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**Friday**  
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**Norton, Kansas**  
Home of Laurie Cliff

*Briefly*

## Free screenings available for youth

Eisenhower Elementary School will be conducting a free Early Childhood Screening beginning at 8 a.m. on Friday, March 24.

If you have a concern about your child's vision, hearing, speech, motor skills, behavior and/or reasoning, call to schedule an appointment.

Children eligible for the screening are ages 3 through 5, but not enrolling in kindergarten this fall. A separate kindergarten screening will be held later in the spring.

To schedule an appointment call Joan Hale at the school at 877-5113. Appointments usually last 45 minutes.

## Toy show to be held March 18

Hundreds of collectors and hobby fans from hundreds of miles around are expected in Norton on Saturday, March 18 for the annual Toy and Sports Card Show. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on the north edge of Norton on Highway 283.

Supported by the Chamber of Commerce, the event is sponsored by the Norton Methodist Men's organization and is one of the longest running hobby shows in the tri-state area.

Dealers display everything from sports cards to automotive, farm, trucking, construction and other toys of all sizes both new and antique. NASCAR models are becoming more popular and the toy show has a number of dealers carrying race car toy lines. Proceeds from the annual show are used by the Methodist Men to fund Christian mission activities, student scholarships and public benefit contributions such as fire department equipment.

A food stand is available including homemade pies contributed by the Methodist ladies.

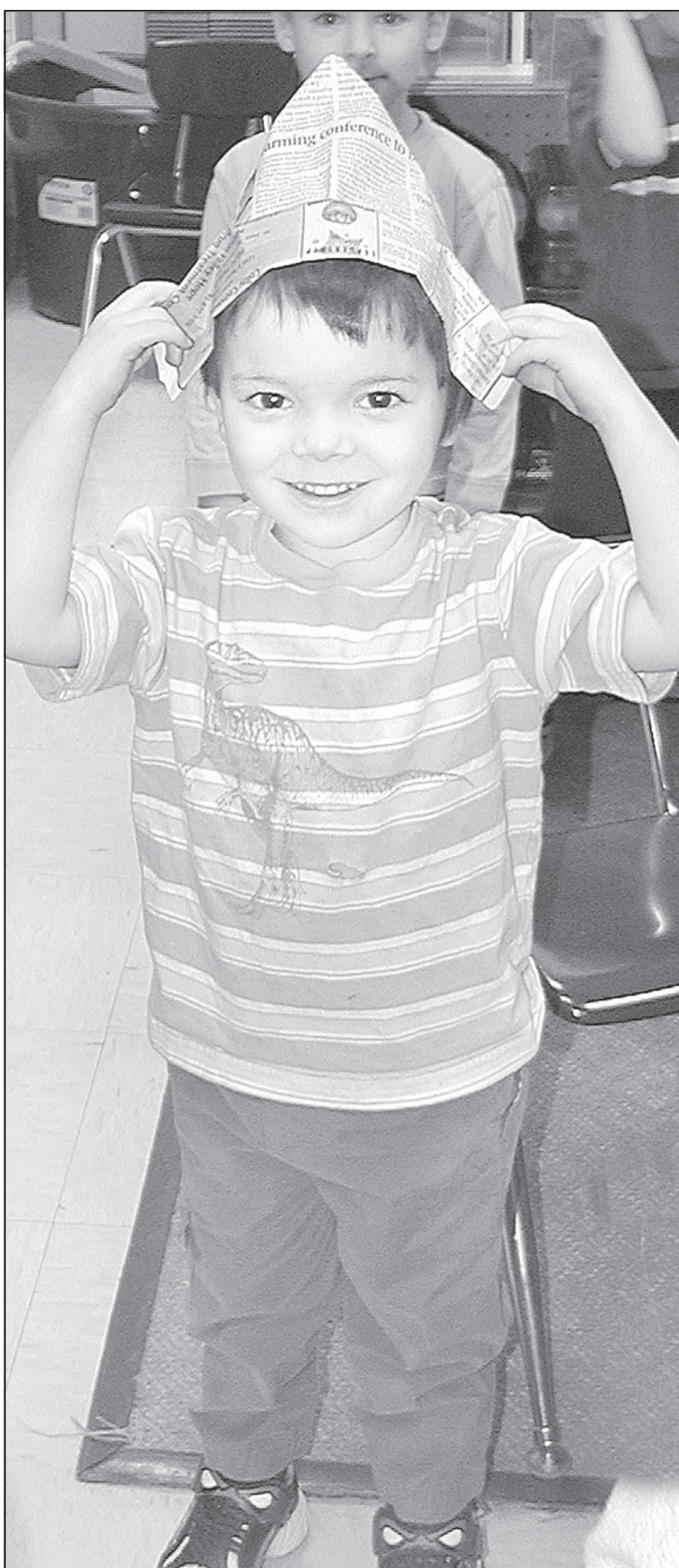
Admission is \$1 for adults and free for children under 12 with an adult. Door prizes will be given away throughout the day.

