

NORCATUR NEWS

By JOY STALDER
JoAnne and Brad Schwartz of Kearney were Saturday guests of Adeline Ballou and helped her plant her spring flowers. The Lang Cousins family reunion was held at the Ella Missing Center in Arapahoe on Saturday from 9 - 6. It was hosted by Luella and Wren Trospen and LuAnn and Doug Rowlett of Denver. 96 attended Saturday's event. There are 27 first cousins in the family. Special guests were Lelia Lang, Lillian Lemaster and Helen Miller. Lila Collings was unable to attend. Ivalene Simmons of Holdrege was a Sunday visitor of Dean and Margaret Brown. Saturday night cook-out guests of Kendall and Virginia Rice were Scott Rice, Bart and Shari Anderson and family of Loomis and Steve and Peg Rice and boys. Karen and Paul Martie of Sardis, Ohio, left for their home Sunday. They had spent several weeks in Wilsonville working on their property and visiting Harold and Pat Yost. Irene Neuman of McCook spent Sunday afternoon with Avis Wolfe. Tim Palmer of McCook spent the weekend with his parents, Darrel and June Palmer, helping them with some work that needed done. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holliday visited his aunt, Margaret Fisher, of McCook at the Community Hospital Sunday afternoon. Sunday, Allen and Connie Wilson attended the baptism of their grandson, Evan Townsend, son of Josh and Kim Townsend, at the Presbyterian Church in Kearney. Josh's parents, Ron and Virginia Townsend, of Grand Island also attended. After church they all had lunch together. Honoring Sonny Wilson on his 75th birthday with dinner Saturday night at a Cambridge restaurant were Bert and Laurie Jurey, Deb Cobb, Allen and Connie Wilson and Ella Wilson. Kendall and Virginia Rice and her brother and wife, Howard and Alberta Hall, spent three days in Scottsbluff last week visiting a cousin, Ken Hall. The Howard Halls left from Scottsbluff for their home in North Dakota. Brad and Jeff Schwartz and

some of their friends, of Kearney, were Saturday overnight overnight guests of Adeline Ballou. Vic and Nancy Knutson were in McCook Sunday night visiting Lawrence and Camilla Orvis. Wendee Masters and Kaedyn of Omaha and Wade Park and son Cade of Hays were weekend visitors of Barb and Tim Baca. Richard Wheeler of Salt Lake City, son-in-law of Sonny and Ella Wilson, recently had neck surgery but is home now and doing well. Marlene Witte attended the Catholic Ladies Spring Luncheon at 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon in Cambridge. The Church Ladies of Edison had the program. **I Help Others Club** The I Help Others Club met Wednesday, April 11 at Carla Holtze's house for a 9:30 am brunch. Mrs. Holtze had a new and inventive way of making individual omelets. While the omelets cooked, Mrs. Holtze gave the devotions. After everyone enjoyed the omelets, muffins and fruit, roll call was given and answered by Margaret Brown, Carla Holtze, Laurie Laws, Lillian Lemaster, June Palmer, Margalee Ruf and Carole Volker. Club members signed cards for recuperating member Nadeane Haag and Associate Member, Ramona Chambers. **Spring Fling** The Spring Fling for the Beckon/Southwest Cluster of the Disciple Women met April 29 at the First Christian Church in Alma. Those attending from the Baptist Christian Women were Margalee Ruf and Margene Holtze. Ivalene Simmons also attended from Holdrege. Presenting the afternoon's program were Lois Lafon, regional coordinator, of Omaha; Kay Koch, president, of Lincoln; and Margene Holtze, cluster representative. On Saturday, April 28, these three women also presented a similar program at the First Christian Church in Alliance for the Panhandle Cluster. Ivalene had accompanied Margene to Oshkosh on Friday evening.

