

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Freedom Isn't Free"

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"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." Galatians 5:1

No, freedom isn't free. It comes at great cost for those "buying it." The United States found out just how high the price could be in the final days of World War II when trying to capture a Pacific Island from the Japanese to use as a refueling base for our B-29 bombers.

The strategy of "no Japanese survivors" touched at the heart of the Japanese sense of sacrifice of the individual for the greater good. No foreign army in Japan's 5,000 year history had trod on Japanese soil and, if it were in their power in early 1945, none ever would. Of the 22,000 Japanese soldiers present at the beginning of the battle of Iwo Jima, the ferocious fighting left 20,000 dead, and only 216 taken prisoner. The Allied forces suffered 27,909 casualties, with 6,825 killed in action. All for one tiny Pacific island. The number of American casualties there was greater than the total Allied casualties on D-Day.

Nearly all of you would recognize the famous photograph of the American flag being raised on the island of Iwo Jima. Taken

by journalist Joe Rosenthal, it is said to be the most widely copied photo in American history. It has become a symbol of our effort to secure our nation's freedoms and the struggle to protect them. At least two of the men pictured were killed in action within

days of the photograph. They had paid the supreme sacrifice for our freedoms.

But, there is One who sacrificed even more to give us our freedoms: Jesus Christ. "And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!"

(Philippians 2:8)

Jesus voluntarily sacrificed His own life on the cruel, Roman cross for sin, but not for His own! It was for yours and mine! Scripture says in Hebrews 4:15 "...but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin." He came to set us free—to give us our freedom from the sins that bind us and "come to [our] senses and escape from the devil who takes [men] captive to do his will." (2 Timothy 2:26) Your freedom from eternal death and hell came at a huge price. Jesus Christ, God the Son, the second person of the Trinity, left his place of honor in heaven, put on the garment of humanity, lived a perfect life so that He might qualify to die in our place.

Never scorn the sacrifice of the Americans who gave their lives for your freedoms. More importantly, do not disrespect the Lord Jesus and the sacrifice He made. Repent, believe, and receive his merciful forgiveness today.

Don't allow the blood of Jesus to be wasted in your life. Receive Him into your heart by asking forgiveness of your sins. His sacrifice covers them ALL! He will set you FREE!



Come One, Come All

The circus is in town! Excitement awaits under the big top. Animals, acrobats, jugglers, clowns ... it's show time! In the center ring the juggler has many balls in the air. His moves appear so effortless, but require hours of preparation of mind, body and spirit.

Some people appear to glide easily through life, juggling many activities with ease. With practice, you can join them. Prepare for each day with prayer and the knowledge of God's will for your life. Be further strengthened each week with worship and fellowship in God's house. Come one, come all!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Genesis 48.1-22	Genesis 49.29-50.14	Genesis 50.15-26	Psalms 112	Acts 1.1-11	Acts 1.12-26	1 Corinthians 4.1-21

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•PUBLIC NOTICE• ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed BIDS will be received at the City Clerk's Office by the City Clerk, in City of Norton, 301 East Washington Street, Norton, Kansas on June 2, 2009, until 3:00 PM, Local Time, and then at said office such BIDS shall be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all equipment, labor, materials and appurtenances required to repaint interior and exterior of 250,000-gallon elevated water storage facility and other such work as may be incidental to ELEVATED WATER STORAGE FACILITY PAINT RESTORATION.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids; and to waive irregularities or informalities to accept the BID it deems most beneficial. Bids received after the specified time of closing will be returned unopened. The Owner will accept only those sealed bids, either hand delivered or received via U.S. Mail or other commercial carrier. Items transmitted by facsimile or electronically will not be accepted.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations: Miller & Associates, 1111 Central Avenue, Kearney, NE 68847 Miller & Associates, 109 East 2nd Street, McCook, Ne 69001 City of Norton, 301 East Washington Street, Norton, KS 67654-0160

Copies of the Contract documents may be obtained at the office of Miller & Associates, Consulting Engineers, P.C. located at 1111 Central Avenue, P.O. Box 306, Kearney, Nebraska 68847, Telephone 308/234-6456 upon payment of \$45.00 for each set of documents. Documents will not be available electronically. Any PLAN HOLDER, upon returning the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS within fourteen (14) days of the BID OPENING, and in good condition, will be refunded \$10.00. Each BIDDER will be required to submit with his proposal, a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond made payable, without condition, to the City Clerk, Norton, Kansas, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the proposal.

CITY OF NORTON, KANSAS

•PUBLIC NOTICE• THE BANK, NORTON, KANSAS VS. ROBERT J. BRITZ AND CYNTHIA E. BRITZ

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

THE BANK, NORTON, KANSAS, Plaintiff,)
vs.)
ROBERT J. BRITZ, CYNTHIA E. BRITZ,)
also known as CYNTHIA BRITZ, ALLAN) Case No.
D. TAYLOR, UNITED NORTHWEST FEDERAL) 2009-CV-05
CREDIT UNION, BOARD OF COUNTY)
COMMISSIONERS OF NORTON COUNTY,)
KANSAS, doing business as NORTON COUNTY)
HOSPITAL, JOHN DOE and MARY DOE, Defendants)

NOTICE OF SALE

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS AND TO ALL PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

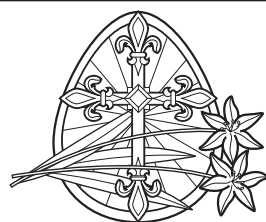
By virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me out of the District Court of Norton County, Kansas, in the above entitled action, I will on the 9th day of June, 2009, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. of said day at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, offer at public sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, the following described real estate, to-wit:

A tract of land commencing at a point 40 rods and 75 feet South of the Northeast Corner (NE/c) of Section Three (3), Township Three (3) South, Range Twenty-three (23) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Norton County, Kansas, running thence West and parallel with the North line of said Section Three (3) 185 feet, thence South about 108 feet, thence East 185 feet to the section line between Sections Two (2) and Three (3), thence North 108 feet to the place of beginning LESS a tract of land deeded to the City of Norton as recorded in Deed Record 60, page 150, and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line of Section Three (3), Township Three (3) South, Range twenty-three (23) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, 735.6 feet South of the Northeast Corner (NE/c) of said section, thence West 35.8 feet, thence South 108 feet, thence East 35.8 feet to the East line of said section, thence North along said section line to the place of beginning.

The above described real estate is being sold as the property of defendants, Robert J. Britz and Cynthia E. Britz, and is directed by said Order of Sale to be sold, subject to the defendants' rights of redemption, and will be sold without appraisalment to satisfy said Order of Sale.

Troy M. Thomson
Sheriff of Norton County, Kansas

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what the government is doing in your community and how elected officials are spending your tax dollars.

Your local newspaper fulfills an essential role in serving your right to know. After all, it shouldn't be your responsibility to know how to look ... where to look ... when to look ... and even what to look for in order to be informed about public information. It is the government's responsibility to notify you of public information, and your local newspaper is the most accessible place to find it.

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