Local athletes begin practice

By DICK BOYD

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Practices began the first of the week for fall sports in Norton, Northern Valley and Logan high schools and junior highs.

The Norton Community High School football team practiced twice a day this week through today and will have a scrimmage on Saturday morning, beginning

Blue Jay gridders' practices beginning Monday will be after school from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Returning head Norton football coach is Lucas Melvin.

Lady Jay volleyball squad members have also been practicing twice a day this week and next week will begin once daily practices from 3:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Their head coach again this season is Peggy Cox.

Norton's high school cross country team is practicing daily from 3:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. Returning head coach is George Rossi.

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After the completion of the

2008 football season, the Smith

Center High School football team

had won their fourth straight

state championship and had the

longest current winning streak in

Joe Drape, an award-winning

New York Times reporter, had

moved with his wife and son to

Smith Center to live in the com-

munity and chronicle the 2008

season. He did so in a book "Our

Boys . . . A Perfect Season on

the Plains with the Smith Center

The book was on the New York

Times Best Seller List for many

In 2009, the streak finally ended

at 79 straight victories when the

Redmen lost the state champion-

ship game 20-12 to Centralia in

Since that loss, the book has

been reprinted in soft cover with

an additional chapter describing

sport show starts

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Scoreboard Show on Smoky

Hills Public Television will kick

off the upcoming high school

sports season with four pre-season

Smoky Hills Public Televi-

sion will showcase high school

football teams throughout central

and western Kansas on 30-minute

specials. A panel will discuss and

predict which teams they feel will

finish at the top of their leagues

The Northwest Region will be

covered this evening at 10:30 p.m. and the South Central Region will

be featured, beginning at 11 p.m.

cials will be next Friday, August

27. Pre-season coverage of the

North Central Region will begin

at 10:30 p.m. on that date, fol-

lowed by the Southwest Region

Since the Scoreboard Show

started eight years ago, parents,

coaches, athletes and students have expressed their appreciation

for the attention Scoreboard Show

brings to their communities' high

This very popular Friday night

60-minute live production (with

replay on Saturday mornings)

covers football, volleyball, soccer,

The one-hour show highlights

high school sports from 1A

through 6A divisions across cen-

In addition to the on-air cover-

age the program offers, Score-

board Show is on-line for 24/7

viewing with access to Friday

night football scores at www.

school sports programs.

cross country and more.

tral and western Kansas.

smokyhilltv.org.

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at 11 p.m.

The other two pre-season spe-

and be state contenders

Beginning this evening, the

Smoky Hills

the nation.

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overtime!

nis team is practicing daily from a.m. Practices are held in the gym 3:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. The head coach in Long Island.

The Norton junior high head football coach again this season is Shane Miller. They are practicing daily during the week from 3:45

Ashley Wegener. Their practices are daily during the week from 3:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Northern Valley

The Northern Valley High School football team also practiced twice daily this week from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and will have one practice Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Next week, they will also practice twice daily on the same schedule with another Saturday morning practice only.

The Lady Husky high school volleyball team is practicing

The Lady Jay high school ten- weekly between 7 a.m. and 9:30

Northern Valley head volleyball coach again this season is Chuck Zimmerman.

The Northern Valley junior high football team also began practice this Monday and has practiced daily at 9 a.m. They will practice next week at 9 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday and 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday through Friday. Monday, Aug. 30 will be their last 9 a.m. practice since school begins on Tuesday. The team is practicing in Long Island.

Head Northern Valley junior high football coach again this year is Jim Cole.

The Northern Valley junior high volleyball team also began practice at 9 a.m. on Monday morning in Long Island and is following the same schedule as the football

Lady Husky junior high head volleyball coach again this season is Kirsten Baird.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF CLASS ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANT OXY USA INC.

Published in The Norton Telegram on Friday, August 20, and Tuesday, August 24, 2010 2(T)

> IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

David and Donna Schell, Howard Pickens, And Ron Oliver, Individually, and as Representative Parties on Behalf of a Class of Surface Owners Plaintiffs. Case Number 07-1258-JTM-KMH OXY USA Inc., Defendant.

> NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF CLASS ACTION AGAINST DEFENDANT OXY USA INC.

TO: THE MEMBERS OF THE CERTIFIED CLASS

IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED OR HAVE THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE FREE GAS FOR HOUSE USE FROM OXY USA, INC. ON AN OXY-OPERATED KANSAS WELL, THIS NOTICE MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS.

