

Dorothy L. (Frewen) Clarson, a graduate of Norcatour Rural High School with the Class of 1938, wrote that she has moved to Nampa, Idaho. Her address is 1100 Burnett Dr., Unit 607, Nampa, Idaho 83615.

Winners of the January pool tournament were: first, Gerald Jackson; second, Dean Forbes; third, Gene Gallentine; and fourth, Dave Stapp.

Norcatour Senior Citizens will meet at 1:30 p.m., Friday at the Educational Building.

Prairie Land food orders will be distributed at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Educational Building.

Visitors of Marguerite Clark were Fox (Loyal) Temple and Robert Clark. They arrived Wednesday evening and headed home Friday evening and Saturday morning. They were here to visit their Aunt Marguerite and for the graveside service of their uncle, Harold Clark, on Jan. 30.

Wednesday evening they took Mrs. Clark to the Cardinal Bar and Grill where several of their friends and classmates were gathered for the pool and dart tournament.

Saturday was the Seeds of Hope Telethon in Oberlin. Mayor Mike Helm was interviewed for the needs of the city. Linda Hunt provided cookies and Wava Reames answered phones for an hour.

Saturday afternoon Oran and LaVerne Milner were guests of Marguerite Clark. They played a card game which Robert Clark had taught them while he was here, but they couldn't remember all the rules, so they made up what they couldn't remember. Wava Reames got home about 5:30 p.m. from the telethon so everyone had supper together. After supper, they played a game called, "Oh Well".

LaVerne missed a step off the porch at Mrs. Clark's and took a header onto the driveway. Her only injury was a sprained right wrist and a black eye.

Frank Ward is in the Decatur County Hospital with pneumonia.

Birthdays are: Patty Stapp and Karen Bailey, Feb. 6; Brad Long, Feb. 7; Eric Milnes and Meagan Rhoads, Feb. 8; Cathy Anthony, Feb. (?). Wedding anniversaries are Von and Joy Johnson, Feb. 6; and Don and Joy Hill, Feb. 8.

Ladies of the Norcatour church and community served lunch to the family of Harold Clark after his graveside service on Feb. 1.

Sunday lunch guests of Dave and Patty Stapp and Sam were Marian Thornton, Oberlin, and Dave and Linda Schliep, Spencer and Addison, McCook.

Former Norcatour resident John Milnes, 75, died Feb. 4 at his home in Oberlin. There was a memorial service held Saturday afternoon at the Oberlin American Legion. Cards and memorials may be sent to his widow, Laurie Milnes, 702 East Commercial St., Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

Mark and Debby Ward were weekend guests of his mother, Dorothy Ward. They called on his sister, Lora Linn Leichliter, at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

Edyth Mavity celebrated her 95th birthday on Feb. 5. Belated greetings will reach her at P.O. Box 398, Cunningham, Kan., 67035.

Due to President's Day on Monday, Feb. 18, the Norcatour City Council met Monday, Feb. 11. The city building will be closed Feb. 18.

# Check your risk for radon



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
Multi-county Extension Agent

Many new ads have been on television in recent months talking about radon in Kansas and how to find out more about it.

Have you been wondering where radon comes from, and where one can buy a test kit to determine if your home or business is at risk? Here is some information you might need:

Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless radioactive gas produced from the natural radioactive decay of radium and uranium found in the soil beneath a house.

The amount of radon in the soil depends on soil chemistry, which varies from one house to the next.

Radon levels in the soil range from a few hundred to several thousand pCi/L (picocurie per liter of air - equal to the decay of two radioactive atoms per minute).

The amount of radon that escapes from the soil to enter the house depends on the foundation openings, soil porosity, soil moisture, and air pressure differences which create suction by the house on the soil.

Any age home or business can have dangerous levels of radon inside the building. The only way to find out the level of radon in the building is to test the radon level.

Consumers can purchase radon test kits for their homes from a number of outlets. The Kansas Radon Program distributes short-term radon test kits through the Kansas State University Research and Extension service. Consumers can contact their county extension office and inquire about availability

and costs, which are under \$10, inclusive of all costs. Home improvement stores may also stock or order test kits for consumers.

Additionally, radon test kits can be purchased directly from the manufacturers and laboratories over the Internet.

More information is available on K-State's Kansas Radon Program

website: <http://radon.oznet.ksu.edu/>.

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For more information, contact the county extension office, 475-8121.

# Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Our sympathies to Ralph and Norma Unger, Duane and Lois Unger, and Robert and Shirley (Unger) Gaede and their families on the loss of their mother, Alvina M. Unger, whose funeral service was held Saturday morning at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin. Alvina's nephew, the Rev. Allen Hellwege, was one of the officiants during the service.

