

Varsity tennis takes runner-up in MCL tourney

By Dick Boyd

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Coach Jim Green's Norton Community High School varsity tennis team placed runner-up in the annual Mid-Continent League Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 29 in Phillipsburg. The Lady Panthers were the champions with 41 points, followed by Norton, 24; Trego Community, 16; Osborne, 15. Norton senior Tawni Griffey shutout all three opponents to remain undefeated for the season and win the gold medal in No.1 singles. She beat Jenna Dibble, Osborne, 8-0; defeated Arika Aiken, Phillipsburg, 8-0 and blanked Tabitha Wolf, Trego, 8-0. "We had great weather for this round robin tournament," said coach Green. "Tawni put on a stellar perfor-

mance, winning all three of her matches without losing a single point." Playing for Norton's No.1 doubles team were juniors Rick-ele Green and Jessica White and they placed third. They drew a bye, then lost to Brooke Boyington and Kaitlyn Vogel, Phillipsburg, 8-5 and lost to Kimberly Day and Shaylee Flax, Trego, 8-4, to place third. "Jessica and Rikele were playing doubles together for the first time," said coach Green. "It took awhile for them to get accustomed to each other. "As the day went along, they played better and better." No.2 singles player for the Lady Jays was senior Sierra Black. She lost to Taylor Noel, Osborne, 8-3; lost to Amy Stapel, Phillipsburg, 8-6 and defeated Ella Sherwood, Trego,

8-2 to place third. "Sierra played well all day," said coach Green. "She probably played her best tennis of the year." Junior Ashley Hildebrand and freshman Audrie Burge played No.2 doubles for Norton and also finished in third place. After drawing a bye, they lost to Kyla Ellis and Brittini Groothoff, Phillipsburg, 8-1 and lost to Cheyenne Phillips and Allyson Denning, Trego, 8-7. "This was also Ashley and Audrie's first time to play together. Ashley played some of the best tennis of the year and together they gave Trego a run for their money," said coach Green. "They came from behind to get ahead of Trego and were only one game away from a win. Trego tied up the set and sent the match into a tiebreaker. In

the tiebreaker, our girls jumped out to a 3-0 lead but lost 7-4. They competed well for their first time playing together." **Next action** Norton competed today in the Class 3A Regional Tennis Tournament in Russell and first round results will determine whether Norton players will compete on Saturday. Playing in the tournament in addition to Norton and Russell will be teams from Beloit, Clafin-Central Plains, Ellinwood, Ellsworth, Hoisington, Osborne, Phillipsburg and Victoria. The top six singles and top six doubles finishers in the Regional Tournament will qualify for the State Tournament in Hutchinson at Trinity High School on Friday, Saturday, Oct. 12-13.



Norton senior Sierra Black uses both hands and goes airborne to return the tennis ball during one of her No.2 singles matches in the Mid-Continent League Tournament last Saturday in Phillipsburg. Coach Jim Green said she played her best tennis of the year in the tournament as she placed third in tough competition. -Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Junior high football team defeats Ellis

By Mike Stephens

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Norton Junior High School's football team bounced back from a disappointing loss to Ellis with a 22-6 win over Goodland on Thursday, Sept. 13 at Travis Field. "This was a great effort by our football team. We did well in all facets of the game: offense, defense and special teams," said head coach Shane Miller. The Blue Jays defense kept Goodland scoreless for most of the game, which is not an easy task against a pass proficient offense like the Mustangs. "Goodland lines up in a spread type offense and passes the ball more than most junior high football teams," said Miller. "The defense did a great job of making adjustments and coach Johnson moved kids around to create the right match-ups. Goodland also has one of the more athletic players that we have seen yet this year and we pretty well shut him down." The leading tacklers for the Blue Jays were Jacob Green, six tackles and one inter-

ception, Layton Miller, four tackles, Kade Unterseher, four tackles and a fumble recovery and Collyn Auker, three tackles and an interception. "We held their entire offense to 100 yards. You take away one big run they had of 70 yards and that tells you the 'toughness' of our defense tonight," said coach Miller. "We also had interceptions by Jacob Green, Collyn Auker and a fumble recovery by Kade Unterseher." Offensively, the Blue Jays running game was solid. In the first quarter, Jacob Green scored on a 3-yard run. Green ran in for the conversion as well, 8-0 Blue Jays. In the second quarter, Trenton Wright scored on his only carry of the game from one yard out. Jace Ruder scored the 2-point conversion giving the Blue Jays a 16-0 half-time lead. The score remained the same until the first play of the fourth quarter. Green would find the end zone from 15 yards out and the Blue Jays took a commanding 22-0 lead. Goodland avoided the shutout with a late

