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Residents of Wel-Life Papillion are (left to right) Glenn Cooper, Kevin Hyde and Delores Lyon. All three moved to the facility in the past 4 months to be closer to family. Because of ties to the area Glenn, Kevin and Delores have become good friends and companions. They visit daily about friends and family still living in Burwell, Sargent and Taylor, the businesses that have come and gone and find connections to each other during these conversations.

Glenn Cooper, age 84, is originally from the Sargent area where he worked as a mail carrier.

Kevin Hyde, age 49, is from Taylor, where he participated in football, basketball and track, Kevin's parents are the late David Hyde and Donna Hyde.

Delores Lyon, age 100, attended a two room school house located between Taylor and Burwell, graduated from Taylor, and her late husband, Hildreth Lyon, taught school near Kent. She is most recently from Grand Island.

Ericson News

Rodger and Lorraine Woepfel were visitors Saturday of Rodger's sister Lila and Bud Day and a great niece Nikea Grove of Norfolk. They and a number of people from our community attended the Chili Cook-Off and talent contest at Bartlett Friday evening. This was a fund raiser for Bartlett's 125 birthday which will be celebrated in July.

Saturday Ron and Pat Watson attended a surprise birthday party for Pat's sisters, Juanita Allen and Mary Pesek at Burwell on Saturday.

There was a good turnout for the Ericson and Bartlett Merchants' Appreciation Supper at the Bartlett Fairgrounds.

The Ericson Ranchettes Club met on Friday this week at the home of Lois Swett. Six members attended. They played bingo with white elephant prizes. The next meeting is February 17 at the home of Jaylene Gates. Lois Swett will have the lesson.

Roy and Vonda Schnell, Jordan and Cooper of North Platte came to Duane and Nancy Pelsters Sunday and had dinner at the Ranch Cafe. In the afternoon they went to the Steve McKay home to help Tee celebrate his sixth birthday.

Nicki Payne visited her grandparents Ken and Ann Kasselers this weekend. Grandson Kix Payne spent last week in

Washington, D.C. with a group from his school to join the Walk to Life that was held there.

Brad and Diane Kasselers spent the week in Cancun, Mexico, guests of Valley Irrigation.

The past week Steve and Jean Niemeyer attended the National Western Livestock Show in Denver. Garfield, Loup and Wheeler Counties had eight families exhibiting. Jean's brother Dan Kasselers of Callan, CO also exhibited.

Carol L. Olsen attended the wedding of Cameron Schimenti and JoLeigh Shipporite in Ord.

On Saturday Adam Freouf attended the Sandhills Cattle Association Tour which had stops around Taylor and Rose.

Jane and Bruce Keezer went to York last week for medical appointments with good results. They went on to Lincoln to meet Jane's brother Jim and Bonnie Carr. They enjoyed a meal at the Chinese Mongolian Restaurant before returning home. Earlier Charles and Susan Keezer came to Ericson to finish Christmas. They had dinner at the Stallion Steakhouse.

Brad and Diane Kasselers went to Atkinson on Sunday to help daughter Megan and family move.

Carol Lee Olson met friends at the Sandstone Grill for supper celebrating Gloria Plugge's birthday.



Photo Courtesy Loup County Historical Society

In the late 1930's and early 1940's, "The Candy Store" operated in this tiny building just north of the high school in Taylor at 6th and Williams Streets. Lace and Fannie Roblyer ran the store. They opened it each school day in the morning before school, again during the noon hour, and again for a while in the afternoon after school. The girls pictured here are Phyllis (Stone) Beat, Rea (Ralls) Nickelson, Lucille Powers, and Elva (Howard) Stevens. Photo and information courtesy of Elva Stevens with help from Margaret Davis.

Crane-Watching In Central Nebraska Worth At Least \$10.33 Million

Lincoln, Neb., January 25th, 2010 — The Sandhill cranes, long considered one of the state's treasures, have an annual impact of at least \$10.33 million on central Nebraska's economy, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln report estimates.

The report, published in the fall by UNL's Bureau of Business Research, calculated the figure as part of a targeted economic impact study of central Nebraska conservation and research centers that focus on the cranes' migration through the region each spring.