Those from out-of-town who attended the funeral of Alvina M. Unger were Shirley and Robert Gaede, San Antonio, Texas; Duane and Lois Unger, Colby; Steve and Cheryl Handy, Austin, Texas; Dr. Rhonda Gaede and Dr. Glen Long, Huntsville, Ala.; Scott A. Unger, Las Vegas, Nev.; Dr. Rachelle and Robert Gorrell, Jr., Connor and Logan, Bland, Mo.; Dr. Ryan and Darci Unger and Drew, Brock and Ty Zweygardt, St. Francis; Mike A. Unger, Huntington Beach, Calif.; Hertha Kelly and Judy Raile, St. Francis; the Rev. Allen D. and Marilyn Hellwege, Ojai, Calif.; Gary and Jeretta Hardison, Marshall, Mo.; Kathy and Robin Wiley, Idalia, Colo.; Lori Maier, Russell; Sue Olson and Neil, Goodland; Carl and Arleida Gaede, Phyllis Karnes, Myrna Raile, and Karen Lewis, Hoxie; Louis Overmiller and Paul and Joyce Jones, Smith Center; Larry and Virginia Cates, Belleville; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Chris and Karen Bailey and Sharee Dempewolf, Norcatour; Jerry Mangus, Ed Ficken, Cal and

Joyce Mahin, Colby; and Bruce Wendelin, Herndon.

While here for the funeral of Alvina Unger, the Rev. Allen and Marilyn Hellwege, Ojai, Calif., and Dr. Rachelle and Robert Gorrell, Connor and Logan, Bland, Mo., were houseguests of Ralph and Norma Unger. Steve and Cheryl Handy, Austin, Texas, were houseguests of Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Reilly.

Cameron Nedland caucused for Senator Obama in the Democratic Caucus held Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the Kansas State University Student Union in Manhattan.

The Decatur Community High School team, Rebecca Helm, Jessica Bremer, Gage Reichert, Andrew Dempewolf, Chris Larson, and Nathan Simonsson, accompanied by their coach, Marlene Moxter, traveled to Brookville on Saturday where they took eleventh place in the State Scholar Bowl 2-A competition.

Hunter Nedland received 2, 3, and 5 ratings in Extemporaneous speaking at the Norton high school speech meet on Saturday.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica left Thursday evening for Topeka and returned home late Friday evening after spending the day on the Washburn University Campus. They attended an all day informational program about the Leadership Studies and Honors Program that Jessica will be involved in this fall on campus.

Dr. Richard and Delayne May were in Oberlin over the weekend visiting family and friends.

# "How Shall We Face the Bullies?"

By Rev. Rick Langness, St. John's Lutheran Church

"One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard: that you, O God, are strong, and that you, O Lord, are loving. Surely you will reward each person according to what he has done." (Psalm 62:11-12)

Psalm 62 opens our eyes to the reality that in our quest to face the truth of the sinful nature we carry with us there will be others who will only seek our destruction.

We all know what it is like to have to openly face our sin. And yet there are those who are too weak to honestly face them and so they turn to beating down and ridiculing those who come before God in faithful repentance. These people are nothing short of bullies who draw their strength and security in the tearing down of others.

"How long will you assault a man? Would all of you throw him down—this leaning wall, this tottering fence? They fully intend to topple him from his lofty place; they take delight in lies. With their mouths they bless, but in their hearts they curse." (Psalm 62:3-4)

It is difficult to be honest with our sin. There is the real fear of rejection that will happen when our sin is made known. Thus, we find it easier to bear our own guilt rather than facing the attacks and judgments of others.

We find it more comfortable to withdraw from others rather than facing the truth of not only our sin but also the truth of the relationship that we think we have.

This might seem good and well but in the end it only leads us into deeper despair and loneliness.

The world is full of victims of abuse who have taken the blame of their abuser or abusers upon themselves. They see themselves as the one who deserved the physical abuse, the sexual abuse, the verbal abuse and whatever other abuse that may have been inflicted.

Rather than bringing to light the abuse, they hold the shame within so as to not cause others to be hurt or have to face the attacks of the bullies who feed off of other's misfortunes. But in doing so they neither save the offender nor do they find peace; for the real bully is the devil and he will always accuse the hurting and needy.

In Jesus Christ, however, there is help and salvation. There is hope in the face of despair and there is mercy in the face of shame.

"Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; his is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge." (Psalm 62:5-8)

The bullies of this world will face their judgment for God will reward each person according to what he has done. May you therefore find your refuge in God this Lenten Season as you pour out your heart to Him.



# Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Carol Moye and her mother, Veda Wood, went to McCook, Jan. 28 intending to do some shopping and visit Dwight and Teresa Wood and Sheryl and Richard Patterson. They missed seeing Sheryl but caught Teresa before she went to work. Dwight was home from his dialysis and they had a good visit. Next trip they will see Sheryl. This trip was rather impromptu — but since they had some free time, they wanted to get some groceries before the snow came.

