

LYLE NEWS

By VEDA WOOD
Lyle Correspondent

I missed getting this in last week's paper. Dewayne Jackson brought our message on Sunday. His daughter, Destiny was a visitor.

Margaret "Toots" Magers took June Jolly, Lora Arnold and Veda Wood to Cambridge, Neb., after our dinner for Helen Helm's birthday party. Keith Anthony and Gary and Cathy Anthony also attended, and we had a good time visiting and playing a "different type" game. Helen is scheduled for a doctors appointment, as she has not been feeling well at times. Her children, Kathy, Ceanne, Jim, Mike and their families were there.

Dave Huff visited his parents, Earnest and Donna, from Monday to Wednesday. He made a trip to Yuma, Colo., where he is planning to work in order to be closer to home. Earnest continues to have trouble with his shoulder.

The ladies at Lyle planned to resume their sewing every Tuesday that weather permits.

Lyle Church plans, as usual, to have a sunrise service. It will be on April 12 this year, the time will be decided later.

After Senior Citizens on Friday, June Jolly dropped Toots Magers at home, then went to Karen Brown's and they played cards at McCook. June went to her son, Dean's home on Sunday where Rhonda had a birthday dinner for her. Visitors were Louis and LaVeda McFarland; Linda and Dennis McFarland; Kimberley Jolly, her friend and son and Jennifer's son, Jack; and Twila Carter.

June's 12-year-old English Shepherd, Katie, had to be put down because of a rabid skunk found on her porch. She was not sure if Katie had been fighting with the skunk, but under the circumstances, she opted not to quarantine the dog for six months to see if she got sick. We do need to have rabies shots for our pets.

Carol Moye, Tielia High and Aubrey had lunch with me one day last week, and I visited with Carol, John, and Kyle, Carols great-granddaughter, one day.

We are so glad that Joyce Price is much better. We have missed seeing her around.

Oh, yes, I still have one pup, as one person was unable to take it.

Margaret Magers received some stories from Charles Keller, who was our pastor for a while, giving her a preview of a book he is planning. She allowed me to read them; and I think he should go 'full speed ahead' with it. There are

some that would make delightful stories for children, and for people like me who are still kids at heart. I want to be sure to get one when it's done.

On Wednesday, Jan. 28, June Jolly attended a cattleman's meeting at Cambridge. She spoke of how modern technology has changed the care of livestock so much since we were young.

On Thursday, some ladies and Rev. Danforth served cookies, cake and drinks to the family of Dora Lee Michel at the Norcatat Educational building, and had a chance to visit with the family.

Margaret Magers' grandson, J.T. Guy, Abilene, came to hunt and visit her from Friday to Sunday. He also ate dinner with us at Lyle on Sunday, and told us about his helping on the "Extreme Makeover" house that was on television. Judy Easton, J.T.'s mother, visited on Saturday. Earnest and Donna Huff visited also.

Some friends of Alta May Van Gundy, from Hastings, Neb., visited her on Saturday, Jan. 31. Delbert Johnson, Lois Johnson, residents of Goldbrick Towers (no relation), and Sylvia Fluhart, manager of the Towers, the Good Samaritan complex where Alta had an apartment before she broke her hip. It was so good of them to come, and together with some members of Alta May's family and the people at the Andbe home, we celebrated her birthday. Family members were Dwight and Teresa Wood, Sandy McNames, Carol Moye, Kylie Gruwell, Margie Applegate and Veda Wood. I also got to visit with so many friends: Katherine Severs, Kenneth Price, Bob Shick, Frances Mosier, Helen Miller, Evelyn Lyon, Dean Railsback and many others. And we all got a piece of Alta's big beautiful cake!

On Saturday, the Red Hat Ladies met at the First State Bank in Norton, and were given an interesting and informative presentation of "They Also Ran" — the candidates who ran for president and were defeated. The only bad thing about it was that I didn't have time to read all their "thumbnail sketches." I'll have to go again.

Joyce Sumner returned home on Tuesday from her trip to California. The unexpected death of her sister, Lorain McIver, changed some of her plans. She visited her sister, Geraldine and the rest of her family.

We are glad to have her back, although I told her I would have stayed where it was warm a little longer. Todd and Deanna Sumner met her in Denver.

Kids figure in conservation contest

By VOLUNTEERS

Winners of the Oberlin Elementary School contest for conservation practices were Jenna Long, daughter of Greg and Mary Long, formerly of Norcatat, and Timothy Helm son of Mike and Debra Helm of Norcatat.

