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Briefly

Junior/senior prom is set for April 10

The Norton Community High School will be having their Junior-Senior Prom tomorrow. The theme "Take My Breath Away" is available for public viewing from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Junior High Gymnasium. Please stop by and see all the decorations and the hard work of the junior class. The Promenade starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Stull Gymnasium. This is sponsored by the post prom committee. Mr. Bill Johnson will be the honored speaker this year at the prom banquet. The banquet will be followed by the dance. During the dance, the coronation of the Prom King and Queen will be at 10:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend the crowning ceremony.

Representative will meet with veterans

A Veterans Service Representative for the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be at the Norton City Office on April 12 from 1–2:30 p.m. to assist veterans and their families with veterans' benefits. The Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs is a state agency that provides free assistance to veterans and their families with veterans' benefits. Please call 785-625-8532 for more information.

Racing returns to Elmwood Park

Racing season will start tomorrow night at 6 p.m. at Elmwood Park Speedway. Races are scheduled throughout the summer with races planned for April 24, May 8 and May 22. All races start at 6 p.m. at Elmwood Park Speedway.

MARKETS

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WHEAT.....$3.81
MILO.....$2.73
SOYBEANS.....$8.78
CORN.....$3.12

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

weather forecast

Tonight - Mostly clear with a low around 39. Saturday - Mostly sunny with a high near 64. Saturday Night - Mostly cloudy with a low around 44. Sunday - Mostly cloudy with a high near 74. Sunday Night - Partly cloudy with a low around 49. Monday - A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Kingham report:

Tuesday, March 6 .....Low 42, High 62
Wednesday, March 7.....Low 31, High 52
.90 Rain, 1" Snow
Thursday, March 8.....Low 32, High 61
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm
9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Blessed God, teach us to trust in your infinite care and wisdom. Like Moses getting water from a rock, may we obey you and prepare to be surprised by your acts of love that sustain us in our daily struggles. Amen.

Drilling company may be fined

By ERICA BRADLEY
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Downing Drilling is over the limits of their contract with the City of Norton for the work at the water treatment plant and could be fined for liquidated damages for being 97 days over contract.

Tom Downing, Downing Drilling, and Chris Miller, Miller and Associates, discussed the issue with the city council on Wednesday.

Miller said Nov. 16 was the completion date, but Downing Drilling was granted a 60 day extension. The project was not complete on Dec. 31, 2009.

"We're 97 days over contract," Miller said.

"We worked solid through January and February. We want it done right. The only thing I have to offer is December was rough," Downing said.

Downing said the average high in December was 26 degrees.

"The bottom line was the weather. We've been fighting the weather the whole time," he said.

Miller said the bid was awarded Aug. 19 with the notice to proceed given on Sept. 21. Downing said he thinks they started drilling the first week in Oct, saying the delay was due to other projects the company was working on.

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Bill Bussen signed up to cast his vote for city council at the American Legion on Tuesday. Bussen lives in Ward II and was one of 38 people to vote in the ward, which has 672 registered voters. Voting opened at 7 a.m. and closed at 7 p.m. Assisting with the registration is Georgie Rorabaugh. –Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Small voter turnout decides Norton city council seats

Elections for the Norton City Council were held on Tuesday with the Norton County Clerk's office reporting unofficial results.

In Norton, three council seats were up for election. In Ward I, Veronica Monier ran against incumbent Jeff Otter. Otter won with 50 votes while Monier received 16.

In Ward II, incumbent Donna Foley ran unopposed. She received 38 votes.

In Ward III, incumbent Toby Kuhn ran against former councilman Ron Briery and Justina Smith. Kuhn won with 55 votes, Briery received 37 and Smith received 15.

In Ward I, 61 people cast votes out of 663, in Ward II, 37 people cast votes out of 672 and in Ward III, 98 out of 681 people cast votes.

Residents claim property from state treasurer

By ERICA BRADLEY
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State Treasurer Dennis McKinney made a stop in Norton Tuesday morning to visit with several dozen residents about unclaimed property at the Norton County Courthouse.

There is an estimated $200 million in unclaimed property in the state of Kansas with Norton County having 1,389 unclaimed properties valued at $142,997.

McKinney said unclaimed property can be claimed through the Treasurer's Web site, www.kansascash.com, or by calling the Treasurer's office at 1-800-432-0386. There is no charge for claiming property.

"It's worthwhile to check and see if you have any unclaimed property," McKinney said.

Joyce Lofgreen said she stopped to see if she had any property. She learned that her children have some small property they can claim.

"It was worth my stop," she said.

McKinney said several people had small property they could claim, but there were a couple of residents who were able to claim $500.

"Most of the ones we found today were smaller," he said.

