



# OLD TROOPER NEWSLETTER



Active and Retired Federal Employees Chapter No. 383, Junction City, Kansas

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## Chapter 383, 2005 Officers

President: James Martin, 238-8539

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Carl Shell, 238-8330

2nd Vice President: June Buckles, 238-6776

Secretary/Treasurer: Madelyn Brown, 238-5623

## Chapter 383, 2005 Committee Chairpersons

Legislative, James Dodd, 238-8041

Membership, Carl Shell, 238-8330

Public Relations, June Buckles, 238-6776

Service Officer, Morris Beckman, 238-5917

Alzheimer's, Opal Dalton and Virginia Adam, 922-6551 & 922-6706

Sunshine, Janet Harrel, 238-7488

NARFE-PAC, Larry Young, 238-3047

Calling, Violet (Vi) Martin, 238-8539

Decorating, Lillian Young, 238-3047 and Carlye Gilmore, 238-1897, Opal Dalton, 922-6551 and Virginia Adam, 238-1897

Program – Vacant

Newsletter, Dixie Thomas, 238-1455

Chaplain, Otis Scroggins, 238-1342

Special Projects Appointed as Needed



Let's not forget our Nation's heroes!!



## June 2006 Meeting/Luncheon

The next meeting of NARFE will be June 8, 2006, 6:00 p.m., at the 4H/Senior Citizen Building, Spring Valley Road. This is a potluck dinner and all are invited to come and enjoy the evening with good food and a great program. Marjorie Chamberlin, Country Storyteller, will entertain us with her many exciting stories of country living.

## May Birthdays

Happy birthday to Marilyn Bielefeld, Carol Bondurant, Carlye Gilmore, Therisha Jo Hudson, Vena Rowbotham, Sumiko Sharkey, Donald Stiers, Larry Langvardt and Barbara Rawlins.

## May Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lacey and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bickerstaff. Many, Many more happy anniversaries to all of you.

## April Meeting Minutes

Madelyn Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Junction City Old Trooper Chapter 383 met at the Senior Citizens Center on April 13, 2006. President Jim Martin Called the meeting to order with Otis Scroggins leading us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dorothy Olsen was introduced as new member. Maria Rhodes and Elaine Regan were introduced as guests. They expressed interest in joining our chapter.



If you would like to receive your newsletter via email, please send your request to Dixie Thomas at [bthomas56@cox.net](mailto:bthomas56@cox.net)

*Of course, those attending the luncheon will receive newsletter at the luncheon - no change.*

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Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved for file. The Treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit.

People recognized for their work in setting up the Senior Center for the meeting were: Morris Beckman, Willadeen Kamm and Maxine Kroeplin.

Larry Giller and Marilyn Legg from AARP visited; it was their last day in Junction City to help with tax preparation. They also asked if anyone wishing to donate time and help with tax preparation next year to visit with them at the end of the meeting. There will be a training session later this year.

Sharon Strain a member of the Senior Center/4H Building Committee thanks everyone that attended the fundraiser; for the donations made and to let everyone know that they are still accepting donations. She reported that all the Chairs were steam cleaned. She also said that the inside of the building had been painted. It looked real nice.

Janet Harrell asked that if members have extra cards to donate (get well and sympathy cards), she could use them.

June Buckles reported that there is approximately 60% of our members participating in dues withholding. She is still sending out letters encouraging members receiving their second notice to sign up for Dues Withholding.

Our Service Officer, Morris Beckman, said that he is no longer our service officer. Jim Martin asked someone to come forward and volunteer. He would rather have a volunteer than to have to appoint someone to do the job.

There were 98 members present with 108 reservations. You still need to call and cancel if you make a reservation and are unable to attend.

There was \$95.10 collected for Alzheimer's and there were craft items sold that were donated by Marilyn Kosovich; \$81.00 was received to be donated to Alzheimer's.

Our program was a Drum Ensemble directed by Sandra Clay from Washington Elementary School.

A big thanks to Mary's Floral for the donation of roses for all the ladies.

In May, Rebecca Bossmeyer will be at the meeting to demonstrate one of the new voting machines the county will be using for election. We encourage everyone to take time before the meeting and after the meeting to visit with Rebecca.

The May speaker will be Cindy Mill with the Alzheimer's Association in Topeka.





The door prizes were won by: Carl White, Jim Dodd, Hilda Mukai, Doris Nelson, Marie Rhodes, Carlye Gilmore and June Walters.

