

Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

The Pre-School will hold a benefit soup supper on Sunday, Feb. 16. Jon and Maria Cozad are the parents of a son, Jack Anthony, who was born Jan. 23, 2003 in Houston, Texas. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are David and Karen Cozad of Norton and Angel and Nancy de Capriles of Caracas, Venezuela. Great-grandparents are Rex and Merle Cozad of Hutchinson, and Marvin and Doris Fae Jackson of Norton.

The Norcatur Council will have three positions open for the election in April. Rodney Leichter has served eight years and will not be running. There is one vacancy, and Mike Helm will be running again for his position.

M.J. Dempewolf raised money

through her raffle ticket sales for her McCook team's fast pitch softball uniform, and will be playing over 50 games this summer.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Tracey Hartzog, Beth Johnson - Feb. 2; Francis and Arlene Hix - Feb. 4; Karen Bailey, Brad Long - Feb. 6; John Milnes, Misti Beachel, Meagen Rhodes - Feb. 8.

R.D. Thornton went to Larned to visit with the Streits last Wednesday. Ralph and R.D. worked on restoring R.D.'s 1948 Packard.

Bill Nelson is improving, and he was to be measured last week for radiation treatments.

Rea and Dee Magers were in Kearney, Neb., on Jan. 29, where Rea had a medical appointment. Visitors at their home on Jan. 30 were Jay and Marylin Locy. Mr. and

Mrs. Magers recently received a letter from Pearl Alexander and she thought she was progressing.

Senior Citizens met on Jan. 31, for a potluck supper and cards. Winners were Kathy Van Meter, Charles Keller and Lula Hix.

The Cardinal Cafe Two has implemented several new programs. They are bringing back their daily specials every day Monday through Friday and will offer specials in three different portion sizes, as well as introducing the Monstrous option designed for the hard working men. They will also take out and deliver to the public with the assistance of volunteers in the community. They will have a sweetheart supper from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday. They also plan to add a small grocery store in the back room of the cafe.

Coffee hour will be this Friday

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

Br!!!!!! Winter is really here. The snow was nice but not enough.

Oberlin Business Alliance is working on promotions for this year. If you have any ideas let Laurie Wasson know.

The Chamber has its first meeting with the new board members at noon on Thursday at the Decatur Co-op. This will start the planning session for events during the year.

Coffee hour will be at Duckwall's on Friday. As this is Valentine's Day, maybe there will be heart-shaped cookies? Be sure to

visit LeAnna and her crew. Hats off to the Seeds of Hope Telethon workers and participants. They did a fabulous job. The aroma from the chili pots made your taste buds tingle.

St. Pat's Day in March, Secretary's Day luncheon in April, seed catalogs are arriving and we are off

to spring. Alumni will be returning home in May, and the hospitality room will be open again this year. Plan to meet all your old classmates and friends over coffee and cookies. The telephone books are here. If you need one be sure and stop in. While you're here, have a cup of coffee. The pot is always on.

Get out your walking shoes

Can you and your friends meet the challenge of walking 423 miles? Walk Kansas is an eight-week walking program beginning in Decatur, Gove, Sheridan and Trego counties March 15.

This program encourages folks to come together as a team to set goals for health and fitness. You can make a six-member team who will collectively walk 423 miles, the distance across Kansas. To accomplish this, members will need to walk about 30 minutes or 1.75 miles per day, five days a week.

This is a great opportunity to promote health and fitness. Businesses, schools and friends can become involved. Since Walk Kansas includes family, friends and co-workers, kids and adults can engage in friendly competition with teams of teachers, parents, or neighbors.

The more kids are encouraged to be active, the greater the chance they will be active as adults and continue to reduce their risk of debili-



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

tating diseases, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

This program has proven successful in weight management while promoting healthy lifestyles. It works because anyone can do it. The competition makes it fun. Studies have shown that a regular walking reduces disease, increases energy, elevates mood and promotes a healthy cardiovascular system.

Other forms of physical activity may be substituted or combined with the walking. This allows teams and individuals to personalize the program to meet their needs and

satisfy the fitness goal of 423 miles. Check with the county extension office to find alternatives and for enrollment materials.

Teams will choose a name and a captain who will turn mileage. At the end of the program, team members will be recognized.

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Lyle News

By Helen Helm

The Lyle United Methodist Women sponsored their monthly community dinner Feb. 2 at the Lyle Community Building. Those present were Cathy and Gary Anthony, Keith Anthony, Bill and Pat Schwab, Virgil and Joyce Price, Kathy Van Meter, Lee and Lora Arnold, Royce and Lola Cook, Marguerite Fullerton, Margaret Magers, Kenneth and Pansy Price, Kenneth and Henrietta Van Vleet, Ceanne and Martin Rinehart, and Helen and John Helm. Their next dinner will be at 2:30 p.m. on March 2 and everyone is welcome.