Lois McPherson of Tucson, Ariz., writes that they just got home from a 14-day Panama Canal cruise. There were 18 people from their church on the cruise. The City of Norcatour will be cleaning off Main Street on Tuesday, May 22, at 6 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, bring you brooms, shovels, tractors, bobcats and muscles! Cathy Claussen of Oberlin and Beth Johnson visited Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Molzahn of rural Naponee, Neb., on Thursday, May 3. Beth Johnson, Fred Molzahn, and Cathy Claussen of Oberlin, met Dennis Molzahn at the Cardinal Bar and Grill for breakfast on Saturday, May 5. Norcatour United Methodist Church will host a 1-day Vacation Bible School for area children from 4 years old through sixth grade on June 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Education Building. Lunch and snacks will be provided, and there will be stories, songs, games and crafts. Any parents or other adults who can help are encouraged to contact Pastor Ray Gilstrap at (785) 669-2236, or Alice Barnett at 693-4231 as soon as possible. Please let us know if you plan for your children to be there so we know how many to prepare for. The Norton Correctional work crews will be digging out culverts around town. Congratulations to the seniors who will be graduating on May 20: Aaron Helm and Katrina Wentz from Decatur Community High School, and Luke Bailey and Lacey Roe from Norton Community High School. Good luck in your future endeavors! On Monday and Tuesday, April 30 and May 1, Veda Wood went to the Rose Bud Casino with the Red Hat Ladies for a lot of fun, where she followed Wava Reames around and watched the goings-on. On May Day she mysteriously received a beautiful cup of flowers. Dwight and Teresa Wood came to clean up around the home and haul some things to the dump. On Friday, May 4, Veda went with Toots Magers to Lela Huff's funeral. The rest of the week she received birthday cards, calls and gifts, then went to Tia and A.J. High's for ice cream and cake on Sunday, May 6. Birthdays: Ron Montgomery - May 10; Evelyn Lyon - May 11; Destiny Chastine - May 16. Evelyn Lyon celebrated her 90th birthday on Friday, May 11.

Mail will reach her at 201 West Crane, Norton, Kan., 67654. Word was received of the death of Wanda Lyon Pool, wife of Ralph Pool. She graduated from Norcatour Rural High School in 1942 and died at Kinsley Hospital on May 7. Senior Citizens met Friday evening, May 4, for a round of cards. Winners were Bob Strevey, LaVerne Milner and Mary Sedlmayer. The most recent meeting was on Friday evening, May 18, at 7 p.m. at the Educational Building. Lora Linn Lechlitter celebrated her birthday on Saturday, May 5. Dorothy Ward accompanied Devonna New, along with Carolyn Strevey and Judy Jackson, to eat lunch with her at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. Velda and Frank Ward joined the group. Judy Jackson baked a cake for the occasion. Wava Reames had her "go-go" boots on this last couple of weeks. She headed south to see her daughter and family on April 25. The grandkids were surprised, as they were not told she was coming. All had a great visit before she left for home on April 29. She arrived late that day but was up and about early the next day to catch the Red Hatter's bus to the Rosebud Casino on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation, just over the line into South Dakota. Everyone had a lot of fun on the bus trip, playing games and laughing. The Red Hatters got back to Oberlin about 6:30 p.m. on May 1. Bruce Bishop and the Mike Bishops visited Saturday evening, May 5, with Oran and LaVerne Milner. Brief guests of Dorothy Ward on April 18, were Fay Mavity and his son and grandchildren and sister-in-law, who were here to attend the funeral of his wife Betty Mavity. A nephew Jay and Marilyn Mavity, and his son Mark also visited. Also attending the graveside services were Harold Clark, Jim and John of Greensburg, and Roberta Williams of Hays. Dorothy Ward enjoyed lunch with Lora Linn Lechlitter and Velda Ward on April 20 at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. Guests of Rea and Dee Magers for lunch on April 23 were her brother, Lou and Norma Hahn, Craig, Colo. They were en route to Hays to visit her mother. On Tuesday, Charlie and Judy Easton of Quinter visited at the Magers home. Winners at the Senior Citizens

