

# Norton Girls Tennis Schedule

Saturday, Aug. 27 - V-Trego Round Robin (T), 8:30 a.m.  
 Saturday, Sept. 3 - V-Colby (T), 9 a.m.  
 Tuesday, Sept. 6 - V-Phillipsburg Quad (T), 1 p.m.  
 Thursday, Sept. 8 - Trego JV Quad (T), 1 p.m.  
 Saturday, Sept. 10 - Norton JV Quad (H), 10 a.m.  
 Tuesday, Sept. 13 - Phillipsburg Varsity Quad (T), 3 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Sept. 13 - Goodland V (T), 3 p.m.  
 Thursday, Sept. 15 - Phillipsburg JV Quad (T), 3 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Sept. 20 - Goodland JV (T), 3 p.m.  
 Saturday, Sept. 24 - V-Trego Invitational (T), 9 a.m.  
 Saturday, Sept. 24 - Phillipsburg Invitational JV (T), 9 a.m.  
 Tuesday, Sept. 27 - V-Colby (T), 3 p.m.  
 Saturday, Oct. 1 - Trego Pre-Regional (T), 9 a.m.  
 Saturday, Oct. 1 - Colby JV Tournament (T), 9 a.m.  
 Monday, Oct. 10 - Regional Tennis Tournament TBA  
 Friday, Oct. 14 - State Tennis Tournament TBA  
 Saturday, Oct. 15 - State Tennis Tournament TBA



Northern Valley's head football coach Chuck Fessenden and players were at an early morning practice on Saturday. Coach Fessenden is beginning his 30th season as Northern Valley's head football coach.

Assisting again this year are Abner Williams and Jason Dibble. Thirty-two players have reported for practice. The first game for the Huskies will be at home Sept. 2 against Triplains.  
 — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

# Tennis season begins

**By DICK BOYD**  
 The Norton Community High School girls tennis team will open the season at 8:30 a.m. Saturday in the Trego Round Robin Tournament in WaKeeney.  
 Coach Jim Green has been with the Norton tennis program for 23 of the 26 years he has been in the school system. He started as head girls and boys tennis coach in 1979 when the Blue Jays were playing intramural tennis. He continued as head coach until both programs

became varsity.  
 Bill Johnson replaced him as head girls and boys coach and Green became assistant coach. Green was also head coach of the boys tennis team for several years. After the boys tennis program was dropped, he remained as assistant coach of the girls tennis team.  
 Coach Green has 16 players this year with three letter winners. The lettermen are the only players with varsity experience.  
 Returning letter winners are: Chelle Donovan, senior; Hannah Mills and Reesa Volgamore, juniors. Other squad members are Jessica Cook, senior; Brienne Nelson, Gena Myers, Kayleigh Brooks, Lisa Jones, Tiffany Marx, juniors; Ashley Maybon, Sara Campbell, Tabitha Vincent, Valerie Wagoner, sophomores; Hannah Fulton, Mariah Gordine, Stephanie Shepard, freshmen.  
 Donovan and Mills are expected to play No. 1 doubles. Donovan is moving up from No. 2 singles play last season. Mills played No. 2 doubles last season with Volgamore.  
 The No. 2 doubles team is tentatively Brooks and Volgamore. Brooks played junior varsity singles in 2004.  
 With no returning varsity players scheduled to play singles, that division will be wide open. Coach Green said the No. 1 and No. 2 singles players will be chosen from Jones, Cook, Maybon and Myers.  
 "Right now, Lisa Jones is the frontrunner for one of the two varsity singles positions," he said.  
 "Practices are going well. We'll know a lot more about season prospects after the first tournament on Saturday. Usually, most of the teams we will be playing against are in the Trego tournament."  
 Shawnee Branek is the new assistant coach. Branek is also a radiographer and ultrasonographer at the Norton County Hospital in Norton.  
 Fans are invited to take team and individual photos Friday at the tennis courts in Pool Park beginning at 3:40 p.m.  
 Following the picture session there will be some exhibition matches.  
 Admission to the picture session and matches will be a canned good or non-perishable food item for God's Pantry in Norton.

