

Legion nine to play in Zone Tourney

By DICK BOYD

The Norton American Legion baseball team will open Zone Tournament play on Saturday versus Smith County in a 4 p.m. game in Osborne.

It will be a double elimination tournament. Norton will play two games on Saturday. If the Blue Jays win over Smith County, they will play at 8 p.m. and a loss would put them in a 6 p.m. contest.

The tournament will run through Monday with a possibility of a Tuesday championship contest.

Pre-tournament games

Norton competed in the Osborne Invitational Tournament on July 2-3-4.

In their first tournament game, the Blue Jays defeated Clifton-Clyde 7-3.

Norton took a 4-0 lead in the second inning. Jordan Durham and Denton Bailey both singled and Chris Davis doubled. Jared Foley, Jared Mindrup, Pat Burton and Aaron Daniels singled. Bailey, Davis, Foley and Mindrup all scored.

Clifton-Clyde scored a single run in the bottom of the third. Norton tallied once in the top of the fourth when Foley doubled and Burton singled him home to make it a 5-1 game.

The Blue Jays added another run in the top of the fifth when Korey Look blasted a home run! Davis singled later in the inning but did not score.

Clifton-Clyde added a run in the bottom of the inning to make it 6-2.

The Blue Jays scored their final run in the top of the sixth when Foley stepped to the plate and slammed a home run!

Clifton-Clyde scored their last run in the bottom of the inning when Sorrell hit a home run to make the final score 7-3.

Norton had 15 hits in the game. Six different Norton hitters had at least two hits. Foley was a perfect 3 for 3 at the plate. Burton and Bailey were both 2 for 3 and Look, Durham and Davis were 2 for 4.

Davis was the winning pitcher. He gave up eight hits, struck out 10 batters and walked seven.

Beeson was the losing pitcher. Norton played host team Osborne in their second tournament game and came away with a 13-4 loss.

Osborne took a 6-0 lead in the top of the first inning and added three runs in the top of the second. Norton scored one time in the bottom of the second. Brock McChesney tripled and Bailey singled him home.

Three more Osborne runs in the top of the third extended their lead to 12-1.

The Bulldogs added one more run in the top of the fourth to make it a 13-1 game.

Norton's final three runs came in the bottom of the fourth. McChesney was hit by a pitch and walked, Bailey singled and Daniels walked. All three scored.

Norton had just four hits in the game. Bailey was leading hitter. He went 2 for 2.

Bailey was the losing pitcher. He gave up 15 hits, walked eight and struck out five batters.

Roach was the winning pitcher. Norton lost to Phillipsburg 7-4 in the Jays' final tournament game. Phillipsburg took a 6-0 lead with one run in the top of the first, four in the second and one in the third inning.

The Blue Jays tallied two runs in the bottom of the fourth to make it 6-2. Davis, Look and McChesney singled, Bailey doubled and Look and McChesney scored.

Phillipsburg scored once in the top of the fifth to make it 7-2.

Norton's last two runs came in the bottom of the sixth when Look singled, McChesney walked and both scored to make the final 7-4.

Norton had just five hits in the game. Look was leading hitter. He went 2 for 3 at the plate.

Rutherford was the losing pitcher. He was relieved in the second inning by Davis and Davis was relieved in the seventh inning by Bailey. Phillipsburg had 13 hits, walked 10 times and seven Panther batters struck out.

Merklein was the winning pitcher.

Split at Smith Center

Norton split a doubleheader against Smith County at Smith Center on July 11.

The Blue Jays lost a 15-14 heart-

breaker in the opener, then blasted the Redmen 14-2 in the nightcap.

Norton scored one run in the top of the first inning in the opening contest when Foley singled and made it home on a fly out by Bailey.

Smith County scored their first three runs in the bottom of the inning and added five more runs in the bottom of the second.

Norton did not score again until the top of the fourth when the Blue Jays ran across eight runs to take a 9-8 advantage. McChesney, Look, Durham, Davis and Logan Keiswetter all singled. Mindrup doubled, Foley singled and Bailey doubled. McChesney, Look, Durham, Davis, Keiswetter, Mindrup, Foley and Bailey all scored.

Two runs by the Redmen in the bottom of the inning gave them a 10-9 lead.

Norton regained the lead in the top of the fifth with two more runs when Davis singled and Keiswetter tripled him home.

Smith County took a 13-11 lead with three more runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Norton was scoreless in the top of the sixth and the Redmen added two more runs in the bottom of the inning to extend their lead to 15-11.

But, the Blue Jays weren't finished. They rallied in the top of the seventh and fell just one run short of tying the Redmen and possibly winning. Foley tripled, Rutherford walked and McChesney singled and all three scored to make the final 15-14 in favor of Smith County.