Senior Citizens met Feb. 6. There were 14 card players present. The winners were June Jolly, Eleanor Jensen and Bee Nelson. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, in the Educational Building.

Bee Nelson enjoyed breakfast at the Cardinal Bar and Grill with former Norcatat United Methodist Church, Pastor Dale Thiele of Lucas, on Thursday, Feb. 5. He was on his way to Oberlin for the first church meeting of the Methodist ministers of this district.

There was a surprise at the Cardinal Bar and Grill Saturday night, Feb. 7. Several friends and family came to surprise Cathy Anthony and help her celebrate her birthday.

There were presents and cards, a good meal, and of course a birthday cake! It was a total surprise. Gary — you did it!! Those attending were Valerie Faris and Jerry Stein; Chris and Windy Kuhlman and boys; June Jolly; Margaret Magers; Mary Leslie; Julia Ray and Jessup, Adric and Farra; Charles and Vickie Taylor; Keith Anthony and Gary and Cathy Anthony.

Ron and Gina Montgomery attended the funeral of Florence Frakes in Trenton, Neb., Wednesday, Feb. 4. She was the mother of Lee Frakes, their brother-in-law.

Scott Harman has been riding in some Pro Rodeos and has been doing very well.

David and Patty Stapp, Norcatat, won this year's Kansas Banker Association water quality award for the practice of wise conservation practices that help to preserve the precious soil. The Stapps put in a waste management pit for their cattle feedlot about two years ago.

Jacob Helm, son of Mike and Debra Helm, Norcatat; Carissa Wentz, daughter of Dwight and Mary Wentz, Norcatat; Rhianon Davies, daughter of Gareth and Lisa Davies, formerly of Norcatat, and granddaughter of Doris Auker of Norcatat, were inducted into the Decatur Community High School Honor Society this past week. We are proud of all of you!!

Amanda Marshall, daughter of Troy and Deb Marshall; and Nolan Henningson, son of Robbie and Jeni Henningson, all of Norcatat, Shane New and Melissa Hadley were in a car accident. Melissa was flown to hospital in Kearney, Neb. in critical condition. They had recently moved to Jennings from Norcatat and purchased the house formerly owned by Mildred Tacha.

Doyle and Kay Brown visited several days with John and Deanell Tacha, Lawrence. They celebrated Deanell's birthday while there. Doyle and Kay visited a day with Omer and Koleta Tittle, Tonganoxie. Doyle went to Kansas City for a check-up and received a good report.

The Jennings Tuesday Study Club met for lunch at the Broken Wheel on Jan. 27. "Country Roads" was the roll call theme, was answered by Ruth Chance, Carla Latimer, Sue Long, Wilma Mader, Joan McKenna, Joan Metz, Helen Muirhead, Helen Rhodes, Lynn Tacha, Neoma Tacha, Vendla Tacha and guest, Pat Foster. Lynn Tacha and Joanie Metz thanked the club for continuing to support the Angel Tree Project. Joan McKenna explained the paper products that club members could bring for the February meeting. Carolyn Plotts will join them for lunch at Attitudes and will give the tour of the Haven House in Norton. They will also visit Vendla's new apartment. After the meeting was adjourned, the club went to Bus and Coach International. Lois Heilman showed the offices and meeting rooms in the main building. The shop (still known as the gymnasium) held three buses. The building seemed well cared for and certainly looked professional.

The family of Walt Cressler held a birthday party for Walt on his 100th birthday Feb. 1.

He is a resident of Long Term Care at Sheridan Health Complex in Hoxie.

were accepted for the Kansas State University band on Jan. 23, 24 and 25, in Manhattan. To earn a spot in the top band, the students had to sight read a piece and play a scale. Making the top band and seated at second chair was Nolan Henningson, trumpet.

Weekend house guests at the Stan Miller farm were Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Sophia, Topeka; Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle, El Dorado. Additional visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Barnett; Kay Strevey; Mr. and Mrs. Doug Dempewolf; Mr. and Mrs. John Mast, Jerold Rule, Emporia; and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Oberlin.

Ruth (Ward) Chamberlain, of North Platte, sister of Kenneth Ward, had the misfortune to fall and break her hip. They did surgery for her on Thursday, Feb. 5. Her address is Great Plains Regional Medical Center, 601 West Leota, Room 242A, North Platte, Neb., 69101.

Happy Birthday to Tom Jakowski, Feb. 14; Judy Jackson, Leona Schoenrad, Feb. 16; Russell James, Feb. 17.

Results of the pool tournament on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were Stan Miller, first place; Larry Lively, second; Jeff Roe, third.

