Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

Winners of the Oberlin Elementary School contest for conservation practices were Jenna Long, daughter of Greg and Mary Long, formerly of Norcatur, and Timothy Helm son of Mike and Debra Helm of Norcatur.

Senior Citizens met Feb. 6 with 14 card players present. Winners were June Jolly, Eleanor Jensen and Bee Nelson. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, in the Educational Building.

Bee Nelson enjoyed breakfast at the Cardinal Bar and Grill with former Norcatur United Methodist Church Pastor Dale Thiele of Lucas, on Feb. 5. He was on his way to Oberlin for the first church meeting of the Methodist ministers of this district.

Several friends and family came to surprise Cathy Anthony and help celebrate her birthday at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Saturday, Feb. 7. There were presents and cards, a good meal, and of course a birthday cake! It was a total surprise. Those attending were Valerie Faris and Jerry Stein, Chris and Windy Kuhlman and boys, June Jolly, Margaret Magers, Mary Lesle, Julia Ray and Jessup, Adric and Farra; Charles and Vickie Taylor; Keith Anthony, and Gary and Cathy Anthony.

Ron and Gina Montgomery attended the funeral of Florence Frakes in Trenton, Neb., Wednesday, Feb. 4. She was the mother of Lee Frakes, their son-in-law.

in some Pro Rodeos and has been doing very well.

David and Patty Stapp, Norcatur, won this year's Kansas Banker Association water quality award for the practice of wise conservation practices that help to preserve the precious soil. The Stapps put in a waste management pit for their cattle feedlot about two years ago.

Jacob Helm, son of Mike and Debra Helm, Carissa Wentz, daughter of Dwight and Mary Wentz, Norcatur; Rhiannon Davies, daughter of Gareth and Lisa Davies, formerly of Norcatur, and granddaughter of Doris Auker, were inducted into the Decatur Community High School Honor Society this past week. We are proud of all of you!!

Amanda Marshall, daughter of Troy and Deb Marshall; and Nolan Henningson, son of Robbie and Jeni Henningson, Norcatur, were accepted for the Kansas State University band on Jan. 23, 24 and 25, in Manhattan. To earn a spot in the top band, the students had to sight read a piece and play a scale. Making the top band and seated at second chair was Nolan Henningson, trumpet.

Weekend houseguests at the Stan Miller farm were Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Sophia, Topeka; and Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle, El Dorado. Additional visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Barnett, Kay Strevey, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Dempewolf, Mr. and Mrs. John Mast, Ave., Norcatur, Kan., 67653.

Scott Harman has been riding Jerold Rule, Emporia; and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Oberlin.

Ruth (Ward) Chamberlain, of North Platte, sister of Kenneth Ward, had the misfortune to fall and break her hip. She had surgery on Feb. 5. Her address is Great Plains Regional Medical Center, 601 West Leota, Room 242A, North Platte, Neb., 69101.

Happy Birthday to Tom Jakowski, Feb. 14; Judy Jackson, Leona Schoenradt, Feb. 16; Russell James,

Results of the pool tournament on Feb. 4 at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were Stan Miller, first; Larry Lively, second; Jeff Roe, third.

Dart tournament results of Feb. 4 at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were Game 1 - Renee Harman, first place; Alice Barnett, second; Patty Stapp, third. Game 2 - Patty Stapp, first; Tonya Porter, second; Alice Barnett, third. Game 3 - Patty Stapp, first; Tonya Porter, second; Renee Harman, third.

Jerry R. Wescott will not be running for the Norcatur City Council for personal reasons.

Beth Sebaugh, Oberlin, and Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson, Norcatur, had Sunday dinner, Feb. 8, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill. Keith Anthony and Von and Joy Johnson joined them.

