



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
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Have you looked deep into your freezer lately? Do you know what is really in there? Spring is the time of year to freshen the house, but it's also a good time to clean the freezer.

If you have a manual defrost freezer, it should be defrosted regularly or when there is about 1/4 inch thick ice on the walls. Remove the food, put in insulated coolers or in the refrigerator to keep cold. Unplug the freezer, open the door and let the ice melt. Scrape out the ice. Place a towel in the bottom to help soak up water. After it is frost free, wipe the interior with a solution of one tablespoon baking soda in one quart water. Wipe clean with fresh water and dry with a towel. Turn the freezer back on, let it cool for about 30 minutes.

Before putting the food back into the clean freezer, take inventory and remove "mystery" foods or items that have freezer burn or torn packages. Date the remaining items and use them first.

For automatic defrost freezers, it's also a good idea to clean it out and take inventory. Remove the food, use the baking soda solution to freshen the interior. Rinse and dry before putting the food back into the freezer.

If you have an odor in your refrigerator, here are four suggestions for removing the odor:

- Unplug the refrigerator and thoroughly wash the inside of the unit with a mixture of two tablespoons of baking soda dissolved in one quart of warm water. Wash the shelves, drawers, accessories and gaskets. Be sure to wash corners, crevices or grooves where odor causing liquid may have settled. Dry thoroughly.
- Place activated charcoal or activated carbon in a shallow bowl and leave it in the refrigerator while it is running for several days. The charcoal or carbon is available where aquarium and/or plant and garden supplies are sold. It will become

saturated but can be reactivated by heating in a 300 degree oven for one hour and then put back into the refrigerator. Try this for about 10 days.

• Place toothpaste (not the gel type) on small pieces of foil and set in several spots in the refrigerator.

• Lightly crumple sheets of newspaper and loosely pack a refrigerator shelf which has been emptied of food. Sprinkle the newspaper with water and close the door. Replace the newspaper every 1-2 days. In

5-6 days the odor should be gone. If odor gets into the plastic lining or the insulation of the refrigerator, it can take a long time to dissipate. Tranda Watts is a Kansas State University 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 trawatts@ksu.edu. For more information, contact the county extension office, 475-8121.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Dennis and Pat Barnett of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Kathy Frisbie of Monument, Colo., are visiting Daisy Schmidt and other relatives. They came to attend funeral services for the women's uncle, Donald Wasson, in Oberlin last Monday.

Steve and David O'Neill, and Ben Delsaver of Brighton, Colo., attended funeral services for Quentin Bergling at the Atwood United Methodist Church on Wednesday. All of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were also present.

A bridal shower honored Emilie Miller of Womelsdorf, Pa., bride-elect of Austin Fink, at the home of Norma Anderson on Palm Sunday afternoon. Hostesses were Gayle Carlson, Kendra Pelton and Jennie Anderson.

Invited guests were Carol Fink and Donna Fink, Wamego; Norma Anderson, Leta Meitl, Janette Votapka, Faye Meitl, Joy Votapka, Cheryl Votapka, Jodi Votapka, Edla Olson, Arian Arnold, Detta Anderson, and Maureen Anderson and Samantha. The couple plans to be married on Saturday, May 15, in Womelsdorf, Pa.

Verol and Rosemary Bergling accompanied Mark Bergling to Denver over the weekend, where they attended the 90th birthday celebration honoring Rosemary's brother, Bob Eppinger.



Sympathy is extended to the family of Don Ward, brother of Bee Nelson, who passed away March 27, 2010, at his home.

April 7 dinner guests of Virgil and Joyce Price were Max and Doris Thielbar, Lincoln, Neb. Randy and Sherri Stapp visited them on April 10.

Susan and Frank Bolek, Valparaiso, Ind., are visiting. They joined Dennis Leichter, Vene and Phyllis Leichter and Debbie Obrecht for supper at the Cardinal Cafe.

Saturday night Lora Arnold hosted a "Farewell, Come Again Supper" at the Cardinal Cafe. Those attending were Mary Arnold, Olive Arnold, Estella Harold, Julianna, Mark, Jordan and Noah Baker, Gary and Susan Hillebrand and Susan and Frank Bolek.

Happy birthday and anniversary to Brad and Shanna Long, April 16; Anthony Marshall, April 19; and Connor McVay, April 20.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on April 7 were David Stapp, first; Loyal Springer, second; Matt Wilson, third; and C.W. Lyon, fourth.

Results of the dart tournament on April 7 were: Game 1 - Patty Stapp, first; Kristi Gallentine, second; Alice Barnett, third; and Dolores Gallentine, fourth. Game 2 - Kristi Gallentine, first; Patty Stapp, second; Alice Barnett, third; Renee Harman, fourth; and Dolores Gallentine, fifth.