fourth quarter score but it wouldn't affect the outcome of the game. Blue Jays win handily over the Mustangs, 22-6. "Offensively we did some good things as well, running the ball for 235 yards and passing for 36," said coach Miller. Jacob Green was the Blue Jays leading rusher with 16 carries for 103 yards and two touchdowns. Tyus Henson had 43 yards on seven carries and Jace Ruder rushed seven times for 48 yards. "I was proud of how we came out and controlled the ball game. We controlled the ball most of the third quarter and were able to wear down their defense. A score on the first play of the fourth quarter by Jacob Green put the game away," said the Blue Jays coach. "This was a great win for us coming off last week's disappointing loss. I think last week's loss to Ellis was a 'wake-up call' and a valuable lesson. If we come out with the appropriate intensity, we can do some good things."

Volleyball defeats Goodland

By Peggy Cox

The Norton Junior High volleyball team hosted the Goodland Mustangs on Thursday, Sept. 13. The Blue Jays got off to a slow start, but battled their way back to claim another win. The victory took the varsity team to a 3-0 record for the season. The first set, the Blue Jays were plagued with uncharacteristic mistakes. Missed serves, net violations and poor passing led to an 11-2 deficit. However, the girls got a jump start led by the serving of Caitlyn Cox. Cox served six points, cutting the lead down to three. Now the Blue Jays were ready to play. With all the early mistakes behind them, the Blue Jays began to slowly overtake the Mustangs. "The girls did a good job staying calm when we were down. They encouraged each other and got back on track," said coach Cayla Cox. The Jays won the first set 25-20. The second set, both teams played well. The Blue Jays' passing was much improved from the first set. The Jays were able to set the ball to their hitters for 13 team kills. The Blue Jays played well, but Goodland managed to stay close. The Jays had the Mustangs down 24-23, but were not able to hang on. The Mustangs came back to win the second set, 24-26.

The third set the Blue Jays really stepped up their game. "Everything was clicking in the third set. Our serves were in, our passes were good and thanks to some great sets we hit the ball very well," said Cox. The Blue Jays won the third set easily, 15-9. Caitlyn Cox led the Blue Jays to victory with 21 serving point, of those 13 were aces. Callie Uehlin and Kara Frack together added 16 serving points and both served a 100 percent for the night. Aces: Caitlyn Cox (13) Baylee Miller (3), Jessica Ambrosier (2), Kara Frack (2), Callie Uehlin (1), Miah Melvin (1). Kills: Miller (4), Ambrosier (4) Cox (3), Melvin (2), Frack (2), Jena Risewick (1), Maacayla Kent (1). Assists: Cox (7), Miller (6), Melvin (2). Top passers for the game were Uehlin, Cox and Melvin. **B-Team vs. Goodland** Score: 10-25; 18-25 "The Norton Junior High junior varsity team struggled in their first set against the Goodland Mustangs but came back with a stronger showing in the second set," Cox said. "We have been working on pass, set and hit during practice and this is the first match where we had started doing that. While we lost the match, we improved fundamentally."

Junior high volleyball is still undefeated

By Peggy Cox

The Norton Junior High School volleyball team held onto their undefeated record by defeating Oakley on Thursday, Sept. 20. It was not an easy task, but the Blue Jays were up to the challenge. They won the first set, lost the second and came back strong to win the third. "The Blue Jays were able to overcome an off serving night by playing well in all the other aspects of the game," coach Cayla Cox reported. "The Blue Jays passed outstanding, which made it easy for the setters to get the ball to the hitters. There were a total of 25 spikes that went over the net in the first set alone. The Blue Jays won the first set 25-18." The second set was not so easy. The Blue Jays missed a total of seven serves in the second set, making it difficult to put points up on the board. The Jays still passed and hit very well, but it just wasn't enough to compensate for the serving errors. The Blue Jays played Oakley close

