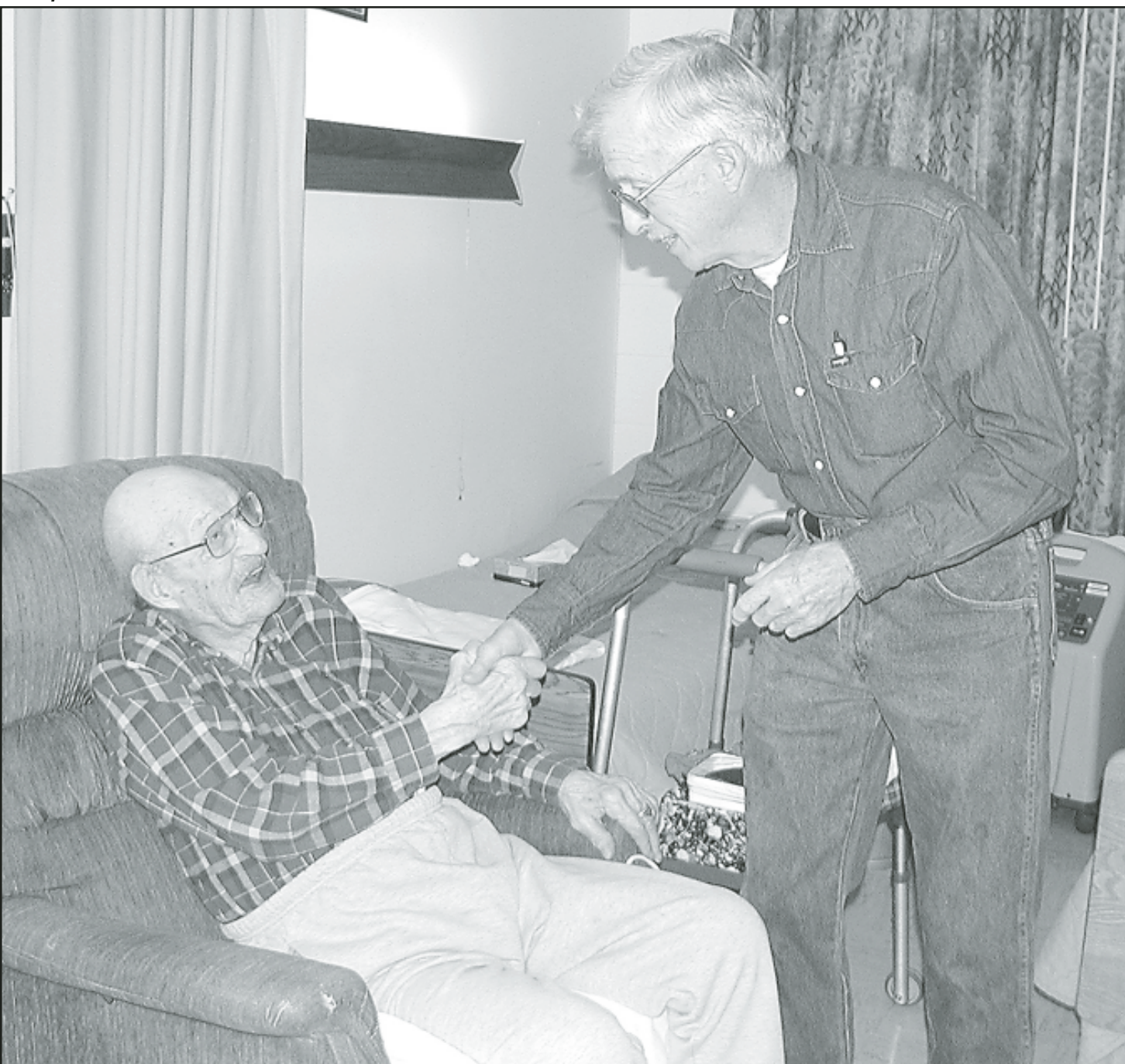


## Lifetime member...



It's difficult for 96-year old Joe Foland to get to the meeting of the International Order of Odd Fellows on Thursday nights. Last week the members brought the meeting to him

at the Andbe Home. Fellow member, Horace Collins, right, greets Mr. Foland.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

## Banks, county offices to be closed Monday

Banks, county offices and the post office lead the list of offices planning to be closed Monday in observance of President's Day.

Monday all county banks will be closed as well as the Norton County Courthouse, the Farm Service Agency office, and the Norton County Health Department. The U.S. Post Office will also be closed, but mail will be picked up from the outside box at 5 p.m.

Northern Valley and Lenora schools will both take that day off.

Movies playing at the Norton Theatre Monday night are "Norbit", and "Ghost Rider". Both movies are rated PG-13 and both start at 7 p.m.

As far as other services are concerned, restaurants, grocery stores and service stations will all be open for business as usual.

## 4-H NEWS

Eight Norton County 4-H Club members attended the group's 54th trip to the Denver area and related sites Jan. 20-22.

Those in attendance were Tanner Jessup, Christopher Maddy, Jesse Gallentine, Carissa Wentz, Michael Callaway, Kyra Fulton, Kelsie Griffith and Phillip Becker. Chaperones were Keith and Karen VanSlike and Jeff Callaway.

