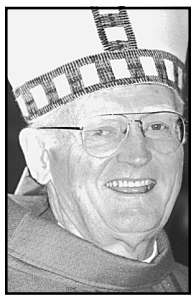


Confirmation given by Catholic bishop

Bishop George Fitzsimons of Salina officiated at the confirmation of young people of three area Catholic churches over the weekend. He was assisted by Father James Hoover and Sister Marilyn Wall.

Miller, Ryan Miller, Katie Randolph, Grant Reichert, Lori Vahling, Adam Wahlmeier, Nick Wahlmeier, Cee Ann Wessel and Amy Wessel.



Fitzsimons

Youth confirmed at Sacred Heart Church in Selden on Saturday were Heath Albers, Lindsey Carman, Michelle Goscha, Danielle Hickert, Michele Juenemann, Samantha Juenemann, Brandon Offutt, Erin Rogers, Adam Sabatka, Austin Spresser, Danielle Spresser and Dusty Spresser.

Those who were confirmed at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville on Sunday included: Andy Bird, Ben Bird, Jeremy Kruse, Brett McKenna, Chris McKenna, Sarah Meitl, Jeff Wessel, Adam Miller, Russell

ener, Kary Miller, Shane Montgomery, Rebecka Moore, Britton Scott, Trista Ploussard, Wade Ploussard, Chanelle Scott, Brent Smith, Teresa Smith, Jessica Stanley, Kari Stanley, Jessica Stritt, Paul Tally and Natasha Weishapl.

Covenant choir to perform

The Covenant Bible College Midwest Choir of Windsor, Colo., will present a program of music, drama and puppetry at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at The Gateway, sponsored by the Oberlin Covenant church.

The choir and participants include the entire student body and they will offer music from the past up to the present. Small groups and individuals will also perform, along with a cast of puppets which will be enjoyed by all

ages. Covenant Bible College is an eight-month, resident school of discipleship on three campuses: Windsor, Colo.; Strathmore, Alberta, Canada, and Quito, Ecuador. Their emphasis is to encourage and equip its students to grow in Spiritual Formation, Biblical knowledge and Christian Ministry.

The public is invited. For details contact Pastor Heidi Wiebe at 475-2769.

Teens for Christ plans benefit

A Teens for Christ soup and pie benefit supper will be served from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, at the Oberlin Covenant Church.

Proceeds from the benefit will send youth to a Christian Youth Event called "Acquire The Fire".

"This event has helped Decatur County youth tremendously in the past," said Eric Scott, director.

Interested persons are invited to join the group at the Teens for Christ building following the meal to watch the NCAA championship game.

Cowboy balladeer to perform

Larry Hannon, cowboy balladeer and songwriter, will perform at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, at the Decatur Community High School auditorium.

Mr. Hannon was reared on the Graham Ranch west of Shidler, Okla., where he started singing with the old Motorola at a very early age. In 1992, he wrote his first song, "The Walking Stick" and this inspired the release of

his album, "Visions and Legends." He co-hosts a weekly radio program entitled, "Living The Legend" on KIUL 1240 AM, Garden City, and KFLA 1310 AM, Scott City.

The free program is sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission in cooperation with the Arts in Education Program. For details contact Idella Frickey at 475-2474.

Guitarist to play on Sunday

Bret Boyer, solo guitarist, will present a program at 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Quinter High School Auditorium.

As a guitarist for the Kansas Touring Program, his concerts feature his original compositions and arrangements. His programs mix elements of folk,

jazz, gospel, and world music, and he plays a variety of guitars, both vintage and modern.

Admission is by Western Plains Arts Association season passes or \$6 for adults and \$3 for students at the door.

Multiple sclerosis meeting set

The McCook Support Group for Multiple Sclerosis will meet at 7 p.m. at 502 Missouri Ave., Circle, Community Meeting Room, in McCook on Monday.

The group meets the first Monday of each month and persons with the dis-

ease, their family, friends and caregivers, are welcome to attend this newly-formed group in McCook.

