

THE NORTON TELEGRAM



Friday

July 29, 2011

Disc golf tourney planned for Aug. 7

A disc golf tournament will be held Sunday, Aug. 7 at Elmwood Park.

Wildlife Adventure presentation planned

Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure will be presenting a special program on Thursday, August 4 at 10:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center Gym. Join us as we travel the 'world' this summer when Rolling Hills offers a fun, educational program! Traveling with them will be LIVE animals and biofacts.

Tag renewal deadline approaches

The deadline for tag renewal for businesses or people with names ending in "J", "K" and "L" will be July 31. You will need to bring a current proof of insurance with you to the Norton County Treasurer's office. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Driver's license renewals can be processed Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. You must bring your proof of identification and a current utility bill. CDL renewals must be processed at the full service office in Phillipsburg, Hays or Colby.

Farmer's Market open on Thursdays

The Norton County Farmer's Market will be held 7-9 a.m. and also from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Please note the location for the market will be the main entrance to Elmwood Park, south side of the entrance row of cotton trees. It will be held every Thursday morning and evening until the first killing frost in the fall. The Farmer's Market allows local produce growers an opportunity to offer their foods to the public. The mission of the market is to encourage private vendors the opportunity to produce and sell locally grown vegetable produce and baked goods.

Markets

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Wheat	\$7.02
Milo	\$6.04
Soybeans	\$12.91
Corn	\$6.98

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Tonight - Some clouds and possibly an isolated thunderstorm late. Chance of rain 30 percent. Saturday - Sun and a few passing clouds. Hot with a high of 97. Saturday Night - Partly cloudy skies. Sunday - Partly cloudy with highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s. Monday - Sunny with highs in the upper 90s.

Kingham Report

Tuesday, July 26Low 66, High 100
Wednesday, July 27Low 67, High 103
Thursday, July 28.....Low 69, High 90
40 Rain
(Readings taken at the Kingham farm 9 miles northwest of Norton)

Prayer

Thank you, loving God, for watching over us in difficult situations. Amen

Preparing for the show



Cody Ellis spent part of Thursday afternoon preparing to show his steer at the Norton County Fairgrounds. Fair activities were in full swing Thursday and today continues with several events planned throughout the day and evening. This evening's activities include the home-owned carnival, Mutton Busting, and Norton Idol.

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Local doctor celebrates 40 years in Norton

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After reaching a milestone in his career, a local professional will soon be celebrating 40 years of practicing chiropractic medicine in Norton.

Dr. Robert (R.A.) Peterson opened his chiropractic practice in Norton in 1972 and since then, has been a constant presence in the community.

Peterson grew up in the small farming community of Harlan, Iowa and attended Palmer Chiropractic College in Davenport, Iowa. The doctor reflects that growing up in a farming family, he was always attracted to the idea of becoming a professional.

"I knew I didn't want to farm," Peterson said. "I thought about dentistry for awhile, but that really wasn't my cup of tea. I got interested in chiropractic medicine through my own experience and family experiences."

Those experiences are what led him to pursue a career in a medical field. Back in his college days, chiropractic school didn't require an undergraduate degree, so at the age of 21, Peterson entered four years at Palmer. He also did post-graduate work in Minneapolis, Minn.

In 1966, Peterson joined an existing chiropractic clinic in Atwood, but moved to Norton in 1972. In 1979, he opened a satellite clinic in Hoxie, but that clinic moved to Oberlin in 1984.

When his Norton office opened in 1972, it was first located on Washington Street, but in 1976, moved to the current location on First Street where the office still sees patients four days a week.

Since 1972, Peterson's wife, Pat, has been working beside her husband to operate the clinic and for the summer, one of their four grandchildren is helping out in the clinic. Peterson said that all of their grandchildren help in the clinic at various times.

After more than four decades in the field of chiropractic medicine, Peterson has seen many changes through his office, but most obvious is the way chiropractic medicine relates to the bigger picture of the medical profession.

