

# Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Birthdays and anniversaries include: Jan. 17, Dorothy Lawn; Jan. 18, Marguerite Fullerton; Jan. 20, Jason Gallentine; Jan. 21, Rebecca Helm, K.G. Ward; Jan. 23, David and Retta Hare.

Hollie Streyer returned to Manhattan after spending Christmas here and in Hays with her mother through her hospital stay. Trudi

McCollum came to Hays on Jan. 5, then accompanied Hollie and Kay home on Saturday. She returned to Manhattan on Jan. 7.

Dale D. Dixon, a native of Norcatour, died Dec. 13, 2000, in Pensacola, Fla. He was the son of Charles and Vinnie Dixon and graduated in 1934 from Kansas State University. He married Willie M.

Quick on May 22, 1936. He served during World War II and became a Colonel.

Survivors include a daughter, Billie Jeanne Ely, Largo, Fla.; a son, John Charles Dixon, Apalachicola, Fla.; and their families. A memorial service was held Dec. 16 and his ashes will be placed in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

# Rexford News

By Lula Thieler

Bill and Donna Dible returned home on Jan. 6 from a three-week trip to Rochester, N.Y., to visit their son, Robert. They also did some sightseeing including Niagara Falls and the Military Aviation Museum in Dayton, Ohio.

A late Christmas was celebrated on Jan. 6 at the Red Barn by Kathi Hapke and family. Those present included Jane and Kristen Dutton, Tulsa, Okla.; Chuck, Joy and Hayden Bezona, Sheila and Nikki Delzeit, James, Faye and Lauren Foster, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Loren, Teresa, Brianna, Landon and Logan Stephens, Grinnell; Greg, Laura, Brenden and Alyssa Atchison, Lakewood, Colo.; Larry Waddington, Liza Ariel and Brady Hapke, Thornton, Colo.; Bucky Hapke, Angie Charlie and Hannah Shaw, Colby; Tommy, Katrina, Tiffeni and Lucas Hapke, Samantha Gtiggs, Morris, Okla.; Larry and Charlene Hapke, Huntley, Neb.; and Cassi Delzeit, Arvada, Colo.

## PARK RECEIVES GRANT

A local committee requested for a grant for playground improvement in the Rexford Park, and it was approved. On Jan. 13, Steve Mathis of Norton, who represents the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks in Pratt, presented the check for \$4,400 to the committee at the Community Hall. Kathi Hapke and Cindy Basgall are co-chairmen of the committee.

Others on the committee include: Bill Scott, Janette Bencken, Duane Cheney, Terry and Michelle Preston, Bob Vaughn, Jessica Vaughn, Lawrence and Zula Horinek, and John and Carrol Gould. Others from out-

of-town who attended the meeting were Ron Evans, Thomas County commissioner, and Tom Jones and Dave Ford from the sheriff's department. There were 35 present and cookies, coffee and spiced tea were served. Mr. Mathis and Mr. Cheney each gave a short talk.

Cleda Moeder hosted the Social Hour Club meeting at the Barn Wednesday afternoon with nine present. Jokes were read for roll call. After the business meeting bingo was played and prizes given. Grace Cheney received the hostess gift. Zula Horinek will be the hostess on Feb. 7.

On Jan. 15, the PRIDE committee held a Winter Workshop, with Stan McAdoo, of K-State in Manhattan, and Bev Wilhelm, of the Kansas Department of Housing and Commerce in Topeka, in attendance. There were 27 present from Kanorado, Grinnell, Atwood, Herndon, Lenora, Colby, and Rexford. This was a workshop to show PRIDE officers and CORE group members how to generate interest and enthusiasm in their communities for the city organizations. Towns shared their successes and problems with the group.

On Jan. 17, the Rexford PRIDE quarterly meeting and election of officers was held at the Community Hall with 38 attending. A beef stew meal was served. President Kathi Kapke opened the meeting and discussed the workshop held on Jan. 15, after which the election of officers for 2001 was held. President will be Duane Cheney; Jessie Vaughn, vice president; Aubrey Nichols, secretary-treasurer, and Kathi Hapke, public

relations. President Cheney set up a group meeting for Feb. 15, and the next open meeting for March 20.

The museum board met at the home of Ray and Berneda Zoberst Thursday afternoon to discuss plans for the museum. Duane Cheney came to offer some suggestions. Others present were Rex and Betty Carswell, Jean and Alfred Hawkins, and Lula Thieler.

This area received a beautiful, wet snow on Jan. 13, which was really needed. Eric Korte was one of the willing workers who shoveled off the sidewalks and opened driveways for several senior citizens.

Peggy Dible of Menlo visited her grandmother, Lula Thieler, on Thursday evening.

# Blood donations vital to millions



## Healthy Hints

By Marilyn Gamblin  
Decatur County Health Department

About 12.6 million units of blood are donated in the United States every year by approximately 8 million volunteer blood donors. These units are transfused to about 4 million patients per year.

