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Briefly

Help needed to deliver meals

Community volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels next week, Feb. 13-19. If you can help, call Norton County Hospital at 877-3351 and ask for the dietary department or Alice Hawks.

Veterans aide to be in Norton

A service representative from the Kansas Commission On Veterans' Affairs will be at the Norton City Office from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Monday, to assist veterans and their families with matters pertaining to veterans' benefits.

Paper needs weather watcher

The Norton Telegram continues its hunt for someone to call in the high and low temperatures each day. This was handled for 10 years by Paul and Pat Howell; however, since Mr. Howell's death, Mrs. Howell now feels it is time for someone else to do so.

Interested parties can call The Telegram office at 877-3361 for details.

"Performing this community service," Tom Dreiling, publisher, said, "gives you the inside track of knowing what the overnight low and the prior day's high was before the coffee drinkers get together each day to guess."



Forecast:

Tonight — Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered flurries in the evening. Lows around 14 with northwest winds 20 to 25 mph. **Saturday** — Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Breezy with highs in the mid 30s. Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph. **Saturday Night** — Mostly clear with lows around 13 with northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. **Sunday** — Mostly sunny and not as cool. Breezy with highs in the mid 40s. Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph. **Monday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 40s.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, thank you for being our advisor, teacher, and confidant. You know what is in our hearts. Help us to realize that you want us to ask your help and that you abide with us always.

Amen

Chamber snags real 'Prince' as banquet speaker

By TOM DREILING

Norton isn't taking a back seat to anyone. And that became apparent a short time ago when plans for the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet unfolded.

The featured speaker is a person all

Kansans are talking about. He is replacing an icon in the football program at Kansas State University. Ron Prince, the new Wildcat football coach, will take the podium at the chamber banquet on Monday, March 6. The affair will be held at the Norton American Legion, and with

Coach Prince as the featured speaker, a sell out is assured.

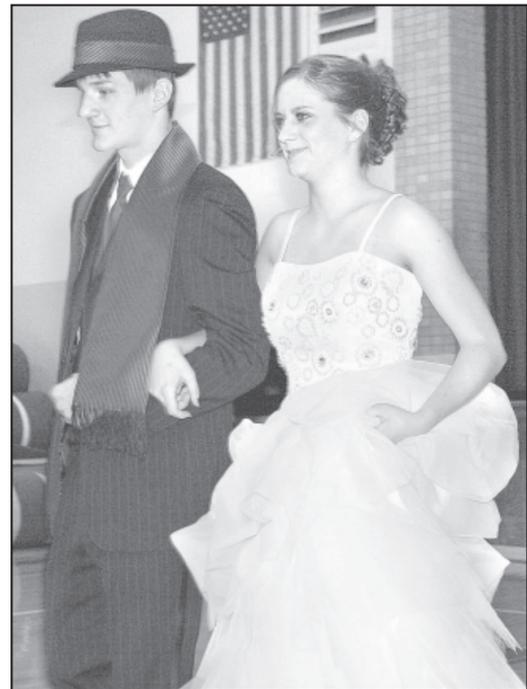
Karla Reed, director of the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce, said a social hour is on the agenda from 5 to 6 p.m., the dinner to follow at 6 p.m., and Coach Prince's remarks at around 7 p.m.

The dinner will be catered by Anna Foley and Jan Volgamore and will feature prime rib and all the trimmings. Dan Pfannenstiel will use his skills to provide mouth watering, fit-for-a-prince prime rib. Tickets are now on sale and go for \$25 per person.



Luke Pfannenstiel, decked out in a fedora and top coat, escorted Hannah Mills (right) in a white, sequined formal gown as they modeled evening attire during the KAYS Prom Preview Sunday. Steve Streck (above), owner of Hall's Clothing, Norton, measured Clay Madden for the proper fit of his tuxedo before the Prom Preview fashion show.

— Telegram photos by Charlotte Stephenson



Norton prom-goers given a sneak peak of this year's fashions

Some Norton Community High School juniors and seniors got a sneak peek at what the fashions will be for this year's Junior-Senior Prom.

On Sunday, 32 junior and senior girls and boys modeled tuxedos and formal gowns for their friends and families. Bridal Images of Kearney provided the gowns and Hall's Clothing of Norton provided the tuxes.

The event, sponsored by KAYS, was organized by sophomore Ashley Smith Maybon and junior Lacey Roe.

One of the models, Hannah Mills, said, "It was a blast to get dressed up and model for everyone."

Norton's prom will be held April 8.

Tobacco issue aired at council meeting

By VERONICA MONIER

Tobacco, seat belts and vacation time were just some of the things on the Norton City Council's mind at its last meeting.