The Rineharts spent the rest of the afternoon and had supper with Helen and John Helm. Rebecca and Deb Helm stopped at the Community Building and at Grandpa and Grandma Helm's home to sell Girl Scout cookies for Rebecca's troop.

Mrs. Veda Wood accompanied Teresa Reves and Dwight Wood to Denver Saturday. They visited Mrs. Wood's sister, Twila and Leland Vernon at Arvada, Colo. They returned home Sunday. Mrs. Wood made a business trip to Oberlin Tuesday and visited her daughter, Carol Moye.

Walter and Mary Garrigues of Great Bend visited Marguerite Fullerton Saturday and had dinner with her. They are cousins of Mrs. Fullerton's late husband, Averill Fullerton.

John Helm had several stitches put in his hand after injuring it Friday in the yard at his home.

Sunday evening Margaret Magers, Kathy Van Meter, and June Jolly picked up Juanita Eckhart in Norcatur and they took part in the pitch tournament at the American Legion hall in Norton. Mrs. Van Meter and Mrs. Eckhart received fourth place.

Mrs. Fullerton Mrs. Van Meter, and Mrs. Magers visited Van Cozad at Beaver City, Neb. and took him with them to the Senior Center for cards.

Wednesday morning Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Van Meter, and Mrs. Magers joined the group playing pinochle at the Cardinal Two Cafe at Norcatur and stayed for the fried chicken dinner. On Thursday the same ladies and Mrs. Fullerton were up early to attend the pancake breakfast cooked by Chris Cakes at the American Legion building in Nor-

ton. He entertains with all sorts of tricks with his pancakes.

Mrs. Fullerton and Mrs. Magers kept a doctor's appointment in Oberlin after the breakfast in Norton and were dinner guests of Gene and Laurene Van Otterloo. Larry Van Otterloo joined them for dinner.

Mrs. Pat Schwab was most appreciative of the help her daughter, Debby Beard, gave her with some household chores on Friday.

Mrs. June Jolly and Mrs. Karen Brown, of Lebanon, Neb., played cards Monday evening at the Eagles Lodge in McCook.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Nione Rhodin of Loveland, Colo., was honored with a surprise 60th birthday party on Saturday, Feb. 1. Relatives attending from here were Edla Olson, Steve and Arian Arnold, and Elden and Detta Anderson. Among others present were Mike Rhodin, Loveland; Lee and Terri Munsell and Amanda, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Galen and Lynne Olson, McKinney, Texas; Gert Myers, Mansfield, Ohio, and Bill and Marilee (Nelson) Beggs, Lafayette, Colo.

The Elden Andersons and his sister, Gert Myers, also visited Helen Jaderborg and family of Longmont, Colo.

Congratulations to Greg and Gwen Jones of Atwood on the arrival of a son, Obadiah Gideon Bell Jones, who was born on Friday, Feb. 7, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces. He has three brothers, Josiah, Elijah, and Noah, and three sisters, Mariah, Susannah, and Aliah. Grandparents are David and Nola Jones, Rowland Heights, Calif.; Roger and Melinda Carlson, and Dennis and Adda Bell,

Atwood. His maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tucker, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bell, Atwood.

Saturday visitors at the home of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky were Brian Gutchewsky and Krista Simonson, Lawrence; and Amy Bell and Dannette Seller, Bogue.

Herndon Covenant Youth Group will host a Valentine supper with a '50's and '60's program theme beginning at 6 p.m. on Sunday at the church.

Word has been received that Pastor Noel Cisneros, a former pastor of the Herndon Covenant Church, has been activated in military service and is presently serving at Corpus Christi, Texas. The address for his wife, Debbie, and son, Matt, is P.O. Box 72, San Juan, Texas 78589.

The Mark Olson family took his parents, Keith and Mary Lou Olson, out for dinner on Sunday to honor Mary Lou Olson on her recent birthday, then all visited Hattie Olson, who was hospitalized in Oberlin.

Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

The American Legion is hosting a pinochle tournament at 7 p.m. on Saturday. They give prizes for first, second and third to the highest total for the couple. Snacks will be served and everyone is welcome.

Steve and Terry Salter, and Daryl and Rita Carswell were weekend guests of Rex and Betty Carswell. All attended the basketball game at Wheatland Friday night. Robert and Peggy Dible treated them to cake and coffee after the game.

Peggy Dible, Rita Carswell and Betty Carswell attended the wedding shower for Emily Williams in Oberlin on Saturday.

Steve and Terry Salter went to Garden City Saturday to visit relatives.

Mrs. Thieler, Deb Stepper, Grace Cheney and Vesta Roth. Zula Horinek won the hostess prize. Hulda Wark and Mrs. Horinek received birthday gifts from their secret pals. They enjoyed rubber bing.

