

# Norcatatur News

By the Norcatatur News Committee

Sympathy is extended to the family of Alta May Van Gundy, who died Jan. 21.

Enjoying the delicious "Fireman's Pizza" on Jan. 30 at the home of Dorothy Ward were Mary Leslie and Bee Nelson.

Wava Reames enjoyed cards at the home of Janice O'Hare. She said that after losing her cardinal pair, another pair has returned.

The Good Sam Hoedown in Oberlin March 26, is the Hoedown to benefit the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. It will be held at the American Legion. Doors will open

at 6 p.m.; meal will be served at 7 p.m. For details, phone 785-475-2245. Mark your calendar now for this fun event!

The Norcatatur Fire Department would like to thank everyone for their support on their 10th Annual Fund Raiser. We made around 540 pizzas.

A former resident and fireman Pat O'Hare was burned over the weekend fighting a fire along I-70 west of Salina. He is in Wichita in the burn unit. Please keep Pat in your prayers. His address is Patrick O'Hare, Via Christi Regional Medi-

cal Center, 929 North St. Francis, Wichita, KS 67214-3882. Phone: 316-268-5000.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Jan. 26, were: first, Stan Miller; second, Les Ward, third, Von Johnson, and fourth, Kary Miller.

Happy Birthday to Patty Stapp and Karen Bailey, Feb. 6; Brad Long, Feb. 7; Megan Rhodes and Eric Milnes, Feb. 8. Happy Anniversary to Glen and Carolyn Strey, Feb. 3; Don and Joy Hill, Feb. 8.

# Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Are you interested in what happens in the Jennings Community? A Community discussion meeting will be held at 2 p.m., on Sunday Feb. 20, in the Community Hall. Those attending need not be residents within the city limits. Steve Hirsch, city attorney, will be present to answer questions. This will be an opportunity for all who are interested in Jennings to share their ideas and complaints. Those unable to attend but who would like an issue brought before the group may contact the mayor or any of the city council members. Council mem-

bers are Pat Hall, Louise Cressler, Rick Foster, Stann Hartzog and Clint Krizek.

Preceding the community meeting, the Historic Building Preservation Committee will host a soup luncheon from 12 to 2 at the community hall. Soup and desserts will be served for a freewill offering. Proceeds will be used to help purchase a new furnace for the former Mason Hall/ Jennings Opera House. At present only one of the three furnaces is functional and the building cannot be used during severely cold weather.

United Methodist Women met Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 2, at the church. Nine members answered roll call. "A Favorite Winter Activity". Lesson Leader Kathy Nauer gave program, "Finding, Giving and Peace." Devotions were given by Alice Mizer. Snacks were served by Patty Foster.

Martin LaRue returned home Wednesday from Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. He was very happy to be home after many weeks in the Kearney and Oberlin hospitals and Cedar Living Center.

# Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Gaylord and Shirley Shields returned home Thursday evening after vacationing for a month in Tucson, Ariz., visiting their son and family, Mark and Corby Shields and Keric. En route home, they enjoyed a day in Apache Junction, Ariz., where they visited Gary and Mary Ann Erickson.

Hannah May and Elizabeth Nedland, students of Cheryl Metcalf, participated in the Northwest Kansas Regional Piano Contest in Hays on Saturday. Hannah received a III on her piano solo, and Elizabeth received a I on her piano solo which qualified her to perform in the upcoming State Piano Contest in Hillsboro.

As part of Washburn University's Leadership 300 class, Group Change Project, Jessica Bremer, Kelli Coldiron, Alexander Burke, and Merideth Cline, teamed up with the Joe and Janet Aleshire Venture Grant Program to establish a program providing funding for non-profit program development addressing early childhood development with an emphasis on nutrition.

This team set funding priorities, developed a Request for Proposal, reviewed budgets and program information of various Shawnee County applicants, collaborated on allocation decisions, and made allocation recommendations to the United Way Board of Directors. After selecting the proposals that best met their criteria, the Leadership 300 Group Change Project, the Aleshires, and the United Way awarded a total of \$3,700 to three different organizations on Feb. 3. The Washburn University Leadership Institute has partnered with the United Way for nearly 10 years to provide leadership training for new members of a non-profit board of directors.

