

Long Island News

By WILMA VAHLE

The American Legion Auxiliary met Tuesday, March 2, at the community center. President Wilma Vahle opened the meeting with the members reciting the Flag Pledge and Auxiliary Preamble in unison. Chaplain Mary Tubbs offered the opening prayer. Five members answered roll call with their favorite time of year.

Secretary Phyllis Halderman read the February minutes which were approved as read. There was no treasurer's report for February. We received an acknowledgment from the 1195th Transportation Company in Iraq for the cookie shipment and Mary Tubbs ad-

vised that she had heard from her niece who received the other box.

Hazel Ames gave the card report and also gave a report on Girls State. It was noted that girls can also choose to attend Cadet Law if so desired. As of this date, we have not received any requests from any students wanting to attend.

The remainder of the meeting was used to fill out yearly reports for the District. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 6th at the Community Center. Phyllis Halderman will be the hostess. Each member is requested to bring a food donation for the Phillipsburg Food Pantry

The Long Island United Methodist Women met Wednesday, March 3. President Connie K. Cox opened the meeting with the UMW Purpose and then read an article from the Kansas West Connection written by the President of the Haitian United Methodist Conference. In the article, he thanked United Methodists for their contributions of over 11 million dollars, 370,000 health kits, and health care providers who are assisting in recovery efforts. The Long Island church has sent \$450 in monetary aid. Nine members answered roll call and Hazel Ames read from the March Prayer Calendar. The minutes and treasurer's report were ap-

proved. Communications were received from Daniel Flores, our Child Fund recipient, Mary Tubbs on behalf of "Run for the Son", Northern Valley Post Prom Committee, and METour.

The annual Spring Fling Salad Supper is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21st and the annual Rummage Sale will be Saturday, April 24

Wilma Vahle gave the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial lesson and then everyone enjoyed refreshments furnished by Patricia Hammond and Hazel Ames.

The American Legion served a spaghetti supper at the Community Center on March 5. There was a good turnout to enjoy the

food and fellowship. This fund raiser will assist in sending high school boys to either Boys State or Cadet Law.

Reverend Delbert Stanton filled the Long Island United Methodist Church pulpit on March 7. The Epistle lesson was 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 and Rev. Stanton's message "Tackling Temptation" was based on that scripture. Connie Kay Cox had the greeting, announcements and the Call to Worship. Michelle Tharman gave the children's sermon on the importance of team work in school and church and in keeping our body, heart, and mind fit for whatever work we do. We were blessed to have Gloria DeW-

itt as our guest organist. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship at the monthly dinner following the worship service.

Please continue in prayer for our Pastor Dean Gilbert as he recovers from surgery in Hays.

The study on the novel "The Shack" continues on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. and After School Kids Club meets at 4 p.m. on Mondays.

A "Walking and Talking with the Lord" Bible study will begin Wednesday, March 24 at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. There will be a short period of exercise and then we will begin studying Life Lessons with Max Lucado on the book of Mark.

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COMMUNITY CENTER
The center needs your help in locating a roaster oven and push brooms which seem to be missing. If you have borrowed any items, it would be appreciated if they could be returned as quickly as possible.

The center is happy to help meet your needs, but let Eileen Gebhard or Pauline Kaiser know if you take items and make arrange-

ments to return them promptly. The community center will hold a Pancake Supper on March 26, from 6-8 p.m.

Your donation will help to maintain and repair the building. Raffle tickets for the flag pole will also be available.

LONG ISLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Nyla Gebhard opened the March 14 service with the greeting, announcements, call to wor-

ship and opening prayer. Connie Kay Cox had the children's sermon on strong foundations. Wilma Vahle delivered a message on reconciliation based on scripture from Joshua, II Corinthians, and Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. We were blessed to have Charlene Ross furnish the beautiful piano music.

There will be no church dinner or Sunday school on Easter Sunday, April 4.

Kid's Club will resume on Monday, March 22.

UMW will meet on April 7 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Roxanne Cox will have the Easter Lesson and Wilma Vahle and Pauline Holterman will be hostesses. The theme of this year's salad supper will be "The King's Luau" with the Goodner family furnishing the entertainment. Hawaiian dress will be optional.

