

# God's Pantry to benefit from Blue Jay Sports

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 The fall 2010 sports seasons at Norton Community High School will officially begin with food drive scrimmages this afternoon and evening and Saturday morning.

Admission to tennis, cross country, volleyball and football activities is a canned good, non-perishable food item, laundry or dish soap or deodorant for the non-profit God's Pantry in Norton. "It is important that people make sure donated food items have not expired," said God's Pantry Treasurer Connie Johnson. "We checked them carefully and, if they have expired, we just have to throw them away. "This is obviously not good so we stress that people make a spe-

cial effort to check dates before donating food. "The Pantry is utilized by the entire county and supported generously by the area churches, schools, other organizations and citizens. Some groups and individuals give regularly every month. "We are much busier than last year and can use all donations at this time. We have served about 25 more families than we did as of this time last year. "We have a deep freeze and refrigerator so people can give frozen or refrigerated items. "We've added some items and feel that we offer the best selection in the area." The God's Pantry, which ad-joins the Trinity Episcopal Church in Norton, is open each Sunday at

3 p.m. and remains open as long as needed. It can also be opened by appointment in emergencies by calling Elaine Mann, chairman, at 877-2019 or Connie Johnson at 877-2039. Michael Woodyard is also instrumental in the operation of God's Pantry. "Michael is my right hand man," said Connie. "I couldn't get along without him doing all the heavy lifting. "We also couldn't get along without the community support. I'm constantly amazed by the generosity of the people in Norton County. We are doing the dispersal but it's the people of the county who should be thanked. So, thanks to the people of the county on behalf of those who receive help. "We receive checks in the mail,

donations from churches or even anonymous bags of groceries left on our doorstep. It warms your heart to see everyone giving so generously. It is people taking care of people and Norton County people have really stepped up to meet the need of those less fortunate." Elaine or Connie are available to show groups the pantry in the evening. They also welcome clubs considering the pantry as a program and a tour of the facility could be part of the program. Boxes for donated items will be placed at entrances for the scrimmages today and Saturday. "Many thanks to everyone for supporting our teams and also for your support of God's Pantry," said Norton Community High School Activities Director Jeff

Wallingford. **CROSS COUNTRY** Fans will get their first look at Norton's high school cross country team at 3:45 p.m. today at the Swimming Pool Park. You are invited to meet the team members and take photos. **TENNIS** Everyone is invited to meet the Norton high school tennis team at 3:45 p.m. today at the tennis courts in the Swimming Pool Park. After fans have taken pictures, everyone is invited to stay for team matches. **VOLLEYBALL** See and meet members of the Lady Jay high school volleyball team today in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium. You may take pictures of your favorite players, beginning at

4:45 p.m. The scrimmage will begin at 6 p.m. **FOOTBALL** Fans may take photos of the Blue Jay high school football team, beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday at Travis Field. The scrimmage will begin at 9 a.m. Fans of the Norton Junior High football team will want to be present at 8:30 a.m. at Travis Field for a scrimmage while pictures are being taken of the high school players. In addition to the seventh and eighth-grade scrimmage, an eighth and ninth grade scrimmage is scheduled for later in the morning.

## Blue Jay volleyball seasons starts Tuesday

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 The Norton Community High School volleyball team will open the 2010 season on Tuesday with home matches versus Colby and Osborne.

Both varsity and junior varsity matches will be played, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The order of varsity matches will be: Norton vs. Osborne, Osborne vs. Colby and Colby vs. Norton. All varsity matches will be played in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium. Junior varsity matches will be played in the Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym in the same order. The Lady Jays lost six letter winners from the 2009 squad but fourth year head coach Peggy Cox says the returning players will not let the lack of experience and height be an excuse. "We're going to use what we have to win ballgames," said coach Cox.

"The attitudes of our players have been very positive. Our young ladies have been working very hard during two-a-day practices and they're ready to step up and be counted." The only returning letter winner is 5'9" junior Erin Terrell. She had 109 kills and an 18 percent kill percentage last season. Erin was also an honorable mention All-Mid-Continent League choice by vote of league coaches. Other key players and projected starters are: Bekah Streck, 5'7" senior; Kylie Nuzum, 5'4", Caren Thomson, 5'7", juniors; Teslee Nickell, 5'5"; Brianna Karnopp, 5'6", sophomores and Johnnye Ruder, 5'5" freshman. Other key players are Sharrell Shinn, 5'6" senior and Juliana Miller, 5'3" sophomore. Other squad members are: Katie Gall, 5'5" senior; Brae Bigge, 5'3"; Mariah Farber, 5'4", juniors; Kayleigh Norwood, 5'6";

