



Her bag of tricks contained a talking turtle and dancing flowers. Clown Kathy kept the crowd laughing at the benefit potluck supper held Sept. 23 at the Lyle Community Building. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts



Backed up by the band, The Prairie Dogs, dancers entertained the crowd at Saturday night's benefit for the Lyle Community Building. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Potluck benefit keeps Lyle center operating

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Always a self-sufficient bunch, the good people of Lyle take care of their own.

Saturday night, about 50 people gathered at the Lyle Community Building for a potluck benefit to help raise funds to operate the building. Besides good food, entertainment was provided for the crowd.

Jim Plotts sang a few songs, followed by musical numbers played on the keyboard and kazoo by Montay Brown and Brooke Sumner. Clown Kathy (Kathy Van Meter) entertained with her "talking" turtle, dancing flowers and Mexican marionette, Teresa Reves-Wood played two numbers on her hammer dulcimer and finally, The Prairie Dogs, a bluegrass band from McCook finished out the evening with guitar pickin', banjo playing and good old fashioned fiddle music.

The event raised several hun-

dred dollars to help with the expense of operating the building that is the center of the Lyle community. Sunday morning it sees worship services of the Lyle United Methodist Church, Wednesday the ladies of the church meet there to sew blankets for Spanish-American Missions and occasionally the Liberty Star Club or the 4-H club holds a meeting there.

Around 1958, the Star Valley 4-H Club was a bustling organization with more than 50 members. Every month, the club would meet in the old Legion Hall building in Lebanon, Neb. The club leaders decided the club needed their own meeting place and the Lyle community needed a building where events could be held. Fund raising efforts bought the materials and volunteers from the community provided the labor and the club soon had a meeting place.

Over the years improvements

have been made including indoor plumbing, kitchen facilities, new metal roof, and central air.

The original plan called for each family to contribute \$10 a year to the upkeep budget for the Community Building. That fee entitled the family to use the building anytime they needed during the year for birthday parties, family dinners or wedding showers.

That plan worked for many years but, with the dwindling population, the finances dwindled, too. Last year, the Liberty Star Club, a ladies club formed in 1934, assumed responsibility for fund raising efforts and agreed to act as treasurer for the Building Fund. The benefit Saturday was the second event held to raise funds.

Club members said the community plus former residents enjoyed the potlucks and thought the entertainment added to the fun. They said it was a good way to raise the needed money.

U.S. 36 traffic switch in the works

Highway traffic will be switched over to the new roadbed from Reager west to the Norton/Decatur County line on US 36 in the coming week.

Kristin Brands of the Kansas Department of Transportation said the asphalt paving is complete on the first three miles of the new roadway on the western end of the project, which begins at the county line.

Jim Riener, an engineer on the project said, "At the county line and on the east end of the project, we will be taking traffic off the

existing alignment beginning sometime next week. The traveling public will have the chance to travel on the new roadway on the west end. And, at the east end, traffic will be directed onto a temporary shoe-fly."

County Road W-14 (north) will close in conjunction with the traffic pattern change. County Roads W-7, W-8 and W-9 will remain closed during the construction process. Dobson Brothers, Lincoln, Neb., is the primary contractor in charge of the \$18.8 million dollar job.

The new roadway will have 12-foot driving lanes, three-foot paved shoulders and five-foot turf shoulders. This compares to the existing standards of 12-foot driving lanes without paved shoulders.

By the time the project is complete next year, many of the no-passing zones will be eliminated, thus sight-distance of the traveling public will be greatly improved.

For more information on this construction project, contact Mrs. Brands at the Department of Transportation office, 785-877-3315.

Coast to Coast runner schedules stop in Norton Tuesday, Wednesday

Cancer survivorship program is his focus

A Connecticut high school teacher Christian McEvoy is over 1,400 miles into a six month, 3,500 mile run across the United States to raise awareness and much needed funds for cancer survivorship programs. He and his team have raised over \$130,000 of their \$1 million goal. He will be running along Route 36 from St. Francis to Marysville between today and Oct. 14.

Mr. McEvoy and his support team plan to spend Tuesday and Wednesday nights in Norton at The Haven

Fueled and inspired by the strength, courage and determination of cancer survivors, McEvoy's *Coast to Coast: A Run for Survivorship* kicked off in San Francisco on July 1 and will end in December 14 in Narragansett, R.I. Along the way, runners including survivors and students are participating by running a portion of the trip to show support.

