

New quilt display at library

By Beverly Kindler
 Eighteen members of the Heritage Quilt Club have shared quilted items for the display, "It's the Little Things," that is currently in the Art Gallery at the Norton Public Library. There are wall hangings, table runners, table toppers showing a variety of designs, fabrics and techniques.
 Carol Otter, Janice Beale and Alice Goscha shared wall hangings for Christmas. "The Journey" is the title for Carol's and the Holy Family is the theme for the one that Janice made. Applique is featured on the wall hanging made by Alice.
 In keeping with the cold weather and snow we are experiencing, there is a wall hanging with a snowman made by Alice Goscha, a large wall hanging, "Let It Snow," designed by Cindy McMullen, and a table runner with an embroidered snowman made by Alice Gill.
 Brenda Dole designed a wall hanging featuring a family

tree with family photos for her mother. What a wonderful family keepsake!
 Other special items include a series of table toppers for holidays (Valentine's, Easter, Christmas) made by Judy Fawcett; a wall hanging with a theme, "Hey Cupcake," by Trish Fischer; a table topper made of wool felt that has an autumn theme made by Cheryl Roberts. Janice Beale made a small quilt featuring thirties fabrics.
 Embellishment was added to wall hangings made by Lynn Tacha, who created a great green frog and Kathie Skrdlant who designed "Little Wrangler," with scraps of fabric and used wrangler buttons and tags from her husband's worn out work shirt.
 You will see a lot of rich shades of blue in the wall hanging made by Vadis Madden featuring dolphins.
 Jamie Dreher and Regina Stark are displaying small charm quilts. A charm quilt does

not have a repeat of any fabrics, so Regina and Jamie shared fabrics as they made half square triangles. See how the quilts look different even though they each have the same fabrics.
 Special templates were used to make quilted items with the x-box design by Jamie Dreher, the twister block by Kathie Skrdlant and Beverly Kindler, and the folded fabric technique to make the "Rose Window" by Judy Luft.
 Two different styles of bags are displayed. Jamie Wentz adapted the ten minute table runner design to make a 15 minute bag with several small pockets that can be used by children or adults. Priscilla Merriman made a colorful Mondo bag that will be useful to carry a large load or something that is an odd shape.
 The quilters have also displayed a variety of small items - postcards, mini-pillow, luggage tag, coasters and a buddy bowl (that will protect your hands when you take the hot bowl of



The Heritage Quilt Club has a new display of quilted items in the Art Gallery at the Norton Public Library. Eighteen members of the club contributed items for the display.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

oatmeal out of the microwave for your breakfast).
 Each of the quilters has written a statement or two about their quilted item, so you can gain a mini lesson on quilting by reading the information on the index cards.
 The quilters invite you to sign the guest book when you visit the display. This display will only be up during February, so plan to visit the Norton Public Library soon.

Gardener gears up for another season

By Kay Melia
 Master Gardener
 When it became sufficiently clear that it was time to make up my mind about whether or not to embark upon another year of writing stuff about gardening, or permanently retire from such foolishness because of my advanced years, I chose the former. The decision wasn't as easy as you might think. The idea of just sitting around on my duff, watching television and reading books and papers was quite tempting. But in reality, my love of writing, particularly about a timely subject like gardening, was the deciding factor.
 I have to say I surprised myself a bit by my decision. If you have read this blog in past years, you are surely aware that I am nothing more than a highly experienced, common sense, plain backyard dirt gardener who knows nothing about the finer points of plant breeding or infinite soil structures, or even

of the vitamin content of kale and kohlrabi. But in this case, the consideration of over seven decades of experience, in some people's eyes, may outweigh any other considerations on the table. If you do something long enough, you may have sufficient grounds for believability, as opposed to someone new to the game.
 And then there is the conundrum of old age, a state of existence that nearly everyone sooner or later, will hopefully enjoy. In my case, the state is so late that I probably won't plant much of a garden this year due to various stages of stenosis and roto-tiller disrepair.
 Therein lies the main reason for continuing my effort of putting words on paper. If I can't get out there and capably perform with rake and hoe in hand, then I will continue to take out my frenzy on newspaper editors and other friends who enjoy the healthful goodness of fresh food, as well as growing a bit of

their own.
 I have spent the winter months reading a couple dozen garden catalogs from cover to cover, learning what the seed companies have declared to be the very finest of the things they would love to share with you and I. I have thoroughly re-read the finer points of the contents of my Master Gardener's handbook that was prepared for me several years ago by the people who REALLY know what they are talking about. And I have thoroughly enjoyed partaking of the contents of many jars and frozen packets of last year's garden production, as well as the stored potatoes, onions, and carrots.
 And, I have successfully grown and enjoyed a gorgeous amaryllis plant through the holiday season. Its beauty and very existence has sharpened my desire to get started on another season of sharing my thoughts with you. Your response is always appreciated!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NCHS
 Sunday-Saturday, Feb. 15-22
 National FFA Week
 Saturday, Feb. 15
 State Scholar's Bowl at Douglas High School, registration 11:30 a.m.
 Novice/JV Wrestling Tournament at Colby, 9 a.m..
 SAC Snowball Dance; JH Gym, 8 p.m.
 Monday, Feb. 17
 FFA Work Auction and Feed (PALS party cancelled), 6:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Feb. 18
 Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.
 JV/V BB vs. Hoxie, 4:45 p.m.
 Wednesday, Feb. 19
 Combined Site Council Meeting; JH-SH Music Room, 5:30 p.m.
 Prom Menu Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Feb. 20
 Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.
 KAY Meeting, A.P.
 Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21-22
 Regional Wrestling at Trego, 2 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. on Saturday
 Friday, Feb. 21
 Mr. NCHS practice at East Campus, 7:45 a.m.
 Artist of the Month, A.P.
 JV/V BB at Ellis, 5 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 22
 State Piano Festival
 Forensics at Hays High School
 Forensics at Central Plains, 8 a.m.
 Sunday, Feb. 23
 Mr. NCHS at East Campus Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
NIHS
 Saturday, Feb. 15
 Junior Panther Classic Wrestling Tournament at Phillipsburg, 9 a.m.
 Monday, Feb. 17
 Scholar's Bowl at Oberlin, 4