# Blue Jay sports seasons begin with scrimmages

**By DICK BOYD**  
 The fall sports season at Norton Community High School will begin with food drive scrimmages on Friday and Saturday.  
 Admission to tennis, cross country, volleyball and football activities is a canned good or non-perishable food item for God's Pantry in Norton.  
 "God's Pantry is for all the people in the area and we really appreciate all the food donations we receive," said Elaine Mann,

chairman of the non-profit food pantry.  
 "We have many requests for funds so we will continue to depend on the generosity of the community to fulfill those requests."  
 Connie Johnson, treasurer, and Michael Woodyard are also instrumental in the operation of God's Pantry.  
 Boxes for donated items will be placed at entrances for the scrimmages.  
 "Thank you for your support for

our teams and also for your support of God's Pantry," said Norton Community High School Athletic Director Larry Mills.  
**TENNIS**  
 Everyone is invited to meet the high school tennis team at 3:40 p.m. Friday at the tennis courts in the Pool Park.  
 After fans have taken pictures, everyone is invited to stay for team matches.  
**CROSS COUNTRY**  
 Fans will get their first look at

Norton's cross country team at 3:50 p.m. Friday at Pool Park. Fans are invited to meet the team members and take photos.  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
 See and meet members of the volleyball team on Friday in the high school gym. You may take pictures of your favorite players, beginning at 4:15 p.m.  
 The scrimmage will begin at 6 p.m.  
**FOOTBALL**  
 Fans may take pictures of the

football team, beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday at Travis Field. The scrimmage will begin at 8:30 a.m.  
 Fans of the Norton Junior High football team will want to be present at 8 a.m. at Travis Field for a scrimmage while pictures are being taken of high school players.  
 In addition to the seventh and eighth-grade scrimmage, an eighth and ninth-grade scrimmage is tentatively scheduled for later in the morning.



Twenty-six runners and walkers got the Party on the Prairie off to a good start early Saturday in Alma. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

# Twenty-six compete in Party on the Prairie run/walk

**By DICK BOYD**  
 Twenty-six area residents competed in the first two-mile Party on the Prairie Fun Run/Walk on Saturday morning in Alma.  
 Fastest runner was Richard Dorsweiler, Hays, who covered the distance in 11 minutes, 23 seconds to win the 20-29 year old men's division.  
 Other men's winners were:

Colton Lowry, Alma, 14 and under, 14:18; Garth Gebhard, Long Island, 15-19, 14:46; Alan Woodside, Prairie View, 40-49, 14:42; Bob Covington, Alma, 50 and over, 24:43.  
 Andrea Lowry, Alma, in the 15-19 age group was the fastest woman runner in 16:05.  
 Other women's winners were: Alison Cole, Long Island, 14 and

under, 17:05; Staci Montgomery, Alma, 30-39, 25:39; Ranelle Hays, Alma, 40-49, 29:36; Lynette Donaldson, Alma, 50 and over, 31:56.  
 Other participants were: Matt Dole, 15:27; Kelsey Kinderknecht, 16:54; Blaine Marble, 16:55; Staci Dole, 17:05; Megan Cole, 18:16; Kayla Field, 18:17; Tyler Montgomery, 18:42; Bryan Keiswetter,

18:55; Skyler Harris, 23:05; Jessie Redeker, 28:59; Drake Gebhard, 29:00; Gale Hays, 29:36; Tamra Cochran, 30:33; Julie Hilburn, 30:33; Kenneth Hays (83 years young), 31:43; and Kathy Donaldson, 31:53.  
 Winners of the contest in which each runner predicted their time to run the course were: Tyler Montgomery, 14 and under, 42 seconds

off; Megan Cole, 14 and under, 25 seconds; Garth Gebhard, 15-19, 46 seconds; Andrea Lowry, 15-19, 1:05; Richard Dorzweiler, 20-29, 3 seconds; Staci Montgomery, 30-39, 1:15; Bryan Keiswetter, Norton, 40-49, 1:05; Ranelle Hays, 40-49, 6:06; Bob Covington, 50 and over, 7 seconds; Lynette Donaldson, 50 and over, 15:04.

# Speedway closes out regular season

**By MIKE HUGHES**  
 Veteran Gene Sneath of Elmwood Park Speedway wrapped up the regular season Saturday evening and crowned four track champions.  
 David Murray Jr. of Oberlin got by young Jordan Grabouski after a lap six restart to win his eighth IMCA Modified feature in 12 shows this season at Norton. Murray drove away from the field to the checkers. Grabouski finished second, followed by Brian Calhoon and Marty Clark. Beloit's Tim Watts finished fifth to claim the track championship. Heat race winners were Watts and Murray.  
 After trailing Cory Struckhoff the first seven laps of the IMCA Stock Car feature, Wichita's Bryan Lariviere finally got by and went on to win the 20-lap caution free race. Struckhoff was able to hold off Kelly Ford for the runner-up spot, with Athol's Josh Hudson and J.R. McCreery finishing fourth and fifth. Hudson won the track title. Jason Rogers and Tyler Hahn won the two heat races. Struckhoff won a special cash dash for rookie stock car drivers.

