

# Legion trips produce victories and setbacks

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The Norton American Legion baseball team won two games at Phillipsburg on Wednesday, July 16 but lost two at Holdrege on Saturday, July 19.

**Phillipsburg**  
In the opener versus Phillipsburg, Norton scored two runs in the top of the first. Garrett Tacha walked and Jordan Durham singled him home and scored later on an error.

Phillipsburg scored their only run of the game in the bottom of the first to make it 2-1 but Norton added another run in the top of the second when Matt Stanley doubled and scored later in the inning.

The Blue Jays added five runs in the top of the third. Luke Ninemire and Tacha both walked, Landon Hamel singled and Dur-

ham walked. Brian Spooner struck out but made it to first safely and all five tallied.

Norton ran one run across home plate in the top of the fourth when Ninemire walked and scored later in the inning.

The Blue Jays' final runs came in the top of the fifth when they scored five more to win 14-1. Spooner struck out and made it safely to first, Stanley got on base via an error, Jake Riedel and Cody Callaway both singled and Ninemire doubled and all five scored.

Norton had six hits, six walks and 14 strike outs. Leading hitters for Norton were Ninemire and Durham, both 1 for 2 at the plate. Losing pitcher was Cage.

Tacha was the winning pitcher. Phillipsburg had seven hits, three walks and four strike outs.

"We were missing players due to injury or sickness so our line-up

was different from other games," said Norton head coach Joe Durham.

"Luke Ninemire, who is in his first year of Legion ball, batted lead off. He went 1 for 2 with 2 walks and scored three times.

"Jake Riedel from St. Francis and Cody Callaway from Almena got to see plenty of playing time with Cody getting his first hit of the year.

"While warming up, Aaron Pulec injured his throwing arm and was not able to play. Brett Pulec returned to the line-up after his injury in the Colby game."

Norton had another big win in the nightcap, outscoring the Panthers 12-2.

The Blue Jays tallied two runs in the top of the first inning. Durham was hit by a pitch and advanced to first, Hamel singled and both scored.

Phillipsburg tied the score with two runs in the bottom of the stanza.

Norton did not score in the top of the second but ran two more runs across home plate in the top of the third. Ninemire singled and Spooner struck out but made it safely to first. Both players scored.

The floodgates opened in the top of the fourth when Norton scored eight runs and batted around. Jacob Bracht and Riedel both walked, Ninemire struck out but made it safely to first, Durham singled, Hamel tripled, Stanley walked, Callaway doubled and Bracht walked again. Bracht scored twice and the others tallied once each.

Norton had just five hits, eight walks and 13 strike outs. Leading hitter for the Blue Jays was Hamel, who went 2 for 4. Losing pitcher was Hoft.

Winning pitcher was Hamel. Phillipsburg had four hits, three walks and eight strike outs.

"We moved some players around, trying to let them have some fun," said coach Durham.

"Cody Callaway played first, Jacob Bracht was at third, Matt Stanley played center, Brian Spooner played short and Ninemire played

left. In the fifth inning, Hamel and Durham switched with Hamel catching and Durham pitching."

**Holdrege**  
In the opener versus Holdrege, Norton scored once in the top of the first but did not score again in the 14-1 loss. Holdrege scored four runs in the bottom of the first, nine in the third and one in the fourth.

Norton had five hits in the game, two walks and ten strike outs. Leading hitters for the Blue Jays were Stanley, 2 for 2 and Ninemire, 2 for 3. Winning pitcher was Beachler.

Tacha was the losing pitcher. He was relieved by Durham. Holdrege had ten hits, one walk and five strike outs.

"We only had nine players when we traveled to Holdrege," said coach Durham. "We were so short of players that Brian Linden from Hoxie played for us. He hadn't played for a couple of years, so was a little rusty."

"Wind and errors were a real problem. Garrett took the loss but it wasn't his fault. Our defense didn't show up for the game."

In the nightcap, Holdrege scored ten runs in the bottom of the first, three more in the second and two in the bottom of the third to win

15-0. Stanley got Norton's only hit. The Blue Jays also had three walks and five strike outs. Winning pitcher was Anderson.