Alec Melvin, 5'7"; Katherine Boteler, 5'3"; Chelsi McReynolds, 5'6"; Rachel Slipke, 5'5"; Alexis Lively, 5'6", sophomores; Bailey Ambrosier, 5'8"; Elizabeth Saulsbury, 5'4", freshmen. Assistant coaches again this season will be Christine (Eveleigh) Thompson and Jill Lively, both NCHS graduates. Student manager is Alyssa Boser. **Coaches' backgrounds** Coach Cox is a graduate of Sterling High School and Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in education in 1988. She finished her master's degree in special education in May, 2007. She was head volleyball coach at Eastern Heights High School for five years and assistant high school volleyball coach at Norton for four years. After graduating from NCHS, coach Thompson played volleyball at Barton County Community

College and Missouri Western University. She coached college volleyball for six years, then was head coach for four years at Northern Valley High School. Coach Lively played for Barton County Community College before finishing her playing career at Emporia State University. She was the NCHS head volleyball coach for four years before taking a break. **Fan pictures this evening** Fans will get a good look at the Norton volleyball team during the annual food drive scrimmage this evening in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium. Pictures can be taken beginning at 4:45 p.m. with the scrimmage scheduled to start at 6 p.m. Admission to the picture session and scrimmage will be a canned good, non-perishable food item, laundry or dish soap or deodorant for God's Pantry in Norton.

Volleyball Schedule	
<b>VARSITY</b>	Tues., August 31 - Colby/Osborne Here 4:30 p.m.
	Tues., September 7 - Phillipsburg/Northern Valley at Phillipsburg 5 p.m.
	Sat., September 11 - Atwood/Brewster/Dundy at Atwood 10 a.m.
	Thurs., September 16 - Goodland Here 4:30 p.m.
	Tues., September 21 - Hill City/Hoxie at Hill City 4:30 p.m.
	Tues., September 28 - Colby/Atwood at Colby 4:30 p.m.
	Sat., October 2 - Decatur Invite Hoxie/St. Francis/Atwood 9 a.m.
	Tues., October 5 - Trego/Smith Center at Trego 5 p.m.
	Sat., October 9 - Scott City Invitational at Scott City 9 a.m.
	Tues., October 12 - Logan/Golden Plains at Logan 4 p.m.
	Sat., October 16 - MCL Tournament at Norton 9 a.m.
	Tues., October 19 - Goodland/Ulysses at Goodland 5 p.m.
	Sat., October 23 - Sub State Volleyball TBA
	Fri. & Sat., October 29-30 - State Volleyball TBA
<b>JUNIOR VARSITY</b>	Tues., August 31 - Colby/Osborne Here 4:30 p.m.
	Tues., September 7 - Phillipsburg/Northern Valley at Phillipsburg 5 p.m.
	Sat., September 11 - Quinter JV Tourney at Quinter 9 a.m.
	Thurs., September 16 - Goodland Here 4:30 p.m.
	Tues., September 21 - Hill City/Hoxie at Hill City 4:30 p.m.
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	Tues., October 19 - Goodland/Ulysses at Goodland 5 p.m.
<b>FRESHMEN</b>	Thurs., September 2 - Colby/Heartland/TMP at Colby 4 p.m.
	Mon., September 20 - C-team vs. Smith Center/Phillipsburg/Russell at Smith Center 4:30 p.m.
	Sat., October 9 - C-team vs. Atwood/Colby/St. Francis at Atwood 10 a.m.

## This Saturday is the Norton tennis 2010 opener

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 Coach Jim Green has a senior dominated Norton Community High School girls tennis team which will open the 2010 season on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in the annual Trego Round Robin Tournament in WaKeeney.

The Lady Jay tennis team has nine seniors, one junior, five sophomores and six freshmen. Competing teams on Saturday, in addition to Norton and Trego, will be Colby, Osborne, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Russell and Tribune. Coach Green is a veteran coach who guided Norton's tennis team for 25 years and returned last year after a two-year absence. Returning letter winners for the Lady Jays are: Morgan Baumann, Kyra Fulton, Nikki McVey, Meaghan Peterson, Katie Scott and Rachel Shepard, all seniors. Other squad members are: Kelsie Griffith, Ashley Millan, Kaitlyn Ross, seniors; Rhees Carlson, junior; Sierra Black, Tawni Griffey, Ruth Kendall, Katie Koch, Carla Jo Long, sophomores; Rickete Green, Kristen Leibhart, Hannah Pollock, Desiray Skrdlant, Danielle Wagoner, Jessica White,