Dart tournament results of Wednesday, Feb. 4, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were Game 1 - Renee Harman, first place; Alice Barnett, second; Patty Stapp, third. Game 2 - Patty Stapp, first place; Tonya Porter, second; Alice Barnett, third. Game 3 - Patty Stapp, first; Tonya Porter, second; Renee Harman, third.

Jerry R. Wescott will not be running for Norcatat City Council for personal reasons.

Beth Sebaugh, Oberlin, and Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson, Norcatat, had Sunday dinner, Feb. 8, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill. Keith Anthony and Von and Joy Johnson also joined them at their table.

The family of Arlene Hix, Norcatat, is requesting a card shower in honor of her 90th birthday on Friday, Feb. 20. Cards will reach

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her at 201 S. Dexter Ave., Norcatat, Kan., 67653.

The city elections will be held in April. If you are interested in serving on the council or as mayor, it's not too late. You can still run as a write-in candidate. We have two council positions up and the mayor's position. Now is your chance to serve your community!

Senior Citizens met Friday, Jan. 30, in the Educational Building with a covered dish dinner at noon and cards following the dinner. There were 11 card players present. Winners were Eleanor Jensen, Dorothy Ward and Beth Johnson.

Happy Birthday to Patty Stapp, Karen Bailey, Feb. 6; Brad Long, Feb. 7; Eric Milnes, Meagan Rhodes, Feb. 8; Cathy Anthony, Feb. 9.

Happy Anniversary to Von and Joy Johnson, Feb. 6, and Don and Joy Hill, Feb. 8.

Dorothy Ward accompanied Bee Nelson to Norton, Sunday after church, to eat Chinese food.

Results of the pool tournament on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were Stan Miller, first place, Larry Lively, second.

Bee Nelson drove Oran and LaVerne Milner to Oberlin Saturday afternoon, Jan. 31, to visit Marguerite Clark at the Good Samaritan Center. They also had a nice visit with R.D. Thornton, who came down the hallway.

Amanda Marshall, daughter of Troy and Debra Marshall, was nominated for Student of the Week at Decatur Community High School.

Cathy Claussen visited Mr. and Mrs. Chris Claussen and Annika at Olathe, Thursday to Monday. Beth Johnson spent the weekend in Lenexa with the David Johnson's. Additional guests Saturday were Mrs. Roger Daniels and Jacob of Erie. Dennis Molzahn of Independence, Mo., called on Sunday.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Phyllis E. (Betts) Lohoe-

fer, 83, born in Norcatat, who died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Dora Lee Michel, 79, a former resident of Norcatat, who died Monday, Jan. 25, 2009.

Congratulations to Alta May Van Gundy on her 104th birthday on Saturday, Jan. 31.

Happy Birthday to Larry Dick, Jan. 31; Tracey Hartzog, Beth Johnson, Feb. 2.

Happy Anniversary to Dennis and Judy Shirley, Gerry and Devonna New, Jan. 29; Glen and Carolyn Strevey, Feb. 3.

Results of the pool tournament on Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were Von Johnson, first; Stan Miller, second; Darrel Barnett, third; and John New, fourth.

On Thursday, Jan. 22, the Cardinal Bar and Grill was broken into between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. through the big plate glass window in the front. All that was taken were six 30-packs of Budweiser beer.

Todd Nelson, Garrett Nelson and James McQueen, Wichita, were weekend guests Friday, Jan. 23 through Sunday, Jan. 25, of his mother Bee Nelson. The guys came for some cold weather pheasant hunting on Saturday and Sunday, with Kenny McVay and son, Connor, of Norton. Thanks to Kenny, his nephews, and James, they went home with five pheasants and one rabbit. Everyone had a grand time!

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller went to Topeka, Friday, Jan. 23, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Sophia. Also they got to see Carol's sister, Peggy Mast. The Millers returned home on Monday, Jan. 26.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Dora Lee Michel, Hays, who passed away Monday, Jan. 26.

Services were held Jan. 29, at the First United Methodist Church in Hays, and graveside service at the Norcatat Cemetery.

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER
Jennings Correspondent

City water meters will be read Feb. 18. If your meter is inside, please post reading on your front door. The recycle trailer will be in Jennings and will be parked north of the Community Hall, Feb. 11-20.

Stan and Ramona Shaw visited at the home of Tom Neff and Chris Gillespie, Downs on Sunday. Additional guests were Elliott and Tamara Gillespie, Alex and Emma, Belton, Mo.

En route home Stan and Ramona visited at the home of Mark and Shelley Shaw, Ethan and Erin, rural Logan.

