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Briefly

Town hall meeting is set for Saturday

Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer and Rep. Couture-Lovelady will hold a legislative town hall meeting on Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Town and Country Kitchen. Public is invited.

Relay for Life to hold fundraiser

There will be a Relay for Life benefit movie showing of "Son of God" and "Mr. Peabody and Sherman" this Saturday at 2 p.m. Admission of \$3 per person or other monetary donation is requested.

Weather spotter class to be Tuesday

The National Weather Service and Norton County Emergency Management will host a weather spotter class in Norton on Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of Prairie Land Electric.

Chamber banquet set for next Tuesday

The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Chamber Banquet will be on Tuesday, March 11 at the Norton American Legion ballroom. Social hour at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets can be picked up at the Chamber office or from a board member. For more information call 785-877-2501.

Markets

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Wheat	\$6.74
Milo	\$4.36
Soybeans	\$13.37
Corn	\$4.53

Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Weather

Saturday - Cloudy early with partial sunshine expected late and a high of 48. Saturday Night - Clear skies with a low of 28. Sunday - Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds and a high of 68. Sunday Night - A few clouds and a low of 39. Monday - Sunshine with a high of 70.

Prayer

Dear heavenly Father, keep our thoughts centered on you by removing distractions from our lives. May we give attention and energy to your work today. Amen



Brandi and Marcus Seamon and Amanda Fisher take a few minutes to enjoy the beauty of several quilts on display at the Norton Public Library. Not your typical old style quilts, these works of art will be on display throughout March. - Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

The modern trends in quilting

By Beverly Kindler

Members of the Heritage Quilt Club are presenting their third display of quilts at the Norton Public Library. Quilts in this display feature modern trends - big blocks, bold colors, no borders and embroidery combined with quilted techniques.

Wall quilts were made by Judy Fawcett and Judy Luft. Judy Fawcett's quilt features a family tree. Judy Luft em-

bellished her fall wall quilt with glass beads.

Janice Beale's lap quilt has a lot of red and is highlighted with blocks featuring red hat ladies. Carol Otter made a throw for their son to remember things he liked, things he participated in and his travels.

"Rambling Prairie," a fat quarter friendly bed quilt, was made by Lavonne Juenemann. The strip pieced

triangles set off the large star blocks. The quilt pattern was designed by Julie Geiger of Cozad, Neb. Lavon McCormack's "Hollow Cube" has a lot of color. It is important to focus on value (the darkness of lightness of color) of the fabrics to give the illusion of depth.

As you look at two other large quilts - one featuring yo-yos and the other made in a "Turning Twenty" pattern, think about and compare - the time

spent by each quilter in making each block; the amount spent by each quilter for the fabric. The "Yo-yo Quilt," a family heirloom, is over 105 years old and was made by the great-grandmother of Shari Archer. The "Turning Twenty" was made by Marcia Shoemaker and may become a family heirloom.

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Community Center asks for more funds

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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The Norton Senior Citizen Community Center and the county transportation bus and van that it runs will need more money this year.

The county gave the group \$22,000 last year so that it could continue to provide transportation to the elderly

and those without other means of transportation.

"We were so thankful for the money last fall to help us keep our bus going," group President Ed Witt told the commissioners at their end-of-the-month meeting on Friday, February 28.

But, he added that money is gone and the group is asking the county to

remember it when it's budget time.

Mr. Witt said that the group is asking for help with the continuing costs of repairs, fuel and maintenance on the two transportation vehicles - a van and a bus with a handicapped lift.

"It's a struggle over there," Mr. Witt said adding that the center has a fundraising event every month.

Mr. Witt was accompanied by the group's treasurer Larry Stutz and past treasurer Tom Thomas, who just left office. The men provided the commissioners with passenger numbers, income and other information including

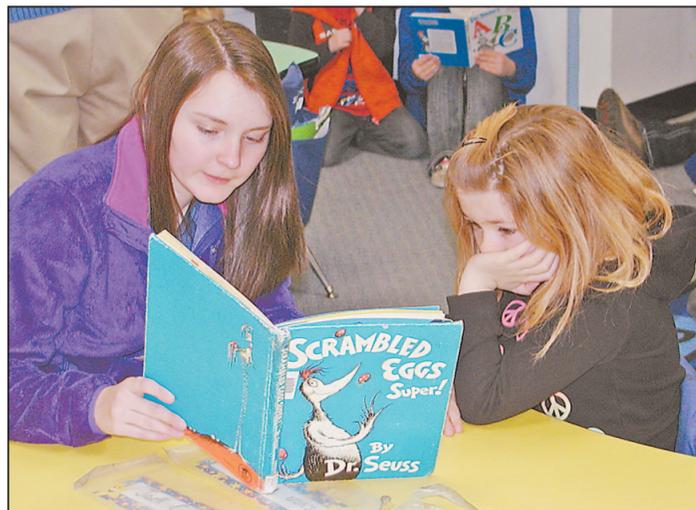
when the vehicles left the county.

The vehicle transported from a low of 234 passengers in March to a high of 366 in December and took in anywhere from \$157 in September to \$555 in June. All income is from donations since the service cannot charge a fee but asks passengers to help.

The regional trips have been mostly to help wheelchair-bound people in Hill City and Phillipsburg, Mr. Witt said. Since federal and state money was used to purchase the bus, the group is required to help other counties.

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Dr. Seuss day...



The Norton Junior High KAY Club celebrated Dr. Seuss Day by reading with Eisenhower Elementary School students on Monday for Citizen Week. Mariah Addington, an eighth grader, is seen here reading to kindergartener, Kylee Anderson.

- Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Health department fights smoking

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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Norton County Health Nurse Gina Frack wants her people to be able to work in a smoke-free environment.

To do so, she has drafted a policy, similar to the Norton County Hospital's, and took it to the Norton County commissioners at their end-of-the-month meeting on Friday, February 28.

The commissioners agreed that the policy would be fine with them although they stopped short of Ms. Frack's suggestion that a similar policy could be applied to all county departments.

She said that this is part of the Work Well Kansas program and she had gotten a \$1,000 grant to help pay for signage and such and is planning to make the policy effective July 1.

"I'd be more than happy to do the grant application for the county to do that," she said.

"We will consider it," Commissioner Charles Posson countered.

Mrs. Frack said that she would also be getting a new computer for her office as the operating system on the old one will soon not be supported by the manufacturer. She said that she has checked on line and with Mortensen Computers in Norton and Mortensen has the best deal. Bioterrorism money will be used to pay for it, she said.

Mrs. Frack also said that due to Medicare sequestration, the government is starting to recoup 2 percent of what it spent on some items like vaccinations. However, she said, home

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