

Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

Norcatur Commercial Club will be having a benefit pancake supper to raise money for their scholarship fund from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday at the Norcatur City Building.

Cathy Claussen and Beth Johnson were in Great Bend from Jan. 31-Feb. 1 to attend baptismal services for Zoie Elizabeth Johnson. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson, Brittany and Kaitlin and returned home Feb. 2.

Little "Mack" Keller, new grandson of Inez and Charles Keller, was born Dec. 29, 2003, weighing 9 pounds, 1 ounce. Charles and Inez now reside in Terrell, Texas. He is the former pastor of the United Methodist Church in Norcatur, Lyle and Clayton.

Birthdays: Tom Jakowski - Feb. 14; Judy Jackson, Leona Schoenrad - Feb. 16; Russell James - Feb. 17.

Lance Roe, sophomore at Norton Community High School, earned a gold medal in the 135-pound class at finals in the Mid-Continent League wrestling tournament on

Jan. 31 at Stockton. This win extended his season record to 22-5 and he is ranked fourth in the state.

Gerald and Judy Jackson spent Feb. 6, visiting Merv and Veleta Goll home in Beaver City; then went to Republican City to check on Marvis and Jim Darling. Jim recently had by-pass surgery. Later the Jacksons had dinner in Alma, Neb., at the home of Barb and Butch Marvin. Their son, Scott and Ronda Marvin, and daughter Brook, and granddaughter Samantha were also there.

Hosting bridge club on Monday afternoon, Feb. 2, in Oberlin was Alice Shirley. Included were seven members and one guest, Phyllis Berry. Winners were Alice Shirley, Ila Ray and Marty Munson, all of Oberlin.

Gerald and Judy Jackson were Super Bowl guests of Harlan and Jackie Palmer of Ludell. They went to Colby earlier to visit with Gerald's sister, Pauline and Don Shoemaker, the Palmers' son, Ritchie from Idaho, and his sons. Gerald's brothers, Delbert and Dal-

las, were there and also went to the Super Bowl party. Dallas took his steel guitar, Delbert brought his keyboard, and with Harlan and his son-in-law playing guitar, they all enjoyed some great music.

Congratulations to Andrea and Anthony Marshall for taking firsts at the Hill City speech tournament on Jan. 31. Andrea took first in poetry and informative categories, and Anthony took first in humorous solo.

Delmar Ray Clark, 88, brother-in-law of Marguerite Clark of Norcatur and a 1935 Norcatur Rural High School graduate, died on Jan. 30, 2004, in Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw, Ind. He was born May 12, 1915, in Sterling, Colo. On May 17, 1942, he married Margaret L. Brown. He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Betty Lynch, Claypool, Ind.; a brother, Harold Clark, Greensburg; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sons, Alan and R. Ray Clark; a grandson; four brothers, and two sisters.

Is food safe when power fails?

If you live in an area where loss of electricity from seasonal storms is a problem, plan ahead and be prepared for the worst.

Keep your freezer as full as possible by putting water in plastic containers and using them to fill any spaces not occupied by frozen food. Keep a clean cooler on hand. Buy freeze-pak inserts and keep them frozen for use in the cooler. Know in advance where you can buy ice.

If your power goes out, keep the freezer closed as much as possible to keep the cold air inside. You will be relieved to know that a full, free-standing freezer will stay at freezing temperature about two days, but a half-full freezer will stay cold only about a day. If your freezer is not full, quickly group packages together to insulate the food and maintain the coldest possible temperature.

If food has started to thaw, what can safely be kept? Evaluate each item separately. Be careful with meat, poultry, fish and shellfish products, foods containing eggs, milk, cream, sour cream, soft cheese and all cooked foods. When in doubt, throw it out! The risk of food poisoning is never worth the cost of food.

Frozen foods that have reached temperatures of 40 degrees and above for more than two hours are not safe to eat. Discard these items.

You may safely re-freeze foods if they still contain ice crystals, have not exceeded 40 degrees for two hours or more, or have been held at refrigerated temperature (40 degrees) no more than two days.

Never taste food with questionable odor or color. Always dispose of these foods by sealing them in a plastic garbage bag or burying the



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

food.

And remember, if the food is not safe for you, it is not safe for your pet.

Tranda Watts is multi-county extension specialist in food, nutrition,

health and safety for Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan, and Trego counties. Call her at 785-443-3663 or e-mail twatts@oznet.ksu.edu. For more information, contact the county extension office, 475-8121.



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Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Mardi Gras will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday at the Selden Parish Hall. The Catholic Youth Organization will be serving chili, vegetable and chicken noodle soup, along with desserts, relishes and drinks. Games will begin at 5 p.m. and run to 6:30 p.m. The Knights of Columbus will have Bingo starting at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, nine young adults were confirmed into the Catholic Church at the 8 a.m. Mass. They include: Darcie Spresser, Nikk Spresser, Brett Spresser, Mark Juenemann, Megan Juenemann, Alan Bruggeman, Ryan Brantley, Ashley Albers and Chris Springer. Brunch followed at the Parish Hall for the participants and their family and friends.