the entire set, and eventually went up 24-22. However, there was a missed serve and Oakley took advantage of the opportunity. Oakley then served out the set and won 27-25. The third set, the Blue Jays came out very determined. Oakley was up 5-4 before the Blue Jays got their momentum going. Sparked by eight straight serves from Caitlyn Cox, the Jays began to pull away. The game ended 15-9 with a kill from Jena Risewick. "The girls played hard and never gave up even when we were down. We didn't serve well, but the girls really stepped up the rest of their game to pull out a great win," said Cox. Aces: Baylee Miller (4), Cox (4), Jessica Ambrosier (2), Callie Uehlin (1), Miah Melvin (1). Kills: Melvin (8), Cox (7), Miller (5), Ambrosier (1), Kara Frack (1), Risewick (1). Assists: Miller (11), Cox (8). Callie Uehlin led the Blue Jays in serving percentage with 100 percent for the night. Cox

was also great serving missing only one. Top passers were Frack and Cox. **B-Team vs. Oakley** The Norton Junior High junior varsity team played well but came up short in both sets in the match against Oakley. "Serving, which usually is fairly strong for us, was okay but we just could not string points together," Cox said. "Again, we have improved with putting together a pass, set and hit but didn't turn those hits into kills. Nicole Rumback and Taylor Wahlmeier both played aggressively at the net with hits and blocks. We've improved during the year but need to win more rallies." Scores: 21-25; 21-25 Serving: Nicole Rumback- 7/8, 1 ace; Nicole Thrailkill- 5/6; Maacayla Kent- 8/8; Emily Riley- 4/7, 1 ace; Taylor Wahlmeier- 4/5, 1 ace; Jessi Ambrosier- 8/9, 2 aces. **C-Team vs. Oakley** "The Norton Blue Jays improved on their serving in this

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Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, October 5, 2012 (1T) Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at the Norton County Courthouse September 28, 2012 to allow the following bills: K.S.A. 19-337. An itemized copy of this report is available for inspection in the County Clerk's Office. (* Juvenile Service Accounts)

CLAIMS-GROSS PAYROLL	FUND TOTALS ONLY
County General	\$165,178.06
Road and Bridge	\$59,379.89

Ambulance	\$52,745.50	DISTRICT CORONER	\$200.00
Appraiser's Cost	\$12,007.01	Economic Dev Cap Outlay	\$20,000.00
County Health	\$43,873.98	Reg Deeds Tech Fund	\$4,815.00
Economic Development	\$10,970.03	911 TAX	\$1,090.20
Election	\$11,039.51	Alcohol & Drug Test Fund	\$617.41
Employee Benefits	\$88,637.19	Co Attorney Diversion	\$343.47
4-H Maintenance	\$1,161.11	*Court Trustee - State	\$16,999.78
Noxious Weed	\$7,784.70	*Case Management	\$18,142.14
Solid Waste	\$32,874.45	*JISP	\$30,922.10
Special Machinery & Equip	\$2,871.56	*Diversion	\$11,050.94
Sheriff Capital Outlay	\$8,297.00	*Juvenile Intake	\$7,069.07
Solid Waste Cap Outlay	\$1,789.33	Northwest BT Region	\$4,955.08

Tennis places 2nd in Phillipsburg

By Dick Boyd

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity tennis team placed runner-up in the Phillipsburg JV Quad held Thursday, Sept. 13 in Phillipsburg. Phillipsburg was the champion with 28 points, followed by Norton, 17; Trego Community, 11; Scott City, 4. "We had a great day and had some really good wins," said Norton assistant coach Crystal Montgomery. Sophomore Brooke Sumner was runner-up at No.1 singles. She lost to Taylor Beach, Phillipsburg, 6-3; defeated Jody Gunther, Scott City, 6-2 and outscored Abigail Buchholz, Trego, 6-4. "Brooke's strong play and consistency make her a competitive player," said coach Montgomery. "Her serve gives opponents a lot of trouble and it's fun watching her play. After losing her first match, she picked up her game to win the next two and place second." Norton freshmen Hailey Branek and Morgan Griffey placed third at No.1 doubles. They lost to Mariah Coomes and Karlye Stephen, Phillipsburg, 6-3; defeated Addie Price and Christina Tilton, Scott City, 6-1 and lost to Larissa Howard and Shawnee Phillips, Trego, 6-2. "Hailey and Morgan had some close matches and played very well. They had a great win over Scott City. They need to work on being more ag-

