

LYLE NEWS

We used to hear advertisements of a certain product, and they would add, "or a reasonable facsimile", meaning if it wasn't the real thing, it was just like it. Well, since I had a flu shot, this ailment I had last week must have been that 'facsimile' thing. The fever, aches, and chest problems convinced me. After a week of medication, rest and pampering, everything is going about as usual.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen went to WaKeeney on Saturday to attend the funeral of a cousin, Maxine Richards, Mrs. Harvey Richards, Jr. The funeral was at the Methodist Church, preached by Larry Danforth,

former Norcatour pastor. They visited with many friends and relatives, and dropped by her son, Tim's home, then went to Hoxie for the burial. At Hoxie, they visited her brother, Jim and Marge Hillburn, went out to eat and came home.

Last week, Judy Easton was ill and didn't come to Toots', but came this Sunday, Jan. 22, and Charlie was sick. We hope they are both better. Toots played cards at Norcatour on Friday.

June Jolly has been quilting, and has one half done. She played cards at Indianola on Wednesday, had her KT Club on Thursday, and played at McCook on Friday. She is also

working on a lap robe.

Aubrey came after school on Wednesday and Thursday. As she had just gotten over being sick, we didn't think I would give her mine. She has the cutest little glasses, and says they help her a lot.

Gary Anthony is suffering some pain and soreness after falling last week.

Dwight Wood is scheduled for a checkup on his broken heel today. He seems to be doing all right. Teresa said he went with a group one night, and played some. His friends are so good to watch out for him. Thanks, Guys!

JENNINGS NEWS

Don't forget Kansas Day celebration Jan. 29, at 2:00 p.m. held at the Sunflower Senior Center in Jennings. The guest speakers will be Joy Russell and Arian Arnold talking about the "The Last Indian Raid in Kansas." Anyone wishing to share early Kansas memorabilia, please feel free to bring them for display. The event is sponsored by The Jennings Czech Memorial Museum. Contact people: Lila Jennings 785-678-2299 or Neoma Tacha 785-678-2470.

JENNINGS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE-Friday, Feb. 10, at the Jennings United Methodist Church from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This drive honors Lawrence Jennings, the recipient of many units of blood. Lawrence was a longtime Jennings resident and died of terminal leukemia in 2011. Please contact Marge Hartzog, 785-678-3010, to make an appointment to donate.

On Jan. 19, the Jennings Book Club met at the United Methodist Church. A delicious meal featuring a food from each of the 10 books read in 2011 was prepared by the hostess, Terri Hanke. Following dessert, members recalled favorite

things about the books read. Those enjoying the dinner meeting were: Shelley McKenna, Violet Foster, Pat Hall, Lila Jennings, Sue Long, Ruth Chance, Carla Latimer, Helen Rhodes, Lynn Tacha, Rachel Mapps, Joan Metz, Patty Foster and hostess Terri Hanke.

The book read for the month of January was "The Lake of Dreams" by Kim Edwards. Ruth Chance will be the hostess for the February meeting.

Wednesday, Jan. 18 approximately 90 people were served a noon lunch at the Sunflower Senior Center following the burial services for Elwood Bailey at the Jennings cemetery. Elwood's funeral was held at the Leoville Catholic at 10:30 a.m. Elwood and Norine were longtime residents of our community before moving to the Andbe Home in Norton.

The County Recycle Trailer will be brought to Jennings in February. Work was being done on the trailer so it wasn't brought to Jennings the past two months.

Kiss and tell



Norton faculty member and coach Jason Jones starts to kiss a pig presented by Norton Community High School student Kolton Harting as he carried out his promise to do so if the KAYS raised \$100 for a donation to the United States Department of Veteran Affairs. Principal Rudy Perez raised the ante by agreeing to take a pie in the face if they raised \$150 and the students also met that goal. See the related photo on page 1.

-Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

STUDENT NEWS

The University of Nebraska at Kearney announced recently the names of students who have earned a place on the Deans' List for the fall semester.

To earn a place on the Deans' List, students must complete 12 credit hours, or more, with a 3.5 or better overall average. At

least 12 of the hours must be for quality points.

In recognition of their academic achievements, Deans' List students receive a certificate from their respective deans.

Local students who made the Deans' List are:
Lewen Ninemire, Hill City

Troy Bainter, Norton
Austine Dole, Norton
Lakota Bohl, Phillipsburg
Kalinda Bruggeman, Phillipsburg
Kady Malmberg, Phillipsburg (4.0)

Nominations now open for Exporter of the Year

The Kansas Department of Commerce is still accepting nominations for the 2012 Governor's Exporter of the Year Award, which is presented to a single Kansas business for excellence in international trade and marketing.

The deadline for nominations is Sunday, Jan. 29.

Nominated companies will be evaluated on the totality of their international efforts, specifically: increase in jobs because of inter-

national activities, innovations in global marketing, number of countries exported to, effective use of international distributors, long-range international strategies and prospects for future growth and to the state and local community.

The winner will be announced in the summer 2012. This is the 24th annual installment of the award.

Businesses can nominate themselves or be nominated by

any other organization or individual. Visit www.kansascommerce.com/exporteroftheyear to download a nomination form. Nominations can be emailed to Greg Call at gcall@kansascommerce.com or mailed or faxed to: Kansas International Trade Coordinating Council c/o Kansas Department of Commerce, Trade Development Division 150 N. Main Street, Suite 100 Wichita, Kansas 67202 Fax: (316) 771-6890.

Schools

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The recommended upgrades from the 2008 facility reviews for Eisenhower Elementary include expanding the library, adding doors and sidelights to entry ways, new insulated doors and windows, a new multi-purpose building (also a tornado shelter), and remodeling the current gym into an early childhood center. In addition, the administrative offices would be remodeled and central air conditioning would be installed throughout the building.

At the junior/senior high school building, the recommended upgrades included electrical upgrades, air conditioning, new windows and doors, expanding the Stull gymnasium lobby and adding two more locker rooms at the high school, which could also serve as tornado shelters.

The cost of making those recommended upgrades means spending what could turn into several million dollars and the Superintendent explained that with the district's current property valuation, any significant projects couldn't be done without more public funding isn't realistic. If the district were to levy the maximum amount for a capital outlay fund, only about \$300,000 per year would be generated, but the estimate in 2008 for potential projects was about \$4.1 million.

"We hope to get a good feel for our community's feelings about our facilities and see if patrons would be open to the possibility of funding facility upgrades," the Superintendent said. "Our district's property valuation is so

low that we would have a hard time paying for any major projects without a bond."

To help with the planning of potential upgrades, the school will be working with the Docking Institute to conduct a phone and e-mail survey this spring, likely beginning in March. The survey will include a phone survey of 300 district patrons, along with e-mail services to all e-mail addresses on file with the district. District leaders are currently working with the Docking

Institute to create questions to be included on the survey and when the survey will begin.

Superintendent Mann encouraged district patrons who are asked to participate in the survey to do so with full honesty.

"We really want to get a feel for what people think," he said. "This is an opportunity for district patrons to speak out for their opinions and for us (school leaders) to learn and make the best decisions possible for the district."

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