Those enjoying Easter Sunday at the Bobbie and Lee Frakes, home at Trenton, Neb., were Bob and Anita Montgomery, Renee Harman, Oberlin; Rusty Montgomery, Norcatour; Ron and Alyssa Montgomery, Jennings; Brandon McChesney, Norton; Brady Shuler and Jason Gillespie, Lincoln, Neb.; Blake, Amanda, Keegan and Karson Shuler, Bartley, Neb.; Blaine Shuler and friend Erie, Kearney, Neb.; Michael, Billy and Jay Frakes, Morland; Scott Harman, Valentine, Neb.; and Chance Harman, Hyannis, Neb. They surprised Anita with a birthday cake and homemade ice cream.

Scott and Chance Harman, Hyannis, Neb., spent Saturday night, April 3, with their dad, Ron Harman.

Bob and Anita Montgomery met Lee and Bobbie Frakes for an early luncheon in North Platte, Neb.,

Wednesday, April 7. Bob and Bobbie had doctor appointments.

The racing season started for Rusty Montgomery on April 10.

Anita Volskay and Bee Nelson met Wayne and Norma McCallister at the Cardinal Bar and Grill last Friday evening, April 10. Anita and Wayne also did some odd jobs for Bee Nelson Saturday afternoon.

On April 6, Sherrie Regal was surprised with a birthday party at the Don and Jean Daniels home with an ice cream cake and presents. Joyce and Virgil Price, Mary Lesle, Don and Jean Daniels, Randy Allen, and Wayne and Norma McCallister enjoyed surprising Sherrie. They all played train dominoes with Norma winning first place and Mary, second.

Wava Reames enjoyed lunch with Linda Hunt at Coffee, Tea and Me in Oberlin on Wednesday.

Anita Volskay, Independence, Mo., came March 30, and took Bee Nelson back to Independence, Mo. Bee, Tara and Anita attended the memorial service for Don Ward, in Liberty, Mo., on Saturday, April 3, at the home of Joy (Griffith-Smith) Chapman, Don and Bee's cousin. After the service, Bee, Tara and Anita spent four days at the Lake of the Ozarks.

Lisa Leichter underwent surgery on April 16, in Denver. Cards will reach her at P.O. Box 294, Seibert, Colo., 80834.

During tornado season the tornado whistle will be tested every Monday between 10 and 10:30 a.m., unless there is severe weather in the forecast. In case of a tornado, the whistle is short alternating blasts and a fire whistle is a long continuous blast.

Rea and Dee Magers enjoyed the high school play in Oberlin on Friday night.

Rea and Dee Magers attended the Easter Sunrise services at Lyle, and later in the week, they visited Margaret "Toots" Magers on her birthday.

On Sunday after church, Bee Nelson, Anita Volskay, Beth Sebaugh and Dorothy Ward had Chinese food at Norton brought Wava Reames her lunch, as she was a little under the weather.

The Decatur County Landfill will hold its annual free week at the end of the month, hoping to encourage people to clean up their property.

The commissioners set a free

week at the landfill each year, with every family in the county offered one free trip to the dump during the week. The days will be Monday, April 26, through Friday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Dewaine Stapp and Charlotte Meints drove to Denver Wednesday, April 7, and had lunch with Charlotte's son, Mark Walinder and his fiancé, Jenna Patterson, then attended the Taylor Swift Fearless Concert. There were two pre-show concerts; Gloria and Kelli Pickler.

Friday evening Dewaine Stapp and Sam Stapp met Vene and Phyllis Leichter, and Lora Arnold and daughter for pizza at the Cardinal Bar and Grill for pizza.

On Saturday, April 10, Dewaine and Charlotte drove to Hays to attend the Hays High Plains Chapter Annual Barbershop Show. Steve Miller, Dewaine's nephew, is a member of the chorus as well as Jay Wilson, formerly of Oberlin. Dewaine visited with Venietta and Richard Miller of Mission, Texas, and Steve and Marva Miller, Hays, before the show. Charlotte visited with her granddaughter, Tara Stecklein, of Kansas City.

To the Classes of 1963, 64, 65 and 66: the Class of 1965 invites all those who have attended the Norcatour schools anytime with these classes to join us on Friday evening, May 28, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and an evening of renewed memories and story-telling and the forever question "Do you remember...?" All teachers and administrators are also invited. Please bring all memorabilia and be sure to put your name on it. Please RSVP by May 1 by calling Linda (Bolliger) Broyles at (316) 650-7385, or Sharon (Jackson) Schulze at (785) 877-2079, or e-mail with "ALUMNI" in the subject line to lindbro@pixius.net, or slschulze@ruraltel.net.

Spring clean your freezer

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

I have seen many people out shopping for plants this past week. Remember, it is a bit early for some, so don't get too anxious.

I attended the Garden Club plant exchange last Friday to make my donation, and acquired several plants. It kept me busy the whole evening getting them in the ground. Thanks to several garden club members, it was a success. If anyone missed this event and would like to make a donation to the landscaping at the Golden Age Recreation Center, you can still do that. I'm sure Shirley or anyone from the garden club would see that it got to the right place, or you could drop it by the Chamber office.