The Hays District UMW will

hold the Spiritual Growth Retreat at Camp Lakeside on April 16 and 17. Rev. Shelly Petz from Goodland will present a day of learning, praying, fellowship and fun. Mark your calendars and make your reservations.

The men's devotions and breakfast will be held March 30 in the fellowship hall.

The "Women of the Bible" study has been cancelled but another women's study will begin

on March 24.

This will be a walking and talking with the Lord morning beginning with 30 minutes of exercise to Christian music at 8:30 and then a study of Max Lucado's "Life Lessons from Mark" will follow. If you have questions about the study, please contact Wilma Vahle.

Please continue in prayer for Pastor Dean.

JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

Helen Broadbrooks, Lexington, Okla. is visiting several days with her mother, Ruth Chance.

Janeil Dilling, Goodland, visited her mother, Imogene Keenan,

over the weekend.

Bible Study at the United Methodist Church was held at 7:00 P.M. Sunday evening led by Rev. Barbara Patterson.

The study of the book "Secrets

of the Vine" with a video is shown each time.

Those attending Sunday evening were: Ken and Julie Carter, Paul and Kathy Nauer, Violet Krizek, Rachel Carter, Alice

and Larry Mizer, Kay and Doyle Brown, Darlene LaRue, Helen Rhodes, Rev. Glen Patterson and Louise Cressler.

Infant son of Colin and Lindsay Bailey, Norton, is still a patient at Kearney Good Samaritan hospital in Kearney, Neb. Prayers are

being asked for him and his family. Carter is a grandson of Mike and Vicki Bailey.

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By Louise Cressler

Eugene Mrstik recently had knee replacement surgery and still has another knee replacement to go. He is doing real well. The Mrstiks would like to thank all the visitors for the many phone calls and cards received from family members and friends.

Also offers of help and gifts of food were greatly appreciated. Recent visitors at the Mrstiks home were: Lawrence and Lila Jennings, Bob and Neoma Tacha and Ruth Chance. Out of town visitors were: Gary and Judy Vaughn, Henderson, Colorado, and Max and Charlotte Cox, Doyline, La. Charlotte is Dona's sister and they plan to stay a couple weeks to help out. Keith and Helen Muirhead enjoyed a few days visit from their daughter, Mignon Barry, Wellfleet, Mass.

Sunflower Senior potluck dinner was enjoyed by Stan and Ramona Shaw, Bob and Neoma Tacha, William and Tommie Kump, Wayne and Louise Cressler, Eleanor Morel and Ruth Chance.

A business meeting followed. Flag salute was recited in unison. Louise Cressler, president, called the meeting to order. Minutes of the previous meeting and treasurer's report was given.

After some discussion the group decided to raise the rent of the Center from \$25 to \$ 50 beginning Sept. 1. With rising costs and budget cuts the group felt it necessary to do this. April 13 will be the next Senior potluck. It will be held in the evening at 6 p.m.

Bible Study at the United Methodist Church was held Sunday evening at 7 p.m. continuing with the "Secrets of the Vine" book and video.

Yesterday there was a potluck dinner following church. Administrative Council meeting will then be held and Bible Study following that.

Jennings City Council will meet on April 5 instead of April 1. Water meters were read on March 22. Please post your reading if your meter is inside. There will be a city-wide clean up on May 1. If you have some suggestions of

places to clean up, let any council member know. If

you would like to help, we would appreciate that too.

PUBLIC NOTICE

•PUBLIC NOTICE• NOTICE OF INTENT OF SALE

First Published in The Norton Telegram on Tuesday, March 16, 23, 30, 2010

TO: Marisyll Yap Deck

NOTICE OF INTENT OF SALE
PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 58-2565

NOTICE is hereby given to any person claiming an interest in the 1999 Nissan Maxima abandoned at 610 North Grant, Norton, Kansas that it will be sold after April 26, 2010.