The next meeting will be May 11, 2006.

Farmer's Almanac  
Predictions for  
Heartland (portions of  
NE, IA, MO, KS)

### May 2006

**Avg. Temperature:** 62°  
(2° below avg.)

**Precipitation:** 4" (1"  
below avg. northwest; 2"  
above southeast)

**May. 1-8:** Mainly dry  
north, heavy rain south;  
then sunny, warm

**May. 9-22:** Cool; t-  
storms, then sunny

**May. 23-31:**  
Seasonable, t-storms

### June 2006

**Avg. Temperature:** 70°  
(3° below avg.)

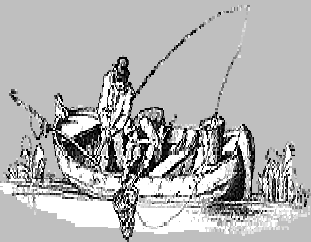
**Precipitation:** 3.5" (1"  
below avg.)

**Jun. 1-6:** Sunny, warm

**Jun. 7-12:** T-storms,  
then sunny; cool

**Jun. 13-20:** Cool;  
showers north

**Jun. 21-30:** Seasonable,  
t-storms



And in case any of you  
want to know what the  
Farmer's Almanac  
says about the **Best  
Fishing Days for  
2006** (when the Moon  
is between new and

## Treasurer's Report

Madelyn Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Beginning Balance, April 1, 2006	\$933.48
Receipts	\$596.83
Expenses	\$688.05
Ending Balance, March 31, 2006	\$842.26

## Sunshine Report

Janet Harrel, Sunshine Chairman

Janet reported that get-well cards were sent to Seldon Aska and Larry Young. We hope you continue to improve.

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### Latest KANSAS LEGISLATIVE NEWS from KS Legislative Chairman James Miller:

The KS Legislature has adjourned without proposing any threats to our annuities. That's the good news!

The bad news is:

- (1) The KS Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the Legislature's additional funding plan for public schools was insufficient.
  - (2) Governor Sebelius has called the Legislature back to Topeka for a special session on June 22.
  - (3) Some lawmakers have been highly vocal in their opposition to the judge's decision and have indicated they might do nothing during the special session, and just wait until the 2006 session opens next January.
  - (4) Regardless of the outcome of the special session, one fact is certain. KS will have to find sources for additional monies.
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This is NARFE Legislative Update, number 545, released Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, applauds NARFE Lobby Week activists and notes the absence of a House passed budget resolution. The next Hotline is scheduled for Friday, May 5.

NARFE members' effort during Lobby Week continues to show fruit. On April 25, Rep Tom Davis (R-VA) added seven new cosponsors to his legislation, H.R. 994, to allow civilian and military retirees to pay certain health care costs on a pre-tax basis. With 325 cosponsors, Premium Conversion legislation is nearing

full):

Apr. 27-May 13

May 27-Jun. 11

Jun. 25-Jul. 10

Jul. 25-Aug. 9

Aug. 23-Sept. 7

Sept. 22-Oct. 6

Oct. 22-Nov. 5

Nov. 20-Dec. 4

December 20-31

**Can't forget a smile or two!!!!**

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says . . . "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?"

Slim says, "I feel just like a newborn baby."

"Really!? Like a new-born baby!?"

"Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants."



the 342 cosponsors recruited during 2003-2004. If the 32 "lapsed" cosponsors, that is, Representatives who cosponsored during the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress are persuaded to again champion the interests of their civilian and military retirees, the bill will surpass its previous high. In the Senate, Premium Conversion's principal sponsor, Sen. John Warner (R-VA) added his 60<sup>th</sup> cosponsor, Sen. Roberts (R-KS). This is the largest ever number of cosponsors for Premium Conversion in the Senate. However, there are still three states with a remaining "lapsed" cosponsor: Connecticut's Dodd, Idaho's Crapo, and Pennsylvania's Specter. (A list of the lapsed is posted at <http://www.narfe.org/leg/articles.cfm?ID=634> )

NARFE supported legislation to entirely repeal the Social Security Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision, H.R. 147 and S. 619 have attracted a few additional cosponsors. The House bill, H.R. 147 has 316, the largest number ever. The Senate bill, S. 619, has 24, six less than achieved during the previous Congress. (A list of the lapsed is posted at <http://www.narfe.org/leg/articles.cfm?ID=633> )



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