



The Hays District United Methodist Women held its 34th annual meeting Saturday at the First United Methodist Church in Norton. After listening to the featured speaker, Kimberlea

Nutting, attendees broke into smaller workshops, such as Tranda Watts' workshop on nutrition.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

Methodists gather to improve churches

The Hays District United Methodist Women held its 34th annual meeting at the First United Methodist Church in Norton Saturday.

"Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies, Healthy Congregations" was the meeting's theme.

Kimberlea Nutting, R.N. and intensive care unit nurse at Hays Medical Center was the keynote speaker for the meeting. Her

power-point presentation was entitled, "Smart Women/Healthy Hearts." She shared her experiences in health care as a long-time nurse and as a 30-year veteran being a Kansas Emergency Medical Technician.

Ms. Nutting has traveled throughout the United States and has spent time with missionaries in San Jose, Costa Rica; Quito, Ecuador; and Haiti. In 1997 she spent 10 weeks in northern India on a health care study tour. She also lived in Cairo, Egypt from 1983 to 1985.

Following Hurricane Katrina, she volunteered with Heart to Heart International at a free health care clinic in New Orleans.

She serves on the Kansas Advisory Committee on Trauma and

the Kansas Emergency Cardiovascular Committee. Ms. Nutting lives on a farm outside of Bogue and is working on her master's degree in nursing education/nurse practitioner.

Following a luncheon, several informative focus groups were held.

Tranda Watts, Home Economist for Norton and other counties in northwest Kansas, spoke on nutrition.

Another group speaker was Andrea Romeiser, R.N. from the Kansas West United Methodist Conference Parish Nurse Ministry Program.

During the focus group meetings, United Methodist Women officers met with their district officers.

Norton woman gets a visit from 'Elvis'

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The bank employees try to make a big deal out of 10-year birthdays (like 30, 40, 50 and 60) and when Ms. Richards

told them that on her 40th birthday, her co-workers in Oregon brought in Elvis for her, they had the perfect plan.

Happy birthday Ms. Richards!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High

Friday, Oct. 26 — State Volleyball at Salina, 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 27 — ACT Test at Norton; State Volleyball Tournament at Salina, TBA; State Cross Country at Wamego, 9 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 29 — KAY Board, A.P.; UNK Men's Vocal Music Workshop, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 30 — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Army National Guard Recruiter Available, noon; Colby Community College Recruiter Available, A.P.; 9-12 Student Anti-Bullying Program., P.M.; Girls BB Meeting, Junior High Science, 3:35 p.m.; Bi-District Football, Location and Time TBA

Wednesday, Oct. 31 — KAY UNIT CONFERENCE, NO SCHOOL 7-12; 7-12 Staff Anti-Bullying Inservice, East Campus, 9 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 1 — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; KAY Meeting, A.P.; FCCLA Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 2 — Jazz Band, A.P.; KAYS Holly Sales End, 3:30 p.m.; ACT Registration for Dec. 8 Test Deadline; KAYS Costume Dance, Junior High Gym, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 3 — Regional Football, Location and Time TBA; KMEA District Convention at Hays, 1 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 5 — MCL North Division Vocal Clinic at Phillipsburg, 2 p.m.; Scholars Bowl at Hill City, 4 p.m.; Wrestling Parents Meeting, Wrestling Room, 6 p.m.; KAY Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 6 — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; Scholars Bowl at Oberlin, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 7 — S.A.C. Meeting, A.P.

Junior High

Wednesday, Oct. 31 — KAY UNIT CONFERENCE; NO SCHOOL 7-12; 7-12 Staff Anti-Bullying Inservice, East Campus,

9 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 1 — Basketball v. Stockton, there, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 5 — Stuco A.P. Tuesday, Nov. 6 — KAY Board, A.P.; Basketball v. Smith Center, here, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 7 — Admin Team Meeting, A.P.

Eisenhower

Wednesday, Oct. 31 — S.I.T., 7:30 a.m.; KDG Spook Parade at The Andbe Home, 10 a.m.; EC-6 Fall Parties, 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 1 — EC-2 Grade Level Meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 5 — Anti-Bullying Program: Students, 1:15 p.m. and 2:15 p.m., Faculty, 3:40 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 7 — Faculty Meeting, 3:35 p.m.

All Schools

KSHSAA BUFFER WEEK: Monday, Nov. 5 - Sunday, Nov. 11

USD 211 Gyms and Weight Rooms CLOSED before and after school hours

Sunday, Nov. 4 — DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS, SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

Wednesday, Nov. 7 — Admin Team Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

NORTHERN VALLEY

Friday, Oct. 26 — High School State Volleyball at Hays, TBD

Saturday, Oct. 27 — High School State Volleyball at Hays, TBD; High School State Cross Country at Wamego, TBD

Monday, Oct. 29 — Internet Safety meetings; Test Coordinators Conference at Wichita, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 30 — High School Football Bi-District, TBD; Test Coordinators Conference at Wichita, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; KPERs meeting at Phillipsburg, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 31 — KAY Regional Conference at Norton; K-6 Halloween Parade and Parties at Long Island and Almena,