For details, contact Joanne Nemechek at (308) 345-6816 or Chuck Beebe, (308) 345-6221.

Commodity loan deadline given

Final date to request a commodity loan or loan deficiency payment on the 2000 crop of wheat, oats and barley is March 31, said Diane Barrett, director of the Decatur County Farm Service Agency.

She said that the deadline for the

2000 crop of corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers is May 31. If application are not made by these dates, the commodity becomes ineligible for loans or loan deficiency payments, she said.

Hi Plains Expo set for weekend

The annual Hi-Plains Farm and Home Expo will be held on Saturday and Sunday at the National Guard Armory on North Highway 283 in Norton.

The show features all that's new for the farm and home. Hours will be from

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The Norton County Wellness Fair will also be going on at the Armory on Saturday. There is no admission charge.

Club News

Circle plans spiritual retreat

Six members of the Dorcas Circle of United Methodist Women met on March 19 at fellowship hall. A discussion was held on the upcoming "Spiritual Retreat" scheduled at Camp Lakeside on April 20-21.

There are still tickets available for the "Women of Faith" conference to be held Aug. 24-25 in Denver. Any tickets not paid for after the first week

in April will be offered to women of other churches.

Shanna Richards presented an Easter program, "You Are The Seed."

Dorcas Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month and any women of the church are welcome to attend.

Unit makes spring tea plans

Hearth and Home Unit met on March 19 with Mary Uehlin as hostess. Roll call was answered by giving a recipe to serve one or two people.

The council report was given. The Spring Tea will be held at the Oberlin United Methodist Church on Tuesday.

District Recognition Day will be

held on May 1 at Norcatur with registration from 11-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$6.50 for lunch and it must be paid by April 20.

Barb Castor presented the lesson, "One or Two, Good and Tasty."

The next meeting will be with Irene Ayers on April 16 and Faye Miller will give the lesson.

Club makes food creations

Nine members of the Aquarius Club met at the home of Montine Alstrom for the March meeting of the Aquarius Club.

Others present were Patti Uehlin, Deb Portschy, Kathi Moore, Lolita Metcalf, Shelly Macfee, Dawn Diederich, Mirla Coleman, Judy Brainard and guest, Jessie Long.

Members enjoyed making fun food creations under the direction of

Kay Moon. They were then served with refreshments by co-hostess Mrs. Metcalf.

Members met for the February meeting at the Cathy Claussen home with Sandy Rush as co-hostess.

Others present were Sandy Rush, Deb Portschy and Judy Brainard.

The program was given by Merlou Robinson on her adventures with "Switch Family Robinson."

Three join Brownie Scouts

By NAKITA and DARIAN BOSE

We met on March 20 and welcomed three new girls in the troop: Loris Slater, Kortney Bailey, and Teran Morgan.

We walked to the City Park and played a game on the way there and back. The girls picked up trash before going to the park. We talked about rules of walking to the park. There were 22 girls at the meeting.

Lutheran women view video

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League met at the St. John's Lutheran Church parsonage with Patty Eckels on March 14. A video on children in foster care was shown. Shirley Shields was hostess.

Delegates who plan to attend the Lutheran Women's Missionary

League and Lutheran Laymen's League Rally in Norton on Sunday are Wilma May, Alvina Unger and Karen Waterman.

The next meeting will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 7, with a brunch in fellowship hall. The meeting closed with prayer.

Camp entertains guests

Royal Neighbors Camp of Oberlin entertained 23 members and guests with coffee and rolls at Janey's Frontier Restaurant on March 22.

After a short program, a drawing

was held with Audra Duncan and Norma Richards as the lucky winners. A social time followed.

The next meeting will be at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 13, at Golden Age Center.

Club meets at apartments

Calico Gals met March 21 at Wheat Ridge Terrace. After a tour of the apartments, St. Patrick's Days finger foods were enjoyed.

Guests were Hildegard Euhus, Garrah Gaumer, Eva Bryan, Loretta and Art Nelson, and Ben Glading.

The next meeting will be with Lois Carlson on April 18.