cards on April 20 were Clent Hatfield, June Jolly and Eleanor Jensen. On April 19, Rea and Dee Magers made a medical trip to Kearney, Neb. While there, they visited Jay and Marilyn Locy, former neighbors in Norcatour. Marilyn was feeling much better. En route home, they visited the Tom Longs of Woodruff, who recently purchased property there and are remodeling. He and Dee are cousins. Thomas Baker is recuperating at home from shoulder surgery, which he had on April 20. Dinner guest of Wava Reames and Marguerite Clark on April 20, was Frank Ward. He was in town to start his mowing. A packed house enjoyed the music of the Country Plus at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Saturday, April 21, as well as the good meal. Eleven women of the Norcatour Chatty Hatters Chapter of the Red Hat Society attended a tea with the Norton Crimson Cuties at the Senior Center on April 21. Those attending were Judy Jackson, Devonna New, Sheryl Patterson, Cathy Anthony, Veda Wood, Dorothy Ward, LaVerne Milner, Marguerite Clark, Bee Nelson, and Norma McCallister. They all enjoyed tea and cookies, as well as visiting, and each went home with a "Red Hat" gift. Bob and Alice Brown moved to Russell in April. This brings them close to Hays, where their son has dialysis three times a week. This is a 26-mile commute instead of 140 miles, which makes the week much more relaxing. They enjoy reading the paper each week, which helps them keep in touch. Bee Nelson drove Marguerite Clark to Hays on Monday, April 30, for a doctor's appointment. LaVerne Milner accompanied the ladies, and they did a little shopping afterward. They returned home late in the afternoon. Terri James, Marguerite Clark and Bee Nelson attended the first annual Round-Robin Workshop of the Prairie Land Food in Phillipsburg on Sunday, April 29. A noon meal was served before the workshop. Birthdays and anniversaries: Veda Wood - May 2; Linda Hunt - May 3; Lora Linn Lechlitter - May 5; Dave Stapp, Dwight and Mary Wentz - May 6. Congratulations to Mollie Parsons and Chris Kisner, who were married on April 11. They

live in the house formerly owned by Velma Rogers. A weekly Monday evening Bible Study will be held at 7 p.m. at the Norcatour United Methodist Educational Building for anyone interested from the Norcatour, Clayton and Lyle communities. You do not have to be a member. We hope to see you there. Lynn Thornton Streit spoke at the Gateway in Oberlin on Thursday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m. She talked about when she was burned, her recovery, and what the Shriners did for her. Admission was free. Guests of Dorothy Ward the last weekend of April were son Mark and Debby Ward of Hugo, Colo. They accomplished some spring jobs for his mother, and yard man Virgil Price is going to wonder where all the limbs came from. There are still a lot of dangling limbs up in the trees that just will not let go. The Norcatour Commercial Club and the Cardinal Bar and Grill are offering scholarships again this year. There are three \$300 scholarships available to anyone who wants to further their education. This includes students already in college or attending vocational training. Applications may be picked up at The Bank or the Cardinal Bar and Grill and will be accepted until June 15. Cristy Baker and Heather were visitors at Dorothy Ward's the morning of April 30. Kenneth and Pansy Price took a bus trip to see the salt mines and greenhouse at Hutchinson on Wednesday, April 25. Afterward they went to Yoder for some of their famous pie, then returned home. The Prices also visited Noreen and Veryl Crabill the following Sunday afternoon. **Museum Tidbits** The Norcatour Museum will be open on Sunday, May 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Be sure to stop by and check out all the new items. Phyllis Lohoefer brought documents from the First National Bank. The first is a contract dated Dec. 20, 1907 wherein Frank Sayles sold the First National Bank business and his stock to H.H. Benton and Otis Douglas. Benton-Douglas rented the building from Sayles, and Jay Daugherty remained an employee of the bank. The other document is a letter dated Oct. 17, 1934 saying First National had consolidated with the Decatur County National Bank of Oberlin, signed by B.B. Bell and J.R. Betts.

