

LYLE NEWS

By Veda Wood

June Jolly went swimming at the YMCA in McCook, Neb. this morning. Brrr. She says it was nice and warm. She has been knitting scarves, the latest craft among the ladies, very pretty. On Sunday she drove a friend out to the Lyle neighborhood, looked over the cemetery, and around Norcat. It was interesting to see how many small lights there are at the Norcat cemetery. They saw a deer, a usual occurrence around here any more.

I wish to thank Bee Nelson and Joyce Price for the hamburger bundles I won at the Christmas drawing. I left the drawing early so I didn't know who my gifts were from until I saw the list in last week's paper.

The Liberty Star club met on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Lyle Community Building. They decided on a theme for this year, "The good ol' days," and activities for the new year. Everyone brought goodies for a snack.

Toots' new neighbor, Lora Cowen, who moved into Earnest

and Donna Huff's place, paid her a nice visit. Ms. Cowen is a registered nurse at the Decatur County Hospital. Toots went to Norcat on Thursday for their weekly Pinochle game.

My daughter, Carol, took me to North Platte, Neb. on Sunday where we visited Dwight Wood who was moved there on Friday. Teresa had already taken him a television, radio, clothes, cell phone and his guitar, so he was pretty well settled already. We were happy to see him walking some with a walker. He still has a lot of chest and shoulder pain from a broken rib, etc., a result of the CPR. He is hoping to be home by the end of this month, and as well as he is progressing, he probably will. He appreciates all the prayers and encouragement from everyone.

Friends of Joyce Price were so sorry to hear that she fell and broke her hip on Thursday, Jan. 16. She was taken to the Kearney, Neb., Hospital and is supposed to be transferred to the Norton County Hospital on Monday.

Thursday was the day of the terrible wind which caused blackouts on the highway by blowing dust. Teresa Wood narrowly avoided having a wreck on her way from North Platte to McCook. Dwight Wood is getting stronger, but still has a lot of pain and swelling. His address is North Platte Care Center, 2900 West E St., North Platte, NE 69101.

Judy Powell paid June Jolly a visit on Sunday, promising to get together again soon. June played Bingo in Norton Sunday night, and cards through the week.

Carolyn Plotts and Babe Hawkins visited Toots Magers one day last week, asking about the 'good ol' days' in Lyle. That is the theme for Liberty Star Club's meetings for 2014. Toots played cards in Norcat on Friday, and her "kids" visited her on Sunday.

Telia High, Mariah and Garret Bader and a friend visited me on Sunday afternoon; brought me some delicious brownies and a snack and watched part of a football game.

JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

Jennings Free Clinic reopened Wednesday, Jan. 22 from 10 a.m.-noon. Cottonwood Home Health Care saw patients at the clinic. Walk-ins are welcome. The clinic has been closed for quite some time now. Future dates for the clinic to be determined later.

Martin LaRue is a patient in the Oberlin Hospital. He is receiving physical therapy for his hip.

Jack Bainter, Indianapolis, Ind. has recently moved to Oberlin. Jack grew up in the Jennings area. He attended church in Jennings on Sunday.

The city water meters were read on January 21, weather permitting.

Neoma Tacha received word from Carol Bailey Toppliff, Goodland that Mary (Meme) Carper, Carol's mother was do-

ing well and enjoying her apartment in Goodland. Meme had moved to Goodland the first part of December.

Enjoying card playing at the Sunflower Senior Center on Wednesday last week were: Arlene Sharp, Diane Carter, Eleanor Morel, Scott Taylor, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Wayne and Louise Cressler.

Enjoying the delicious soups and desserts served Tuesday at the Senior Center were: Stan and Ramona Shaw, Eleanor Morel, Diane Carter, Rachel Carter, Ken Carter, Wayne and Louise Cressler, Scott and Denise Taylor, Quinnley and Vincent.

Playing cards Wednesday at the Sunflower Senior Center were: Eleanor Morel, Diane Carter, Arlene Sharp, Scott Taylor, Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Wayne and Louise Cressler.

Wayne and I attended a beautiful wedding ceremony Saturday at the St. Nicholas Church in Hays, joining Mary Kinser, rural Jennings and our son Russell Cressler, Bison in holy matrimony. All of their children and grandchildren participated in the ceremony. Their colors were black and white. Reception and dance followed at the Rose Garden. The married couple went to Arizona on their honeymoon.

Tuesday Study Club will meet Jan. 28 at 11:30 for a Pot Luck lunch and their meeting. Roll Call: Favorite Cartoon Character. Hostess is Lila Jennings. Program at 1 p.m. by Wood Carver. Ty Yahne is to be held at Czech Museum.

Mayor Bob Jones returned home Friday after a month vacation in New York.

Free help available to prepare taxes

Free E-File income tax preparation help will be available at sites across Kansas starting Monday, Jan. 27.

One of the largest sites will be at the Docking State Office Building, 915 SW Harrison St., Room 163.

The assistance sites are a partnership between the Kansas Department of Revenue and the Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, called VITA.

