

PINOCHLE

By JAKE DURHAM

It was the night of the half moon with a starlit sky as the Faithful gathered for the February Pinochle Tournament. The cold weather was taking its toll and there definitely was a need for some R&R. The Knock players were lightening things up with some wild results, the Three Handed Pinochle game was in full swing and many were just catching up on news of interest since they last met and it was obvious the local sports fans were on a high as the prep teams were on a roll and there was already talk of this being the year to repeat in Basketball and to take it all in Wrestling, but any old timer would tell you, it's easier said than done. The talk got louder, the time moved faster and before you knew it the clock struck seven, time to begin. The gong rang to start the action and forty and eight took their seats with the expectation of a record setting evening.

A fast start and an early lead was the name of the game and the early bidding was fast and furious as the first round got underway. The team of Helen Roach and Pam Ballinger, looking for a first victory, captured the honors and the lead, but holding the lead is another thing and as round two came to a close, the honors went to the team of Coy Christy and John Hildebrand but the lead went to the team of Eleanor Jensen and Joyce Sumner. The scores were tight as usual in the early rounds and only the teams of Jensen and Sumner and Christy and Hildebrand were carrying a hundred point average. Christy and Hildebrand made it back to back honors on round three for the lead as the scores began to spread. The halfway point was approaching as round four got underway, a key factor in the contest and as the scores were turned in, everyone huddled around the score board to assess the situation. The team of Dee and Thelma Bushnell had captured the honors, but the team of Hildebrand and Christy, with an eleven point margin over the team of Ed and Kathleen Berlier, were holding the lead at the half way mark. The team of Darren McMullen and Jim Kauten were in third, followed by Eleanor Jensen and Joyce Sumner in fourth and rounding out the top five was the team of Dee and Thelma Bushnell. A quick review of the scores however indicated that most everyone was still in the game as a couple of high rounds could put even those low on the tottem pole into the heart of the fray.

Some serious skull sessions were now taking place as the top half of all contestants needed to hold and improve their position if at all possible and the bottom half needed to make something happen. With that in mind, the second half got underway with a more serious tone. The team of Julia Roeder and Larry Harman captured the honors on round five with what proved to be the highest single round score of the evening which catapulted them into a fifteen point lead. Now fifteen points is not considered a safe lead in a game where one hundred plus points a round is not unexpected

and as the game progressed, the team of Billy Keiswetter and Elden Billips captured the honors on round six but the team of Roeder and Harmon still held the number one spot. The team of Christy and Hildebrand were only three points down and the field was closing fast. The crucial seventh round was coming up and as usual some major changes would not be unexpected. The team of Pat Donovan and Dave Sheley, capping a three round roll took the honors and the lead and most everyone gathered around the score board for a close look at the situation. The team of Christy and Hildebrand were in second place, Roeder and Harmon were in third, Keiswetter and Billips were in fourth and rounding out the top five was the team of June Jolly and Margaret Magers, all within comfortable reach of the lead, and as might be expected, the eighth and final round would be the determining factor in the championship.

A short catch-up break was declared as the final round was coming up and you could sense the tension as some bold bidding and high risks could be expected. The usual sounds of the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat could be heard throughout the room and as the scores were posted, the lead changed with almost every recording, but as the final score was posted, the team of Arnold and Dorothy Zillinger had taken eighth round honors but the team of Coy Christy and John Hildebrand had captured the championship.

The newly crowned champs were no newcomers to the victory stand and accepted their accolades with honor and dignity and vowed to return to defend their newly won title.

Top ten teams in order were: 1. Coy Christy and John Hildebrand, 2. Dave Sheley and Pat Donovan, 3. Billy Keiswetter and Elden Billips, 4. Julia Roeder and Larry Harman, 5. Bill and Nitzzi Vontz, 6. Darren McMullen and Jim Kauten, 7. June Jolly and Margaret Magers, 8. Dee and Thelma Bushnell, 9. Arnold and Dorothy Zillinger, 10. Myron and Darlene Veh. Winning score by Christy and Hildebrand was 745 points for an average of 93.1 points per round. Highest single round score was 150 points by Julia Roeder and Larry Harman.

