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Briefly

Hospital meeting to be held Tuesday

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Norton County Hospital Board of Trustees which is normally on Wednesday has been moved to Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Fundraiser set for Saturday night

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

Bed turning will take place Saturday

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.

Toy show to take place on Saturday

The 26th Annual Tri-State Toy and Collectibles Show will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Norton National Guard Armory. It is sponsored by the Norton United Methodist Men and Norton Travel and Tourism Committee.

Local students on Spring Break

Students in Norton, Almena and Long Island will be on Spring Break from March 17-21. Classes will resume on Monday, March 24.



Saturday - Sunny along with a few afternoon clouds and a high of 63. Saturday Night - Cloudy with a low of 34. Sunday - Partly cloudy with a high of 56. Sunday Night - A few clouds with a low near 35. Monday - Mainly sunny with a high of 71. Monday Night - Mostly cloudy with a low of 45.

Markets

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Wheat.....\$7.09
Milo.....\$4.35
Soybeans.....\$12.99
Corn.....\$4.55
Markets Courtesy of Norton Ag Valley Co-Op

Prayer

Dear Lord, please help us to think of others before we think of ourselves. Amen.

Chamber honors winners...



The Norton Area Chamber of Commerce held its annual Chamber Banquet at the American Legion on Tuesday. Approximately 150 people enjoyed a meal served by the Prairie Dog 4-H Club, a performance by the Jay Singers, and Miss Kansas, Theresa Vail, was a hit as the keynote speaker. Vail received a standing ovation from the crowd at the conclusion of her speech. The 2014 Chamber Board of Directors are, from left, front row: Kristine Knapp, Sue Urban, Ruby Pflieg-

er, Miss Kansas Theresa Vail, Gloria Zwickle, Roberta Ryan, (back row) Tara Vance, Jana Keiswetter, Curtis Eveleigh, Mike Haresnape, David Davis and Glenn Brands. The Chamber recognized Moffet Drug as the Business of the Year, PfonZ' Bar & Grill as New Business of the Year, and Jeremy Wetter as Citizen of the Year for all his volunteer work at the Norton Theatre.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

School looks at curriculum options

BY MIKE STEPHENS

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Science Curriculum Chairman, George Rossi, presented information on Flex Books to the Board of Education at its Monday meeting, and demonstrated how an electronic textbook can be created and used.

After Mr. Rossi's presentation, the board voted unanimously to approve Flex Books as a curriculum source for Unified School District #211. The

board also approved the purchase of Chrome Books for seventh and eighth graders for the 2014-15 school year, but decided against purchasing insurance.

With the bond issue election rapidly approaching, the board agreed to pay \$1,793 to have brochures printed with bond issue information for voters. Deena Wente made the request on behalf of the Facilities Planning Group. Steve Berry was the lone dissenting vote on

the board. The bond election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, at the Norton County Courthouse.

Superintendent Greg Mann informed the board that there have been no applications submitted for the Spanish teacher opening, and they might need to consider using an online Spanish program to fulfill the foreign language requirement for the next school year if no qualified applicants apply.

The board approved the 2014 Eisen-

hower Elementary summer school schedule and the teachers scheduled to work. Summer school will be held for two weeks after school is out in May and two weeks prior to the start of school in August. The summer school teachers will be Kim Fiscus, Teresa Schulze and Julie Schrum.

The board also decided to keep the driver's education fees the same as last

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Possible road closure concerns businessman

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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A Norton county business owner is worried that a possible road closing could hurt his businesses and he took his problem to the county commissioners on Monday.

Terry Holzerman, who owns a feedlot, which uses the road, said that he has heard that the state might close part of U.S. 383 for repair work in the near future.

The commissioners assured him that, while it is possible that the road will be

closed, the state has put off the repair project until 2019.

"I think they'll close sections of it," Commissioner Charles Posson said.

"How will I get trucks into and out of my business," Mr. Holzerman wanted to know.

He noted that the traffic to and from the feedlot is mostly cattle and grain trucks and that they mostly come in on that road because the present alternate route has a sharp drop off, which makes it hard for the big semi-trailer trucks to turn in.

The feedlot can hold up to 2,200 head, he said.

He told the commissioners that the county highway crew has done a wonderful job on the roads out by his place. They have put down millings, he said, which are a little rough but they hold the trucks in bad weather and keep them going slower.

However, he said, he wanted to know what would happen when the state did close the road by the feedlot.

Commissioner Posson assured him that the state would set up an alternate

route for him and others on the road.

"They'll have an idea of what to do," Commissioner Posson said.

Commissioner R.A. Peterson suggested that Mr. Holzerman talk to Jeff Stewart at the state road shop.

Mr. Holzerman said that he thought he ought to get ahead of the game on the possible road closing and not get caught by it at the last minute.

"If they close the highway, it will just ruin my business," he said.

In other business, the commission-

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Seeing double...



No you aren't seeing double. The Norton Animal Health Center delivered their first calf of the year on March 5 but there was more than expected. These twin heifers are owned by Ted Davis and were healthy and returned to the pasture with their mother.

- Courtesy photo

Norton BB Gun team heads to KSRA State competition

By DICK BOYD

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The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team will compete in the Kansas State BB Gun Championships on Saturday in the Jackson County Fair Building in Holton.

The Norton BB Gun teams have won 38 of 48 state championships during the program's existence. They did not compete in the state shoot in 1982 because there was no Jaycees chapter that year to sponsor them.

The Norton Jaycees were the original sponsors but the Rotary Club is in the tenth year of sponsorship since the Jaycees chapter in Norton disbanded.

BB gun teams consist of young girls and boys from 8 to 14 years of age.

The top three teams in each state shoot qualify to compete in the Daisy National BB Gun Championships, formerly the Daisy/Jaycees International BB Gun Championships.

Norton has competed in 43 of the 48 international shoots and has also won

eight international championships, more than any other team in the world!

Three Norton teams will enter the state championships in Holton on Saturday and a top three finish would again guarantee Norton a spot in the national championships, which will be held again in Rogers, Ark., the home of Daisy, the first week of July.

Team members

Members of the Yellow Team on Saturday and their ages will be: Dylan Goss, 13; Stacie Elliott, 12; Miles Harrington, 13; Lily David, 10; Christien Hawks, 11. Alternates will be Riley Goss, 11 and Scott Sansom, 13. Coaches will be Marty Harrington and Jeremy Hawks.

Shooting for the Blue Team will be: Nathan Nelson, 11; Althea Paxton, 11; Connor Hall, 12; Aaron Blair, 12; Nick Davis, 12. The alternate will be Kira Engelsman, 9. Coaches will be Chance McMullen and Shannon Goss.

Marksmen for the Red Team will be: (BB Gun - Continued on Page 5)

