

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Bob Jones is running for mayor of the City of Jennings as a write-in for the Jennings April city election. He was mayor for two terms before Marge Hartzog. Marge will not be running. Also Robert Papp, who was appointed to fill an unexpired term on the city council in December, will be a write-in for that council position.

Those enjoying cards at the Sunflower Senior on Wednesday were: Eleanor Morel, Diane Carter, Agnes Wahlmeier, Linda Spreser, Louise Cressler, Stan and Ramona Shaw.

United Methodist Women met Feb. 6 at the church. Lila Jennings gave the program "Christian Financial Responsibility" with members: Kay Brown, Helen Rhodes, Barbara Patterson, Rachel Carter, Glenda Johnson and Louise Cressler participating. Kay Brown gave devotionals and served refreshments. Combining the January and February meetings we also gave our pledge offering.

The Postal Service meeting held at the former Masonic Hall Feb. 5 was well attended. Soup and dessert were served by the Historic Building Preservation Committee. Information was handed out and Dan Taylor from the service spoke of the changes coming to the Jennings Post Office. Starting March 9 the retail hours on Saturday will be 9 to 10 a.m. and Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon. Access to delivery

receptacles will not be reduced from current hours.

Church was canceled Sunday at the United Methodist Church Jennings because of the weather. The minister drives from Cawker City. With the high winds it was decided to not have her come.

Paul and Kathy Nauer returned home Saturday from a winter cruise vacation. They enjoyed shore excursions and on board activities as they traveled from Miami to Cozumel, Mexico, and Key West, Fla.

The prayer chain received two requests on Friday. Frances Bader, Hays, formerly of Jennings, was admitted to the Hays Medical Center as she had pneumonia. Doyle Brown was not feeling well and was taken to Hays Medical Center. He had recently had heart surgery.

Open House at the newly remodeled Jennings City Library will be held from noon to 2 p.m., Sunday. Come see the improvements that have been made.

Stan and Ramona Shaw spent the weekend at the home of their daughter, Chris Gillespie and Tom Neff, Marion. On Saturday Chris and Ramona drove to Kansas City to attend the gymnastic competition of Alex Gillespie, daughter of Elliott and Tamara Gillespie, Belton, Mo. It was held at the Crown Center Plaza in downtown Kansas City. Alex placed in the top 10 in her competition.

Weekend company of Lila Jennings were Marcia Casey and Marlene Hounshell, Denver; Vicki Cook, Fort Morgan, Colo.; Derek, Jackie, Kenny and Benson Cook, Brighton, Colo.; Andrew Hounshell, Emily and Kaitly, Centennial, Colo.; Dale and Tammy Musgrave, Ryan Musgrave and Amy Cox, Ong, Neb.; Erin Norman, Ada and Ben, Crawford, Neb.; Brett Jennings, Oberlin, and Traci Uehlin, Norton. The family hosted an 80th birthday open house for Lila at the Senior Center on Feb. 2.

The February meeting of the Heritage Associates of Jennings Czech Museum was held Feb. 7. President Neoma Tacha presided with directors Mary Wahlmeier, Lila Jennings, Bob Tacha, Dean Gawith and Mike Tacha present.

After the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's reports were given, the group discussed building an outside storage room. Cory Simoneau met with the group to go over the plans. It was decided to have him build a 12 X 24' building.

We hope to have an "open house" for the new additions during Memorial Day weekend. We thank the library for the donation of a book shelf. We discussed getting our other showcases repaired and into the new room. Our next meeting will be at 2 p.m. March 7.

This is a good time to clean



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Regional Extension Agent

Winter days keep us indoors more than out. Choose one of your inside days or even two to clean the kitchen. There's no reason to wait until spring. Now is the perfect time to clean.

Begin by removing all items from one or two cupboards at a time before washing the cupboard, inside and outside.

Allow time for the cupboards to air dry. Check clean, dry cupboards for cracks or holes that will need to be caulked to protect foods from insect damage.

Re-usable washable shelf liners should be washed and air dried or replaced.

Discard food products with signs of insect or other damage, such as a dented can or a cracked glass jar.

Sort products by type and date. Non-perishable foods will typically carry a "Use-By" date to indicate a date to which a product is expected to retain food quality, flavor and texture.

Look for dates on canned fruits, vegetables or soups, dried food products such as fruit or packaged pastas, and soft packs, such as tuna or sauce mix.

When returning food to the clean cupboard "or restocking", place the newest foods behind older foods that should be used first.

Evaluate spices and flavorings that typically lose food quality after opening. Like most foods, spices should be stored in a cool, dry place. Use spices within six months and replace them after a year.

Since dates are not always as obvious on small packages, buy smaller quantities of seldom-used spices and label and date them after purchase.

During kitchen cleaning, consider these recommendations:

- Store pots, pans, or dishes, rather than food, near warm locations like heating vents.
- Store seldom-used items, such as holiday cookie cutters, in out-of-the-way or seldom-used cupboards,

such as the small cupboard over the refrigerator.