Norton had 16 hits in the game. Foley was the leading hitter, going 4 for 5 at the plate. Durham and Keiswetter were both 2 for 3 batting.

Rutherford was the losing pitcher. He was relieved in the second inning by Keiswetter and he was relieved in the fifth inning by Bailey. Smith County had 11 hits, 10 walks and seven Redmen struck out. Frank was the winning pitcher.

In the nightcap, Norton built a 5-0 lead in the first three innings. Foley walked in the top of the first and scored. Bailey doubled in the second and tallied. Foley and Daniels both singled, McChesney walked and Look singled and Foley, Daniels and McChesney scored in the top of the third.

The Blue Jays padded their lead

with nine runs in the top of the fourth. Mindrup singled, Rutherford doubled, Foley was hit by a pitch and walked, Keiswetter and Daniels both singled, Look tripled, Bailey and Davis both singled and Mindrup tripled. All of them scored to give Norton a 14-0 advantage.

The Redmen avoided a shutout by scoring two runs in the bottom of the fourth to make the final 14-2.

Norton had 13 hits in the contest. Foley went 2 for 2 at the plate and Daniels, Look, Bailey and Mindrup all went 2 for 3.

Davis was the winning pitcher. He hurled a three-hitter, walked no batters and struck out six.

Linn was the losing pitcher.

Doubleheader with Phillipsburg

The Norton Legion team played Phillipsburg in a doubleheader in Norton on July 14.

The Blue Jays took a narrow 6-5 loss in the opener.

The Panthers held a 1-0 lead after the top of the first and added four more runs in the top of the second to take a 5-0 lead.

The Blue Jays rallied in the bottom of the second with four runs to make it a 5-4 game. Bailey singled, Durham tripled, Davis and Foley both singled and all scored.

Phillipsburg added one run in the top of the third to make it 6-4. The Panthers did not score again but Norton was only able to tally one more run in the bottom of the fourth when Davis walked and scored to make the final 6-5 in favor of Phillipsburg.

Norton had just four hits in the game. Davis was 1 for 1 and Foley, Bailey and Durham were each 1 for 2 at the plate.

Mindrup was the losing pitcher. He gave up seven hits, walked seven and struck out two batters.

Cole was the winning pitcher.

Norton suffered a 14-5 loss in the nightcap.

The Blue Jays took a 5-0 lead when Foley walked and scored in the first inning and McChesney, Mindrup and Ulmer walked, Foley doubled and Keiswetter singled and McChesney, Mindrup, Ulmer and Foley all scored in the second inning.

Phillipsburg tallied two runs in the top of the third to make it a 5-2 contest and took the lead for good with a 12 run barrage in the top of the fifth to make the final 14-5.

Eight of the Panthers' 14 hits came in the fifth stanza.

Norton recorded just three hits in the game. Foley, Keiswetter and McChesney each collected one hit.

Bailey started on the mound for Norton but was relieved in the fifth inning by Rutherford and Keiswetter.

Merklein was the winning pitcher.

Split at Phillipsburg

Norton got a measure of revenge on Monday of this week when the Blue Jays traveled to Phillipsburg and defeated the Panthers 13-10 in a doubleheader opener.

Norton scored two runs in the top of the first. Foley led off with a single, Bailey and Burton followed with doubles, Durham singled and Foley and Burton both tallied.

Phillipsburg tied the score with two runs of their own in the bottom of the inning.

Two more Norton runs in the top of the second made it a 4-2 game in favor of the Blue Jays. Davis singled to get on base and Foley hit a home run to bring home both runs.

Eight big runs in the top of the third by Norton pushed the Blue Jay lead to 12-2. Bailey singled and Burton slammed a home run to bring them both home. Then, Durham and McChesney both walked, Davis doubled, Mindrup singled, Rutherford tripled and Bailey walked and they all scored.

The Panthers closed the gap to 12-5 with three runs in the bottom of the third.

Norton added one run in the top of the fourth when Davis and Mindrup both singled and Davis tallied.

Phillipsburg scored another run in the bottom of the fourth to make the score 13-6.

Norton was scoreless in the top of the fifth. The Panthers rallied in the bottom of the inning but their four runs were too little, too late and the final score was 13-10 in favor of the visiting Blue Jays.

Norton had 13 hits in the game. Davis was a perfect 3 for 3 at the plate. Bailey, Burton and Mindrup were all 2 for 3 and Foley was 2 for 4.

Rutherford was the winning pitcher. He allowed 10 hits, walked six and struck out four batters.