JENNINGS NEWS

By LOUISE CRESSLER
Lions Club Mother's Day Dinner was held Sunday, May 13 in the Sunflower Senior Center. Free will donations were accepted. United Methodist Women met Wednesday, May 2 with nine members present. Helen Rhodes, Rachel Carter, Violet Foster, Vendla Tacha, Kathy Nauer, Kay Brown, Glenda Johnson, Ruth Chance and Louise Cressler answered roll call by giving a favorite Sunday School song. Kay Brown gave the program, "Shine, Shine, Shine" naming scripture and songs where shine is mentioned. Glenda gave devotions. Kay and Helen served refreshments furnished by Patty Foster who was unable to attend. Jamie Thompson, Bogue, a lay speaker, led church Sunday in Jennings. He spoke on "Love", Love of God, neighbors and self. A mock disaster drill was done following church. Marjorie Hartzog is our Disaster Drill Coordinator. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jennings spent several days in Denver last week. While there they were houseguests of Marcia Casey. Monday they had lunch with Martin and Melba Johnson of Westminster. That evening they had dinner with Marlene Hounshell, Marcia Casey and Milt Sherwin. Lawrence and Lila Jennings received the announcement of the birth of a new great-grandson. Nelson Gray Anders was born April 26, in Dallas, Texas. His parents are Joey and Cecilie Anders and he has a sister, Madeleine. His grandparents are Bob and Shelley Whitefield of Trout Lake, Wash. Brian Jennings and Westley, Solomon, were weekend visitors of the Lawrence Jennings'. Sunday evening they returned home to find that over 5 1/2 inches of rain had fallen there. The Heritage Associates of Jennings held its monthly meeting May 3. President, Neoma Tacha, conducted the meeting. Directors present were: Larry Mizer, Roger Shimek, Lila Jennings, Bob Tacha, and Dean Gawith. The remodeling of the Royal Neighbors of America building is to begin sometime this month. The school room is almost finished as more class picture hold-

ers were received and installed. We had several out-of-town and out-of-state visitors last month. The Museum was open after the Lions Club "Mothers Day" Dinner. The museum will also be open Memorial weekend — on Saturday afternoon and after the Alumni Supper that evening for visitors. Sunday, May 27 the museum will be open in the afternoon. The next regular meeting will be June 7 at 2 p.m. Visitors are welcome. There were three graduations celebrated this past weekend in the Pat and Shelley McKenna family. Jacque McKenna received her Master's degree in College Personnel Management at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Ill., on Friday evening, May 11. Chris McKenna received Bachelor's degrees in Marketing and in Communication at Fort Hays State University on Saturday morning, May 12. Marcus McKenna graduated from Hoxie High School on Saturday afternoon. A barbecue supper was held Friday evening at the home of Sarah McKenna in Hays. A supper and reception followed the Hoxie graduation on Saturday evening honoring the three graduates. A large crowd attended the Lions Club Mothers Day dinner Sunflower Senior Center. The Housing Authority met on Thursday, May 17. Water meters will be read Friday, May 25. Please post your reading on your front door if your meter is inside your home. An ordinance has been passed by the Jennings City Council prohibiting any open burning within the city limits unless the burning is otherwise approved by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The deadline for reservations to attend the Jennings Alumni Banquet was May 19. The price per person is \$5, but does not include the meal. The banquet will be held at the Community Hall, May 26 starting at 5 p.m. The Senior Center will be open on Saturday. Sunday, May 27, the Memorial Day potluck dinner will be held in the Senior Center. Everyone is welcome to come. Dorothy Smith of Tucson, Ariz., visited several days this past week with her sister, Claudine Bennett.

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