Researchers estimated both the impact of these conservation centers' operational expenditures and also outside spending by visitors to them, and found that they created a combined economic impact of \$5.15 million in 2009. Then they mixed in the estimated spending by other crane-watchers coming to the UNL economics professors Eric Thompson and Rick Edwards, who authored the report, said their findings may point to new economic prospects in the northern Great Plains. In particular, they noted the potential for "eco-engagement," which occurs when participants travel with the main purpose of engaging in a learning experience directly related to a location's specific wildlife and ecology.

One of the centers cited in the bureau's report, the Audubon Rowe Sanctuary near Gibbon, can be thought of as a venue for a "second stage" of eco-tourism, the researchers said. The first phase is a simple, straightforward eco-tourism of the camera-and-binocular variety; with the second stage of eco-engagement -- volunteering to help, and even in some cases paying to be allowed to volunteer -- naturally

following.

Rowe is a private, non-profit operation that focuses on conservation research and education. It is supported by donors and grants and has a significant economic impact on their surrounding areas that extend beyond their boundaries.

The report estimates that Rowe has an annual impact of \$2.08 million on central Nebraska's economy -- a majority of it from spending on food, lodging and shopping by visitors when they are away from the sanctuary. A significant portion of the figures also can be attributed to a rise in eco-engagement activities, Thompson and Edwards said.

"As opposed to being just purely tourist destinations, these research centers attract lots of people who want to do more than just look. They want

to stay and learn," Thompson said. "Travelers come not just to see (cranes) but to participate in conservation, education and outreach with the centers."

The complete study is available at <http://bbr.unl.edu/nebraska.aspx>. The Bureau of Business Research is an applied economic and business research entity of the UNL College of Business Administration. Located in the Department of Economics, the bureau provides relevant information and data on economic conditions in Nebraska, the Plains and the nation as a service to individuals and businesses in the state. It also provides economists opportunities to conduct applied economic research and trains students of economics and business in the conduct of applied research on economic and business topics.

Bartlett News

by Lucille Norris

Bonnie Olson traveled to Norfolk and visited with her daughter, Sibyl Spahn on Thursday.

Dennis and Karen Pokorny and Ernie and Joan Erxleben went on a Ranch Tour of several ranches in the Rose area on Saturday.

The frost on the trees was pretty on all of those foggy days. It seemed like each day more frost was added on top of what was already in place on the trees, until the sun came out to warm up the trees and the earth.

Cindi Troester of Lincoln came to the home of her dad, Dale Dallegge on Saturday and spent the rest of the weekend visiting and catching up on the interesting things in each others travels.

Mark Olson and three of his friends of Milford came up to the home of his mom, Bonnie Olson on Saturday to hunt. They also had dinner with Bonnie and enjoyed visiting around the table.

Helen Morrow went to Neligh and visited in the home of her sister, Leone Kloepper on Sunday for a little while. On her return towards home, she stopped in Bartlett and visited with another sister, Darlene Custard and stayed with her for a short while also.

Darla Hoerle of Loup City came up on Sunday and visited with her parents, Cork and Florence Oberg on Sunday. She also helped her mom with some of

the work

Karen Pokorny drove to O'Neill on Sunday afternoon and visited with her mom, Connie Grossnicklaus in the Evergreen Assisted Living Center.

Melvin & Pauline Marker went to Silver Creek on Saturday afternoon to watch their grandson Tanner play elementary basketball against Fullerton. Then they went to Grand Island to watch the Adams Central Lady Patriots play Grand Island Central Catholic. Melvin, Jackie and Tanner also went to watch.

Roger and Lucille Norris had a part in the carry-in dinner after the worship Service at the Chalk Hills Community Church on Sunday January 24th. The church members enjoyed helping Roger Norris celebrate his belated 80th birthday that was a Surprise to Roger. The tables were decorated with red plastic table covers and small gift bags of pretty flowers, and lots of birthday confetti sprinkled on all of the tables where the folks sat. It started out with a colorful "Happy Birthday" banner that hung over the serving window, a special pin that Lucille pinned on his shirt, balloons, napkins for the occasion, plenty of delicious food to go around several times over, and a special decorated cake for the occasion. About twenty folks attended the business meeting that followed the dinner.

Beaver Valley

Beaver Valley Ladies Club

Beaver Valley News

Leroy and Bev Becker were a week ago Saturday visitors at Ellis Schrunks.

Steven Schrunk of Aurora spent last Thursday at the Ellis Schrunks.