D. Hadley was the losing

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PUBLIC NOTICES

The Estate of Mabel I. Wiles

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of **MABEL I. WILES**, Deceased

Case No. 2004-PR-36

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Dixie D. Covington, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator with Will Annexed of the Estate of Mabel I. Wiles, Deceased, praying that her acts be approved; that her account be settled and allowed, that the will be construed and the estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that the costs be determined and ordered paid; that the

administration of the estate be closed; that the Administrator be discharged and that she be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 15th day of August, 2005, at 9:30 o'clock A.M. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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City of Clayton Notice of Budget Hearing

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of City of Clayton will meet on the 1st day of August, 2005 at 7:00 P.M., at City Hall 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 City Hall 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 change depending on 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	Est Tax Rate*
General	6693	14.42	6000	14.61	8022	1509	14.50
Water Utility	11616		9892		14954		
Street & Hwy	5556		2000		8000		
Refuse Collection	3612		4500		4500		
Bond Interest	3836		3806		4074		
Bond Reserve	0		0		4074		
Totals	32313		26198		43624		
Less: Transfers	3790		3792		4304		
Net Expenditures	28523		22406		39320		
Total Tax Levied	1499		1502				
Assessed Valuation	92859		102819		104041		

Outstanding Indebtedness - January 1, 2005			
2005			
G.O. Bonds			
Revenue Bonds	62400	61800	61200
No-Fund Warrants			
Lease Purchase Principal			
Total	62400	61800	61200

* Tax Rates are expressed in mills.
Barbara Brooks
Official, Title City Clerk

Almena Irrigation District #5 Notice of Budget Hearing

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Almena Irrigation District #5, Norton County, will meet on the 9th day of August, 2005, at 8 p.m. at the Almena Irrigation District Headquarters for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds.

Detailed budget information is available at the Irrigation Office and will be available at this hearing.

Norman L. Nelson, President; Craig Ingram, Treasurer; Duane Sell, Secretary
Almena Irrigation District #5, Almena, KS 67622

Adopted Budget	Prior Year Actual 2004	Current Year Estimate 2005	Proposed Budget Year 2006
GENERAL FUND			
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	42,364	62,382	60,522
Receipts:			
O & M Assessments	80,130	80,689	80,689
Wildlife & Parks	120,000	120,000	120,000
Grant	0	20,000	0
Misc. Income	2,125	600	600
Transfer from Repayment Fund	800	0	224
Interest on Idle Funds	660	500	500
Total Receipts	203,715	221,789	202,013
Resources Available:	246,079	284,171	262,535
Expenditures:			
General Fund Expenditures	80,048	120,000	158,886
Landowner Refund	96,156	96,156	96,156
Transfer to Dist. Works Reserve Fund	576	576	576
Transfer to Water Supply Reserve Fund	1,153	1,153	1,153
Transfer to Water Conservation Fund	5,764	5,764	5,764
Total Expenditures	183,697	223,649	262,535
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	62,382	60,522	0

EQUIPMENT FUND			
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	38,576	42,916	45,766
Receipts:			
Machine Hire	4,030	2,500	2,500
Interest on Idle Funds	310	350	350
Total Receipts	4,340	2,850	2,850
Resources Available:	42,916	45,766	48,616
Expenditures:			
Equipment expenditures			48,616
Total Expenditures	0	0	48,616
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	42,916	45,766	0

REPAYMENT FUND			
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	858	54	139
Receipts:			
Repayment Assessments	15,711	15,776	15,776
Interest on Idle Funds	51	75	75
Total Receipts	15,762	15,851	15,851
Resources Available:	16,620	15,905	15,990
Expenditures:			
Repayment to USBR	15,766	15,766	15,766
Transfer to General Fund	800	0	224
Total Expenditures	16,566	15,766	15,990
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	54	139	0

DISTRIBUTION WORKS RESERVE FUND			
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	24,247	25,585	25,585
Receipts:			
Transfer from General	576		
Interest on Idle Funds	762		
Total Receipts	1,338	0	0
Resources Available:	25,585	25,585	25,585
Expenditures:			
Transfer to Equipment Fund			
Total Expenditures	0	0	0
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	25,585	25,585	25,585

WATER SUPPLY RESERVE FUND			
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	3,562	4,798	4,798
Receipts:			
Transfer from General	1,153		
Interest on Idle Funds	83		
Total Receipts	1,236	0	0
Resources Available:	4,798	4,798	4,798
Expenditures:			
Transfer to General			
Total Expenditures	0	0	0
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	4,798	4,798	4,798

WATER CONSERVATION FUND			
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	528	6,292	6,292
Receipts:			
Transfer from General	5,764		
Interest on Idle Funds			
Total Receipts	5,764	0	0
Resources Available:	6,292	6,292	6,292
Expenditures:			
Conservation Expenditure			
Total Expenditures	0	0	0
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	6,292	6,292	6,292

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