

Norton Legion takes victory over Smith Center

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 The No.3 seeded Norton American Legion baseball team outscored a scrappy No.2 seeded Smith Center nine 14-11 in the second round of the Legion Zone

Norton played Colby on Thursday evening but results were not available at the Telegram's press time.
 In Tuesday's game, Norton was declared the visitor for tournament purposes.

to 12-7. Smith Center didn't fold; they scored four more runs in the bottom of the sixth to cut the Norton lead to 12-11.
 The Blue Jays got two insurance runs in the top of the seventh inning and held the Blue Devils scoreless in the bottom of the seventh to earn the 14-11 victory and keep moving in the winners' bracket.
 Norton's single run in the top of the first inning came when Brett Terrell walked and Dalton Miller singled him home.
 Terrell got on base on an error in the top of the third, Trey Millan was hit by a pitch and advanced, Spencer Shirk and Kaid McKenna both singled and Terrell and Millan both scored.
 Norton's three runs in the top of the fourth stanza to tie the score at 6-all were scored when Troy Bainter and Chris Maddy both singled, Terrell walked, Shirk singled and all but Shirk scored.
 The Blue Jays' two more runs in the top of the fifth to put Norton ahead 8-7 came when Tug Keiswetter and Dakota Dreher both singled, Bainter got on base on an error and Keiswetter and Dreher crossed home plate.
 The Blue Jays got four runs on four hits in the top of the sixth to make it 12-7. Shirk and McKenna both singled, Keiswetter was hit by a pitch and advanced, and Dreher and Bainter both singled. All except Bainter scored.
 Smith Center's four runs in the bottom of the sixth narrowed the Norton lead to 12-11 but the Blue Jays ran two runs across in the top of the seventh when Miller singled, Shirk and Dreher walked and Bainter singled. Miller and Shirk both scored.
 Norton's bats were very active. The Blue Jays had 14 hits, ten walks and eight strike outs.
 Leading hitters were Spencer Shirk and Troy Bainter, both of whom were 3 for 4 with the bat. Dakota Dreher was 2 for 4 at the plate.
 Spencer Shirk started on the mound for Norton and was relieved in the bottom of the fifth by Tug Keiswetter.
 Smith Center had 11 hits, three walks and 12 strike outs.
 Sharing pitching duties for the Blue

Devils were Fisher, Zach Linn and Terrell.
Coach's comments
 "Smith Center is a very hard team to beat," said Norton head coach Scott Ellis.
 "We did it tonight with determination and hustle."
 "We won four out of five games against them this year. I am very proud of our boys for this accomplishment."
 "We will have to play a lot better defense against Colby but we will be ready to play them."
Next action
 Two games will be played this eve-

ning.
 At 6 p.m., the winner of the Goodland-Smith Center game will play the loser of the Norton-Colby contest and at 8 p.m. the winner of the Norton-Colby game will play the winner of the Goodland-Smith Center winner versus the loser of the Norton-Colby game.
 The winner of the second game this evening will be the champion and will play in the American Legion State Tournament in Ottawa.
 If the second game this evening doesn't decide the championship, another game will be played at 6 p.m. on Saturday to determine the winner.



The Norton American Legion's Tyler Cook fires the baseball into the infield after catching a fly ball hit by a Smith Center player during the Blue Jays' Tuesday night Zone Tournament victory in Norton.

-Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Tournament on Tuesday evening at John Ryan Field in Norton.
 Norton had won three out of four games with Smith Center this season but the Blue Devils made the Blue Jays work for every run they got.
 In the early game, No.1 seeded Colby defeated No. 4 seeded Goodland 8-5.
 In Wednesday's loser's bracket, Goodland outscored Osborne 18-5 and Smith Center defeated Trego 14-5.
 Goodland played Smith Center and

Norton scored one run in the top of the first inning but Smith Center tallied four in the bottom of the first. Two more Smith Center runs in the bottom of the second gave them a 6-1 lead. Norton made it 6-3 in the top of the third and tied it at 6-all in the top of the fourth.
 Smith Center took a 7-6 lead in the bottom of the fourth. Two Norton runs in the top of the fifth made it 8-7 in favor of Norton and four more Blue Jay runs in the top of the sixth extended Norton's lead



Dalton Miller singled for the Norton American Legion in the crucial top of the seventh inning to get some action going for the Blue Jays, who led Smith Center 12-11 at the time in Zone Tournament play. Spencer Shirk and Dakota Dreher both walked after Miller's hit and Troy Bainter singled. Miller and Shirk both scored to extend the Norton lead to 14-11, which was also the final score.