Peg Greenwood, who is vacationing in Florida, sent Zula Horinek a Betty Boop card. She knows I'm a Betty Boop freak and she really appreciated it.

There were 13 playing pinochle at the Barn for the "Come On Down" Day on Thursday.

Patty Ann Casey from Wichita visited last weekend with Lawrence and Zula Horinek.

'Love must be sincere'

By Rev. Doug Hasty, Oberlin United Methodist Church

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:9-10 (NIV)

There are several legends surrounding Valentine's Day, and what I am going to share with you is just my impression of several traditions that have been handed down. It seems that Valentine was a Roman priest who lived during the persecution of Claudius the Goth around A.D. 269. The legend has it that Claudius, the emperor, had passed an edict that forbade the priesthood for a time from performing any marriages while he built up his army and prepared for war.

Valentine was a priest that got caught secretly performing marriages. He was put in jail and sentenced to be executed. While he was in jail he befriended the jailer's daughter. It is said that he taught her how to read and write. Moreover, she had some kind of illness, and he spent many hours in prayer. On the day of his execution, Feb. 14, 269 A.D., she was miraculously healed by his prayers, and she found a note signed "Your Valentine".

It wasn't until 496 A.D. that Pope Gelasius changed a Roman love festival, on Feb. 15, to Saint Valentine's Day, on the 14th. There were several aspects of the pagan love feast of Lupercalia that the Pope didn't want Christian people to partici-

pate in. Part of the Roman festival of Lupercalia was placing girl's names in a box and letting the boys draw them out. These couples were supposedly paired off for the whole year. A similar practice was begun in the 14th century. A sweetheart was chosen by a drawing, but only for a day. Messages sent between these randomly chosen pairs were a forerunner of the modern Valentine's Day card.

The legend gives us a sense that true love is more than just words, for it involves commitment, hard work, sacrifice, patience and giving of one's self. True love may not always be couched in romantic words, but the actions that stem from the heart will speak loud enough.

I see some comparisons in the actions and gift of compassion exhibited by Valentine to another who was executed. Jesus Christ of Nazareth gave us the greatest example of love. The scriptures tell us that he lived a perfect life, that he was without sin (1 Peter 2:22). Yet he willingly laid down his life that he might die in your place so that you could have life. Jesus gave us the gift of his life so that you and I could have eternal life; that is true love.

I want to suggest if you give a Valentine's Day card to a friend or someone very special in your life, remember the love you want to share with them, and that you have received a great love from Jesus Christ the Son of God.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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| <p>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly,
The Rev. Mr. Stan Chapin,
MASS: 10 a.m. Sunday</p> | <p>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. 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.</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p>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.;
Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday
School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible
Study, 7:30 p.m.</p> |
| <p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE
The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly
MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday.</p> | <p>OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)
Pastor: Bobby Cornelius
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m. Evening
Service, 7 p.m.. WEDNESDAY: Service,
7 p.m.</p> | <p>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: Ladies
Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Home Bible
Studies, 7:30 p.m.</p> | <p>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 break-
fast & Bible Study, 7 a.m.</p> |
| <p>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly
MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday</p> | <p>OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Arlin Cochran, Minister
539 E. 2nd St., St. Francis
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15
a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.</p> | <p>OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST
102 North Cass — 785-475-3067
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.;
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery
provided.) WEDNESDAY: Choir prac-
tice, 7:30 p.m.</p> | <p>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Rev. Chad M. Eckels, Pastor
785-475-2333
Share the Faith — as for me and my
household we will serve the Lord!
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible
class, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.;
Adult Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. WEDNES-
DAY: Quilters 9 a.m.; Midweek School,
4-7 p.m. THURSDAY: Information Class,
7 p.m.</p> |
| <p>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS
Glenn Krebs, pastor
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
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SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.</p> | <p>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Charles Keller
785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.;
Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p> | <p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
The Rev. Damian Richards
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m</p> | <p>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.; Fellow-
ship 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 Sun-
days, 10:45 a.m.. WEDNESDAY: Confir-
mation class, 6:30 p.m.; Women's Bible
Study second Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.</p> |
| <p>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.;
Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.</p> | <p>PIONEER BAPTIST CHURCH
Meeting Temporarily at
119 S. Cass Ave., Oberlin
Pastor Steve Smith
Phone 785-475-3844
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.;
Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Evening
Service, 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible
Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Visit
us on the web at www.pioneerbaptist.org</p> | <p>HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
Keith Reuther, Pastor
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.;
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7
p.m.</p> | <p>NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Charles Keller
785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.;
Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p> |
| <p>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
The Rev. Nolan and Barbara Pierce
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 10 a.m.</p> | <p>LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Charles Keller
785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.</p> | | |

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