

# Thrift

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mately 25 volunteers working the Shop, and they're only supposed to work two half days a month, according to Menagh, which means the Shop needs a lot of volunteers to separate clothes, sort jewelry, and many other tasks.

"We're looking for people to come in and volunteer. We have lots of elderly volunteers, and we'd like to have some younger people involved," said Menagh.

The Thrift Shop needs volunteers because there's been no shortage of donations.

"People give more and more, and the need is growing," said Nelson. "Donations seem to be

increasing which we appreciate it."

Getting the donated items organized and processed for sale is why volunteers are needed.

"All we try to do is keep up with what comes in and get it sold, so we can serve the community," said Menagh.

Despite the never ending work load, the Thrift Shop is a labor of love for the volunteers.

"I always wanted to volunteer at the store," said Menagh. "I thought it was a service that needed to remain open for the community." Added Nelson,

"we didn't dream when we started this 40 years ago, we would be going this long.



The Thrift Shop operates on donations and volunteer workers. Since 1976, the Shop has donated over \$638,000 to local, state, national and global charity organizations. The

Thrift Shop was established in 1974, by the United Methodist Women of Norton.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

# Commercial

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nesses.

Lisa Kaspar, Motor Vehicle Director says, "The last week of the month is always a busy time for county treasurers as many drivers wait until the end of the month to renew their tags. We are urging businesses whose commercial motor vehicle registration expired in December to not wait until the last moment particularly because their county treasurer might not offer commercial motor vehicle

registration or they may need to register for a U.S. Department of Transportation number."

February 28th is the last day for heavy truck (16M or greater), trailers and "A" tag renewals. Remember to bring or send your current proof of insurance for each vehicle. The insurance for trailers will be the vehicle that pulls the trailer. Office hours for vehicle business are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., including the lunch hour.

# Poet

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came in 1951 when he met and did two numbers with Lawrence Welk. For the next six years he played with a number of groups in western Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming and Colorado. In the 60s and early 70s he was part of Wayne's Western Airm, consisting mainly of Wayne Wright on lead guitar, Bill Cole on drums and Crawford as lead singer and rhythm guitar, with numerous guests along the way.

In 1996, he was introduced to Cowboy Poetry and Music Gatherings. In 1998, he was put on the stage with the number one Lady Cowboy Poet in the U.S. (Yvonne Holenbeck of South Dakota). Since then, he has played and sang his way all over the western U.S. and part

of Canada.

"Success is seldom if ever an over night thing. We have setbacks, but not failures, they are learning experiences. Hard to understand, YES, but time has a way of molding them in to our character." Crawford stated

He went on to say, "The biggest thing to being a successful performer, is JOY. That is the key. You have to enjoy what you are doing and convey that to your audience. The bridge, to them is a smile and a happy face. You will convey to them, what they see as well as hear. Always follow Your Dreams, for they are the stair steps to success, without them you are nothing. The "Good Book" says, "In him all things are possible" and I will add, some things just take a little longer than others."

# LYLE NEWS

By Veda Wood

My latest word about Beth Johnson's progress is that she has been able to take a small amount of nourishment. Her son, Fred, has had a bad bout of flu, but is better.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen attended a veterinarian's meeting and lunch in Holbrook, Neb., on Tuesday. They visited with Toots Magers and scooped snow for her on Friday.

Eldon Huff offered to clean snow off the lot by the Community Building but Toots Magers told him no more snow than we had, it would be all right to let it melt and help what little grass there was. Now, that is looking ahead. Toots didn't go to Norcaur to play cards on Friday, and we didn't have Church on Sunday. Nobody asked me for my opinion, but here it is: we should take a lesson from Punxsutaw-

ney Phil; dive into our hole and wait for spring. It's probably spelled wrong, but you know who I mean.

Happy birthday to June Jolly. She has played cards Monday and Friday, went to her KT Club Thursday, and is working on her quilt.

June told me that Loyal Springer, of Lebanon, Neb., died. He had been working outside, but she didn't know any other circumstances.

Tom and Cheryl Baker, Dennis Wood and I visited Dwight Wood at North Platte on Friday. We were happy with his progress. He is in therapy, and likes the good food and care he is getting.

