

# Tennis season kicks off Saturday in WaKeeney

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The Norton Community High School girls tennis team will open play in the 2012 season tomorrow, Saturday, Aug. 25 in the annual Trego Round Robin Tournament in WaKeeney, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Veteran head coach Jim Green has welcomed 14 girls on this year's team: five freshmen, three sophomores, four juniors and two seniors.

Included are five returning letter winners: Tawni Griffey, Sierra Black, seniors, and Ashley Hildebrand, Riekele Green and Jessica White, juniors.

Other squad members are Kristen Leibhart, junior; Alex Araujo, Molly Scott, Brooke Sumner, sophomores; Haily Branek, Audrie Burge, Morgan Griffey, Rachel Jones and Lizzie Smith, freshmen.

Coach Green guided Norton's tennis team for 25 years and returned three years ago af-

ter a two-year absence.

Assistant coach again this season will be Crystal Montgomery.

"We have a good group of girls to work with and we are hoping for a good season," said coach Green. "Tawni Griffey and Sierra Black will be our singles players. Tawni is the 2010 state singles champion and the 2011 state singles runner-up. Tawni is an outstanding player and works extremely hard. Sierra played both singles and doubles last season, giving us needed experience at singles.

"At doubles, we have Ashley Hildebrand and Riekele Green. Ashley and Riekele played doubles on the varsity last year and will continue working together this year.

"New to the varsity will be the doubles team of Molly Scott and Jessica White. Jessica filled in on the varsity last year and Molly has worked hard through the summer to improve her game."

### 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 was also a four-year member of the tennis team at Bethany College, where she played 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 4 p.m.

Following the picture session, some exhibition matches will be played.

Fans are also invited to bring canned goods, non-perishable food items, soap or deodorant for the non-profit God's Pantry in Norton.

# Lady Jays tennis schedule

- Saturday, Aug. 25 - Trego Round Robin (A) 8:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 28 - Russell JV Singles Tourney (A) 3 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 30 - Hays Invitational (A) 3 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 1 - Colby Tournament (A) 9 a.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 4 - Phillipsburg Tennis Quad (A) 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 6 - Trego JV Round Robin (A) 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 8 - Norton JV Quad (H) 9 a.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 11 - Russell JV Tourney (A) 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 11 - Phillipsburg Quad (A) 3 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 13 - Phillipsburg JV Tourney (A) 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 18 - Tribune-Greeley JV Tourney in Goodland 3 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 20 - Russell Invitational (A) 1 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 22 - Phillipsburg JV Tourney (A) 9 a.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 22 - Trego Invitational in WaKeeney 9 a.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 25 - Colby Tournament (A) 3 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 29 - Colby JV Tournament (A) 9 a.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 29 - Mid-Continent League Tourney in Phillipsburg 9 a.m.
- Friday, Saturday, Oct. 5 -6 - Regional Tennis Tourney TBA
- Friday, Saturday, Oct. 12-13 - State Tennis Tournament TBA

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## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING FOR NORTON COUNTY

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING  
The governing body of  
Norton County

will meet on the 10th day of September, 2012 at 9:30 A.M. at the Norton County Courthouse Commissioner's Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at the County Clerk's office and will be available at this hearing.

### BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2013 Expenditures and the Amount of 2012 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2013 budget. Estimated Tax Rate\* is subject to change depending on final assessed valuation.