Ellis and Lois Schrunk were among those attending the chili Cook-off and talent show at Bartlett last Friday evening.

Jackie Dwyer enjoyed a belated Christmas supper and gift exchange at the Mark Dwyers January 12. Many families had to postpone their Christmas gatherings because of the weather.

Ellis and Lois Schrunk had dinner with Pearl Moore at her apartment last Sunday and later attended the movie at the Neligh theater.

Levi Derner of New Underwood, South Dakota spent Monday until Thursday of last week with the Dennis Derner's.

Dennis and Sharon Derner spent one evening last week with Karen and Dennis Pokorney.

Ellis and Lois Schrunk were Monday morning callers in the Dave Sehi home.

Small Steps Lead to Better Health and More Wealth

Would you like to end 2010 healthier and in a better financial situation than you are now? If so, think small steps.

Instead of saying you want to add an hour of exercise to every day or increase your net worth by paying off all of your debts, start with an hour of exercise three times a week or paying off that first debt. Once you've reached those goals, then move on to the next one.

To help you stick with your plans to be healthier and wealthier by December 31, 2010, sign up for the new University of Nebraska-Lincoln program, Small Steps to Health and Wealth. After setting your own health and wealth goals, you'll learn 25 strategies for reaching those goals, and receive encouragement to stick with your goals.

Contact your nearest University of Nebraska-Lincoln to find out if a Small Steps group is starting in your community. Or register for individual participation at the Small Steps Nebraska website, smallsteps.unl.edu



Photo by Lawrence Johnson

This Interwrite MOBI is a large blow up version of what the Burwell 6th graders will soon be using in their classroom.

Burwell Community Fund Opens Application For 2010 Grants

The Burwell Community Fund and the Calamus Area Endowment Fund is planning to give a grant or grants up to \$2500 to a group or organization in the Burwell/Taylor areas for a community betterment project.

Application forms are available at the Management Systems Office in Burwell or call 346-4209 for more information.

The Application Form must be returned to the Burwell Community Fund, P.O. Box 901, Burwell, NE 68823 By March 1, 2010.

Whole Lota Bull Mechanical Bull Riding
Saturday, January 30th
8:00pm - 12:30

Upstairs Legion Club
Free Admission
Everyone under 18 must have a parent sign a waiver!

Club News

Dry Cedar Club News

By Lois Swanson
News Reporter

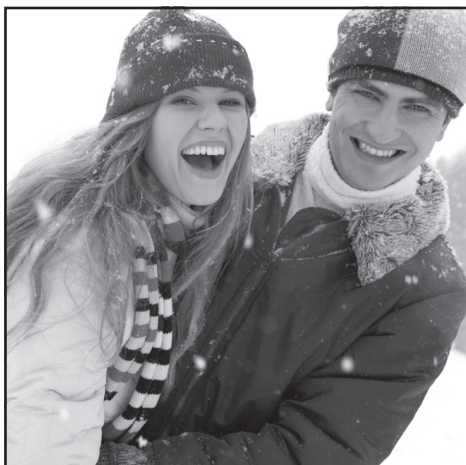
The Dry Cedar Club met at Lois Swanson's on January 13th, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. for the regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by newly elected President Billy Jo Freiburg. The Flag Salute was recited followed by the FCE Creed.

Caroline Mentzer, Music Chairman, played the piano while we sang "The battle Hymn Republic" and "Ole Black Joe."

Before we called roll Lois Swanson had a reading on Aprons, the roll was answered by showing our aprons and telling of how we remembered aprons being used. Eight members were present, one absent. Next meeting bring a tin cup to tell about.

Secretary Tammy Hruza read the minutes of the last meeting, they were approved as read.

Carol Stalker gave the Treasurer's report and yearly dues



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AUGY'S FITNESS CENTER
BURWELL, NE
Open House & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Saturday, January 30
8:00am - 5:00pm
Ribbon Cutting at 11:00am

Stop by and visit with fitness trainers and a nutritionist to answer your questions about exercise programs and healthy nutrition!

Taylor Lions Club Texas Hold 'Em Card Tournament Fundraiser
20-20
All proceeds go to college scholarships & community projects

Saturday, January 30, 2010
Register 6:30pm
Start 7:00pm
Taylor VFW Building
(north side of square)
For more info, call
Dan (308) 750-1962 or
James (308) 942-6074
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