2 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 01 — Colby Community College Rep visit in the conference room, 11 a.m.; Colby Community College Rep visit in the conference room, 11 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 02 — Early Childhood meeting at Glade, NO Preschool; Middle School Winter Sports Kick-off at Long Island, 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 03 — High School Regional Football, TBD; KMEA NW District Convention I at Hays High School, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; FPS Evaluation Training Session at Hutchinson, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 04 — Daylight

Saving Time Ends; FPS Evaluation Training Session at Hutchinson, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 05 — Fall Athletic Buffer Week, Nov. 5-11; Western Kansas Math Academy at Hays; Kim Sutton Workshop at Hays

Tuesday, Nov. 06 — Western Kansas Math Academy at Hays; Kim Sutton Workshop at Hays; KAESP Fall Conference Workshop at Wichita; High School Scholars Bowl meet at Oberlin, 3:15 p.m.; High School Band and Vocal Concert in the auditorium at Almena, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 07 — KAESP Fall Conference Workshop at Topeka

Hospital gets 'go-ahead'

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Board member Jennie Goldsby asked if they started to remodel the lower level, would it be affected by a decision on whether or not to go through with renovating surgery.

Mr. Miller said it would not affect it and that Murray Company is always willing to work with them.

After more discussion, the board accepted Murray Company's proposal for the lower level at a cost not to exceed \$496,000 using the proposed finance plan.

In other business, the board:

- Heard that in September, the hospital had 413 patient days; 69 admissions; 4 births; 20 surgeries; 3,505 out-patient procedures; 1,100 Doctor's Clinic visits; and 660 in-patient procedures. This brought the year-to-date totals up to 1,162 patient days; 199 admissions; 10 births; 62 surgeries; 10,949 out-patient procedures; 3,576 Doctor's Clinic visits; and 1,920 in-patient procedures.
- Received the 2007 audit report from John Harris with BKD, the hospital's accounting firm. Mr. Harris said the hospital was in a positive trend and that its overall cash was up. The hospital, he said, is in a strong position, compared to other critical access hospitals.

- Plus, he said, most other critical

access hospitals get more tax money.

- Approved the write-off accounts and sent the bad debts to collection.

- Received a report from Julie Campbell, director of nursing, about the classes the nursing staff were taking. Also, she said the hospital is going to start doing nuclear testing for cardiac patients. They will do four tests at a time. She said three of the nursing staff had been trained in car seat safety training. Finally, she said, the nursing department is going live with Dairyland. Everything, including charting, will now be done on a computer.
- Joined the Association for Continuing Education and discussed what was available for the hospital's different departments.
- Watched the video on Norton that was sent out to 3,200 doctors. The video is a physician recruiting tool.
- Reviewed patient surveys.
- Heard that the Kansas Hospital Association's annual meeting will be Nov. 13-15.
- Learned that Mrs. Goldsby's and Board president Dennis Gilhousen's seats are up for re-appointment as of Dec. 31.
- Set the next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 19 because of Thanksgiving.

School board approves requests

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green light for both requests. Julie Thompson requested Nov. 19-20 as personal leave time to allow her to attend a conference with her husband, and Manuela Matos Astorgano requested the same dates for personal leave so she could travel with her aunt and uncle who will be visiting from Spain. The board voted 7-0 to approve these requests.

The board also noted that it is necessary to obtain board approval for days to be used immediately prior to or following a school break.

Two executive sessions were held, the first to discuss staff. Superintendent George Griffith, who is also 9-12 principal, and PreK-8 Principal Chris Robertson remained in the room for this session.

The second executive session involved the superintendent's evaluation. Initially, this session involved only the board members. However, a few minutes later Mr. Griffith, superintendent, was invited to sit in.

No action was taken after the board reopened both sessions to the public. Principal Robertson is scheduled to present her performance based evaluation at the next board meeting.

The superintendent reported on the status of the Northern Valley Medical Group insurance. The board moved to notify all employ-

ees who were members of this group that all claims for services prior to July 1, 2007 must be submitted to BAS prior to Nov. 15, 2007 in order to get this account finalized.

Any claim submitted after that date will be denied by the Northern Valley School District. All members of this group will be notified so they may contact their providers to make sure all claims have been submitted.

Briefly, among of items:

- Mr. Tharman's sixth grade class has a new "CHAT" group that is not computer related. The students discuss various interests. These "chats" help improve communication skills and develop trust, the board was told. "CHAT" stands for Communication Helps Achieve Teamwork.
- The board extended congratulations to Kirsten Baird for being "Teacher of the Month." She will receive movie passes and dinner for two as a reward for this honor.
- Gale Hays, board president, told the board that Mr. Jim Cole had talked to him about the junior high league for next year. There was a brief discussion of possibilities.
- The board approved a request for the Methodist Church to use the lunch room and cafeteria facilities for a breakfast for the opening day of pheasant season, which kicks in Nov. 3.

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