Some of the events that the group participated in were a tour of the National Western Stock Show and PRCA rodeo, and a tour of the Denver Mint.

The group took part in the Fellowship of Christian Cowboy service before the rodeo, and visited Look Out Mountain, the Buffalo Bill Cody Museum, and the Rocky

Mountain Sire Unit in Bennett, Colo.

They also had fun at Casa Bonita Restaurant, Funplex Recreation Center and Hard Rock Café.

The Norton County Denver Trip Committee has helped to support this educational event starting out when several local stockmen, business leaders and 4-H supporters put together this project for youth to be able to participate. Various local volunteers and 4-H supporters have helped over the years to provide a worth while tour for the groups, which coincides with the National Western Stock Show held in Denver each year.

The Denver Trip Benefit Meal held each fall helps to raise funds for the trip expenses.

*Have a story idea? Call 877-3361 and let us know ... we'd love to hear about it!*

## Forensics kicks off for Northern Valley students

By KEN THARMAN

January 27 marked the first forensics meet on the Northern Valley schedule.

Some students started preparing for the event in December and others started in January.

Last year we were marked with extreme weather conditions almost every meet we attended. The weather we have been experiencing for over a month now, made me wonder if we would not have more of the same, this year.

As it turned out, Saturday was just another nice (chilly) day in mid-winter. Somehow I was able to convince my wife, Michelle, to wake up and join me on our westward venture. She was a sponsor and was ready to serve as a judge if needed. The schools sponsoring these events will ask schools to bring a judge to help during the meet. If anyone is interested in this prospect, please let me know.

This year we are very fortunate to have 22 students signed up for the season. Many hours at home and after school were spent practicing for the opening day. Those attending the Oberlin meet were: Andrea Lowry, Melody Miller,

Ashley Kingham, Jena Jessup, Jessie Redeker, Kelli Cole, Travis Redeker, Amanda Hopkins, Michael Callaway, and Megan Cole. These students participated in a total of 14 events. There were 14 different schools that had students participating in over 130 events. After three very nervous rounds, the top six students in each of the nine categories went on to the final round. Those from Northern Valley are listed below with their event and final placement.

Serious Solo, Kelli Cole, sixth place; Informative, Jessie Redeker, fifth place; Oration, Amanda Hopkins, fifth place; and Humorous Solo, Andrea Lowry, second place.

As a team, Northern Valley placed fifth. Quinter took first,

Ellis took second, Norton placed third, and Colby placed fourth. We would not have done this well without the entire team putting in their best efforts the entire day. The kids appreciate all their parents, relatives and friends that come to the meets. They really enjoy an audience when they are performing (just not when they are practicing at home). An audience adds laughter and tears as the performers create their alternate reality for those 7 to 10 minutes.

Irma Laurin and Joyce Schemper baked some treats for the students to enjoy after the first round.

The next meet was Feb. 10 in Norton. It was a Saturday meet and started early in the day. Encourage those in forensics to con-

tinue putting in the hours of practice. The skills they are building and enhancing will benefit them their entire lives. Of course, I am in reference to the skills of diction, elocution, communication skills, etc. Not the skills of making up things on the spur of the moment, jumping around like wild animals, and things they do in Improvised Duet Acting.

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## Students of the Month


### December

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**Student:** Brianna Felton  
**Parents:** Joe and Janet Felton  
**Grade:** Senior  
**Nominating Staff Member:** Lindsey Bailey  
**Comment from nominating person:** "I would like to nominate Brianna Felton. She is a great student to have in class. She does what she is supposed to do and shows great respect for her teachers."  
**Nominating Staff Member:** Anne Stiles  
**Comment from nominating person:** "I would like to nominate Brianna Felton. She is very responsible, level-headed, and dependable. She is a great girl that always gets her homework done and never complains."  
**Factoids about Brianna**  
**Favorite Class:** Advanced Math  
**Favorite Drink:** Mountain Dew  
**Favorite Color:** Blue  
**Favorite Food:** Potato; Cheese Pizza  
**Favorite Movie:** "Ice Age"  
**Favorite Saying:** "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get."  
**Favorite Song:** "Far Away" by Nickelback  
**Favorite Hang out:** With friends.  
**Personal Hero:** My dad  
**Future Plans:** Go to college



**Student:** Cody Cook  
**Parents:** Topper and Nikki Cook  
**Grade:** Freshman  
**Nominating Staff Member:** Kevin Jilka  
**Comment from nominating person:** "I would like to nominate Cody Cook for student of the month. Cody is always prepared for class and is a very personable young man."  
**Factoids about Cody**  
**Favorite Class:** Drafting  
**Favorite Drink:** Dr. Pepper  
**Favorite Color:** Navy Blue  
**Favorite Food:** Steak  
**Favorite Movie:** "Lord of the Rings"  
**Favorite Saying:** None  
**Favorite Song:** None  
**Favorite Hang out:** None  
**Personal Hero:** None  
**Future Plans:** Go to college, in engineering.

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