FUND	2011		2012		Proposed Budget 2013		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2012 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	1,699,173	18.712	1,847,262	23.705	2,198,853	1,173,160	24.420
Road & Bridge	1,090,892	8.501	1,043,950	10.779	1,528,517	1,180,829	24.580
Special Bridge	93,601	2.276	26,616				
Solid Waste	367,613		260,160		299,135		
EMS-Ambulance	526,910	7.402	520,750	4.656	550,524	259,706	5.406
County Health	442,491	1.546	415,495	1.429	432,725	63,325	1.318
Noxious Weed	196,225	1.500	222,671	1.500	219,868	72,060	1.500
Election	65,464	1.234	78,530	1.447	41,705	24,021	0.500
Economic Development	153,640	2.408	138,080	2.409	139,780	104,001	2.165
Appraiser's Cost	121,537	2.832	129,628	2.725	135,823	107,498	2.238
4-H Maintenance	10,248	0.117	10,000	0.220	8,715	5,746	0.120
Fair	8,500	0.189	9,000	0.188	9,000	7,609	0.158
Soil Conservation	10,000	0.220	10,000	0.201	10,000	8,963	0.187
Airport	37,900	0.852	52,345	1.084	62,345	56,785	1.182
Mental Retardation	49,000	1.070	50,000	1.037	45,000	38,144	0.794
Mental Health	25,900	0.564	35,669	0.768	40,000	35,659	0.742
Hospital	111,500	2.498	122,575	2.500	134,347	120,101	2.500
Andbe Home Maintenance	17,800	0.400	19,503	0.400	22,359	19,216	0.400
Extension Council					15,000		
Historical Society	4,475	0.100	4,930	0.100	5,551	4,804	0.100
Sr. Citizens Service	45,950	1.000	49,200	1.000	54,503	48,040	1.000
Employee Benefits	1,118,850	24.754	1,226,500	23.087	1,293,250	1,043,983	21.731
Bridge Bonds	120,370		122,290	2.815	128,840	93,676	1.950
EMS Building Bonds	21,801	0.458	21,600	0.450	24,400	19,720	0.410
EMS Building COP Debt	41,765	0.889	45,265	0.978	48,240	41,129	0.856
Econ. Rec. Zone Bonds	16,686	0.434	17,662	0.450	25,950	19,553	0.407
Noxious Weed Deficiency	0		83		83		
911 Fund	16,027		39,953		40,000		
Wireless E-911	26,962		21,220		21,220		
District Coroner	2,981		9,500		9,500		
Special Alcohol Programs	8,000		14,845		17,070		
Special Parks & Recreation	500		9,289		12,410		
Noxious Weed Cap Outlay	0		37,786		49,235		
County Health Cap Outlay	0		41,102		42,168		
Non-Budgeted Funds	2,795,941						
Totals	9,248,702	79.956	6,653,459	83.928	7,666,116	4,547,728	94.664
Less: Transfers	528,810		135,326		254,960		
Net Expenditure	8,719,892		6,518,133		7,411,156		
Total Tax Levied	3,153,996		3,624,032		4,547,728		
Assessed Valuation	39,446,465		43,180,163		48,040,217		
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
January 1,							
G.O. Bonds	650,000		613,000		470,000		
Lease Pur Princ	632,930		602,495		541,643		
Total	1,282,930		1,215,495		1,011,643		

Other District Funds	2011		2012		Proposed Budget 2013		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2012 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
Gettis Cemetery	1,868	1.886	1,886	2.690	1,888	1,800	2.315
Clayton Cemetery	2,878	2.414	2,886	2.218	2,879	2,500	1.936
Oronoke Cemetery	1,235	1.153	1,228	1.043	1,244	1,112	0.963
Edmond Cemetery	1,934	0.434	1,926	0.363	1,917	1,846	0.363
Almena Cemetery	32,465	5.752	32,086	5.731	32,183	28,292	5.314
West Union Cemetery	0	0.000	0	0.000	3,770	4,000	0.476
Almena Fire Dist. No. 1	18,807	3.203	30,489	5.421	32,815	29,296	5.207
Norton Fire Dist. No. 2	43,490	3.313	43,365	3.045	45,262	40,726	2.410
Solomon Fire Dist. No. 3	11,520	3.178	11,567	3.071	20,678	19,571	5.000
Almena Township	1,254	0.275	1,333	0.273	1,336	1,188	0.265

Assessed Valuations	2010	2011	2012
Gettis Cemetery	633,571		777,581
Clayton Cemetery	1,050,608	669,178	1,291,626
Oronoke Cemetery	964,076	1,127,142	1,154,943
Edmond Cemetery	4,079,238	1,066,520	5,085,399
Almena Cemetery	4,918,609	5,085,399	5,323,607
West Union Cemetery	0	0	8,400,310
Almena Fire Dist. No. 1	5,194,912	5,219,328	5,625,996
Norton Fire Dist. No. 2	11,708,440	12,737,170	16,897,531
Solomon Fire Dist. No. 3	3,284,617	3,398,657	3,914,120
Almena Township	4,326,312	4,350,753	4,478,831

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