*Weather*  
**Forecast:**

**Tonight** — Partly cloudy with lows around 30. West winds 10 to 15 mph.  
**Saturday** — Partly cloudy with highs in the mid 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.  
**Saturday Night** — Partly cloudy with lows in the upper 20s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.  
**Sunday** — Partly cloudy with highs around 50 with east winds around 10 mph.  
**Sunday Night** — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow with lows in the upper 20s.  
**Monday** — Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow. Highs in the lower 40s.

*Prayer*

Our loving Father, grant us the wisdom to cast our cares on you. May we always remember that no matter the size of the storm, you are always with us. **Amen**



Ed Ballinger (above) instructed Twila Custer's Early Childhood class in the art of origami (paper folding). Andrew Gleason, Kailey Gill, Chloe Nielsen, Nathan White and Gracie Campbell were in the class. Nathan White (left) modeled the sailor's hat he made.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

## Early childhood students turn origami into headgear

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

The ancient art of paper folding was simplified as Ed Ballinger taught the early childhood class at Eisenhower Elementary how to fold newspapers and make sailor hats.

Mr. Ballinger carried an armload of old *Norton Telegram* papers out the door Tuesday evening explaining he was teaching an origami class the next morning at the grade school. Early childhood teacher, Twila Custer, explained that the children have been studying an ocean theme and Mr. Ballinger's craft was perfect for the class.

Assisting were paraprofessional Tamela Wessel, substitute teacher Kelly Goss and student teacher, Sandra Dole.

Children in the class are Andrew Gleason, Robbie Wagoner, Nathan White, Tony Urban, Kailey Gill, Carson Tuxhorn, Garcie Campbell, Shelby Harding, Carter Jones, Michael Hanlon and Chloe Nielsen.

## Eminent domain tricky topic for state politicians

By VERONICA MONIER

Eminent domain was one of the topics covered by Senator Ralph Ostmeyer and Representative John Faber during their visit in Norton last Saturday.

Sen. Ostmeyer said there were at least 10 bills dealing with it in the Kansas Legislature right now. He said he is part of a large group of people who are trying to come up with something that will be good for western Kansas.

Rep. Faber said it's a tough balancing act.

"We don't want to see what happened on the federal level happen here," he said. "We don't want to see a company taking land or property from somebody for personal gain. But, we also can't take away the city and county's ability to get land for the good of the population."

He said the legislature will have to pass something because the public wants it. But, he said, it might not be the most strict

bill and might just be the most lenient one.

Sen. Ostmeyer said they don't want to take that ability away from local government, but want to make sure the people who's land is being taken are reimbursed properly for it.

Sen. Ostmeyer also covered:

- State employee raises. He said a 2 percent cost of living raise had been given to the hourly employees and those who receive salary were moved up a step. The state employees have been patient while the state has been in a financial crunch, he said. The infrastructure has to be taken care of, he said.
- The Scruffy Bill, which will protect animals from abuse.
- Concealed carry of firearms. He said the bill passed with 29 votes in the Senate and thinks that it will pass in the House of Representatives.

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## Almena plans pancakes for supper

The Almena Community PRIDE committee will be serving pancakes and sausage from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday evening at the Almena Community Center.

Admission is by donation and the proceeds will go to make improve-

ments on the nature trail from Bantam Park to City Park on Highway 383.

Some of the planned projects include adding wood chips on the trail, installing benches, and placing identification markers on all the trees and shrubs.

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