

The Norcatour Christian Women held an organizational meeting on Sunday at the Educational Building.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Gerry New - Jan. 26; Gerry and Devona New, Dennis and Judy Shirley - Jan. 29; Larry Dick - Jan. 31.

Kenneth and Pansy Price spent Christmas with their daughter, Marlene Wolf and family, in Kensington.

On Jan. 11, Marlene and Ron Wolf took Kenneth and Pansy Price to Hays for Kenneth's doctor appointment. While in Hays, they had lunch with grandson, Mathew Wolf.

Kenneth and Pansy Price enjoyed the Christmas cheer basket of goodies from the Prairie Dog 4-H Club, which was delivered to them at Whispering Pines by the Greg Vanover family, who stayed for a visit.

Dorothy Ward, Marguerite Clark and Wava Reames decided to relieve cabin fever by jaunting to McCook on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

As they headed toward Oberlin and snow started drifting across the highway, they changed plans - just go to Oberlin, eat lunch, and visit Frank and Velda Ward, and Lora Linn Leichter. As they got near Oberlin, plans changed again: just get groceries, eat, and come back home.

In Oberlin, plans changed yet again. They quickly got just what they needed at the store, "scarfed down" the special at the Frontier, then scurried as quickly as conditions allowed back to their safe, warm little "cabins." It's amazing how fast roads can deteriorate with blowing and drifting snow. It was 10 times worse coming home, and they stayed in Oberlin barely an hour. It wasn't even snowing. The blowing snow had fallen the day before.

Jacob Helm, son of Mike and Deb Helm of Norcatour, won the local Geography Bee competition on Jan. 5. The entire seventh and eighth grade took 105-question written tests, which narrowed it down to 10 finalists. Jacob will take a written

test of 70 questions, which will be sent to the National Geographic Society. He may be one of approximately 100 students from across the state who will qualify for the state competition.

Guests of Dave and Patty Stapp and Sam the weekend of Jan. 20-21 were Jerrod and Kortney Poire, Emporia; Travis Crooks, Manhattan; and Dylan Poire and Dan Poire of Colony.

The men spent the weekend pheasant hunting and Kortney and Patty went to Kearney to watch Kaitlyn participate in the college indoor track meet at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Kaitlyn accompanied them home Saturday, and all the guests returned to their respective homes Sunday.

From the *Norcatour News* volunteers: Do you mean the people of this area didn't do anything more this past week? Report your activities to the news sheet people, so your friends will know what you have been up to! Out of town readers can also report by email or send a note by regular mail.

Tips to zap odor after outage



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
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A power outage or a refrigerator or freezer failure can spoil foods and create unpleasant odors. If such odors resist all efforts at removal, the appliance may have to be discarded.

Check the owner's manual provided by the manufacturer for cleaning tips. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's "Consumer Guide to Food Safety" also suggests:

- Dispose of any spoiled or questionable food including foods that may be contaminated, for example, by drippings from thawing meat or poultry.
- Remove shelves, crispers and ice trays. Wash them thoroughly with hot water and detergent. Rinse with a sanitizing solution (1 tablespoon unscented, liquid chlorine bleach per gallon of water).
- Wash the interior of the refrigerator, including the door, accessories and gasket, with a solution of one quart warm water and two tablespoons of baking soda. Rinse with sanitizing solution (above). Leave the door open for about 15 minutes to allow free air circulation.
- If odor remains, wipe the inside

of the unit with equal parts vinegar (which provides acid that destroys mildew) and water. Consider allowing the appliance to air out for several days.

Other ideas include stuffing the refrigerator and freezer with crumpled newspapers, closing the door and allowing several days for the newspaper to absorb odors. After removing the paper, clean the appliance with vinegar and water.

Sprinkling fresh coffee grounds or baking soda in a large, shallow pan and placing it on the bottom shelf of the unit can be helpful in ridding appliances of odors - as can soaking a cotton swab with vanilla extract, placing it inside the freezer and closing the door. Leave either in place for 24 hours.

Another odor removal method is to place activated charcoal (not charcoal briquettes for grilling) or activated carbon in a shallow bowl and leave it for several days with the refrigerator running.

If such odor removal methods are not successful, the reason may be that food juices and odors have seeped into the insulation. Replacing insulation will require a professional.

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Good Samaritan News

Article taken from *The Oberlin Herald*, Thursday, April 19, 1956: *Start Nursing Home: Offices of architect and construction company are set up and work started.*

Work preliminary to the actual construction of the new Decatur County Nursing Home has been started, and a full crew of workmen is expected on the job this week.

Calvin H. Bowden & Associates, architects, Salina, and the general contractor, John G. Busboom of Salina, have set up their office buildings on the site.

Some of the old foundation walls of the former school building will be utilized in the new building, which explains why these walls were left intact when the former high school building was razed.

Morrish Inc. are the contractors for plumbing and heating, and Ridgway Electric Service was awarded the contract for electrical installations. Total contracts amount to \$180,335.

The new home is to be completed early next year.

Can you imagine the thrill of the ladies of the ABC Extension Unit when they read this article? Three years prior to this it was only a thought, a vision, a prayer, and now they could see physical evidence of an answer to their prayers.

This week we have had some early memories shared by Irel Lohofener, Barb Beisner and Mary (Zander) Frank, wonderful stories that brought laughter, warm feelings and lots of "oh mys."

Please drop us a note about a particular memory you might have, or if you would rather we can set up an interview that can be recorded and shown on March 15. Good Sam has surely changed throughout these last 50 years, and is in the process of continually changing to bring better quality of life to those God entrusts to our care.

