

Lions Club taking calendar orders

The St. Francis Lions Club will be taking orders for the 2008 Community Calendar in June and July. The calendars include important family dates such as birthdays or anniversaries. Many clubs list their meeting dates and times as well. Proceeds from the sales of the calendar are given back to the community in various forms such as donations to Boy and Girl Scouts, assistance with eye glasses for needy individuals, tuition to the Li-

ons Band Camp, high school scholarships and donations to other community services and needs.

The Lions have done some redistricting this year so people may not have the same salesperson as in the past. Those people not contacted by July 15 should call one of the following Lions to place an order: Elmer Kellner, 785-332-2950; Dick Rohweder, 785-332-2273; or Ruben Schultz, 785-332-2939.

Obituaries

Leona Fern Trueblood

April 28, 1914 - May 24, 2007

Leona Fern Trueblood, age 93, died Thursday, May 24, 2007, at her home in Pratt, Kan. She was born April 28, 1914, in Bird City, the daughter of the late Theodore and Taletta (Wiegiers) Niehaus.



Trueblood

She graduated from Bird City High School and received her bachelor of science degree in education and master's degree in education from Emporia State University. She taught elementary school for 30 years, beginning her teaching career in a one-room school house near Bird City. She retired from the Ulysses school district in 1979.

She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association.

She is survived by one daughter, Verneene and husband, Norman Fornsberg of Pratt; three sons, Verlyn and wife, Delores Trueblood of Concordia; Lindal and wife, Jerry Trueblood of Raymore, Mo.; Troy Trueblood of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one brother, Dale Niehaus of Breckenridge, Mo.; 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son at birth, Raepfel Trueblood; a granddaughter, Rhonda Trueblood; two sisters, Dorothy Niehaus and Evelyn Goodale; and three brothers, Whitey, Ted and Lindy Niehaus.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service was held May 29 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, with John Hamm presiding.

Memorial donations may be made to South Wind Hospice in care of the mortuary. Condolences may be left at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Joe E. Horner

Dec. 18, 1919 - May 17, 2007

Joe E. Horner, 87, died Thursday, May 17, 2007, in the Rehabilitation and Care Center of Oswego, Kan.

He was born Dec. 18, 1919, in Geary County to Leonard H. and Margaret (Erickson) Horner. He

grew up on the family farm, graduating from Dickinson County High School at Chapman. He was part of the World War II effort by building the Army ammunition plants at Parsons and Hutchinson, finally with the Army Corp of Engineers in Fort Riley.

He was city manager of Belleville, was rural electric manager of northwest Kansas in Bird City, and public power district manager at McCook, Neb. Following a dream he bought a fishing resort on Lake Conway, Ark., in 1969, which he operated for two years and finished his working career with several years employment with Montgomery County in Independence before retiring in Oswego.

Mr. Horner was a charter member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, McCook.

He and his wife, Marie Robinson celebrated 64 years of marriage on July 11, 2006. She survives of the home.

Other survivors include their children, Judy Roessler of Oswego, Sharon Frazier and her fiancée, Steve Clark of McCook, Karen Kroeger and her husband, Lyle of Lincoln, Neb., Kim Horner and his wife, Mary of Springfield, Mo., Susan Wilkinson and Isaac Lopez of Las Cruces, N.M., and Peggy Young and her husband, Bob of Bartlesville, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Maxine Marston of Junction City.

His parents, two sisters and a brother preceded him in death.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of his life was held at the Oswego Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, May 22, with the Rev. Wayne Mason officiating.



JERRY TOLER works to get the antiques displayed at the Bargain Corner in Bird City and ready to open on June 5.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Antique shop gets new face

By Casey McCormick

Antique collectors and those who just like stuff will have a reason to stop in Bird City. The Bargain Corner opens on Tuesday, June 5.

Owner and operator, Jerry Toler, plans to have the business on Bird Avenue and Second open Tuesdays through Saturdays. Weekdays hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The store will offer antiques, furniture,

household items and miscellaneous collectibles.

"If you need it, we may have it," said Mr. Toler. "There will be a mix of a little bit of everything — the kind of place that's just fun to browse in."

The store will accept a limited number of consignments, as space allows and at the discretion of the owner. Clothing items will not be sold.