Andy Weskamp, Norton, Kansas

•PUBLIC NOTICE• IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEORA M. ADAMS, DECEASED

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of
LEORA M. ADAMS, Deceased
Case No. 2010-PR-10

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO
ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on March 18, 2010, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Warren Larry Billips and Gary Lynn Billips, heirs, devisees, legatees, and Co-Executors named in the Last Will and Testament of Leora M. Adams,

Deceased. All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Warren Larry Billips
and Gary Lynn Billips
Petitioners

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•PUBLIC NOTICE•

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD W. COCHRAN

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of
HAROLD W. COCHRAN, deceased
Case No: 2009-PR-26

NOTICE OF HEARING
ON PETITION FOR
FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO
ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a petition has been filed on March 22, 2010, in said Court by Sheila Walker, executrix of the estate of Harold W. Cochran, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of her acts, proceedings and accounts as executrix, allowance for attorney's fees and expenses, determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees

entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the will of the decedent, the law and the orders of the Court.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 14, 2010, at 1:30 p.m., on said day, in said court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said petition will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Sheila Cochran,
Petitioner

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ORDINANCE NO. 258

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN MATTERS AS MOTOR VEHICLE NUISANCES WITHIN THE CITY OF NORCATUR, KANSAS; PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OR ABATEMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE NUISANCES; AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT OF COSTS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NORCATUR, KANSAS:
SECTION 1. FINDINGS OF GOVERNING BODY. The Governing Body finds that junked, wrecked, dismantled, inoperative, or abandoned vehicles affect the health, safety, and general welfare of citizens of the City because they:

- A. Service as a breeding ground for flies, mosquitoes, rats, and other insects and rodents;
- B. Are a danger to person, particularly children, because of broken glass, sharp metal protrusions, insecure mounting on blocks, jacks, or other support;
- C. Are a ready source of fire and explosion;
- D. Encourage pilfering and theft;
- E. Constitute a blighting influence upon the area in which they are located;
- F. Constitute a fire hazard because they frequently block access for fire equipment to adjacent buildings and structures.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. As used in this Ordinance, unless the context clearly indicated otherwise:

- A. INOPERABLE means a condition of being junked, wrecked, wholly or partially dismantled, discarded, abandoned, or unable to perform the function or purpose for which it was originally constructed;
- B. VEHICLE means, without limitation, any automobile, truck, tractor, or motorcycle which as originally built contained an engine, regardless of whether it contains an engine at any other time.

SECTION 3. NUISANCES UNLAWFUL: DEFINED: EXCEPTIONS. It shall be unlawful for by person to maintain or permit any motor vehicle nuisance within the city.

A. A motor vehicle nuisance is any motor vehicle which is not currently registered or tagged pursuant to K.S.A. 8-126 to 8-149 inclusive as amended; or parked in violation of City Ordinance; or incapable of moving under its own power; or in a junked, wrecked or inoperable condition. Any one of the following conditions shall raise the presumption that a vehicle is junked, wrecked, or inoperable:

- 1. Absence of a current registration plate upon the vehicle;
 - 2. Placement of the vehicle or parts thereof upon jack, blocks, or other support;
 - 3. Absence of one or more parts of the vehicle necessary for the lawful operation of the vehicle upon street or highway.
- B. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:
- 1. Any motor vehicle which is enclosed in a garage or other building;
 - 2. To the parking or storage of a vehicle inoperable for a period of 30 consecutive days or less, or
 - 3. To any person who places such vehicles behind solid fencing of sufficient size, strength, and density to screen such vehicles from the view of the public and to prohibit ready access to stored vehicles by children. Such solid fencing shall be made of new material composed of vinyl, metal or wood and shall extend completely to the ground and shall be at least 6 feet high. However, nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize the maintenance of a public nuisance.

SECTION 4. PUBLIC OFFICER. The Code Enforcement Officer shall be the public officer charged with the administration and enforcement of this article.

SECTION 5. COMPLAINTS, INQUIRY AND INSPECTION. The public officer shall make inquiry and inspection of premises upon receiving a complaint or complaints in writing signed by three or more persons stating that a nuisance exist and describing the same and where located or is informed that a nuisance may exist by the Board of Health, Chief of Police or the Fire Chief. The public officer may also make such inquiry and inspection when he or she observe conditions which appear to constitute a nuisance. Upon making any inquiry and inspection, the public officer shall make a written report of findings.