Losing pitcher was Durham. Holdrege had eight hits, nine walks and three strike outs.

"Durham was our starting pitcher in the second game but got no defensive help," said coach Durham. "Having to move players to positions they don't normally play and the wind blowing from right to left caused all kinds of trouble for us. Hamel again relieved Durham and Brian Spooner played centerfield. Brian did a pretty decent job on a very windy day and caught a few hard hit balls. Again, our bats were a no show."

"We finished the regular season under .500. It all comes down to Zone at Scott City. Whoever plays their best ball for the next three days will advance to the state tournament. If we play error free ball and get the middle of our line-up to start hitting, we have just as good a chance as anyone."

**Next action**  
Norton is competing in the Zone Tournament in Scott City on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Thursday's results were not available at press time.

## Notice of Budget Hearing for USD 212 Northern Valley

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USD# 212

STATE OF KANSAS  
Budget Form USD-A  
2008-2009

### NOTICE OF HEARING 2008-2009 BUDGET

The governing body of Unified School District 212 will meet on the 11th day of August, 2008 at 8:00 PM, at 512 W. Bryant St. Almene, KS in the Conference Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information (including budget profile) is available at the High School Office and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2008 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2008-2009 Budget. The "Est. Tax Rate" in the far right column, shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

Code 99 Line	2006-2007 Actual		2007-2008 Actual		PROPOSED BUDGET 2008-2009		
	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2008 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING							
General	06	1,895,064	20,000	1,894,968	20,000	2,079,077	176,066
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	320,000	19,919	385,000	19,912	515,000	259,083
SPECIAL REVENUE							
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bilingual Education	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virtual Education	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	16	58,938	4.998	64,924	4.996	202,235	48,021
Driver Training	18	3,091	0	3,026	0	8,584	0
Extraordinary School Program	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Service	24	120,789	0	134,019	0	161,703	0
Professional Development	26	8,053	0	16,533	0	19,610	0
Parent Education Program	28	0	0	0	0	0	0
Summer School	29	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Education	30	234,289	0	322,190	0	347,304	0
Vocational Education	34	70,404	0	76,457	0	78,001	0
Area Vocational School	36	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
School Retirement	44	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	07	40,578	0	43,126	0	84,998	0
Gifts and Grants	35	70,629	0	66,348	0	17,972	0
At Risk (4Yr Old)	11	30,246	0	15,806	0	37,523	0
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
At Risk (K-12)	13	97,072	0	126,451	0	138,187	0
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000

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OTHER							
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	115	433,806	0	428,380	0	483,170	0
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$9,336,116	0	\$9,099,155	0	\$8,803,289	0
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$10,110,286	0	\$9,886,740	0	\$9,604,181	0
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2006	2007	2008			
General Obligation Bonds	135	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary Note	145	0	0	0	0	0	0
No-Fund Warrant	150	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	153	56,364	23,539	23,539	0	0	0
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	56,364	23,539	23,539	0	0	0

*Neil Hays*  
President

*Barb Nelson*  
Clerk of the Board

## Notice of Budget Hearing for the City of Norton

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### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of City of Norton will meet on the 6th day of August, 2008, at 5:45 p.m. at 301 E. Washington, 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, 301 E. Washington St., Norton, KS, and will be available at this hearing.

### BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2009 Expenditures and Amount of 2008 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2009 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2007		Current Year Estimate for 2008		Proposed Budget for 2009		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate *	Expenditures	Amount of 2008 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate *
General	1,381,773	30.793	1,540,784	32.888	1,625,393	353,985	30.613
Bond & Interest	0	5.227	65,625	0.772	71,915	52,457	4.412
Employee Benefit	97,212	6.063	109,000	8.096	124,500	83,275	7.004
Industrial Development	0	1.000	20,000	1.000	98,389	11,890	1.000
Library	79,713	5.995	86,195	6.271	87,808	71,340	6.000
Library Benefits	28,021	2.098	29,834	2.166	31,382	25,741	2.165
Special Highway	88,944	0	125,500	0	168,469	0	0
Cemetery Trust	699	0	3,000	0	6,498	0	0
Special Parks	10,757	0	8,530	0	11,874	0	0
Tourism	18,196	0	21,000	0	21,000	0	0
Fire Insurance Proceeds	10,000	0	5,000	0	15,000	0	0
Special Health Insurance	381,710	0	450,950	0	560,111	0	0
Airport Bond & Interest	34,077	0	33,268	0	37,554	0	0
Northern Bond & Interest	5,154	0	5,160	0	5,166	0	0
Revolving Loan Fund	32,917	0	40,000	0	48,000	0	0
Curran Cemetery Donation	0	0	10,000	0	40,000	0	0
Electric	2,993,624	0	3,639,403	0	4,169,080	0	0
Water	458,821	0	817,464	0	1,292,216	0	0
Sewer	543,478	0	576,094	0	647,769	0	0
Refuse	217,992	0	241,620	0	258,638	0	0
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	494,646	0	--	0	--	0	0
Non-Budgeted Funds-B	5,059,108	0	--	0	--	0	0
Totals	11,936,842	51.176	7,828,427	51.193	9,320,762	608,688	51.194
Less: Transfers	122,400	0	122,400	0	122,400	0	0
Net Expenditure	11,814,442	0	7,706,027	0	9,198,362	0	0
Total Tax Levied	559,254	0	583,679	0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	0	0
Assessed Valuation	10,928,207	0	11,401,521	0	11,890,061	0	0
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
January 1,	2006		2007		2008		
G.O. Bonds	419,927		372,144		869,130		
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	3,802,045		10,801,030		10,539,466		
Lease Purchase Principal	138,684		227,605		310,379		
Total	4,360,656		11,400,779		11,718,975		

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills

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## K-18 season ends at tournament

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The Norton K-18 baseball season ended on Wednesday, July 16 in a Regional Tournament qualifying game at WaKeeney but the young Blue Jays went down fighting in an exciting 9-8 contest.

Both teams scored twice in the first inning. Norton's scores came when Landon Keiswetter and Kaid McKenna both singled and scored later in the inning.

Norton was scoreless in the second inning but WaKeeney tallied three runs to take a 5-2 lead. The young Blue Jays tallied once in the third inning when Zach Hartwell and Ryan Blecha both singled and scored to make it 5-3.

Neither team scored in the fourth inning but Norton scored five big runs in the fifth. Trey Millan singled, Hartwell and Carson McKenna both walked, Damien Davis doubled, Keiswetter singled, McKenna doubled and Brett Terrell singled. Millan, Hartwell, McKenna, Davis and Keiswetter all scored.

WaKeeney scored once in the fifth inning, making the score 8-6 in favor of Norton. Neither team scored in the sixth inning but WaKeeney tied the score at 8-all with two runs in the seventh stanza. Norton did not score in either the seventh or eighth inning but WaKeeney got the win with one final

run in the eighth.

Norton had 14 hits, 15 walks and seven strike outs in the game. Leading hitters for the young Blue Jays were McKenna, 4 for 4; Keiswetter and Davis, each 2 for 4. Winning pitcher was Will Papes.

Shirk pitched the first seven innings, Millan pitched to two batters in the eighth and Keiswetter pitched to the final WaKeeney batter. Millan was the losing pitcher.

WaKeeney had ten hits, seven walks and eleven strike outs.

Coaches of the Norton K-18 nine this season were Lamont Shirk, Fig Millan and Ted Davis.

## Area players in Shrine Bowl

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The 35th annual Kansas Shrine Bowl featuring 68 most recently graduated high school football players chosen by the state media will be held on Saturday with kickoff at Welch Stadium in Emporia set for 7 p.m.

West players include Taylor Elder, Sharon Springs; Cameron Horesky, Hoisington; Kirk Palmer and Braden Wilson, both of Smith Center and Aaron Racette, Oakley.

Horesky and Racette both have Norton area relatives. Horesky is a second generation Shrine Bowl player. His father, John, a graduate of Norton Community High School, was the first Norton player chosen to compete in the Shrine Bowl.

The Shrine Bowl will be telecast over Smoky Hills Public TV, Bunker Hill.

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