Dwight Wood would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, and good thoughts given to him with his recent illness. He

is still in the care unit in North Platte, Neb., working hard to get strong enough to go home. He appreciates the good care, good food, and therapy he is receiving there.

The Liberty Star Club met at the home of Terry and Sandy Gade on Wednesday, Feb. 12. The theme for this year is "Childhood memories," which should be fun. The ladies brought Valentines for their mystery sisters and enjoyed a wonderful lunch of tacos. Toots Magers had the program, then they made words from Valentines Day, won by Kathy Van Meter. We missed Joyce Price who is home but unable to be there.

We received word of the death of long-time neighbor, Don Lawson. Our thoughts are with the family.

Beth Johnson is making some progress. She has been up in a

chair and taking some food. We hope she improves more as days go by.

June Jolly says she had a "heck of a birthday," on Feb. 10. She and her daughter, Linda went to the club where she bought a round of ice cream for everyone. Saturday they had supper at a new restaurant. She got cards, phone calls and an iPad. She played Bingo in Norton Sunday night and finally won a game or two.

Robert and Sherry Browning brought Toots Magers flowers on Valentines Day. Toots had a busy week of, doctor appointment, club, pinochle, a visit from Aurelia and Destry Jackson on Saturday, and from Judy and Charlie Easton on Sunday. And church, of course!

Tom and Cheryl Baker brought us a big delicious pizza, and continue to be helpful.

# Writing contest announced

Kansas First Lady Mary Brownback announced recently the start of the Kansas Book Festival Writing Contest. The contest begins now and runs through April 30, 2014. Winners will be contacted by July 31 and announced at the 2014 Kansas Book Festival on September 13 at the Kansas State Capitol. The contest is open to students in grades 3-12 in the state of Kansas.

"The writing contest is in its third year and is thriving as we

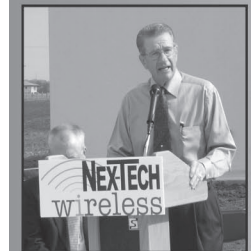
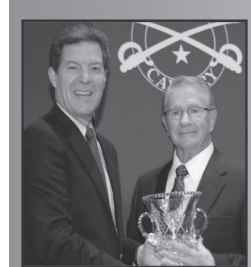
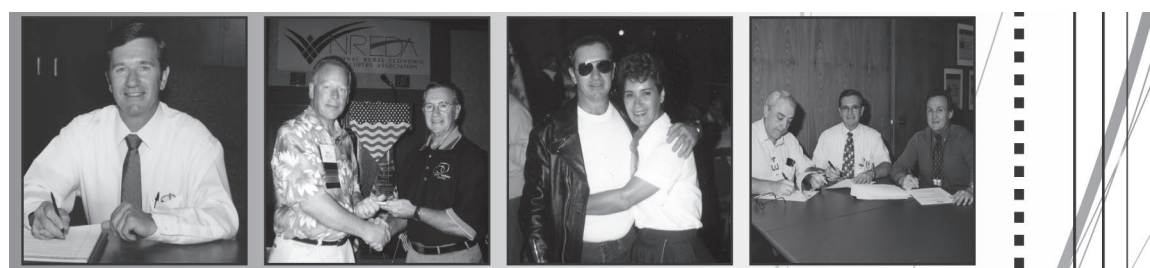
see the talent level of our future Kansas authors continue to grow," said Mary Brownback. "It is our hope that this writing contest will help spark a love for reading and writing among children across the state and inspire them to use writing as a creative outlet."

The theme for this year's contest is "My Journey on the Kansas Plains." The theme asks students to think back to what life might have been like for their friends and family

in the early years of Kansas' statehood and to write a creative story depicting that life. There will be a first and second place winner in each grade level division, per congressional district. Divisions consist of the following: grades 3-5, grades 6-8, grades 9-12.

For more information about this contest or the Kansas Book Festival, scheduled for September 13, visit [kansas-bookfestival.com](http://kansas-bookfestival.com).

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**USD 211 Bond Issue Community Meeting Sunday, February 23 at 4:00 p.m. in the East Campus Auditorium**

The District's architect and bondsman will be present and there will be time for questions and answers. The public is encouraged to attend this very important meeting. Tours of the Eisenhower Elementary School and the Junior and Senior High Schools will be given at 2:00 and 6:00 p.m.

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