Less than 5% of healthy Americans eligible to donate blood actually donate. According to studies, the average donor is a college-educated white male, between the ages of 30 and 50, who is married and has an above-average income. However, a broad cross-section of the population donates every day. Furthermore, these "average" statistics are changing, and women and minority groups are volunteering to donate in increasing numbers.

To be eligible to donate, a person must generally be at least 17 years of age (some states permit younger people to donate with parental consent); be in good health; and weigh at least 110 pounds. Most blood banks have no upper age limit. All donors must pass the physical and health history examinations given prior to donation.

Prospective donors are asked to read educational materials relating to the risks of infectious diseases transmitted by blood transfusions, including the signs and symptoms of AIDS. They are then asked to acknowledge in writing that they have read and

understood the materials, have been given the opportunity to ask questions, and have provided accurate information.

Next comes the detailed history, which is designed to ask questions that protect the health of both donor and recipient, and also questions about transfusion-transmissible diseases and whether donating blood might endanger their health. If they respond positively, they will be asked not to donate blood. Health history is also used to identify donors who have been exposed to, or who may have diseases such as, HIV, hepatitis or malaria.

A short physical examination includes checking blood pressure, pulse and temperature. A few drops of blood are taken to ensure that anemia is not present. Those who pass successfully proceed to the donation process, which takes about 20 minutes, then the donor is escorted to an ob-

ervation area for light refreshments and a brief rest period. Blood can be donated once every 8 weeks. Patients scheduled for surgery may be eligible to donate blood for themselves, a process known as autologous blood donation. In the weeks before non-emergency surgery, an autologous donor may be able to donate blood that will be stored until the surgical procedure. In an emergency, anyone can receive type O red blood cells. Therefore, those with type O blood are known as "universal donors" and are encouraged to donate.

You can participate this month by donating at the Decatur County blood drive to be held from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the Oberlin American Legion. For details, contact Chris Gillespie at the Decatur County Hospital, 475-2208, or the Decatur County Health Department at 475-8118.

# "That Sounds a Lot Like Me"

By Barbara Pierce, co-pastor, United Church of Oberlin

The Psalms have a lot to say to us. Many of those writings are things we need to hear to enrich our lives, and some of them sound a lot like our own experiences.

The first Psalm teaches us how important it is to honor God with our lives and to walk in God's ways. It says, "Blessed is the person who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor participates in the way of sinners..." "Instead they find joy in obeying the law of the Lord, and they study it day and night." Psalms 8 and 9 express praise and thanks to God: "O Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!" "When I look at the sky, which you have made, at the moon and the stars, which you set in their places—what is (humanity), that you think of (them); mere (people) that you care for them? Yet you made them inferior only to yourself; you crowned them with glory and honor. You ap-

pointed them ruler over everything you made; you place them over all creation. Psalm 19 includes some very fine instruction in verses 7-10. It says, "The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb."

Yet, no matter how good we are, problems, troubles and pain come our way from time to time. Some of the psalmist's pleas to God sound like that writer had struggles similar to my own. We too can find words of prayer for ourselves and consolation.



# Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries include: Jan. 25, Dawn Juenemann, Jesse Brainard and George and Lola Wessel; Jan. 26, Michele Goscha; Jan. 27, Bill and Leone Vaughn; Jan. 28, Roger Aumiller and Gary Robinson; Jan. 29, the state of Kansas is 140 years old; Helen Karls; Jan. 30, Dean Bastin and Leslie Paulson.

Those filing for city offices to be voted on at the April 3 election are: Harold Sulzman, mayor, and Helen Carman, Jim Rogers, Darrell Bruggeman, Steve Rogers and Jacque Boultinghouse, city council.

On Jan. 18 at Senior Citizens, Paulie Neff won high, Gertrude Fleckenstein, second; Carol Shaw, low, and Gertrude Fleckenstein, all aces. Other members present in-

cluded: Anna Albers, Betty James, Cecelia Otley, Laura Berls, Fansion Juenemann, Lola Cook, Irene Kruse, Gene Rogers, Donald Shaw, Eleanor Rogers, Mabel Andrews, Vesta Shea, Flery Shea, Leone Porsch and Clara Schieferecke.

The City of Selden is gathering information concerning donations that have been made to the city for improvements to the city park, tennis and basketball court and the volleyball court area. A plaque is going to be set in the park listing the honors and they do not want to exclude anyone. We need community participation in getting all the names. Call the city office at 785-386-4450, leave name and donation on the answering machine or notify any of the city officials.

# Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

**OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
785-475-3103  
The Rev. James Hoover, Canonical Pastor  
Sister Marilyn Wall, Pastoral Administrator  
MASSES: SATURDAY, 6 p.m. SUNDAY: 8 a.m.

**OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
Bobby Potter, Minister  
539 E. 2nd St., St. Francis  
SATURDAY: Saturday Worship, 9:15 a.m.; Sabbath School, 11 a.m.

**JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS**  
Glenn Krebs, pastor  
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
**DRESDEN**  
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.

**UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN**  
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA  
Rev. Barbara and/or Nolan Pierce  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Bell Choir, 6:30 p.m. Choir practice every Wed. at 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion, 1st Sun. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Wed. at 8 p.m.

**OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST**  
102 North Cass — 785-475-3067  
The Rev. Gary M. Fisher  
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.

**OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Beaver and Mill  
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. Junior Worship, grade 3 & down; 2nd Sundays: All-church dinner. WEDNESDAY: Home Bible Studies, 7:30 p.m.

**OBERLIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
The Rev. Royce Leitner  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible study, 7 p.m. King's Kids, 6:30 p.m.; Youth, 8 p.m. Women's Group, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 2 p.m.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE**  
The Rev. James Hoover 785-386-4496  
MASS: Jan. Mar. May July Sept. Nov.—SUN. 10 a.m.  
Feb. Apr. Jun. Aug. Oct. Dec.—SAT. 7:30 p.m.

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**  
The Rev. James Hoover 785-386-4496  
MASS: Feb. Apr. Jun. Aug. Oct. Dec.—SUN., 10 a.m.  
Jan. Mar. May July Sept. Nov.—SAT., 7:30 p.m.

**PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST**  
The Rev. Gary M. Fisher  
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.

**CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Dale Thiele 785-693-4378  
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

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SUNDAY: Sunday School and Morning Worship, 9 a.m.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON**  
The Rev. Damian Richards  
Phone 785-322-5560  
MASS: SUNDAY, 8:30 a.m.

**HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH**  
Keith Reuther, Pastor  
Phone 785-322-5316  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning worship, 11 a.m.; Youth meeting, 4 p.m.; Bible study 7 p.m.

**NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Dale Thiele 785-693-4378  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

**LYLE UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Dale Thiele 785-693-4378  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship 11 a.m.; Youth meeting, 4 p.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.

**LUND COVENANT CHURCH**  
Pastor: Tom Smith  
10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. SATURDAY: Men's breakfast & Bible Study, 7 a.m.

**PIONEER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
709 E. Oak, Oberlin  
Steve Smith, Pastor  
Phone 785-475-3251  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Services, 7 p.m.

**EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN**  
The Rev. Heidi Wiebe  
810 West Cedar, Oberlin  
Office Phone 785-475-2769  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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The Rev. Chad M. Eckels, Pastor  
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**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
404 North York Avenue  
Oberlin, Kansas  
Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler  
Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053  
SUNDAY: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship and Educational Hour, 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays. Congregation Council, third Sunday, 10:45 a.m. Youth Group, first and third Sundays, 10:45 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Confirmation class, 6:30 p.m.; Women's Bible Study second Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

# Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

The Rev. Wilbur and LuVerne May took their son, Jim May, home to Graham, Texas, last week.

Becky Tate has just completed her job with the surgical department at Salina Regional Health Center. Becky and children, Dakota and Mollie Marie, were staying in Tescott with relatives while she finished her last two weeks of work. They returned home Friday.

Jenny Kramer, a foreign exchange high school student from Germany, was a Sunday dinner guest of Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Greta and Rory.

Mildred and Jack Fortin and Charles entertained Friday evening with a dinner to help Charles celebrate his birthday. Guests were Martin and Evelyn May and LuVerne and

Wilbur May. John Bremer was in Topeka last Monday through Wednesday to attend the Kansas District Magistrate Judges' Legislative committee meeting and the Supreme Court reception.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica returned home Sunday after visiting Kristen for the weekend at Concordia University, Seward, Neb. They watched Kristen give her extemp and debate rounds during the Forensics Invitational Meet that was being hosted at the college. While they were gone, Patricia Gomez, their Rotary foreign exchange student, spent the weekend with Herschel and Jody Betts. On Saturday, Herschel, Jody and Patricia attended a Rotary meeting in Concordia.

## SALE OF SCHOOLS/REAL ESTATE

USD 454 - Burlingame, Kansas 66413

Notice is hereby given that USD 454 is receiving sealed bids on the following property

- Property 1: Lincoln School Building, 317 S. Dacotah St.
- Property 2: Superintendent Office Building, 220 W. Seward.
- Property 3: Schuyler School Building, 117 S. Dacotah St.
- Property 4: Playground area north of Schuyler Building.

Sealed bids will be taken until 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, 2001 at the USD 454 District Office, 220 W. Seward, Burlingame, Kansas 66413. Bids will be held by USD 454 for a period not to exceed 45 days from Feb. 15, 2001 for the purpose of reviewing the bids prior to awarding of the contract. For more detailed information contact Don Blome, Superintendent of USD 454 at 1-785-654-3328.

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