We are excited to open our Alzheimer's Activity Day Room in March. This room still has not been named. We are having a contest; if you would like to submit a name, send it to Good Sam, to the attention of Lisa Stacy. The voting will take place on Feb. 6 at 1:45 p.m.

Activity highlights this week in-

cluded a word search on Monday, which engaged 14 residents. We played two rounds; the first, we found 130 words, and the second round, 115 words. This is a favorite afternoon activity.

On Tuesday, during Living History, we viewed a DVD of Faye Miller being interviewed about living in a sod house until she was 18 years old.

Bingo is always the highlight of the day's activity each Wednesday. Marilyn Horn and Colleen Geihlsler are so faithful to call the numbers for us.

Thursday was a busy day. We celebrated two birthdays during Social Hour, Pooch Portschy and Mae Guy. Later that evening we hosted a Winter Wonderland family potluck. Twenty-six family members came to enjoy a good meal and the entertainment of Terry Rose singing some country tunes.

Residents who enjoyed company last week were: **Irel Lohofener** - Libby Fossum of WaKeeney, Merlou Robinson; **Roberta Urban** - Sylvia Wachendorfer of Selden, Gladys Geis; **Dorothy Hunt** - Ron Snyder of Colby, Reva Marshall; **Opal Bryan** - Estella Waldo, Gladys Geis, Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, the Brian Simonsson family; **Kathryn Post** - Gladys Geis, and her grandson Steven of Cheyenne, Wyo.; **Eva Bryan** - Detta and Elden Anderson; Mae Guy - Detta and Elden Anderson, Camille Higer of Ellis; **Ruby Wenhian** - Detta and Elden Anderson, Kathy Brainard, Norma Richards, Deanna Hanschild, Opal Rolland of WaKeeney; **Bonnie Weskamp** - Sue Black, Jennifer Fortkamp of Palisade, Neb.; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein.

"He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great." (Luke 6: 48, 49)

'Start each day seeking God's Plan'

By the Rev. Ray Gilstrap of Clayton and Norcatour United Methodist churches

Grace and peace to you in the name of Christ. My prayer for you today is that you will start each day seeking God's Plan, recognizing that the real conflict in the world is between good and evil, striving to understand the nature and cost of true peace, and seeking to live a life of witness for Jesus Christ.

Last week I quoted Dr. Samuel Shoemaker, who was instrumental in founding Alcoholics Anonymous and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes among other good works. Dr. Shoemaker states that in Paul's conversion experience, Paul asked two profound questions: "Who are you Lord?" And, "What shall I do Lord?"

I think Paul was pretty sure who it was he was talking to, but like most of us, he had to ask the question.

We often claim to seek God's will for our life. But how can you know the will of God if you're not even sure you're communicating with him?

Psalm 46 tells us: "Be still and know that I am God."

Dr. Shoemaker says, "God is saying, 'Get quiet for awhile. You've been feverishly pursuing your own will for a long time. Before I can tell you what to do, you must let me come into your life for good and all.'"

Part of our frustration is worrying about the conflicts in the world. The real conflicts aren't between nations or races, rich and poor, employer and employee. The real conflict has always been the war between good and evil.

"Because God wanted to make a world which had moral significance," Dr. Shoemaker said, "it had to be a world with moral choice; which choice could not exist without freedom to choose between good and evil. But God didn't leave us helpless. He puts his moral law into our hearts, so that something in us distinguishes between good and evil. And he shows his condemnation of evil by its consequences."

We often complain toward a God who allows

evil, and pain and suffering of various kinds. Just remember, history has proven what Paul wrote: "All things work together for good to those who love the Lord." (Romans 8:28)

And we have to put Christ first if we're to understand the nature and cost of true peace.

Most people in the free world today think peace is our natural right, and war or conflict is an intrusion into our comfort and prosperity which shouldn't occur. But God's word helps us understand that peace is the byproduct of righteousness.

Isaiah 32 says, "The work of righteousness shall be peace." Isaiah 48 says, "There is no peace for the wicked."

But where are we to find that righteousness? As God defines it, righteousness is a byproduct of Christian faith. Only that faith provides us with inspiration that drives us on when righteousness is costly and calls for sacrifice in our lives.

Nearly 40 years ago Dr. Shoemaker asked an audience, "If you believe in Jesus Christ, what are you doing about it now?" He believed the most pressing question Christians face is, "How can we make our faith alive and relevant to others?" Perhaps the best way to do that is by example.

In order to find God's will for your life, understand the real conflicts in our world today and live a life of witness for Jesus Christ, we need a basic understanding of Christian values. Through our study of God's Word, through prayer and meditation, and by every exposure to other Christians, we become more convicted of and committed to live by the values Christ teaches and develop a genuine desire to pass that faith on to others.

The most effective witness is the simple telling of your own experience of faith, praying with that goal in mind. You have to witness, out of your own life and those of others you know, how Christ has blessed you personally and proved the rewards of your faith.

As the hymn says, "Tell others the story, be faithful and true, let others see Jesus in you."



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Fr. Henry Saw Lone,
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday

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Fr. Henry Saw Lone
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
Fr. Henry Saw Lone
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Jim Martin
120 South East, Oberlin
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.

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

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

HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor: Dennis Brown
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN
Pastor: Judy Stricker
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA
SUNDAY: Adult Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee: 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Choir practice every Wed. at 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion, 1st Sun. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Wed. at 8 p.m.

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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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Pastor: Ray Gilstrap
Almena
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p.m.; Youth, 8 p.m. Women's Group, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 2 p.m.
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South Beaver Street - Oberlin
Bill Duncan - Phone 785-475-3259
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The Rev. Damian Richards
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.

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NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ray Gilstrap
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

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SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study and prayer, 7:30 p.m.

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510 North Wilson
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Secretary: Norma Unger
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