Arlene Hix of Norcatur will celebrate her 90th birthday on Friday. Cards will reach her at 201 S. Dexter

Mount Pleasant News By Dianne Bremer

Our sympathies to Lois Carlson, tivities began with the boys meeting Alice May, and families upon the death of their sister, Doris (Rezner) Staack, 88, whose funeral services were held Friday morning at Cornwell Colonial Chapel in Woodburn,

She is survived by two children, Carol Hammond and Robert Staack of Woodburn, and their families. Her husband, Arlyn, preceded her

Dan Nedland, Hunter Nedland, and Zach May traveled to Topeka Sunday morning where the boys attended a 4-H Citizenship in Action program at the State Capitol building. Activities began Sunday evening with a Mock Legislative Session, and Monday morning ac-

with Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer and Rep.

Elizabeth Nedland, Cassidy Shields, Hannah May, Zach May, and Ryan May were among those representing Decatur Community Junior High School at the Junior High music contest held Wednesday in Colby.

In group ratings, Elizabeth, Cassidy, Hannah, Zach, and Ryan were in the choir and band which both received 1 ratings; Cassidy sang in the eighth grade girls double duet ensemble which received a 1+; Elizabeth sang in the eighth grade girls sextet ensemble which received a 1; Zach, Ryan, and Elizabeth played in the eighth grade

brass ensemble which received a 1; and Zach and Ryan sang in the eighth grade men's ensemble which received a 1+. In individual ratings Elizabeth received a 1+ on her French Horn solo and a 1 on both her piano and vocal solos; Cassidy received an advanced placement on her vocal solo; Hannah received a 1+ on her flute solo and a 1 on both her vocal and piano solos; Zach received a 1- on both his vocal and piano solos and a 2+ on his trumpet solo; and Ryan received a 1- on his vocal solo and a 2+ on his trombone

Keith and Marie Geis, Wheatland, Wyo., were Sunday evening dinner guests of his sister and husband, Karen and Craig Larson.

Decatur Health Systems By Othelia Vacura

The University of Kansas Medical Center Area Health Education Center Northwest will sponsor a Pediatric Trauma/Emergency Management class from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, March 9, at The Gateway. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. This is an opportunity for area physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses and EMS workers to earn continuing

education units. Registration is \$60 if paid by March 3. For further information contact Suzanne Ahlberg or Tammi Ritter at the hospital.

Vince Vandehaar will be the featured speaker at this year's Strategic Planning sessions at our facility Wednesday and Thursday, April 29 and 30. The Board of Trustees, medical staff and employees will be involved. Members of the public

will be given an opportunity to give their input on the direction our facility is moving in the future.

We would like 15 to 20 prior hospital patients to volunteer in each meeting, from 5 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, or 7 to 8 a.m., Thursday. Coffee and rolls will be served at the morning meeting. If you would like to participate in either meeting, call Lynn Doeden at 475-2208.

Jennings News By Louise Cressler

The DCHS Singers will be performing at 7 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, Feb. 18, at the Sunflower Senior Center. Sponsored by the Jennings

Lions Club, everyone is welcome to

come listen to them. Refreshments

will be served. The community extends sympathy to the family of Joyce Muirhead Christensen. She was a sister to

Keith Muirhead of Dresden. She died Friday in Arizona, where they spent their winters. The Jennings news from last

week was inadvertently omitted at the Oberlin Herald office. Both weeks are included this week.

Stan and Ramona Shaw visited at the home of Tom Neff and Chris Gillespie in Downs last Sunday. Additional guests were Elliott and Tamara Gillespie, Alex and Emma, Belton, Mo. En route home, Stan and Ramona visited at the home of Mark and Shelley Shaw, Ethan and Erin, rural Logan.

visited several days last week with (785) 678-2659. their grandparents, Wayne and Louise Cressler.

Wayne and Louise Cressler received the happy news of their newest great-grandchild's arrival. Ella Grace Jones was born Feb. 6 at Ames, Iowa. Parents are Brian and Melissa Jones. Grandparents are Mike and Sharon Gaston, Ames, Iowa. Ella Grace has one brother, Cody Clark, 10 years old.

Mayor Bob Jones will not be running and will not accept the mayor's position for another term. He wishes ture.