freshmen. Assistant coach again this season will be Crystal Montgomery. Coaches Green and Montgomery are looking forward to a good season with 21 girls competing. Ten are returnees and 11 are first time players. "Tawni Griffey has moved to Norton from Wichita and brings with her a lot of skill and experience in tennis," said coach Green. "We plan to play Tawni at No. 1 singles. "Also playing singles for us are Morgan Baumann, Katie Scott and Ashley Millan. Returning in doubles, we have Nikki McVey and Rachel Shepard, Kyra Fulton and Meaghan Peterson and Kelsie Griffith and Kaitlyn Ross. "We have a lot of competition to fill our four varsity entries. Morgan Baumann has played at both No. 1 and No. 2 singles, making her our most experienced player. "Katie Scott also played varsity singles and is a solid player. "Ashley Millan played both singles and doubles last year and will challenge for one of the singles positions. "In doubles, Nikki McVey and Rachel Shepard played together as a doubles team last year and

played in a few of the varsity meets and are our most experienced team. "Kyra Fulton and Meaghan Peterson both played varsity doubles last year with different partners and will be playing together for the first time. "Kelsie Griffith and Kaitlyn Ross played together last season on our junior varsity team and are playing well in practice." Coach Green was very complimentary of the new surfaces on the Norton tennis courts. The cost was shared by the City of Norton and the USD 211 Board of Education. "The surface is a major improvement which has enhanced the appearance and play of the courts," said coach Green. "The new surface has been a major help in getting more girls involved in tennis." Coach Green also stated that the Mid-Continent League continues to be very tough. "Trego, Phillipsburg and Osborne were all very good last year and are expected to be strong teams again this season," he said. "The other schools we compete against are also very good, including Colby, Russell, Hays

and Scott City. "We are looking forward to playing and realize that the competition will be tough." **Coaches' backgrounds** Coach Green played tennis for three years at Wichita West High School and is a 1974 graduate of Fort Hays State University. Assistant coach Crystal Montgomery played tennis four years at Colby High School, where she placed third in the state in doubles. She also played tennis for four years at Bethany College, where she competed in national competition two years. Pictures today Fans are reminded that they are invited to take team and individual photos of the Lady Jays today at the tennis courts in the Swimming Pool Park, beginning at 3:45 p.m. Following the picture session, some exhibition matches will be played. Admission to the picture session and matches will be a canned good, non-perishable food item, laundry or dish soap or deodorant for God's Pantry in Norton

Tennis Schedule	
Sat., August 28 - Trego Round Robin (A) 8:30 a.m.	
Thurs., September 2 - Hays Invitational (T) 3 p.m.	
Sat., September 4 - Colby Varsity Tournament (A) 9 a.m.	
Tues., September 7 - Phillipsburg Invitational (A) 1 p.m.	
Tues., September 14 - Phillipsburg Quad (A) 3 p.m.	
Thurs., September 23 - Russell Invitational (A) 1 p.m.	
Sat., September 25 - Trego Invitational (A) 9 a.m.	
Tues., September 28 - Colby Tournament (A) 3 p.m.	
Sat., October 2 - MCL Tourney in Phillipsburg 9 a.m.	
Fri., Sat., October 8-9 - Regional Tennis (A) TBA	
Fri., Sat., October 15-16 - State Tennis (A) TBA	
<b>JUNIOR VARSITY</b>	
Tues., August 31 - Russell Singles Tournament (A) 3 p.m.	
Thurs., September 9 - Trego Round Robin (A) 1 p.m.	
Sat., September 11 - Norton Quad w/ Colby, Hays, Phillipsburg (H) 9 a.m.	
Tues., September 14 - Russell Invitational (A) 3 p.m.	
Thurs., September 16 - Phillipsburg Quad (A) 3 p.m.	
Tues., September 21 - Tribune/Greeley Co. in Goodland (A) 3 p.m.	
Sat., September 25 - Phillipsburg Tournament (A) 9 a.m.	
Sat., October 2 - Colby Tournament (A) 9 a.m.	

## Former Almena man places

Tim Waggoner, former Almena resident, ran the Leadville 100 Aug. 25, in Leadville, Colo. He finished sixth with a time of 19 hours and 19 minutes. The Leadville Trail 100 Ultra marathon (aka The Race Across the Sky or the LT100) was first run in 1983. It is held annually on trails and dirt roads at high altitude west and south of Leadville, through the heart of the Rocky mountains. The course is very difficult, climbing and descending 15,600 feet with elevations ranging between 9,200 to 12,620 feet. Because of its difficulty, it is common for less than half the starters to complete the race ahead of its 30 hour time

limit. Starting at 4 a.m., the LT100 is strictly first-come, first-served. This year, 845 runners started with 363 finishing. The course record for men is 15 hours and 42 minutes. For the first time in the race's history, it was finished in daylight. "I felt amazing up to 94 miles, and the the wheels came off big time. Zero left in my quads and hypothermic," said Waggoner. Tim is married to Joann (Chieves) and they have two boys, Ben and Oliver. They live in Golden, Colo. Tim is the son of Pat Ambrosier, Almena.

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