SECTION 6. RIGHT OF ENTRY. It shall be a violation of this Ordinance to deny the public officer the right of access and entry upon private property at any reasonable time for the purpose of making inquiry and inspection to determine if a nuisance exists.

SECTION 7. NOTICE. Any person found by the public officer to be in violation of Section 3 shall be served a notice of such violation. The notice shall be personally served by the public officer or a law enforcement officer, or served by restricted mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested.

SECTION 8. SAME; CONTENTS. The notice shall state the condition(s) which is (are) in violation of Section 3. The notice

shall also inform the person that:

- A. He, she, or they shall have ten (10) days from the date of serving notice to abate the condition(s) in violation of Section 3; or
- B. He, she, or they have ten (10) days from the date of serving the notice to request a hearing before the Governing body of the matter as provided by Section 12;
- C. Failure to abate the condition(s) or to request a hearing within the time allowed may result in prosecution as provided by Section 9 and/or abatement of the condition(s) by the City as provided by Section 10.

SECTION 9. FAILURE TO COMPLY: PENALTY. Should the person fail to comply with the notice to abate the nuisance or request a hearing, the public officer may file a complaint in the municipal court of the City against such person and upon conviction of any violation of provisions of Section 3, be fined in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) or be imprisoned not to exceed thirty (30) days or be both fined and imprisoned. Each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues after notice has been served shall constitute an additional or separate offense.

SECTION 10. ABATEMENT. In addition to, or as an alternative to prosecution as provided in Section 9, the public officer may seek to remedy violations of this article in the following manner: If a person to whom a notice has been sent pursuant to Section 7 has neither alleviated the conditions causing the alleged violation nor requested a hearing before the Governing Body within the time period specified in Section 8, the public officer may present a resolution to the Governing Body for adoption authorizing the public officer or other agents of the City to abate the conditions causing the violation at the end of ten (10) days after passage of the resolution.

The resolution shall further provide that the costs incurred by the City shall be charged against the lot or parcel of ground on which the nuisance was located as provided in Section 13. A copy of the resolution shall be served upon the person in violation in one of the following ways:

- A. Personal service upon the person in violation;
- B. Service by restricted mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested or
- C. In the event the whereabouts of such person(s) are unknown and the same cannot be ascertained in the exercise of reasonable diligence, an affidavit to that effect shall be made by publishing the same once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper and by posting a copy of the resolution on the premise where such condition exists.

SECTION 11. DISPOSITION OF VEHICLE. Disposition of any motor vehicle removed and abated from private property pursuant to this Ordinance shall be as provided by K.S.A. Supp. 81102, as amended. As an alternate method of sale, vehicles may be disposed of by private sale.

SECTION 12. HEARINGS. If a hearing is requested within the 10-day period as provided in Section 8, such request shall be made in writing to the Governing Body. Failure to make a timely request for a hearing shall constitute a waiver of the person's right to contest the findings of the public officer before the Governing Body as soon as possible after the filing of the request therefore, and the person shall be advised by the City of the time and place of the hearing at least five (5) days in advance thereof. At any such hearing, the person may be represented by counsel, and the person and the City may introduce such witnesses and evidence as is deemed necessary and proper by the Governing Body. The hearing need not be conducted according to the formal rules of evidence. Upon conclusion of the hearing, the Governing Body shall record its determination of the matter by means of adopting a resolution and serving the resolution upon the person(s) in the matter provided in Section 10.

SECTION 13. COSTS ASSESSED. If the City abated the nuisance pursuant to Section 10, the cost of abatement shall be charged against the lot or parcel of ground on which the nuisance was located. The City Clerk shall, at the time of certifying other taxes to the County Clerk, certify the costs as provided in this section. The County Clerk shall extend the same on the tax roll and it shall be collected by the County Treasurer and paid to the City as other City taxes are collected and paid.

SECTION 14. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication in the official City newspaper. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body, this 15 day of March, 2010.

ATTES:
Chris Dempewolf, City Clerk

Carl Lyon, Mayor

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