• Group packages such as yeast and seasoning mixes in a small basket or box for easy access.

• Group baking items such as flour, sugar, baking powder, bowls, and spatulas in a baking center.

• Move picnic or tailgating gear and seasonal tableware to another location.

• Sort utensils and choose one or two favorites of each type; pass still usable items on to students, or others who are setting up a household, or donate to a thrift shop.

• Organize smaller gadgets by type in baskets or boxes within a drawer.

• Empty the refrigerator periodically and discard leftovers or other foods that are past their prime. If possible, remove shelves and drawers for cleaning. Clean the exterior with warm, soapy water and vacuum dust and dirt from under the appliance.

Read and follow manufacturer's recommendations for cleaning appliances, cook tops, countertops and cabinets.

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Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Charlie Elizabeth Marietta, infant daughter of Bret Marietta and Angela Viglielmo, was baptized Sunday during morning worship services at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin with Pastor Brad Rick officiating.

Charlie's sponsors were her aunt and uncle, Travis and Leah (Marietta) Carreno of Fayetteville, N.C., and her maternal grandmother, Connie McKain of Paxton, Neb., who stood in as proxy for Jessie and Erin Coulter. Also attending the baptism were her paternal grandparents, Alan and Judith Marietta; paternal great-grandparents Wayne and Odetta Marietta, Russell; Jeremy and Loni (Marietta) Jensen and Alaxis, Newton; Richard and Marcia Emig, Goodland; Daniell Anderson and Matalay, McCook; and Brent Stallman. Following church services, those above met for brunch at the Alan Marietta home in honor of Charlie's baptism.

Susan May attended a meeting of the Kansas Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee Jan. 30 in Topeka. She then attended a "Day at the Statehouse" where Kansas Farm Bureau members visited with legislators.

Congratulations to Erin May who was runner-up in both the recent Oberlin Elementary School and school district spelling bees.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields returned home Thursday from an extended trip to Tucson and Yuma, Ariz., where they visited their son and grandson, Mark Shields and Keric, as well as other family and friends.

Elizabeth Nedland and Garrett Scott were among those on the Decatur Community High School Scholar Bowl team competing at State Scholars Bowl Competition at the Ell-Saline High School in Brookville, Saturday.

Becky Tate and Mollie returned home Saturday evening after enjoying a day of shopping in Denver.

Richard and Marcia Emig were Saturday afternoon visitors at the home of John and Dianne Bremer and overnight guests of her sister and husband, Judith and Alan Marietta. They helped Judith celebrate her birthday Saturday evening and attended the baptism of their great-niece, Charlie Marietta, Sunday morning.

Mollie Tate played the evil queen in the sixth-grade play, "Ever After"

held Monday at the high school.

Susan May and Cindy Shirley attended the "Women Managing the Farm Conference" held last Thursday and Friday at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan.

Ryan May placed seventh in Oratorical at the Norton Speech Tournament on Saturday.

The Messiah comes to Earth

It is recorded for us in Luke 4: 16-30, that Jesus had returned to His hometown of Nazareth, to preach on the Sabbath.

Jesus chose the sacred text from Isaiah. Jesus read the prophecy about the long awaited and promised Messiah, from Isaiah 61. When Messiah arrives, He will: 1) Proclaim the Good News to the poor, 2) Free those held in captivity, 3) Give sight to the blind, 4) Lift off oppression from the heavily burdened, and 5) Bestow God's favor upon God's Holy people. Imagine what it must have been like to be in the presence of God, and hear His voice, proclaim His words.

Then, Jesus began to preach. "The Good News is that the Scriptures have been fulfilled on your hearing." Now, Jesus was telling them that He is the promised Messiah—and, even more Good News, the Messiah arrives to save not only the Jews, but also the Gentiles, like the widow of Zarephath, in the time of the Prophet Elijah, and Naaman, the Syrian, cleansed of leprosy in the waters of the Jordan River, as he followed the proclaimed word of God.

Those in Nazareth did not like what Jesus said. His voice and words burned their hearts and minds. They asked, "How could the son of a carpenter possibly be the Messiah?" They cringed as their own thoughts about themselves as God's chosen people and the Messiah, clashed with the words of Jesus. For, they had their own expectations and perceptions about what should happen. They wanted the Messiah to overthrow the oppression of the Romans. They

wanted the Messiah to see to it that they, the Jews, were the ruling class of the world, and that all the other people of the world would serve them. After all, they were God's chosen people. They wanted the Messiah to be their bread king, and see to it they would never have to work another moment of their life, but that the Savior would always provide a continual supply of fish and barley bread for them. But Jesus did not speak of any of these things.