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4-H Club Day held at elementary school

Decatur County Club 4-H Day was held on Friday at Oberlin Elementary School.

Those who captured Regional blues will compete in Brewster with other 4-H'ers in the northwest Kansas area on Friday. Results follow:

Junior project talk: Jacob Helm, regional blue.

Intermediate project talk: Makenzie Nelson, red; Aaron Helm, regional blue; Jared Marcuson, regional blue.

Junior Demonstration: Sabrina Dellere, regional blue; Dakota Soderlund, regional blue.

Intermediate Demonstration: Becky Helm, regional blue.

Junior Reading: Jacob Helm, regional blue; Matthew Wittman, red; Makenzie Nelson, blue; Christian Rittman, red.

Intermediate Reading: Becky Helm, alternate regional blue; Alyssa Montgomery, blue; Mitchell Wittman, red; Rory Wendelin, regional blue.

Senior Reading: Leslie Marcuson, blue; Greta Wendelin, regional blue; Corey Fortin, alternate regional blue.

Novelty: Sappa Valley 4-H Club, alternate regional blue; Kira Meitl, blue; Aaron Helm, regional blue.

One Act Play: Stick To It 4-H Club, regional blue.

Intermediate Vocal Solo: Sunnie Fredrickson, regional blue; Lora Mar-

ietta, red. Senior Vocal Solo: Corey Fortin, regional blue.

Vocal Ensemble: Maverick 4-H Club, regional blue.

Intermediate Instrumental Solo: Lora Marietta, regional blue; Bret Marietta, red; Sarah Marcuson, red; Jessica Dellere, red; Sunnie Fredrickson, alternate regional blue; Becky Helm, red; Alyssa Montgomery, red; Aaron Helm, blue; Anne Marie Wasson, red.

Senior Instrumental Solo: Leah Marietta, regional blue.

Instrumental duet: Aaron & Becky Helm, regional blue.

Junior Piano Solo: Jessica Fredrickson, regional blue; Killian Dellere, blue; Nolan Wasson, red; Jacob Larue, blue; Kira Meitl, blue.

Intermediate Piano Solo: Marci Metcalf, blue; Mitchell Wittman, blue; Jessica Dellere, blue; Sunnie Fredrickson, blue; Kassia Bryan, blue; Anne Marie Wasson, blue; Jared Marcuson, blue; Sarah Marcuson, regional blue; Lora Marietta, blue; Annamarie Larue, red.

Senior Piano Solo: Greta Wendelin, red.

Piano Duet: Sarah Marcuson and Anne Marie Wasson, regional blue.

Model Meeting: Rock Island Rocks, regional blue; Star Valley, blue.

Couple to marry in April

Mandi Lynn Matchett and Jonathan Christopher Fick of Oberlin plan to be married on April 21 at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Marvin and Millie Matchett of Oberlin. Her grandparents are Bill and Bertha Matchett of Oberlin.

She graduated from South Mountain High School in Phoenix, Ariz., and Phoenix College and is a Paralegal. She is employed at Shelton Law Firm in

Oberlin.

Her fiance is the son of Ramona Fick of Norfolk, Va., and Donald Fick of Saginaw, Mich. His grandparents are Lloyd and Mary Sampson of Saginaw, Mich.

He graduated from Indian River High School in Chesapeake, Va., and attended Old Dominion University, where he studied electrical engineering. He is employed at Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

Scouts hold pine car derby

Cub Scouts and the men at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center enjoyed the Cub Scout Pine Car Derby last Tuesday.

The men made their cars for the event and the Wolves and Webeloes, under the direction of Mike Helm, brought their cars and race track to the center after school. The Scouts furnished the opening ceremonies.

All scouts and four men raced their

cars. Cody Savage had the winning scout car and Virgil Barber captured the winning car for the men.

Other residents racing their cars were: Frederick Helmkamp, Joe Barber, and Jack Barrett, along with Coleen Rippe. Deb Helm, Gwen Fortin, Lavern Burtis and Wade Ploussard assisted with the evening, after which cookies and beverages were served.

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