Megan Faris, Jessica Lemmons and Gabriel, Manhattan visited several days last week with their grandparents, Wayne and Louise Cressler.

Wayne and Louise Cressler received the happy news of their newest great-grandchild's arrival. Ella Grace Jones was born Feb. 6 at Ames, Iowa. Parents are Brian and Melissa Jones. Grandparents

are Mike and Sharon Gaston, Ames, Iowa. Ella Grace has one brother, Cody Clark, 10 years old.

The Decatur County High School singers will be performing Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Sunflower Senior Center, sponsored by the Jennings Lions Club. Everyone is welcome to come listen to them. Refreshments will be served.

Mayor Bob Jones will not be running and will not accept the mayor's position for another term. He wishes to "Thank" everyone for their support the past 8 years he has been in office.

Those attending the United Methodist Women's meeting Wednesday were; Kay Brown, Kathy Nauer, Glenda Johnson, Lila Jennings, Patty Foster, Helen Rhodes and Ruth Chance. Lila Jennings gave the program, "Food and Faith." Roll call, *Something you learned about Lincoln or Washington*, was answered by members. Devotions were given. Ruth Chance served refreshments.

ALMENA NEWS

By FILETA HANLON
Almena Correspondent

Sharon and Art Thompson and son Joe of Delphos called on her mother, Evelyn Sanborn. They didn't stay long as they needed to get back to Delphos to pick up their grandchildren from school. The parents are Kevin and Traci Thompson also of Delphos. While in Almena, they also visited Sharon's sister, May Lou Stegman. Evelyn reports that Mary Lou is doing much better than she has been for the last couple of weeks.

It was good to hear that.

Evelyn had a big early morning surprise recently. She was up early and looked out the window to see how much it snowed and there stood a big doe right outside of her front window.

She enjoyed watching her paw back the snow and eat grass right there in the front yard at Wheatridge Apartments.

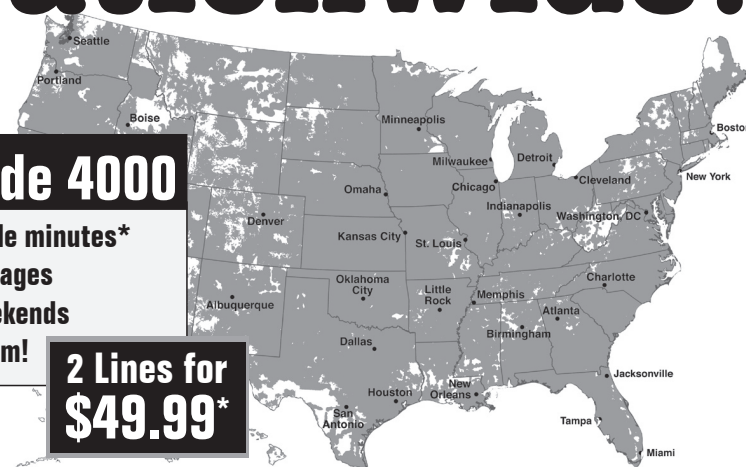
Evelyn shared this tip: Red potatoes are best for salads. They don't absorb much salad dressing and their thin skins are easy to eat.

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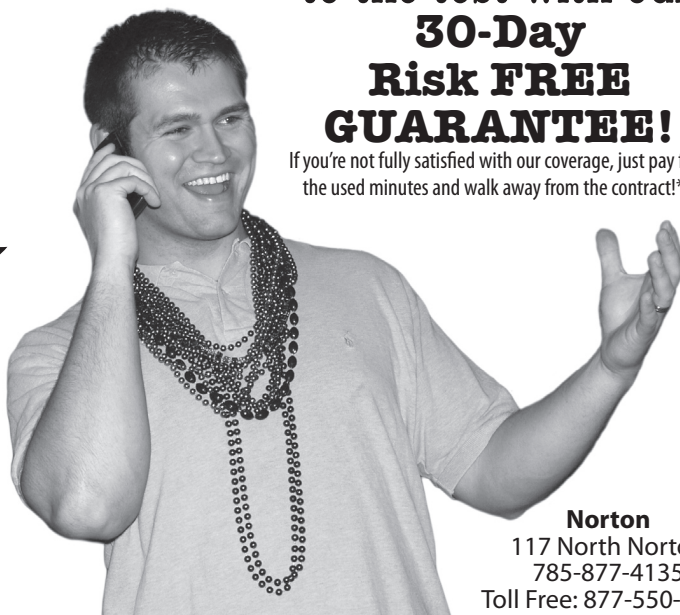
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