Veteran Gene Sneath of Plainville led all 15 laps to win his second IMCA Hobby Stock main event at the half-mile oval. Heat race winners Brady Schoen and Justin Wagner finished second and third, followed by track champion Kelly Karnopp of Norton. Dustin McClurg rounded out the top five.  
 Joe and Jim Carter of Russell won their fourth Cruiser feature of the year at Norton after taking the lead on lap three of the 10-lap main event. Early leaders Wes and Chuck Eagleburger of Norton finished second, followed by track champions Mike Hockemeier and Jim Ellis of Arapahoe, Neb. Heat race winners included Hockemeier and Ellis and Carter and Carter.  
 Coca-Cola (Mid-American Bottlers, Victoria) was the race sponsor.  
 Elmwood Park Speedway will hold a special event on Saturday, Sept. 17. It will be a "Run What You Brung" show for modifieds, stock cars, hobby stocks and cruisers. There will also be mechanics races and powder puff races, plus a special pit stop contest. Race

time will be 6:30 p.m.  
**RESULTS**  
**IMCA Modifieds**  
 Heat 1: 1. Tim Watts, 2. Rick Schwab, 3. Mitch Kline, 4. Brian Calhoon.  
 Heat 2: 1. David Murray Jr., 2. Jeff Walters, 3. Marty Clark, 4. Jordan Grabouski.  
 Feature: 1. Murray, 2. Grabouski, 3. Calhoon, 4. Clark, 5. Watts, 6. Walters, 7. Schwab, 8. Kline, 9. Jason Schoenberger, 10. Doug Shearer, 11. Brice Riley (DNF), 12. Steve Reedy (DNF), 13. Tyson Garrison (DNF).  
**IMCA Stock Cars**  
 Heat 1: 1. Jason Rogers, 2. Josh Hudson, 3. Bryan Lariviere, 4. Jason Davis.  
 Heat 2: 1. Tyler Hahn, 2. Kelly Ford, 3. J.R. McCreery, 4. Jason Schoenberger.  
 Cash Dash for Rookies: Cory Struckhoff.  
 Feature: 1. Lariviere, 2. Struckhoff, 3. Ford, 4. Hudson, 5. McCreery, 6. Davis, 7. Jeff Hunter, 8. Rogers, 9. Jay Hachmeister, 10. Schoenberger, 11. Michael Zajic, 12. Hahn, 13. Caleb Peters, 14. John Annon, 15. Pat Bedore.  
**IMCA Hobby Stocks**

Heat 1: 1. Brady Schoen, 2. Gene Sneath, 3. Kelly Karnopp, 4. Barry Schoen.  
 Heat 2: 1. Justin Wagner, 2. Adam Balthazor, 3. Chase Carraher, 4. Dustin McClurg.  
 Feature: 1. Sneath, 2. Brady Schoen, 3. Wagner, 4. Karnopp, 5. McClurg, 6. Barry Schoen, 7. Josh Wonderly, 8. Laura Hinger, 9. Phil Hinger, 10. Mike Frenzyl, 11. Brad McCoy (DNF), 12. Carraher (DNF), 13. Balthazor (DNF), 14. Barry Brush (DNS).  
**Cruisers**  
 Heat 1: 1. Michael Hockemeier/Jim Ellis, 2. Macy Thomas/Kimberly Thomas, 3. Wes Eagleburger/Chuck Eagleburger, 4. Nick Horn/Tim Horn.  
 Heat 2: 1. Joe Carter/Jim Carter, 2. Kirk Persinger/Justin Graham, 3. Roger Deal/Jeremy Simmons, 4. Bret Marietta/Brent Stallman.  
 Feature: 1. Carter/Carter, 2. Eagleburger/Eagleburger, 3. Hockemeier/Ellis, 4. Persinger/Graham, 5. Horn/Horn, 6. Simmons/Deal, 7. Colby Carpenter/Hawk Ellis, 8. Marietta/Stallman, 9. Thomas/Thomas (DNF), 10. Jebb Tally/Gerry Tally (DNF).

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