Teams not previously mentioned were: Bill Glennemeier and Rodney Stapp; Lothar Fuerstenau and Paul Schultz; Gil Otter and Barbara McKie; Brett and Doug Gallentine; Dick Hemphill and Larry Taylor; Wade Ambrosier and Jerry Darling; Merle Taylor and Weldon Brooks; Duane McEwen and Dennis McMullen; Mary Jane Wahlmeier and Norman Walter, Todd and Doyle Brooks; Larry Smith and Stan Miller.

As the closing excitement eased down, the attention turned to major happenings such as the weather, politics and local affairs. A quick look at the calendar showed the third Sunday in March to be the 21st, so plan ahead, bring your partner and sign in early to guarantee yourself a spot on the roster.



DIRECTORY OF CHURCH SERVICES

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The Rev. Lew Van Der Wege, Pastor
804 W. Wilberforce, Norton 877-2196
 SATURDAY — Toy Show
 SUNDAY — 8 a.m. Early Service
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 2 p.m. Jr. UMYF
 4 p.m. Sr. UMYF
 7 p.m. Bridge Service
WEDNESDAY — 6:30 p.m.
 Finance Committee
 7 p.m. Confirmation Class
 7 p.m. Chancel Choir
 8 p.m. Ad Council
 8:15 p.m. Bell Choir
THURSDAY — 6 p.m. Bridge Band
 7 p.m. First Place

EDMOND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Lew Van Der Wege, Pastor
 SUNDAY — 9 a.m. Worship Service

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Georgia Briery, Senior Warden
102 E. Waverly, Norton 877-2589
 SUNDAY — 8 a.m. Christian Education
 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Celebrant, Fr. Dennis Gilhouse; Lay Reader, Georgia Briery
 10 a.m. Coffee Hour Host, L. Krauss
 10:30 a.m. Bishops Committee
 3-4 p.m. God's Pantry, Henderson's

COMMUNITY FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Pastor Terry Laughlin
e-mail: laughlin@ruraltel.net
313 W. Lincoln
 SATURDAY — 7 a.m. Men's Prayer at the church
 SUNDAY — 9:15 a.m. Christian Education
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
 6 p.m. Royal Rangers
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. "Created For His Glory" Bible Study

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Vincent Thu Laing 877-2234
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108 S. Wabash, Norton
Mass Schedule
 Sunday 10 a.m.
 Monday 8 a.m.
 Tuesday No Mass
 Wednesday 8 a.m.
 Thursday 8 a.m.
 Friday 8 a.m.
 Saturday 7:30 p.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation
 4 p.m. Saturday, 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment
TUESDAY — 7 p.m. Bingo
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. SYF (K-8)
 First Friday of the Month — Adoration following AM Mass
 First Saturday of the Month — 8 a.m. Marion Devotions
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NORTON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE
 Hospital chaplain, Monday through Sunday, Rostek
 Sunday Services, 2 p.m. Andbe Home; 3 p.m., Norton Manor, Aeillo

PRAIRIE VIEW REFORMED CHURCH
The Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele
410 Holland, Prairie View 973-2794
 SUNDAY — 9 a.m. Morning Worship Services
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 3 p.m. Last Communicant class for school year at Luctor Parsonage
 7 p.m. Services at Prairie View
WEDNESDAY — 6:30 p.m. Bible Class at Luctor
 7 p.m. Youth Group at Prairie View
 8 p.m. Easter Cantata practice at Prairie View

LUCTOR CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
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The Rev. Jeffrey Van der Weele 973-2794
 SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Choir practice
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Services
 3 p.m. Last Communicant class for school year at parsonage
 7 p.m. Evening Service at Prairie View
WEDNESDAY — 6:30 p.m.
 Bible Class at Luctor
 7 p.m. Youth Group at Prairie View
 8 p.m. Easter Cantata practice at Prairie View

REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Timm O. Meyer
e-mail: timmomeyer@ruraltel.net
805 W. Holme, Norton 877-3138
 SUNDAY — 9:05 a.m. "Goodness From the Good Shepherd" Radio Broadcast, KQNK 106.7 FM & 1530 AM
 10 a.m. Mission Festival Service
 11:10 a.m. Sunday School
 11:10 a.m. Russian Mission Presentation
WEDNESDAY — 6:15 p.m. Fellowship Supper
 7 p.m. Lenten Worship Service
THURSDAY — 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Alma
 7:45 p.m. Worship Service at Alma

NORTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Jeff Nielsen, Minister
e-mail: kncas@us36.net
208 N. Kansas, 877-2871
 SUNDAY — 8 a.m. Early Worship, Tom Morse preaching
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:40 a.m. Worship Service, Tom Morse preaching
 Noon - Fellowship Dinner with Morse family
 4:30 p.m. Bible Bowl
WEDNESDAY — 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 9 a.m. Prayer and Fellowship
 6 p.m. AWANA supper
 6:30 p.m. Bible Bowl and AWANA
 No Sr. High School Bible Study
 7 p.m. Upper Room Prayer Group
 8:15 p.m. Easter Choir Practice
THURSDAY — 2 p.m. Group I at Nancy Heaton's
SATURDAY — Kansans For Life food stand at Farm and Home Expo

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
Pastor Terrill Worthington
1010 Churchhill Dr. 877-2181
 SUNDAY — 9:15 a.m. Time of Prayer (Adults)
 9:30 a.m. Time of Prayer (Children in kitchen)
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
 6 p.m. Choir Practice
 7 p.m. Service
WEDNESDAY — 6 p.m. 3-D at Parsonage
 7 p.m. Family Night
THURSDAY — Noon, Lenten Soup Luncheon

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Rev. Rick Rostek
814 N. Second, Norton 877-2430
 SUNDAY — 9 a.m. Sunday School, Bible Class
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
MONDAY
 5:15 p.m. LWML
WEDNESDAY — 2 p.m. Andbe Home
 3:40 p.m. Midweek
 5:15 p.m. Choir
 6 p.m. Soup Supper
 7 p.m. Worship
 8 p.m. Confirmation
THURSDAY — 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (Deines)

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ALMENA
Kirk Kasson, Pastor
e-mail: congo@ruraltel.net
 SUNDAY — 8 a.m. Teacher Study
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Church Services
 Potluck Dinner after Church
 7 p.m. Teens for Christ
MONDAY — 7:30 p.m. Men's Fellowship

TUESDAY — 7:15 a.m. Teen Women
 9:30 a.m. MOMS
THURSDAY — 7:15 a.m. Teen Men

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, LOGAN
Father Joseph Thalanany
 SUNDAY — 8:30 a.m. Mass
MONDAY — 5:30 p.m. Mass

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LOGAN
Pastor Troy Buss
 SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Church services
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Kathy Aeillo 669-2554
 SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Church School
 11 a.m. Worship Service

LENORA CHURCH OF GOD
 SUNDAY — 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
404 N. York Avenue, Oberlin
 SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Worship
 10:45 a.m. Fellowship and Educational Hour
 Holy Communion, first and third Sundays
 7:30 p.m. Congregation Council second Wednesday

NORTON SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
105 S. Case Street
Pastor Jim Nichols
SATURDAY SERVICES — 9:45 a.m. Church Services
 10:45 a.m. Sabbath School

LONG ISLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
The Rev. Shelly Cox
554 Washington, 854-7626
 SUNDAY — 11 a.m. Sunday School
 11 a.m. Morning Worship
FIRST SUNDAY — 12 noon Fellowship Dinner
 1 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting
FIRST WEDNESDAY — 2 p.m. United Methodist Women's Meeting in Fall, Winter and Spring

NORTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Charles Ross
112 S. Archer, 877-5214
 SUNDAY — 11 a.m. Worship Service
 6 p.m. Evening Service
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

LIVING HOPE FELLOWSHIP
One mile south of Norton at corner of PDRA road
Pastor Jerry Cummings 877-2426
 SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Worship and Praise Service
 7 p.m. Evening Worship and Praise Service
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Youth and Children's Programs
 7 p.m. Adult Home Bible Study
THURSDAY — 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
Phillipsburg Branch
Noel Krouse, Bishop
620 7th Street
 SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Sacrament meeting
 11:15 a.m. Sunday School
 11:15 a.m. Primary
 12:05 a.m. Priesthood meeting
 12:05 a.m. Relief Society
 Visitors welcome.

LOGAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Shelly Cox
303 W. Church, 689-4350
 SUNDAY — 9:15 a.m. Worship
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:15 a.m. Fifth Sunday song service
FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAYS — 6:30 p.m. UMYF
SECOND WEDNESDAY —



1:30 p.m. United Methodist Women
THIRD WEDNESDAY — 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

UNITED PARISH OF LENORA
The Rev. Jack Kersenbrock
140 E. Iowa, 567-4420
 SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Sunday School
 11 a.m. Morning Worship
FRIDAY — 2 p.m. United Parish Women Fellowship in Pilgrim Hall

LYLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Carol Woodmansee
 SUNDAY — 8:00 a.m. Worship Service

MAPLE GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN
9 miles west
4 1/2 miles north of Norton
Pastor Leon Neher
 SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Sunday School
 11 a.m. Worship Service
 4th Tuesday, Women's Fellowship
 3rd Sunday, Noon, carry-in dinner

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW ALMELO
stjoseph@ruraltel.net
Father Vincent Thu Laing
Pastoral Administrator, Stan Chapin
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass
 Friday and Monday 8 a.m. Scripture Communion Service
 Weekday Mass Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

ALMENA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Kathy Aeillo 669-2554
 SUNDAY — 8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
2ND SUNDAY — Noon Fellowship Dinner
 1:00 p.m. Administrative Board Meeting
3RD THURSDAY — 1:30 p.m. United Methodist Women in Fellowship Hall

HENDLEY/WILSONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES
The Rev. R.L. Malchow
 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Hour
 1st and 3rd Sundays, Hendley
 2nd and 4th Sundays, Wilsonville
 Coffee Fellowship after service
 3rd Thursday U.M.W.

LIVING WORD BAPTIST CHURCH
308 West Crane
Interim Pastor Terry Laughlin
 SUNDAY — 9 a.m. Morning Worship
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School
 6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Service
MONDAY — 7 p.m. TFC
WEDNESDAY — Kids Klub after school to 5 p.m.
 6:45 p.m. Bible Study at Community Full Gospel
 7 p.m. Teens for Christ Ministry Team

WILSONVILLE UNITED BAPTIST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Minister, Keith Theobald
 SUNDAY — 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11 a.m. Worship and Communion
 1st Thursday, B.C.W. 9 a.m.

NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Kathy Aeillo 693-4519
 SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Worship Service
 11 a.m. Sunday School

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Marla Mulder and Carrie Malcolm visited Mabel Malcolm at Whispering Pines in Norton Monday afternoon.

Almena Study Club

The Almena Study Club met March 11 at the home of Carol Ross. Adelia Wilnerd opened the meeting. Phyllis Volgamore gave devotions on inspirations.

Helmi Moody talked on "How I Became an American Citizen." She told of the different steps necessary to attain citizenship, to learn American history and government, the three branches of

government, and speaking, writing and reading the English language. She took the oath of citizenship at Oberlin in 1953.

After the flag salute the business meeting was held. Alberta Geil read the secretary and treasurer's report. Seven members answered roll call, "What Freedom Means to Me."

Adelia Wilnerd in Did 'Ja Know had a quiz: U.S. Citizenship test, could you pass?

After the Collect hostess Carol Ross served delicious refreshments during the social hour.

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