The Decatur County Good Samaritan Center's second annual Hoedown fundraiser will be held Saturday, March 26 at the Oberlin American Legion. Tickets should be available for purchase the middle of February; see Dianne at Great Northwest Insurance, 122 S. Penn, or Montine at The Good Samaritan Center office. Keep watching the

Mount Pleasant news for more information on when ticket sales begin.

# Cedar Living News

By Teresa Shaughnessy

Family and friends of Cedar Living Center are invited to stop by on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 13, from 2:30 to 3:30 for a Sweetheart Tea in honor of Valentine's Day. Punch and cookies will be served.

There will be a box available at the Cedar Living Center front desk for Valentine's Day cards for residents or staff members. The cards in the box will be delivered on Monday.

The Decatur Professional Women hosted the January birthday party in the dining room on Monday afternoon. The group served ice cream sundaes. Cheryl Metcalf provided the musical entertainment. Those being honored with January birthdays were Darlene Fisher and Blanche Skubal.

Wilma LaSalle won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The blackout game ended in a tie among Doris Gilbert, Edna Mott, and Lois Lamb.

Residents and staff celebrated Ground Hog Day on Wednesday

with a pancake and sausage supper. Lynn Doeden and Margee Wilson served as the chief pancake chefs. They did their cooking in the dining room where everyone could keep a watchful eye on them. Kay Matheny was in charge of frying the eggs. The dietary staff had the sausage already cooked and they made a delicious fruit salad. The activity department assisted the nursing and dietary staff in serving. Residents and staff ate their fill and we had plenty of extra pancakes to share with the hospital nurses.

Fr. Mark Berland had Mass for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Thursday afternoon. Players included Darlene Fisher, Irene Fringer, Alvin Gamblin, Doris Gilbert, Elsie Goodnight, Ira Kolsky, Bob Keller, Edna Mott, Mary Votapka, and Max Ward.

The baking group made a big batch of butterscotch chip cookies

on Friday afternoon. There were plenty of cookies to share with visitors and staff.

The Rev. Linda Willey of the Oberlin United Methodist Church gave the Sunday Worship Service in the Cedar Living Center dining room. Joy Russell was the pianist. Dan and Carol Wasson also assisted.

Recent visitors: Norma Ward, David Ward, Clayton; Stephanie Hawkins, Euless, Texas; Eugene Kleidosty, Julie Hafner, Herndon; Patsy Marintzer, Colorado; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Fred and Laverne Waters, McDonald; Glen and Carolyn Strey, Norcatatur; Charlie and Sharon Wurm, Staplehurst, Neb.; Aaron Harrison, Norcatatur, Becky, Tara and Levi Fringer, Colby.

Connie Miller, Carol Kompus, Ivis Hanson, Max and Veanna Carman, Dolores Koerperich, Marilyn Gamblin, Stuart Euhus, Lyle Gamblin, Robert Fringer, Oberlin.

# Lyle News

By Veda Wood

It seems a lot has gone on the past week. Funeral arrangements have been made for Alta May Van Gundy and the weather may not be good. We know that there will not be many family members present because of distance, sickness, etc. Everyone has been so helpful and we appreciate it.

Part of the blame for my frazzled out brain, I'm sure, is the new Nextech system, which seems to work

for everyone but me. We have it channel-locked, and I know there is a simple solution: Simply click a button to two, but the problem is which one? I don't understand their language. The tech-man said, "Just press this and then that one". It worked for him! Then, as soon as he is out of sight, Flip, same problem. Oh, well, I'm going to try to stop griping.

Charles Keller gave a very inter-

esting lesson at Lyle this Sunday. We were sorry that his wife, Inez, didn't feel well enough to attend.

Wayne Filley reported that his sister's knee surgery went well. He has been in Denver with her.

Yvonne "Von" Sumner has had the last of a series of chemo treatments and is doing better. She has been on our prayer list through the ordeal.

