. McKenna was two for two.

Bainter was the winning pitcher. He gave up nine hits and walked two.

In the 11-3 win over Goodland, Norton held Goodland scoreless until the fifth. Meanwhile, the Blue Jays scored five in the first, five in the fourth and one in the fifth.

Norton had 10 hits. Leading hitters were Dreher, who was two for two and Bainter, who was two for three.

Shirk was the winning pitcher. He was relieved in the fifth by McKenna. Goodland had five hits, four walks and five strike outs.

Garth Helton was the losing pitcher.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Norton City Ordinance #1548

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**ORDINANCE NO. 1548**  
**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS; INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2005; PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE #1535.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS:

**Section 1. INCORPORATING STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.** There is hereby incorporated by reference for the purpose of regulating traffic within the corporate limits of the City of Norton, Kansas, that certain standard traffic ordinance known as the "Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities," Edition of 2005, prepared and published in book form by the League of Kansas Municipalities, Topeka, Kansas. No fewer than three copies of said Standard Traffic Ordinance shall be marked or stamped "Official Copy as Adopted by Ordinance No. 1548", and to which shall be attached a copy of this ordinance, and filed with the city clerk to be open to inspection and available to the public at all reasonable hours. The police department, municipal judge and all administrative departments of the city charged with enforcement of the ordinance shall be supplied, at the cost of the city, such number of official copies of such Standard Traffic Ordinance similarly marked, as may be deemed expedient.

**Section 2. TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS AND TRAFFIC OFFENSES.**

a.) An ordinance traffic infraction is a violation of any section of this ordinance that prescribes or requires the same behavior as that prescribed or required by a statutory provision that is classified as a traffic infraction in K. S.A. 8-2118.

b.) All traffic violations which are included within this ordinance, and which are not ordinance traffic infractions, as defined in subsection (a) of this section, shall be considered traffic offenses.

**Section 3. PENALTY FOR SCHEDULED FINES.** The fine for violation of an ordinance traffic infraction or any other traffic offense for which the municipal judge establishes a fine in a fine schedule shall not be less than \$1 nor more than \$500, except for speeding which shall not be less than \$5 nor more than \$500. A person tried and convicted for violation of an ordinance traffic infraction or other traffic offense for which a fine has been established in a schedule of fines shall pay a fine fixed by the court not to exceed \$500.

**Section 4. REPEAL.** Ordinance number 1535 is hereby repealed.

**Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE City of Norton, Kansas, this 20th day of July 2005.

(SEAL)

David N. Corns, Mayor

ATTEST:

Darla R. Ellis, City Clerk

## Northwest Kansas Library System Notice of Budget Hearing

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### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Northwest Kansas Library System

will meet on the 10th day of August, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at Pioneer Memorial Library, Colby, Kansas for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied.

Detailed budget information is available at Northwest Kansas Library System, Norton, Kansas and will be available at this hearing.

### BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2006 Expenditures and Amount of 2005 Ad Valorem Tax\* establish the maximum limits of the 2006 budget. Estimated Tax Rate\* is subject to slight change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	2004		2005		Proposed Budget 2006	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Estimate of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2005 Ad Valorem Tax
General	262,788	0.942	308,679	0.884	299,134	253,102
Employee Benefits	25,133	0.021	14,234	0.029	18,000	17,514
Total	287,921	0.963	322,913	0.913	317,134	270,616
Total Tax Levied	261,068		261,089		270,616	
Assessed Valuation	270,426,908		277,837,070		305,770,635	

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills.

Leslie Bell  
Systems Director

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