The building had housed Aztec Antiques, owned by Darwin and Bev Higgins.

"Mr. and Mrs. Higgins have retired," Mr. Toler said, "but they conveyed their appreciation for everyone's patronage during the time they operated the store."

Originally built in the 1920s, the structure housed Downing Implement. In each room and around every corner something waits to be discovered.

"We have collectibles, treasures and neat junk," said Mr. Toler. "Come and see what you can find."

Concert, food fest to help victims

Blue River Promotions, in conjunction with the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, presents "Red Dirt on the High Plains" on Saturday, June 2. The neighbors helping neighbors community-wide effort begins at 5 p.m. mountain daylight time at Old Town, 420 South 14 Street, in Burlington. The proceeds will go to help the tornado victims in Holly, Colo., and Bird City.

"We are pleased with the response to assist Holly and Bird City," said Melissa Clapper, Burlington Chamber of Commerce president. "This benefit is truly a community wide effort to create a matching fund for each entity."

For Holly, the repair of its water infrastructure is enormous and, with the support of the event, Ms. Clapper said "it is attainable." In Cheyenne County the fund will be utilized for county emergency services.

Headlining the concert is the "Architect of Red Dirt Music", Mike McClure, Oklahoma musician, writer, performer and producer. Joining McClure is one of "Red Dirt Music's" young guns, Bo Phillips, who hails from Stillwater, Oklahoma. Kansas "Red Dirt" talent Blaine Younger will showcase his original compositions and The Heartland Band comes to the fundraiser from Hays, Kansas. Tickets are avail-

able at the gate.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair, appetite and generous spirit to the fundraiser. The evening includes a beer garden, rocky mountain oyster fry, festival food and beverages. The Burlington Chamber of Commerce is currently accepting monetary donations at its "Neighbors Fund" at P.O. Box 62 Burlington, CO 80807, for the two communities.

For more information: please contact: Blue River promotions at redirtonthehighplains@hotmail.com, or www.myspace.com/redirtonthehighplains, or the Burlington Chamber of Commerce at 719-346-8070.

Top six readers revealed

By Karen Krien

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The end of school marks the final activities and the revealing of the kings and queens of the Accelerated Reading Program in St. Francis. The meeting was held in the gym on Friday, May 18, and three sets of royalty were recognized for reading and acquiring points in the reading program.

Top readers were Nate Clapper with 186.9 points and Taylor Archibalk, 167.9 points. Others recognized were: first through third grade - Matthis Witzel, 126.7 points, and Jenna Confer, 125 points; fourth through sixth grade - Zach Gienger, 164.3 points and Randee Grover, 148 points.

In year's past, the readers were recognized in a parade down Main Street. This year, the students and teachers set individual monthly goals. If the student met the goal that month, a rally with activities and treats was held.

Shirley Swihart, Reading Committee chairman and coordinator, said there was success every month and every student had the opportunity to meet the goal. At the end of the year, those students meeting six out of the seven goals set were allowed to enjoy a pizza and pop party in the park. There were 114 students meeting the goal.

"We plan have a similar reading program plan next year," she said.

The students were taught to set their own goals and that they be realistic goals, she said.

There 23 students who, through their reading, accumulated over 100 points.

Those in the 100 point club were: Hanna Bracelin, 101.8 points; Laura Brunk, 129.6; Tate Busse, 102.5; Casey Keller, 100; Kensley Krien, 103.4; Wyatt Landenberger, 100.2; Katie McDanel, 134.3; Clarice Neitzel, 106.6; Jeremiah Neitzel, 108.2; Ally Northrup, 101.5; Hannah Rider, 105.7; Makayla Rogers, 100.4; Taylor Rogers, 102.9; Kyle Samuelson, 127.9; Ally Schleppe, 130.7; Sophie White, 113.2; Dylan Wolaver, 100.7.

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David and Arlene Merklin

will be the honored guests at an open house in observance of their

50th Wedding Anniversary

The event is being hosted by their children on Saturday, June 2, 2007, from 3 to 5 p.m. MT at the Rainbow Fountain Park community room in Benkelman. Please let your presence be your gift.

If you are unable to attend, cards will reach them at P.O. Box 217, Benkelman, NE 69021-0217.

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