Community IRS trained and certified volunteers will be on site to help complete electronically filed Federal and State individual income tax returns and limited Kansas Homestead Claims & Property Tax Relief Claims. The program offers tax help to low- and moderate-income people, generally earning \$51,000 or less, who cannot prepare their own tax returns.

The volunteer tax preparers can help with special credits, such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit and Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled for which some filers may qualify.

The Docking site will be open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday through the April 15 filing deadline.

AARP Kansas also offers Tax-Aide through the IRS-sponsored Tax Counseling for the Elderly program at additional sites throughout Kansas. Those sites provide free tax help to seniors.

Items taxpayers should bring with them to have their tax returns prepared include:

• A copy of last year's federal and state income tax return, if they have one

• Photo identification for the taxpayer and their spouse

• Birth dates and social security cards, or a social security letter with the full number, for the taxpayer, spouse and any

children in the household born before Dec. 31, 2013

• Wage and earning statements such as W-2 forms from all employers, W-2G gambling income, and 1099(R) from pension, annuity, retirement or profit-sharing plans, IRAs, and insurance contract distributions, interest and dividend statements from banks (form1099 INT), unemployment insurance benefit statements received any time in 2012 (1099-G), and all other 1098 and 1099 forms

• Statements received from a mortgage company during 2013

• College expense information for college students

• Other relevant information about income and expenses such as total amount paid for day care and the day care provider's federal identifying number, and any notices sent to the taxpayer by the IRS in 2012

• Workers with Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITINs) should bring the ITIN card sent to them by the IRS

• Those wanting to use direct deposit for their refund should bring a check from the account where they want the money deposited

Due to changes in the law, renters should be aware that they are no longer eligible for a Homestead Claim. The Food Sales Tax credit is also now non-refundable so it does not generate a refund beyond the amount of taxes owed.

Both spouses must be present to sign the required forms if they are filing jointly and bank routing numbers and account numbers must be provided to have the refund deposited directly into a checking or savings account.

The department's year-round Taxpayer Assistance Center is located in room 150 of the Docking Building. It also offers

Kansas income tax return and homestead claim assistance and is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, call the Kansas Department of Revenue, 785-368-8222.

To locate the nearest VITA site, call 1-800-906-9887. A list of AARP Kansas Tax-Aide sites is available by calling 1-888-227-7669.

Shootin' hoops...



Seventeen area youth participated in the local council of Knights of Columbus Free-Throw contest Sunday at the East Campus gymnasium. Winners will advance to the District competition at Smith Center on February 2nd. The winners of district will move onto regionals and then to the state competition.

Those who participated were: Libbi Puga, Wyatt Hammond, Bailey Sides, Collin Cox, Coy Kinderknecht, Ashlyn Buffington, Landon Davis, Jonah Ruder, Ryan Schrum, Jasmine Covington, Carson Buffington, Carter Jones, Taryn Kuhn, Kaci Ross, Riley Sides, Caden Kinderknecht, and Nick Stutsman.

This year's winners are: The 9 year old winning girl was Libbi Puga and the 9 year old boy was Baily Sides. There were no ten year old girls who participated but Coy Kinderknecht won for the boys in this age group. In the 11 year old group, Ashlyn Buffington won for the girls and Ryan Schrum won for the boys. Jasmine Covington was the winner for the 12 year old girls and Carter Jones for the boys in this group. In the 13 year old group, Taryn Kuhn took first for the girls and Riley Sides for the boys. There were no participants in the 14 year old division.

There was a tie for the 13 year boys. To break this tie they had to shoot an extra 25 baskets. Nick Stutsman came in second behind Riley Sides.

Nick Stutsman is seen here making baskets to get him in the shoot off.

— Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Hay harvesting permit updates

Hay harvesting on right of way along state and federal highways without a permit is trespassing, according to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). Haying permit applications are available at the Department's district and area offices and are valid for one year or a specific haying season.

The Department of Transportation has updated its hay permit form to reflect the following key changes:

• The hay permit will expire Sept. 30 annually. The Department's maintenance crews begin mowing out the highway right of way starting on Oct. 1.

• No harvesting is to be permitted on the interstate highway right of way.

• No equipment shall be left on the right of way any longer than 10 days.

• The Department has dropped the required County Noxious Weed Director signature.

• The Department reserves the right to retain up to 20 percent of the bales harvested from the right of way as part of the permit agreement.

The updated Department of Transportation hay permit form can be found online at: www.ksdot.org/offtransinfo/Form317.pdf.

Haying permit applications will be accepted after Jan. 1 for that year's mowing season. Adjacent landowners will be given permit priority until March 31 of a given year. After March 31,

permits will be issued in the order they are received

Permits can be canceled at any time by either party and all operations shall be in accord with requirements and guidelines set by Department. Any person, firm or corporation wanting to mow or bale hay will need to submit a permit application to the Department's office in their area.

For additional information, contact your local Kansas Department of Transportation Northwest Kansas office listed below, or call the Department's Bureau of Maintenance in Topeka at (785) 296-3576.

Norton Office: (785) 877-3315



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