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Alum for Athletes race planned for Saturday morning in Norton

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 The Alum for Athletes 5K and Kids Run to be held in Norton this Saturday morning is generating lots of enthusiasm with 52 persons pre-registered.
 The 5K Run is open to runners 12 and older and will begin at 7 a.m. at the Norton Community High School.
 A Kids 1 Mile walk for ages 12 and younger will begin at 8 a.m. along with a 1 Mile Walk open to persons of all ages.
 In other words, there is some exercise for everyone!
 Pre-registration was requested but is not necessary. Race day registration will take place at the

high school. Race day check-in is required before 6:45 a.m. for the 5K Run and before 7:45 a.m. for the two walks.
 The race and walks will begin and end at the high school.
 The courses will be the Norton streets and they will be marked and manned.
 Cost to enter the 5K Run is \$20 and to enter the walks is \$15.
 Prizes will be awarded to the first through third mile and female winners in each age group.
 Jogging strollers, strollers and wheelchairs will be allowed but no pets.
 Food, fun and awards for participants will follow the races.

For more information, call Wendy Sloan at (785) 877-5427 or email her at saharis@sbgnet.com.
 All Norton Community High School students, alumni and supporters are invited to take part. This event is being held to raise money for a scholarship for a senior athlete.
 Alum for Athletes 5K is not just a race. It's a group of excited young professionals who graduated from Norton Community High School. While many live out of town or even out of state, they say they are

proud of their Blue Jay roots. Their pride has led them to organize the race to benefit a scholarship fund. The scholarship will be awarded each year to a senior athlete who does not receive a scholarship from a university.
 The very talented NCHS graduate Lucas Maddy will entertain the crowd following the race events. Participants and spectators will also enjoy refreshments.

Do you know where to find a great photo? Let us know about it! 785-877-3361

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SPECIAL DISTRICT RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-A
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SPECIAL DISTRICT RESOLUTION
Resolution No. 2011-A
 "A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Twin Creeks Extension District #9 with respect to financing the 2012 annual budget for Twin Creeks Extension District #9, Decatur County, Kansas."
 Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b provides that a resolution be adopted if property taxes levied to finance the 2012 Twin Creeks Extension Dist #9 district budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2011 Twin Creeks Extension Dist #9 except with regard to revenue produced and attributable to the taxation of 1) new improvements to real property; 2) increased personal property valuation, other than increased valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes; and 3) property which has changed in use during the past year, or with regard to revenue produced for the purpose of repaying the principal of and interest upon bonded indebtedness, temporary notes, or no fund warrants; and
 Whereas, budgeting, taxing and service level decisions for all district services are the responsibility of the district board; and
 Whereas, Twin Creeks Extension Dist. #9 provides essential services to district residents; and
 Whereas, the cost of provision of these services continues to increase.
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Twin Creeks Extension Dist. #9 that it is our desire to notify the public of the possibility of increased property taxes to finance the 2012 Twin Creeks Extension Dist. #9 budget as defined above.
 Adopted this 18th day of July 2011 by the Twin Creeks Extension Dist. #9 District Board, Decatur County, State of Kansas.
 Twin Creeks Extension District #9 Board
 Patsy L. Maddy, Chairperson
 Peggy Pratt, Member
 Sheryl Unger, Member

Notice of Budget Hearing Twin Creeks Extension Dist #9
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 The governing body of **Twin Creeks Extension District #9** will meet on August 15, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Decatur County Courthouse Jury 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 is available at Twin Creeks Extension District, Oberlin Office and will be available at this hearing.
BUDGET SUMMARY
 Proposed Budget 2012 Expenditures and Amount of 2011 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2012 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual 2010		Current Year Estimate for 2011		Proposed Budget Year for 2012		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority	Amount of 2011 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General		NEW		NEW	440,654	247,066	2,052
Debt Service							
Totals	0	0.000	0	0.000	440,654	247,066	2,052
Less: Transfers	0		0			0	
Net Expenditures	0		0			44,0654	
Total Tax Levied		New County		0			
Assessed Valuation		New County	110,755,059		120,403,066		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills.
 Patsy L. Maddy, Board Chair

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