The Lyle ladies called off their sewing day because of the cold and snow on Tuesday.

David Huff has moved to Gage, Okla., and is working for the Ford and New Holland Implement Company in Arnett, Okla.

Aubrey High visited her great-grandmother, Veda Wood, while her father, A.J. High, did some work around town. The two had lunch and watched a video.

Alta VanGundy, aunt to the Wood-VanGundy clan, recently

celebrated her 103rd birthday.

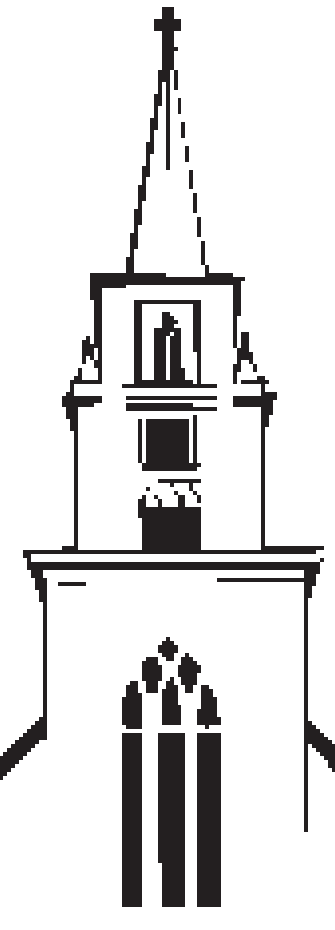
The Norcatour Senior Citizens club postponed their monthly card meeting until Feb. 8.

DeWayne Jackson delivered the message at the Lyle United Methodist Church Sunday. Mr. Jackson brought his daughter and son-in-law along with him. Next week John Paulson, Oberlin, will be the guest speaker.

Those who attended the "First Sunday" dinner were Margaret Magers, Joyce Sumner, Deanna Sumner, Brooke and Brady, Larry Sumner, Glenna Alexander, Salina; Gary Anthony, Keith Anthony, Lee and Lora Arnold, Kathryn Van Meter, Helen Helm, Martin and Ceanne Reinhardt, and Veda Wood. Virgil and Joyce Price were unable to attend.

# Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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| <p><b>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH</b><br/>785-475-3103<br/>Fr. Henry Saw Lone,<br/>MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday</p> <p><b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE</b><br/>Fr. Henry Saw Lone<br/>MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</p> <p><b>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN</b><br/>Fr. Henry Saw Lone<br/>MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday</p> <p><b>OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Mike Larson<br/>120 South East, Oberlin<br/>SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS</b><br/>Carrie Buhler, pastor<br/>SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.<br/>DRESDEN<br/>SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>The Rev. Doug Hasty<br/>SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>Pastor: Dennis Brown<br/>SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN</b><br/>Pastor: Judi Stricker<br/>109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA<br/>SUNDAY: Adult Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee: 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Choir practice every Sun. at 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion, 1st &amp; 3rd Sundays. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Sun. following Worship</p> | <p><b>OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)</b><br/>Pastor: Fred Dycus<br/>SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., AWANA Club 4-6 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>102 North Cass — 785-475-3067<br/>The Rev. Doug Hasty<br/>SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>Pastor: Ray Gilstrap<br/>Almena<br/>SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>OBERLIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b><br/>The Rev. Royce Leitner<br/>SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible study, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>South Beaver Street - Oberlin<br/>Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259<br/>SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON</b><br/>The Rev. Galen Long<br/>Phone 785-322-5560<br/>MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m</p> <p><b>HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH</b><br/>Keith Reuther, Pastor<br/>Phone 785-322-5316<br/>SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Youth Group, 4 p.m.</p> | <p><b>NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>Pastor: Ray Gilstrap<br/>Almena<br/>SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>LYLE UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>Carol Woodmanee, Almena<br/>Lyle Lay Speaker<br/>SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.</p> <p><b>EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN</b><br/>The Rev. Heidi Wiebe<br/>810 West Cedar, Oberlin<br/>Office Phone 785-475-2769<br/>SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>LUND COVENANT CHURCH</b><br/>Pastor: Doug Mason<br/>10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin<br/>SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study and prayer, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br/>510 North Wilson<br/>Pastor: Rev. Rick Langness<br/>Secretary: Norma Unger<br/>785-475-2333<br/>SATURDAY: Worship, 7 p.m.; SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; KICK, 3:45-5:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Foundations Bible Class, Thursday, 7-9 p.m.</p> | <p><b>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br/>404 North York Avenue<br/>Oberlin, Kansas<br/>Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler<br/>Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053<br/>SUNDAY: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship and Educational Hour, 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays.<br/>THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.</p> |
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