Councilman Jerry Jones said they talked about the city's smoking policy at the last Personnel Committee meeting. At the moment, he said, the policy doesn't allow smoking in any city owned building or vehicle. However, he said, it says nothing about chewing tobacco.

Councilman Ron Briery asked if the policy could be amended to include all tobacco products.

Councilwoman Elaine Mann asked if that was necessary, since chewing tobacco didn't affect the health of other people.

Mr. Briery said, as an ex-tobacco user, chewing tobacco is just as addictive as smoking.

Besides just the health reasons, City Administrator Rob Lawson said people who chew sometimes spit on the floor.

"I've never seen it happen here," he said, "but I have seen that happen other

places." Councilwoman Donna Foley asked what their objective was. Was it to protect the health of their employees or for sanitary reasons.

"What's next," she asked. "Sunflower seeds? People spit those out too."

Mr. Briery said if you ban one tobacco product, you should ban them all.

The city wouldn't get into trouble with discrimination if it just made city buildings and vehicles tobacco free rather than just smoke free, said Mr. Lawson.

City Attorney Chuck Worden said he would prepare a recommendation.

Mr. Jones said the committee also talked about seat-belt safety.

Mr. Lawson said there is nothing in the city code directly saying that seat belts have to be worn. But, he said, it is the law.

The council talked about passing a resolution saying seat belts were a must, but Mr. Worden said a resolution wasn't necessary. Rather, he said, something could be put in the personnel manual as a policy.

Mr. Lawson said they would also have to determine what vehicles it would in-

clude, because some off-road vehicles don't require the use of a seat belt.

Mr. Worden said the policy should say at all reasonable times and places.

Mr. Lawson said he will put a clause together to be added to the personnel manual.

As for vacation time, Mr. Jones said the city gives 14 hours of vacation time a month after an employee has worked for 15 continuous years. Several employees have asked that the vacation time be bumped up to 16 hours a month for employees who have worked for the city for at least 20 years.

Mrs. Mann asked how many employees it would affect and if it would carry over into the following year if not used.

It will affect 10 employees, Mr. Lawson said, and it doesn't carry over.

"Employees have to use it or lose it," he said. "Sick time is the only thing that carries over into the new year."

Mr. Briery said, if the council approved this, it would cost the city when the employee retired and the vacation time was

paid out.

"Look at the people who would get the extra two hours," said Jerry Jones. "They are a good bunch of people."

The vote passed 4-1 with Mr. Briery voting no.

In other business, the council:

- Heard from Mr. Lawson that the police department bought a new light-bar for the new Explorer for about a fourth of the cost. The radio can be moved over from the old car.

- Heard from Mayor David Corns that a resident asked if the building at Roadside Park could be painted brighter colors. Mr. Briery said the state used to own the park and deeded it to the city. The city just left them the same color, he said. Mr. Lawson said they have been painted since then, but it's easier to paint the same color. The buildings are, however, on the list to be painted this summer.

- Referred the issue of changing city code to allow accessory buildings on vacant lots to the Norton Planning Commission for review.

Sunday meeting to deal with post-prom bash

By TOM DREILING

The Norton Community High School 2006 prom may be a month or two away, but planning for the traditional post-prom bash continues.

That said, a meeting will be held Sunday in the high school cafeteria to further explore the activities associated with the bash. The meeting will start immediately following the Winter Band Concert (which gets underway at 2:30 p.m.).

The prom will be held on Saturday, April 8 in the high school gymnasium.

The post-prom bash will begin shortly thereafter — around 12:30 a.m. — at the East Campus Gymnasium and continue to approximately 4:30 a.m.

The post-prom committee points out that the bash was founded by concerned business owners, townspeople and parents wanting to give the students a party after prom providing a safe, supervised environment. Juniors and seniors who attend prom, and their dates, are invited to the post-prom activities free of charge.

The games committee has selected

various games, old and new, to keep the students busy at the bash. The committee is looking for interested persons — parents of juniors and seniors, or others who want to stay up all night to lend a helping hand. They can sign up at Sunday's meeting, or, if unable to attend, can contact Jeannie Wolf or Abi Delimont to add their names to the list.

"The best way you can support this post-prom bash is to donate money to help defray the costs of food, decorations, postage, prize purchases and scholarships,"

according to information reaching The Telegram. Monetary donations, made payable to Norton Post-Prom should go to Joan Streck, Treasurer, Rt. 3, Box 83B, Norton, Kan. 67654.

The post-prom committee consists of Julie Neff and Tami Broeckelman, co-chairs, members Abi Delimont, Katie Lentz, Lynnette Jones, Dana Madden, Joan Streck, Jeannie Wolf, Jana Keiswetter, Kay Mills, Janet Felton, Pam Engelbert, Georgia Mann, Lori Roe and Lana Jones.