A CLASS ACTION HAS BEEN CERTIFIED IN A PENDING LAWSUIT AGAINST DEFENDANT OXY. THE CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT (THE "LAWSUIT") SEEKS A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT TO ESTABLISH THAT OXY OWES THE DUTY TO MAKE THE GAS USEABLE FOR HOUSE GAS USE. THE LAWSUIT IS PENDING IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF KANSAS IN WICHITA, KANSAS. THE LAWSUIT HAS BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST OXY BY FOUR HOUSE GAS USERS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THEMSELVES AND OTHER SIMILARLY SITUATED OWNERS OF THE RIGHT TO USE HOUSE GAS.

THE COURT HAS NOT RULED ON THE MERITS OF THE CLAIMS ASSERTED BY THE PLAINTIFFS, OR THE DEFENSES ASSERTED BY DEFENDANT OXY.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY

Why Is This Notice Being Sent To You?

You are being sent this Notice because you may be a member of the Class in the Lawsuit described below. OXY's records reflect that you may be a surface owner on an oil and gas lease that contains a right to use house gas. This Notice is not intended to be, and should not be construed as, an expression of any opinion with respect to the merits of the allegations in the Complaint filed in this action. This Notice explains the claims being asserted in the Lawsuit, and also explains your right to remain a member of the Class (as explained in Section 7 of this Notice), and your right to opt our of the certified Class (as explained in Section 8 of this Notice).

The Lawsuit

The Lawsuit is pending in the United States District Court of Kansas and is captioned as set forth above. The Honorable Judge J. Thomas Marten is presiding over the Lawsuit. On July 29, 2009, Judge Marten entered an Order certifying the Lawsuit as a class action. On August 11, 2010, Judge Marten entered an order allowing notice to the class to proceed.

The Class. The Order certifying the Lawsuit as a class action defined the Class

All surface owners of Kansas land burdened by oil and gas leases held or operated

Judge Marten's Order certifying the Class appointed the attorneys for the Plaintiffs to act as the attorneys for the Class ("Class Counsel"). The names and addresses of the Class Counsel are listed in Section 9 of this Notice.

What Is A Class Action?

A class action is a type of lawsuit in which the named plaintiffs bring a suit on behalf of other similarly situated persons seeking to recover relief on behalf of other persons they represent, without the necessity of each person incurring the expense of filing a separate lawsuit, or joining in the lawsuit. Class actions are brought when issues of fact or law are common, making it fair to bind all Class members to the orders and judgments in the case, without the necessity of litigating multiple lawsuits involving similar claims

What Is The Lawsuit Against OXY About?

House gas use is threatened by low pressure and/or high concentrations of hydrogen sulfide which may require compression and/or treatment to make the house gas useable. The Lawsuit against OXY seeks to establish that OXY owes the duty to make house gas useable at its expense. OXY denies that it owes that duty, denies that an implied duty exists in all leases, and contends its obligations are governed by the terms of the oil and gas leases

A more complete description of the Lawsuit, its status, and the rulings made in the Lawsuit are available in the pleadings and other papers maintained by the United States District Court Clerk for the District of Kansas located at 401 N. Market, 204 U.S. Courthouse, Wichita, KS 67202, in the file for Case No. 07-1258-JTM-KMH. Should you have questions regarding the status, rulings or issues in the Lawsuit, such questions can be submitted in writing to Class Counsel at the addresses provided in Section 9 of this Notice.

Who is Included?

If you are surface owner on land in which minerals are leased to OXY under an oil and gas lease containing a house gas clause, you may be a Class Member, even if you are not currently living in or renting a house to others on the land and even if you are also a royalty owner on the same land.

7. Remaining A Member Of The Class.

If you choose to remain a Class member, YOU DO NOT NEED TO TAKE ANY ACTION WHATSOEVER. Class Counsel will represent your interests as a member of the Class. You will not be charged for their services or costs, other than as may be deducted from any settlement amount or judgment, as approved by the Court. You also have the option of entering your appearance in the Lawsuit through your own counsel, at your sole cost, if you so desire. However, you will be bound by the result of the Lawsuit, regardless of the outcome, even if no recovery is had. Class members will be barred from bringing any separate legal action against OXY for the claims described in this Notice. If you remain a member of the Class, you will receive notices of, and may participate in, any relief obtained on behalf of the Class. For this reason, you should notify Class Counsel (in writing at the addresses provided in Section 9 of this Notice) of any corrections to, or changes in, your name