# It's Miraculous Kevin Schnakenberg, St. John's Lutheran

When something extraordinary occurs it is common for people to say, "It's miraculous!" As of this writing, the word "miraculous" is being used by doctors, headline writers, and the general public to describe the recovery of U.S. congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords after being shot in the head at virtually pointblank range this past Jan. 8. It seems miraculous in and of itself that she escaped death. But not only that, she was taken off the ventilator a week after the shooting. Since then some of the things she's been able to do are; keep her eyes open for 15 minutes at a time; move her legs and hands; dangle her feet over the bed; jiggle her ring; and she reach up and touch her husband's face and rub his neck. Just a day short of two weeks after the tragic day she was moved from the hospital to rehabilitation center.

God can still do some amazing things, even though some may scoff. Throughout time people have dismissed God's work. Robert Ingersoll, a famous atheist of some decades ago, traveled widely across the country, lecturing to large groups of people. It is said that at one time he sought to show how Jesus' raising Lazarus from the dead was just a trick to bolster Jesus' waning fortunes. Lazarus was a good friend of Jesus, and he would pretend to have died, Ingersoll said, be dressed in grave clothes by his friends, and

secretly "buried." Then as Jesus would pass by the sepulcher some days later, He would give the clue by calling Lazarus' name. Lazarus would come out of the tomb, and everybody would think that Christ had performed a miracle and that He was really God. To clinch his point, Ingersoll asked the audience, "Can anyone tell me now why Jesus said: 'Lazarus, come forth'?" An old Christian in the back got up and said, "Yes, I will tell you why my Lord said, 'Lazarus, come forth.' Because if He had not said 'Lazarus,' he would have had the whole graveyard of Bethany coming out to Him!"

As miraculous as the raising of Lazarus was, the whole graveyard coming forth would have been some miraculous sight! As great and miraculous as Lazarus coming back from the dead, and as "miraculous" the most, is that Jesus rescued us from eternal death, that doomed to such condemnation due to our sinful rebellion against Him. But Jesus took the punishment of eternal death for us on the cross, and through His resurrection broke the chains of eternal death forever. Through faith in Christ's saving work we receive the benefits of this greatest of all miracles □ the benefits of forgiveness and eternal life in the comforts and joys of His heavenly home!



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# Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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Fr. Mark Berland,  
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Fr. Mark Berland,  
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**  
Fr. Mark Berland,  
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

**JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Pastor: Barbara Patterson  
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
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SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.

**PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST**  
The Rev. Linda Willey  
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. Linda Willey  
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Praise team practice, 8 p.m.

**CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Ed Woods  
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.

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MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.

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Pastor: Keith Reuther  
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SUNDAY: 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Youth group, 4 p.m.

**NORCATATUR UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Ed Woods  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

**LYLE UNITED METHODIST**  
Guest Speakers every Sunday  
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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**  
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# Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The Red Barn Gang performed for Hulda Wark's 90th Birthday celebration on Saturday, Feb. 5, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Colby.

The family enjoyed making the day special for her as they greeted relatives and friends. The family sincerely appreciated the help of Deborah Gamboa, family friend of Rexford, who made it possible for getting Hulda to her party.

Family members hosting the event were daughters, Sondra Barnett, Rexford; Gloria Dible and David, Rogers, Ark.; and Tamara Searls and Ken, Quinter. Granddaughters Rebecca Rains, Sharon Springs, Kristin Wark, Kansas City, Mo., and Jami Wark, Hays, hosted the reception table serving cake and punch. Other immediate family members attending included grandchildren Chad Wark and family, Rexford; Cory Barnett family, Liberal; Angela Johnson family, Oberlin; Justin Barrett family,

Colby; Brandon Searls, Hoisington; and Rebecca Rains family, Sharon Springs.

The Rexford Community Church will be beginning a study of Ecclesiastes from the Emmaus Correspondence Study Course at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening, Feb. 9.

Cleda Moeder attended the Rocky Welton Varsity Invitational Wrestling Tournament at Garden City, the weekend of Jan. 27 to watch her grandson, Tayler Moeder, of Saint James Academy of Kansas City. Tayler wrestles in the 140 pound class and came in with a record of 35 wins, 0 losses. He earned championship in his weight at the tournament and came out with a record of 39 wins 0 losses. Cleda stayed with a longtime friend, Jo Goscha, who attended the matches with her.

There will be Bingo at the Red Barn at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

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