I received a call from a local day-care provider expressing a concern about a shortage in day-care providers. She has offered her knowledge to help anyone that may be interested in operating a day-care. There are many regulations that can be overwhelming to the person just starting up. If anyone would like to get in touch with her, please call my office at 475-3441.

A few things coming in the near future are on Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2, a Kansas Sampler Festival in Leavenworth, and on Monday, May 3, a Kick-Off for our 125th celebration with an Ice-Cream Social in the park, followed by a concert in the high school by the Community Band under the direction

of Neal Russell. Donations for the Ice-Cream Social will be accepted to help with costs during our 125th celebration during 2010.

Wednesday, May 5, is the Cinco De Mayo supper in Centennial Park. Walking tacos will be served by the Chamber of Commerce.

Thursday, May 6, the Decatur Ministerial Association, along with the Oberlin Business Alliance, will be having a benefit in the city park for the House of Hope orphanage in Haiti, which is operated by Norbert & Nanette Zander.

The business for this week is Fredrickson Insurance Agency, which was started in 1997 by Tammy Fredrickson. The business is an independent insurance agency, which means that they sell for several insurance companies. This gives them the opportunity to quote several companies and find the best place for each individual's needs at the best cost. They sell home, auto, farm, business, crop insurance, hail, commercial, and life and bonds. Their staff includes owner, agent Tammy Fredrickson; Abby Hissong, agent; Fonda Farr, agent; and Heather McCougal, receptionist. Their office is located next to the LandMark Inn in downtown Oberlin at 183 S. Penn. If you have any questions, please stop in and see the girls at Fredrickson Insurance, and they will take care of all your insurance needs. Have a great week!

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Another birthday. We keep having them, thank goodness. Margaret "Toots" Magers, Joyce Sumner, June Jolly, Kathy Van Meter, Eleanor Jensen, Jackie Porter and Veda Wood had lunch at the Cardinal Cafe in honor of Eleanor's birthday, and then packed ourselves into June's new car to go back to Lyle and sew.

My sister, Bonnie (Van Gundy) Klein passed away unexpectedly on Friday, April 10, in Cocoa, Fla. She and her daughter, Dena, had been living with another daughter, Shelley Van Gundy, and just recently had gone to assisted living.

much improved; still in therapy; but wanting to go home. Lee says she is doing really well.

June Jolly attended a bridal shower for her granddaughter, Sarah Jolly, given by friends, Sabrina and Kelly of McCook. Sarah is to be married in May.

Toots Magers' guests on Sunday were Jane Engelhardt, Judy and Charlie Easton, Rea and Dee Magers, and J.T. Guy and his family, Denise and Kori and friend, Brian Zey, Kursten and Kendra. Denise has been running and ran a 13-mile marathon in two hours. Good for her. The young people did quite a bit of yard work for Toots.

Do Better

By the Rev. Larry Danforth

United Methodist Churches of Norcatour and Clayton

Read *John 21:15-18*. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *John 3:16*

When I was serving as a law enforcement officer, I had made a critical error in judgment that could very well have proven disastrous. I had thought I was going to be fired and my career in law enforcement would end at that moment. Instead, my Sergeant simply looked at me and said, "Do better." I made it a point to do just that.

As I read this scripture, I wonder what must have been going through Peter's mind at this point. He had told Jesus that he would follow him anywhere even to death. Later, when he was questioned about him being a disciple of Jesus Christ, he denied even

knowing him three times. He had messed up and he knew it. Now Christ asks him three times if he loves him. I can only imagine that the pain and hurt that he must have felt at this time was incredible. But instead of regarding Peter as a failure, Jesus tells him, "Feed my sheep." Peter had been given a second chance to "Do better."

In the end, this is what Christ gives to all of us who come to him as disciples. We have been made in the image and likeness of God. Even so, God gave his only Begotten Son so that whoever should believe in him will not perish but have eternal life. Christ restores us to the perfect image that God created us in. Through Jesus, we are given a second chance as created servants of the Lord.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

- OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**
785-475-3103
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE**
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.
- SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday
- OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**
Jerry Nowack
120 South East, Oberlin
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.
- JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Pastor: Barbara Patterson
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: Judi 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 Sun. at 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Sun. following Worship
- OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)**
Pastor: Gene Gee
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.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.
- CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST**
Pastor: Larry Danforth
Almena
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.
- 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.
- OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST**
South Beaver Street - Oberlin
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Fellowship and coffee time; 10:30 a.m. The "no sermon" worship hour with the Lords Supper and Adventures With God open bible study; TUESDAY: Ladies Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON**
Fr. Stephen Folorunso
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.
- HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH**
Pastor: Keith Reuther
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Youth Group, 4 p.m.
- NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST**
Pastor: Larry Danforth
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.
- LYLE UNITED METHODIST**
Guest Speakers every Sunday
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.
- EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN**
Pastors: Chris and Sharon Nelson
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 p.m.
- LUND COVENANT CHURCH**
Pastor: Doug Mason
10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study and prayer, 7:30 p.m.
- ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**
510 North Wilson
Interim Pastor: Kevin Schnakenberg
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays.

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