8. Requesting To Be Excluded From The Class.

If you are a member of the Class, you may elect to be excluded from the Class ("Opt Out"). If you elect to be excluded from the Class, you will not be bound by the judgment and final disposition of the Lawsuit. You will retain, and will be free to pursue, any claims, you may have on your own behalf against OXY. OXY may assert any defenses or counterclaims it may have against you. You may consult with your own attorney, at your sole cost, regarding your rights as well as any defenses and counterclaims available to OXY as to your claims. To be excluded from the Class, you must provide a written Opt Out election to be excluded from the Class to Rex A. Sharp, P.O. Box 8553, Prairie Village, KS 66208 The Opt Out election must contain your full name, current address, telephone number, and the property description of the Section (or portion thereof), Township, Range, and County in Kansas where you own the surface rights to land leased by OXY, and either your signature or the signature of a person authorized on your behalf to request exclusion from the Class. Your Opt Out must be postmarked no later than midnight on the 18th day of October, 2010.

Rex A. Sharp

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If you do not exclude yourself as described in paragraph 8 above, your interest will be represented by the Class Representatives and their counsel, as counsel for the Class ("Class Counsel"), which

Gunderson, Sharp & Walke, LLP 5301 W. 75th Street Prairie Village, KS 66208 (913) 901-0500 (913) 901-0419 fax

Lee Thompson Thompson Law Firm 300 N. Main, Ste. 106 Wichita, KS 67202 (316) 267-3933 (316) 267-3901 fax on@tslawfirm.com M. Moran Tomson 111 North Main PO Box 310 Johnson, KS 67855 (620) 492-6800 (620) 492-6801 fax

8/20/10 7:51:41 AM

In any written correspondence with the Class Counsel, it is important that the envelope and any documents inside contain the following case name and identifying numbers for the Lawsuit: David Schell, et al. v. OXY USA Inc., Case No. 07-1258-JTM-KMH. In addition, you should include your full name, address, email address, and telephone number

DO NOT WRITE OR TELEPHONE THE CLERK'S OFFICE if you have any questions about this Notice. ANY OUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS NOTICE OR THE LAWSUIT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO CLASS COUNSEL.

PLEASE DO NOT CALL OXY, THE COURT OR THE COURT CLERK

ORDERED: August 13th, 2010.

S/ Karen M. Humphreys KAREN M. HUMPHREYS UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

again this year is Jim Green.

p.m. to 5:30 p.m. New head coach of the Norton junior high volleyball team is

Head Husky football coach again this season is Chuck Fes-

Chapter added to Redmen best seller

Logan

the 2009 season and the emotions together we are champions" is his ing of Midwestern values, family

and other relatives and fans. In this book, the reader quickly discovers the beauty of the story isn't wins and championships earned by the team but rather how the team builds community and sustains this tiny, hard-working town located in the heartland of

of the players, coaches, parents

America. The Redmen have achieved their prodigious accomplishments by embracing a philosophy of life taught by their legendary erstwhile head coach Roger Barta. His mantra of "Respect each other, then learn to love each other and football but about the true mean-

throughout the town.

Since the original book was written, it has prompted positive comments from many well-known football figures.

"It's a great read for all but even more so for big-city readers to get a taste of the quality of life and genuine caring of this small community and its revered teacher, mentor and coach Roger Barta," said Bill Snyder, head football coach at Kansas State University.

"It is not so much a story about

hallmark and words that resonate life and the spirit of small town Kansas and its special people. I couldn't put it down."

Logan High School also began

practices on Monday. New head

football coach is Cody Hilburn.

His team has practiced all week

from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and again

The Logan High School vol-

leyball team also has had two a

day practices this week prior to

the start of school. They have

practiced from 6:30 a.m. until

8:30 a.m. and from 6:30 p.m. until

Returning head coach is Robin

The Logan junior high football

team has been practicing daily

since Monday from 7:30 a.m. until

9 a.m. Their head coach again this

Robin VanLaeys is also return-

ing as the Logan junior high head

volleyball coach. Practices started

Monday and are being held dur-

ing the week from 8:30 a.m. until

season is Conrad Corman.

from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

VanLaeys.

10:30 a.m.

"Our Boys is about far more than football," said Penn State football coach Joe Paterno.

"It's an inspiring story about how a coach and a community are building young men with the simple values of love, patience and hard work. This is a great

The book, including the "Afterword: One Year Later" chapter, is now available at book stores nationwide. Suggested price is \$14.99 each.