Mr. McEvoy has roots in Kansas. His ancestors homesteaded in Ellis County about 1897 and later built a home in Hays.

A key part of The Run is the High School Challenge which

urges teenagers from across the country to join the run as the team approaches their communities and to raise funds for cancer survivorship. High school students, as well as other interested runners, are invited to join Mr. McEvoy when he runs through Kansas along Route 36. "When you say 3,500 miles, that makes people turn their heads," he said. "Once you get someone's head to turn you can tell them that 3,500 miles is nothing compared to the 10 million Americans who live with cancer or the effects of cancer everyday."

Sponsors of *Coast to Coast: A Run for Survivorship* include PepsiCo, Fleetwood Recreational Vehicles, Bear Naked Granola, Blank Rome LLP, John S. Herald and Execution, Asics, CoolMax, Jefferies and Saab of Westport.

A documentary film crew is accompanying the runner on his journey across the country. The documentary film will reinforce the run by documenting the stories of persons with differing cancers, of various ages, races and regions. The Yale Cancer Center, New Haven, Conn., will be the primary beneficiary for funds raised over

the course of the journey. The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults National College Scholarship Program, Columbia, Md., The University of California, San Francisco Cancer Resource Center and The Children's Hospital H.O.P.E. Clinic, Denver, are designated beneficiaries for High School Challenge teams.

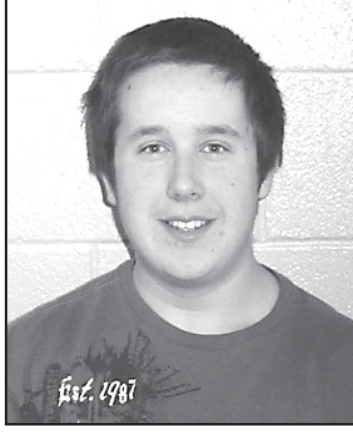
To track Christian and the Coast to Coast team's journey online, or to donate money for cancer survivorship programs, visit www.coasttoastrun.org.

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Students of the Month

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Student: Nathan Pollock
Parents: Mike and Ann Pollock
Grade: 12
Nominating Staff Member: Mrs. Anne Stiles — Comment from nominating person: I would like to nominate Nathan Pollock as the student of the month because he is such a good worker. He is fun to have in class and always has a way to make everything fun and positive. Responsible is the best word to describe him.
Nominating Staff Member: Mrs. Erin Hill — Comment from nominating person: I would like to nominate Nathan Pollock because he does his best in all he does and he is a joy to have in class. He helps out his peers, is always positive, and shows enthusiasm to learn each and every day.
Factoids About Nathan
Favorite Class: All of them
Favorite Drink: Cherry Coke
Favorite Color: Purple
Favorite Food: Peanut Butter Pie
Favorite Movie: The Fifth Element
Favorite Saying: "There's a fine line between genius and insanity, guess which side I'm on." - Anonymous
Favorite Song: "Shake it Like Salt Shaker" by the Yin Yang Twins
Favorite Hang Out: Wherever my friends are.
Personal Hero: Albert Einstein
Future Plans: Attend K-State and major in Agricultural Engineering



Student: Tiffany Marx
Parents: Bob and Doris Marx
Grade: 12
Nominating Staff Member: Mr. Jason Jones — Comment from nominating person: I would like to nominate Tiffany Marx as the student of the month because Tiffany has always been very polite to and concerned about others, and, early this fall, I witnessed her exercise a degree of honesty that I was not sure still existed. Her positive actions and character deserve recognition.
Nominating Staff Member: Mr. David Jones — Comment from nominating person: I would like to nominate Tiffany Marx as the student of the month because she is a wonderful individual who is very easy to work with. She has displayed her character because she has proven to me she will do what is correct even when "other eyes aren't watching". She accidentally hit another student's car in the East Campus parking lot. Nobody was around at the time, and instead of just leaving the scene, she left information on the car that was struck that it was her fault and how to contact her.
Factoids About Tiffany
Favorite Class: Yearbook
Favorite Drink: Mountain Dew
Favorite Color: Yellow
Favorite Food: Home-made Bread
Favorite Movie: Pirates of the Caribbean
Favorite Saying: "If at first you don't succeed: try, try, again."
Favorite Song: "This is Your Life" by Switchfoot
Favorite Hang Out: Movie Theatre or Pizza Hut
Personal Hero: God
Future Plans: Go to college and major in Elementary Education

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