gressive and consistent." Freshman Audrie Burge won the No.2 singles division. She beat Lexi Chavez, Phillipsburg, 6-3; outscored Melanie Tilton, Scott City, 6-2 and defeated Elyssa Carr, Trego, 6-4. "Audrie played singles for the first time this season and did outstanding," said coach Montgomery. "Audrie has learned so much but is still constantly working hard to improve. She is definitely someone to watch out for in coming years." Freshman Rachel Jones and sophomore Alex Arajuo played No.2 doubles and placed third. They lost to Alex Isernhagen and Danielle Slack, Phillipsburg, 6-0; lost to Suzanne Huntley and Lauren Sauer, Scott City, 6-2 and defeated Amy Pugh, Phillipsburg, and Norton freshman Lizzie Smith, playing for Trego, 6-5(7-2). "Each time Rachel and Alex played they improved and learned something new about doubles," said coach Montgomery. "They need to stay in the point longer and be ready for the ball to come back to them. They had a great match at the end of the day when they won a tiebreaker." Lizzie Smith played No.2 doubles with Amy Pugh of Phillipsburg. They placed fourth. They lost to Huntley and Sauer, Scott City, 6-0; lost to Isernhagen and Slack, Phillipsburg, 6-2 and lost to Jones and Arajuo of Norton, 6-5(7-2). "Lizzie played doubles for the first time this season," said coach Montgomery. "She had a great time and had some good volleys."

match but a couple of Oakley girls gave us problems and we dug ourselves a hole that we couldn't get out of to win. We had trouble staying focused and playing the game versus watching the game as fatigue set in. Most of the teams that we play have a separate B and C team whereas our JV team, along with some help from varsity girls, have to play two matches a night. The good news is we get quite a bit of playing time but sometimes fatigue plays a factor," Cox said. Scores: 19-25; 20-25 Serving: Emily Riley- 2/3; Taylor Wahlmeier- 4/4; Nicole Rumback- 6/; Nicole Thrailkill- 12/12 with 4 aces; Jazelle Group- 4/5, 1 ace and Maacayla Kent- 8/9, 1 ace.

Norton County Treasurer - 2011 Delinquent Personal Property Listing

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Taxpayer	Address	City/St	Amount
Baxter, Mark	25279 Road I	Almena, KS 67622	\$180.00
Boo, James E & Sherri	28303 Road H	Almena, KS 67622	\$58.40
Cook, Terry & Tyler	18224 Road I	Norton, KS 67654	\$80.90
Cook, Terry & Tyler	18224 Road I	Norton, KS 67654	\$60.02
Dial, Jason	511 W. Main St.	Norton, KS 67654	\$136.54
Evridge, Rob	323 W. Lincoln St.	Norton, KS 67654	\$92.68
McMullen, Bradley	10547 Road D	Norton, KS 67654	\$84.74
McMullen, Bradley	10547 Road D	Norton, KS 67654	\$202.82
McKenna, Robert	503 W. 8th St., Apt. 6	LaCrosse, KS 67548	\$442.78
Reeves, D Bruce	21629 Legacy Ct.	Piedmont, SD	\$480.90
Richard, John W	432 B Street	Phillipsburg, KS 67661	\$112.34
Robison, Rick & Vicki	4213 US Hwy. 283	Norton, KS 67654	\$357.31
Robison, Rick & Vicki	4213 US Hwy. 283	Norton, KS 67654	\$84.18
Santimaw, Gary & Yonnet	11887 Road W	Lenora, KS 67645	\$85.23
Tolle, Jerry & Teresa	407 E. Second Ave	Norton, KS 67654	\$104.24
Turman, Clayton	507 E. Washington St.	Norton, KS 67654	\$113.80
Wiltfong, Kevin	511 N. Graves Ave	Norton, KS 67654	\$139.74
Wiltfong, Shaun dba Majestic Manor Const	329 W. Main St.	Norton, KS 67654	\$136.53
Wiltfong, Shaun dba Majestic Manor Const	329 W. Main St.	Norton, KS 67654	\$59.19
Yost, Daniel	314 Soward St.	Winfield, KS 67156	\$60.58
			\$3,072.92