So, they became angry with Jesus. They grabbed Him, and dragged Him out of the synagogue and through the streets of Nazareth, to the outside of town. They wanted to throw Him off the edge of a cliff, and kill Jesus. But God's will, God's ways, God's Words, and God's timetable, always trumps man's. This was not Good Friday, or Jerusalem, or the cross of crucifixion. It was the wrong time, place, and space for the death of Jesus. So, it did not happen. Instead, Jesus walked through the crowd, and went to other towns and cities in Israel, to execute the duties and responsibilities of the office of Messiah, as revealed by the prophet Isaiah. For Jesus, and only Jesus holds the office of Messiah, and He and He alone was the only One appointed at His Baptism, to do the work required for the forgiveness of our sins and our salvation.

Do you think that what happened to the Nazarenes who heard Jesus preach that one day in the synagogue could ever happen to us?

Have a great week!



Pastor Brad Rick
St. John's
Lutheran Church

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

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

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. Nancy Proffitt
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.

OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST
102 North Cass — 785-475-3067
The Rev. Nancy Proffitt
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.;
Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Praise team practice, 8 p.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.

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.,
CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ed Woods
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.;
Worship Service, 11 a.m.

OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
South Beaver Street - Oberlin
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
SUNDAY: Fellowship and coffee time,
10:00 a.m. Praise and Worship time, with
Weekly Lords Supper, Multi-media Bible
sermons & open bible studies combined.
Private Bible studies on request.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
Fr. Nick Parker
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY
8:30 a.m.

HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
Pastor: Keith Reuther
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: 9:45 a.m.
Morning worship, 11 a.m.
Youth group, 4 p.m.

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

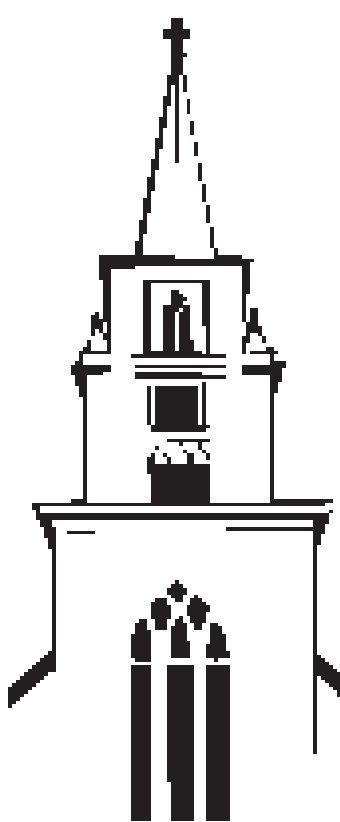
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Guest Speakers
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SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.

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.

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510 North Wilson
Interim Pastor:
Brad Rick
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible
class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service,
8:30 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd
Sundays..

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
404 North York Avenue
Oberlin, Kansas
The Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler
Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053
SUNDAY: Worship, 10:00 a.m.; Fellowship
and Educational Hour, 11:15 a.m. Holy
Communion first and third Sundays.
THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study second
Thursday at 9:30 a.m.



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Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

Norcatur Senior Citizens met Feb. 1 to play pitch at the Methodist Church Educational Building. There were 18 players present. Winners were Jodi Lyon and Babe Hawkins; Joyce Price and Rea Maggers. The group will meet Friday at 1 p.m.

Bee Nelson accompanied her cousin, David Ward of Clayton, to the Norton high school basketball game Feb. 1 where they honored the 1983 state championship girls basketball team of which her daughter, Tara Nelson, was a member. The team's coach, Kevin Jilka, was also honored. In Tara's absence, Mrs. Nelson accepted her daughter's certificate of recognition.

Happy birthday wishes to: Patty Stapp and Karen Bailey, Feb. 6; Brad Long, Feb. 7.

Deb Scott, Norcatur's postmaster, recently took a road trip to Nebraska to visit her grandchild, Rowdie. Ms. Scott's son-in-law, Matt, who suffered severe injuries in a work accident last year, is recovering and is back to work.

Feb. 1-3 weekend guests of Dewaine Stapp, were his grandson, Christopher Stapp, and his friend,

Alyssia, of Denver. On Saturday, they all went to Norcatur for lunch at Jerry's Bar and Grill. They visited with Dave and Patty Stapp then went to visit at the farm of Kortney and Jerrod Poiré, Kynleigh and Bailey and visitor, Gabby Shamberger. Dewaine hosted a supper Saturday evening with Charlotte Meints as an additional guest.

On Feb. 3, Dewaine Stapp had a Super Bowl party to eat supper and watch the game. Guests were Dorothy Moore, Joy Votapka and Charlotte Meints.

The City of Norcatur is looking for volunteers who would be willing to form a Preservation Society that would be interested in working on preserving the old City Hall. This would involve looking into the Historical Society and other avenues for funding. If you are interested, call Deb at the City office, 785-693-4461.

Next Sunday's free movie at the former Norcatur Grade School Building will be "Courageous" (PG-13). Cartoons begin at 6 p.m., show time is 6:30 p.m. Donations are accepted for the popcorn and bottled water.

Eastern Red Cedar Tree Orders

Please call the Decatur County Conservation District office at (785) 475-3131 ext. 101 or stop by our office located at 410 South Buffalo in Oberlin Kansas.

Order deadline
is Friday
March 22