Unclaimed property includes safe deposit box contents, bank deposits, shares of stock, dividends, mineral royalties, certified checks, drafts or money orders, unclaimed funds held by insurance companies under life and property and casualty policies, utility deposits, property distributable during the voluntary closure

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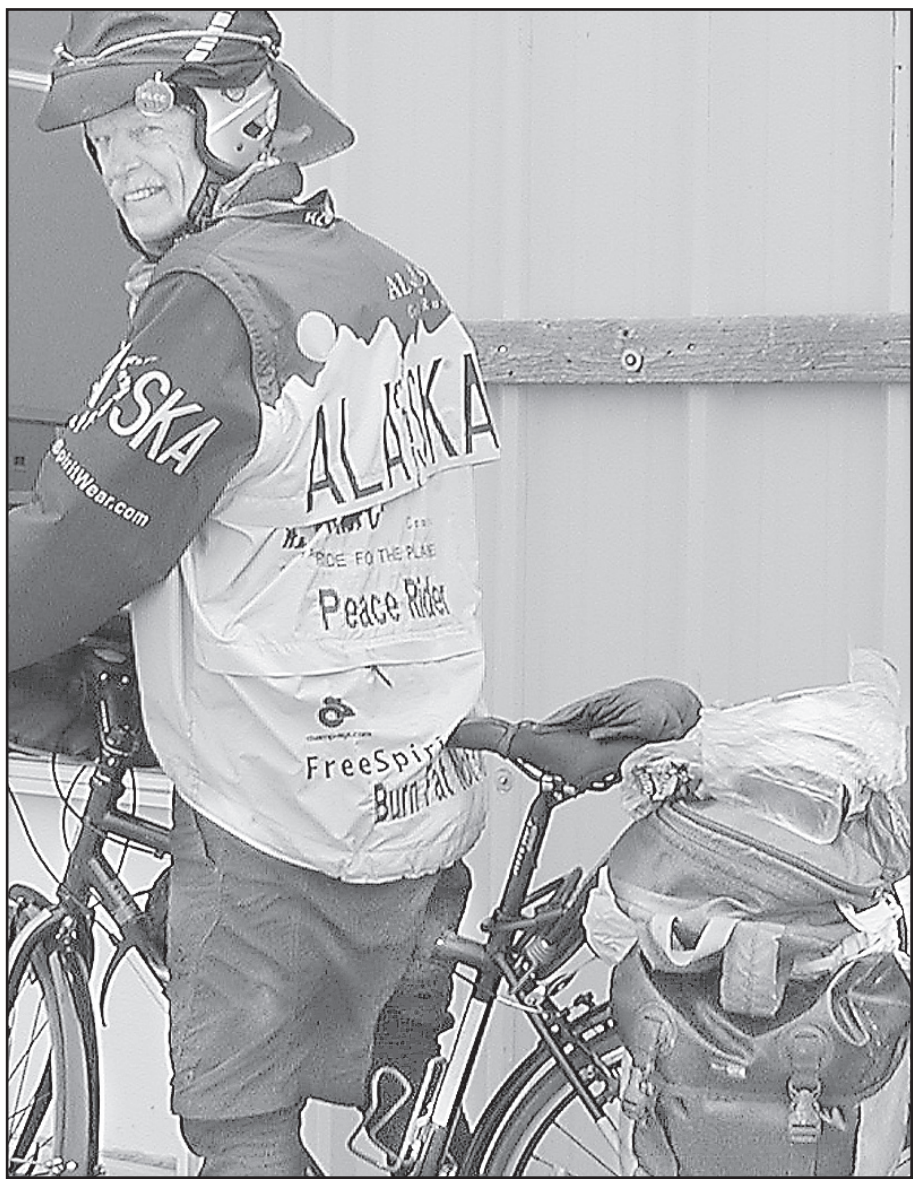

Don Ross, of Fairbanks, Ala., stopped in Norton on Monday on his way to Washington, DC. Ross is riding his bike from Alaska to Washington to bring attention to global warming.
–Telegram photo by Erica Bradley

Crow chiropractic center has changed ownership

The Chiropractic Centers of Phillipsburg, Stockton and Hill City would like to announce the purchase of Crow Chiropractic in Norton. The center will become the Norton Chiropractic Center, under the management of The Chiropractic Centers.

Dr. Dustin Cheney, DC, DABCI, managing doctor for The Chiropractic Centers, said the grand opening date will be on or before May 3. In addition, to serve Dr. Crow's current patients, as well as new patients, Dr. Cheney will be available at the clinic on Tuesday mornings from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and Thursday afternoons from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling 785-877-2645 or 785-543-2700.

Dr. Cheney is a licensed chiropractor in the state of Kansas and also holds the distinction of being a diplomate of the American Board of Chiropractic Internists (DABCI). A DABCI or chiropractic internist, is a sub-specialty in chiropractic that specializes in diagnosis of internal conditions and treating with non-pharmaceutical and non-sugical therapy to prevent and treat many diseases.

Dr. Cheney grew up in Colby, where he completed two associate degrees. He went on to Kansas City to complete a Bachelors' of Science in Human Biology, then graduated from Cleveland Chiropractic College as a Doctor of Chiropractic.

"Growing up in Colby," Dr. Cheney said, "has afforded me the opportunity to not only understand, but appreciate small town life. I look forward to serving the people of Norton."

Dr. Cheney, his wife Dr. Susan Buchanan-Cheney (also a chiropractor) and daughter Caitlyn, (5 years old), live in Phillipsburg. They jointly run the Phillipsburg Chiropractic Center, the Stockton Chiropractic Center and the Hill City Chiropractic Center.

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Alaskan bicycles across the country for global warming

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As warmer spring temperatures arrive, an Alaskan man is continuing his cross-country bicycle ride to bring awareness to global warming.

Don Ross made a brief stop in Norton on Monday. He began his journey Oct. 9 in Fairbanks, Alaska and hopes to bring awareness to global warming through the cross-country ride. He hopes to arrive in Washington, DC on Earth Day, April 22.

He said his motivation comes from seeing the climate change in Alaska and how carbon emissions have increased.

"Scientists tell us a safe level of CO2 is 350 ppm. It is already above this and increasing at about 2ppm per year. The

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