"The biggest change I've seen is how medical professionals are referring patients to chiropractors," Peterson said. "When I was a kid, the old-fashioned town doctor was the highest authority and now, those doctors are referring their patients for chiropractic care."

Some of the services the chiropractor provides include laser therapy, nutrition

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Former bank manager facing civil charges

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After allegedly violating company rules and costing a local company nearly \$900,000, a former United Northwest Federal Credit Union manager is facing a major lawsuit in federal court.

According to Norton County District Court records, Mark Keilig, formerly of Norton and currently of Ravenna, Neb. is being sued by Cumis Insurance Society, Inc. to recover losses incurred while Keilig was a manager of the United Northwest Federal Credit Union.

According to the complaint documents, filed on March 22 in district court, Cumis is seeking \$882,502.82 from Keilig because Keilig's "fraudulent actions, inactions and omissions... damaged United Northwest in (that amount)."

The complaint goes on to outline decisions Keilig made to extend credit and loans to credit union customers Abigail and Ron Delimont without approval from the credit union's board of directors. That credit included loans to the Delimonts from March 2007 to December 2008 in the total principal amount of \$1,246,040.

The complaint states that during the summer of 2009, the Delimonts became delinquent on the repayment of those five loans and upon investigation, the credit union's board of directors discovered that Keilig violated company policy by issuing the loans.

Cumis Insurance Society, Inc insured the credit union against "fraud, dishonesty and lack of faithful performance by its employees and officers including (Keilig)." Because Cumis covered the bankruptcy loss for the credit union when the Delimonts filed for bankruptcy in November, 2010, the company is seeking retribution from Keilig in the amount of \$882,502.82.

Along with extending unauthorized loans, Keilig is accused of internal check kiting, fraud, breach of duty of care, intentional misrepresentation, and misappropriating credit union funds. The check kiting charge stems from allegations that Keilig engaged in check-kiting among five of the Delimont's share draft and business accounts at the credit union to cover a series of 25 checks the Delimonts had written that legally should have been rejected for Non-Sufficient Funds.

Though originally filed in Norton County District Court, the civil case was removed to federal court in Wichita in April. Tony Potter, who hasn't worked with the case since the removal to federal court, reported Thursday morning that he had been serving as local counsel for Cumis, but the case is primarily handled through the Collins and Coldwell law office, based in Denver. Legal counsel for Keilig is not identified in court records.

Keilig was employed at the United Northwest Federal Credit Union from Oct. 1994 to March, 2009.

Brownback Chief of Staff visits with Norton community leaders

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After Norton County signed on to a state program to encourage population growth, Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback's Chief of Staff visited with community leaders in Norton Wednesday.

David Kensinger, who serves under Brownback, met with several community leaders during the all-day meeting Wednesday to discuss ways to make Norton County economically stronger and progressive into the future.

"I wanted to learn about what's happening with economic development in Norton and learn how to be supportive of that," Kensinger said.

Along with the meeting with leaders, Kensinger and community leaders toured the Norton County Hospital, Natoma, Ag Valley, and the Norton Correctional Facility. In his tours, Kensinger said, he has seen some real potential for economic growth in the area.

"What's exciting is that (Norton County) has a plan and some great tools to help economic development," he said.

(Right) Rick Mullen, Branch Manager for the Norton Ag Valley location, laughs with David Kensinger Wednesday afternoon at Ag Valley. Kensinger was in town to discuss economic development with community leaders.

"I wanted to express my appreciation for the county signing on to the Rural Opportunity Zone program because as communities have success with the program, other communities will opt in. Success breeds success."

The Rural Opportunity Zone is a state program, available to 50 counties across the state, that provides state funding for counties to help attract young people to rural Kansas. The Norton County Board of Commissioners agreed earlier this month to participate in the program and provide a \$40,000 funding match to participate.

Norton Economic Development Director Scott Sproul also expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to meet with other community leaders to develop ideas for growth. "It's always good to get leaders together to have those discussions," Sproul said. "We get busy and don't always have the time to share new ideas. Everyone had a chance to learn today what's going on with healthcare, economic development, employment and business in Norton County."



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