Helen Karls was a guest at the home of Joy Davis in Colby on Feb. 11 for bridge club.

The annual water report is making the rounds, to let everyone know the water they have been drinking is OK and what is in it.

The monthly pinochle tournament will be in Rexford at the American Legion Hall on Saturday. The cost is \$10 per person. Tammy Shaw and Jacque Boultinghouse will be on time. Gotta whip-up on the boys (Rick Shaw and Mark Basgall), that is, if they dare show up. Or maybe we will just bait them a bit and let them win.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Feb. 20 - Delores Mumm, Heather Hunziker, Isabella Sauvage; Feb. 22 - Shane Waggoner, Thersia Wessel Weber, Ian Koerperich; Feb. 23 - Steve Shuler; Feb. 24 - Ryan Brantley.

School Calendar: Thursday - 1 p.m., band clinic at Weskan; Friday - No school, High School basketball at Sharon Springs; Feb. 23-28 - Regional basketball week; Feb. 25 - 7th and 8th grade Colby Community College Career Day.

On Feb. 12 at Senior Citizens, Anna Albers won high, Alfred Albers took second, Edna Schiltz got low and Betty James had the

most jacks. Other members present were Don Shaw, Cecelia Ottley, Dorothy Lovin, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Carol Shaw, Leone Porsch, Vesta Shea, Don Smith and Shirley Emigh.

The Tripoli Club met Feb. 11 at the home of Leone Porsch. Members present included: Edna Schiltz, Bernita Aumiller, Helen Carman, Rhonda Sabatka and Gail Mumm.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Ralph and Norma Unger met her brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Pat Mooty, Dallas, Texas, in Nashville, Tenn., for a week of vacationing and sightseeing. Among attractions they visited were the Grand Old Opry, the Saturn Plant, the Hermitage, Tennessee State Capitol, and the Parthenon. The Ungers returned home Feb. 7.

Ken and Jan Badsky attended the Colby Novice Wrestling Tournament on Saturday where Regan represented Decatur Community High School in the freshman division.

Dakota Tate placed second in the "6 and under" category in the Little Kids Wrestling Tournament Saturday in Norton. His grandmother,

Linda Ryan, and his great-grandmother, Lois Kepple, traveled from Tesco to watch him wrestle. They also visited at the Jay Tate home Saturday afternoon before returning home that evening.

Anna Shaw was a guest of Garrah Gaumer at the Valentine's Day Tea held Saturday afternoon at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.

The Richard Shaw and Joel Shaw families were guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw at the LandMark Inn for the Valentine's brunch Sunday after church services.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory were Sunday evening dinner guests of Craig and Karen Larson.

"I once went to a circus and witnessed a most impressive scene. (An archery) sharpshooter placed a burning candle on his wife's head. He then stepped out of the center of the arena and, from quite a distance, shot the candle off her head.

After the show was over, I approached her and asked if she was ever afraid the arrow would strike her. She replied, 'Why should I be? He was aiming at the candle, not at me.'"

Pastor Wurmbbrand lived through years of suffering and was near death many times. But he was encouraged by this simple lesson and even flourished spiritually, because he knew his place with Christ was secure, no matter what happened to his body."

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me." Matthew 5:11

Grace and Peace be unto you.

'Extreme Devotion'

By Rev. Doug Hasty, Oberlin United Methodist Church

I would like to share with you a story I hope will help you learn more about the persecuted church and also increase your faith. It is from the Voice of the Martyrs: Extreme devotion, and was related by Richard Wurmbbrand, a Romanian pastor who suffered in prison for over 14 years. It was told to him by a fellow prisoner, and he said it helped him through his most difficult times of torture. Here is what the brother told him:

When Pastor Wurmbbrand heard this story he thought, "Why should I be afraid of the torturers? They don't aim at me. They may beat my body but my real being is Christ within. I am seated with him in heavenly places, and therefore they cannot touch my real person. From this incredible viewpoint I can look down and see the futility of their efforts."



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

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PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST

The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.

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The Rev. Nolan and Barbara Pierce
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 10 a.m.

HIGH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
122 S. Penn Ave., Oberlin

Pastor Steve Smith
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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.

OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)

Pastor: Bobby Cornelius
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., AWANA Club 4-7 p.m.; Evening Service, 7 p.m.; WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.

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 practice, 7:30 p.m.

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Aimena
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OBERLIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD
The Rev. Royce Leitner

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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.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON

The Rev. Damian Richards
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.

HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
Keith Reuther, Pastor

Phone 785-322-5316
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NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST

Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
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SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

LYLE UNITED METHODIST

Pastor: Charles Keller
785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.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.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7:30 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.

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510 North Wilson

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Secretary: Norma Unger
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SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; Tuesday: Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

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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.

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