Proposed Budget 2011

Amount of 2010

Notice of Hearing - 2011 Budget

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

Norton County will meet on the 30th day of August, 2010 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

Estimated Tax Rate* is subject to change depending on final assessed valuation

Expenditures and the Amount of 2010 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum

Prior Year Actual Actual Current Year Est. Actual

		/*********	Current rem mon				
FUND	Expenditures	Tax Rate*	of Expenditures	Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Ad Valorem Tax	Tax Rate
General	1,541,925	15.082	1,597,892	22.455	1,677,184	738,132	18.72
Road & Bridge	873,308	11.536	897,535	4.877	908,900	335,327	8.50
Special Bridge	99,400	1.196	110,246	0.319	99,700	89,775	2.27
Solid Waste	269,415		176,835		220,860		
EMS-Ambulance	320,128	1.447	418,050	6.002	510,775	291,990	7.40
County Health	493,678	1.494	400,000	1.568	425,150	60,977	1.54
Noxious Weed	222,348	1.500	225,554	1.500	235,651	59,140	1.50
Election	44,237	0.735	60,462	1.058	55,637	48,676	1.23
Economic Development	148,573	2.765	111,000	2.433	111,000	94,988	2.40
Appraiser's Cost	144,529	3,253	126,275	2.859	129,628	111,725	2.83
4-H Maintenance	10,075	0.237	11,000	0.145	10,000	4,614	0.11
Fair	11,000	0.250	10,000	0.223	9,000	7,470	0.18
Soil Conservation	11,951	0.258	11,000	0.243	10,000	8,695	0.22
Airport	13,864	0.812	68,805	0.866	37,900	33,598	0.85
Mental Retardation	52,500	1.187	52,000	1.168	50,000	42,207	1.07
Mental Health	28,000	0.637	27,000	0.602	26,500	22,254	0.56
Hospital	94,450	2.000	91,281	2.000	112,842	98,567	2,50
Andbe Home Maintenance	19,000	0,400	18,119	0.400	18,812	15,771	0.40
Extension Council	75,742	1.603	12,984				
Historical Society	4,700	0,100	4,530	0.100	4,779	3,943	0.10
Sr. Citizens Service	47,250	1.000	45,300	1.000	47,071	39,427	1.00
Employee Benefits	1,123,882	21.102	1,179,450	21.456	1,206,700	976,443	24.76
Bridge Bonds	115,500	2.621	118,100	1.673	140,370		
EMS Building Bonds	0		22,872	0.674	24,800	18,074	0.45
EMS Building COP Debt	0		40,373	1.157	45,065	35,075	0.89
Econ. Rec. Zone Bonds	0		0		20,386	17,128	0.43
Noxious Weed Deficiency	0		83		83		
911 Emergency	22,878		29,500		29,500		
Wireless E-911	2,500		33,062		33,062		
District Coroner	2,400		9,300		9,300		
Special Alcohol Programs	8,200		17,066		17,066		
Special Parks & Recreation	1,000		7,930		7,930		
Noxious Weed Cap Outlay			35,406		35,405		
County Health Cap Outlay	19,551		30,794		30,793		
Non-Budgeted Funds	1,146,337						
Totals	6,968,321	71.215	5,999,804	74.778	6,301,849	3,153,996	79,99
Less: Transfers	240,649		120,463		218,142		
Net Expenditure	6,727,672		5,879,341]	6,083,707] '	
Total Tax Levied	2,912,374]	2,912,334]	3,153,996]	
Assessed Valuation	40,895,909	1	38,947,012]	39,426,932		

Lease Pur Princ	139,077		94,702		632,930			
Total	954,077]	644,702		1,282,930]		
	2009		2010		Proposed Budget 2011			
•	Prior Year Actual	Actual	Current Year Est.	Actual		Amount of 2010	Est.	
Other District Funds	Expenditures	Tax Rate*	of Expenditures	Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Ad Valorem Tax	Tax Rate*	
Gettis Cemetery	1,556	2.144	1,863	2.754	1,868	1,800	2.841	
Clayton Cemetery	2,745	2,305	2,784	2.468	2,878	2,500	2.380	
Oronoque Cemetery	1,225	1.178	1,225	1.261	1,235	1,112	1.154	
Edmond Cemetery	1,931	0.366	1,925	0.427	1,934	1,846	0.453	
Almena Cemetery	31,323	5,446	31,708	5.805	32,465	28,292	5.764	
Almena Fire Dist. No. 1	18,000	3.006	18,507	3.203	18,807	16,504	3,183	
Norton Fire Dist. No. 2	43,107	3.166	43,285	3,507	43,490	38,789	3.314	

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*Tax rates are expressed in mills

Outstanding Indebtedness,

Solomon Fire Dist. No. 3

January 1,

Robert Wyatt County Clerk

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