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Briefly

Chamber banquet is set for tonight

The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Chamber Banquet will be tonight at the Norton American Legion ballroom. Social hour at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

Weather spotters invited to class

The National Weather Service and Norton County Emergency Management will host a weather spotter class in Norton tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of Prairie Land Electric.

Toy show to take place on Saturday

The 26th annual Tri-State Toy and Collectables show will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on north Highway 283. Admission is \$2, kids age 12 and under are free with an adult.

Blood drive at the Norton High School

The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive this Wednesday at the Norton Community High School from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A day just for the quilter in you

Worldwide Quilting Day is Saturday and to celebrate Stitch Up a Storm and the Heritage Quilt Club will have a bed turning of modern and traditional quilts at Stitch Up a Storm at 11 a.m. and again at 1 p.m.

Fundraiser set for this Saturday night

There will be a fundraiser held at the Norton American Legion for Doug Gallentine this Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Markets

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| Wheat..... | \$6.84 |
| Milo..... | \$4.35 |
| Soybeans..... | \$13.58 |
| Corn..... | \$4.52 |

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Wednesday - Sunny with a high of 53.
Wednesday Night - Clear with a low of 29.
Thursday - Sunny with a high of 66.
Thursday Night - A few clouds overnight with a low of 38.
Friday - Sunshine along with some cloudy intervals and a high of 62.
Friday Night - Partly cloudy with a low of 37.

Prayer

Dear loving God, as we pray for those who seek prayer, we also pray for ourselves, knowing that you will receive and answer even the humblest prayer. Thank you for helping us to be a part of your kingdom's work by serving those in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Meeting of the minds...



Twin Creeks Extension agent Patsy Maddy, Representative Travis Couture-Lovelady, Senator Ralph Ostmeyer and Norton County Commissioner Charles "Bud" Posson and Senator Ralph Ostmeyer take a moment to chat after a town hall meeting that was held in Norton on Saturday. Twenty two people attended the meeting. Ostmeyer and Couture-Lovelady took questions and spoke about the

mortgage tax, the two year state budget, adequate education, unemployment insurance, involvement of the extension offices, 4-H and youth as pages and the issue of holding raffles. Questions asked by the public included liquor sales in grocery stores, mortgage fees, Healthcare compact for the aging, 911 funds and Medicaid expansion.

Agrees to acquire Norton Bank

The Stockton National Bank has announced that they have agreed in principle to acquire First Security Bank and Trust of Norton, Kansas, effective March 4th, 2014.

First Security Bank and Trust operates two (2) full-service banking offices in Norton, KS and Lenora, KS, and as of December 31, 2013, reported total assets of \$63 million, total loans of \$31 million and total deposits of \$34 million. The Stockton National Bank will also continue to operate First Se-

curity Bank and Trust's insurance division which offers a complete line of personal and business insurance products. Their services range from health and life insurance, and auto and home insurance, to crop and livestock risk, farm and ranch coverage, worker's compensation, and commercial property and liability. The Stockton National Bank will be submitting their application to the Regulators regarding the acquisition, and upon approval, will officially complete the transaction within

the next 90-120 days. At that time, customers will be able to conduct business at any of the five locations, and will also have the ability to utilize any of The Stockton National Bank ATMs located in Stockton, Hill City, and Bogue, free of charge. The acquisition will allow all branches of the bank the ability to streamline many of their processes. They will also be able to offer a wider array of services and larger loan amounts while distributing compliance costs over a greater asset base.

Dale Winklepleck, President of Stockton National Bank, stated, "We are very excited about the opportunity to become part of the Norton and Lenora communities. Stockton National Bank specializes in agriculture lending and small business lending and we feel that both towns fit our business model extremely well. We are committed to providing excellent customer service and offering a wide range of products and services to the individuals and businesses within the area."

City Council praises Norton wrestlers

BY MIKE STEPHENS
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The Norton City Council congratulated the Norton Community High School wrestling team for their 2014 State Championship title at its Wednesday meeting.

Norton Wrestling Club President Jamie Amlong gave the council an update on the mats being purchased for the Wrestling Club. Amlong said the mats are being purchased and the Wrestling Club will be paying half of the costs now, and will pay the balance when the mats are completed. The mats are custom made, according to Amlong, and

should be finished three to four months from the order date. Amlong stated he would keep the council updated regarding the status of the mats.

Andrew Bashford, an Eagle Scout and a member of Troop 123 of Phillipsburg, told the council that he is looking for an Eagle Scout project to complete by the end of the school year. He said he would like to give a fresh coat of paint to the red posts around the Veteran's Memorial Park and put in benches, and possibly make other improvements. The council directed him to contact Gary and Carol Erlenbusch regarding any projects at Veteran's Me-

memorial Park, and for Bashford to bring his final plan back to the council.

The routing of the grain trucks from the scales to the dump site for Ag Valley was discussed by the Public Works Committee, according to Donna Foley, and a representative from Ag Valley will be invited to the next Public Works committee meeting. Foley also said Public Works received a request from Valley Hope to remove the concrete after the old bowling alley building is removed, but the committee does not feel the city should have to do this, and will recommend Valley Hope contact the County or a prison crew.

Ron Briery reported that Goodwill has requested to bring a semi-truck to Norton for donations, and it was discussed doing this in the City parking lot behind Moffet Drug. The council voted in favor of the donation truck and the date will be determined at a future council meeting.

In other council news:

-Roberta Ryan reported the city general sales tax receipts collected in January of 2014 totaled \$18,641.57, the city pool sales tax receipts totaled \$27,962.36, and the county sales tax receipts totaled \$13,810.53 for a total of

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Kellen Jacobs, physical therapist, started working at Norton County Hospital on Jan. 13, as the Director of Rehabilitation. The physical therapy department sees about 20 to 30 patients a day and has three physical therapy assistants.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Norton County Hospital hires new Physical Therapist

BY MIKE STEPHENS
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Norton County Hospital continues to make improvements to provide greater health care access for the community. The hospital has hired a full-time registered physical therapist. Kellen Jacobs is a doctor of physical therapy and began his tenure as Director of Rehabilitation on Jan. 13.

Prior to Jacobs arrival, the physical therapist position was only two days a week and only five hours per day, limiting the number of patients that could be seen.

"Having myself here five days a week means there is a lot more access to physical therapy," said Jacobs. Besides Jacobs, the hospital has three

physical therapy assistants, Jan Volgmore, Reesa Volgmore and Valerie Elliott. The physical therapy department sees 20 to 30 patients a day, according to Jacobs.

"We keep busy, more than in the past, because there is greater access and availability," Jacobs said. "More availability means less wait."

The department has a lot of irons in the fire, according to Jacobs, and more changes are in store. Norton County Hospital is considering hiring an occupational therapist, which Jacobs said the hospital hasn't had in a while.

He also wants to work with the local schools and their athletic programs.

"I'm very interested in working

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