p.m.
 Wednesday, Feb. 19
 Combined Site Council Meeting; JH-SH Music Room, 5:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Feb. 20
 Wrestling at Osborne w/ Trego, Phillipsburg and Plainville, 5 p.m.
EES
 Monday, Feb. 17
 Grade Level Meetings, 3:40 p.m.
 Wednesday, Feb. 19
 Nex-Tech Presentation in Cafeteria: Grade 5, 2 p.m.
 TEAM, 3:40 p.m.
 Combined Site Council Meeting; JH-SH Music Room, 5:30 p.m.
Northern Valley
 Monday, Feb. 17
 No School
 NVHS BB vs. Alma at Almena, 5 p.m.
 National FFA Week
 Tuesday, Feb. 18

NVHS BB vs. Hill City at Almena, 5 p.m.
 National FFA Week-wear hat and boots today!
 Wednesday, Feb. 19
 FFA activities during A.P.
 JH WKLL Scholars Bowl at Grinnell, 1 p.m.
 Thursday, Feb. 20
 FFA Safety Day at Long Island
 Friday, Feb. 21
 FFA appreciation breakfast for teachers
 NVHS BB at Weskan, 5 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 22
 Dance Team State Championship in Grand Island (Saturday and Sunday)
 Forensics Meet vs. Western Plains at Ransom, 7:30 a.m.



SCHOOL MENU

NCHS-NIHS
 Monday, Feb. 17
 Breakfast-French toast, syrup, fruit, juice and milk.
 Lunch-Chicken strip sandwich, lettuce and chopped tomato, french fries, pears and milk.
 Tuesday, Feb. 18
 Breakfast-Cherry Frudel, fruit, juice and milk.
 Lunch-Soft taco, lettuce and chopped tomato, Picante Sauce, tortilla chips, refried beans, apples and milk.
 Wednesday, Feb. 19
 Breakfast-Assorted cereal, toast w/margarine, fruit, grape juice and milk.
 Lunch-Corn dogs, baked beans, carrots, pineapple tidbits and milk.
 Thursday, Feb. 20
 Breakfast-Sunrise flatbread pizza, fruit, juice and milk.
 Lunch-Stuffed crust cheese pizza, combo salad, peaches, green peppers and milk.
 Friday, Feb. 21
 Breakfast-Assorted hot cereal, Mandarin oranges/peaches, juice and milk.
 Lunch-Hamburger gravy, whipped potatoes, rolls w/margarine, carrots, bananas and milk.

and milk.
 Tuesday, Feb. 18
 Breakfast-Sausage pancake stick, warm syrup, pineapple chunks, apple juice and milk.
 Lunch-Western bean bake, cheese stick, corn, pears, cornbread and milk.
 Wednesday, Feb. 19
 Breakfast-Chilled yogurt, strawberries, toast with jelly, orange juice and milk.
 Lunch-Pigs in a blanket, sweet potato french fries, dill spear, baby carrots, rosy apple sauce and milk.
 Thursday, Feb. 20
 Breakfast-Biscuit breakfast sandwich, pears, grape juice and milk.
 Lunch-Hamburger gravy, whipped potatoes, warm peas, peaches, cinnamon rolls and milk.
 Friday, Feb. 21
 Breakfast-Breakfast burrito, peaches, apple juice and milk.
 Lunch-Cavatini, tossed salad, pineapple chunks, garlic bread and milk.

Monday, Feb. 17
 No School
 Tuesday, Feb. 18
 Breakfast-French toast stix, syrup, eggs, diced peaches and assorted cold cereal.
 Lunch-Cheeseburger pockets, french fries, baked beans and oranges.
 Wednesday, Feb. 19
 Breakfast-Pizza bagel, hash browns, pineapple and assorted cold cereal.
 Lunch-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans and strawberry/banana dessert.
 Thursday, Feb. 20
 Breakfast-Breakfast taco, hash browns, yogurt and assorted cold cereal.
 Lunch-Beef tamale pie, tossed salad w/dressing, seasoned carrots, apple slices and cookie.
 Friday, Feb. 21
 Breakfast-Cinnamon raisin biscuit, eggs, diced pears and assorted cold cereal.
 Lunch-Lasagna, tossed salad w/dressing, relish plate and frosted pear.

Northern Valley Menu

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EES Menu
 Monday, Feb. 17
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 Lunch-Chicken fry, whipped potatoes, cucumber slices, mixed veggies, fruit cocktail

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