Dewayne Jackson brought our

Margaret "Toots" Magers took

message on Sunday. His daughter,

June Jolly, Lora Arnold and Veda

Wood to Cambridge, Neb., after our

dinner for Helen Helm's birthday

Keith Anthony and Gary and

Cathy Anthony also attended, and

we had a good time visiting and

playing a "different type" game.

Helen is scheduled for a doctor's

appointment, as she has not been

feeling well at times. Her children,

Kathy, Ceanne, Jim, Mike and their

Dave Huff visited his parents,

Earnest and Donna, from Monday

to Wednesday. He made a trip to

Yuma, Colo., where he is planning

to work in order to be closer to

home. Earnest continues to have

sewing every Tuesday that weather

The ladies at Lyle resumed their

Lyle Church plans to have a

sunrise service on Sunday, April

12 this year with the time to be

After Senior Citizens on Friday,

June Jolly took Toots Magers home,

then went to Karen Brown's and

trouble with his shoulder.

permits.

decided later.

families were there.

Destiny was a visitor.

to thank everyone for their support the past eight years he has been in

Those attending United Methodist Women's meeting Wednesday were Kay Brown, Kathy Nauer, Glenda Johnson, Lila Jennings, Patty Foster, Helen Rhodes and Ruth Chance. Lila Jennings gave the program, "Food and Faith." Roll call was answered by something you learned about Lincoln or Washington. Devotions were given. Ruth Chance served refreshments.

City water meters will be read Feb. 18. If your meter is inside, please post reading on your front

The recycle trailer will be in Jennings and will be parked north of the Community Hall from Feb.

Frances Bader is offering free tax help for any taxpayer with low and middle income through the American Association of Retired Megan Faris, and Jessica Lem- Persons, especially for those over mons and Gabriel, Manhattan, 60. For appointments, call her at

Seniors enjoying a potluck dinner Tuesday at the Sunflower Senior Center were Stan and Ramona Shaw, Imogene Keenan, Rachel Carter, Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier, William and Tommie Kump, Bob Tacha, Bud and Helen Rhodes, Pat Hall, Violet Foster, Jim and Wilma Mader and Louise Cressler. A short business meeting followed.

Jennings and surrounding countryside received a nice wet snow last week. We really need the mois-

were Louis and La Veda McFarland,

Linda and Dennis McFarland,

Kimberley Jolly, her friend and

son and Jennifer's son, Jack; and

June's 12-year-old English Shep-

herd, Katie, had to be put down

because of a rabid skunk found on

her porch. She was not sure if Katie

had been fighting with the skunk,

but under the circumstances, she

opted not to quarantine the dog for

six months to see if she got sick.

We do need to have rabies shots for

Aubrey had lunch with Veda Wood

one day last week, and Mrs. Wood

visited with Carol, John, and Kyle,

Carol's great-granddaughter, one

We are so glad that Joyce Price is

Oh, yes, I still have one pup, as

Margaret Magers received some

stories from Charles Keller, who

was our pastor for a while, giving

her a preview of a book he is plan-

ning. She allowed me to read them;

and I think he should go 'full speed

delightful stories for children, and

for people like me who are still kids

at heart. I want to be sure to get one

There are some that would make

one person was unable to take it.

much better. We have missed seeing

Carol Moye, Tielia High and

By Veda Wood

Lyle News

I missed getting this in last week's birthday dinner for her. Visitors

Twila Carter.

her around.

ahead' with it.

Where is God in Disaster?

By Rev. Kevin Schnakenberg, Interim Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Oberlin

by many when hurricanes hit, tornados strike, earth- many the evidence seems to point that God was quakes rattle, or when fires roar through, as have nowhere around. But in reality the Bible teaches us been ravaging Australia recently. As the death toll climbs and property damage escalates, many are asking this question. After Hurricane Katrina hit the southeastern U.S., I remember hearing a broadcaster say that many were asking, "How could God let this happen?" In other words, how could such a supposed loving God allow such death, destruction, and misery befall people?

First of all, God never promised that bad things, even as bad as hurricanes, fires, and tornados would never happen. Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble" (John 16:33). And that's because we live in a fallen world ruined by sin, where bad and chaotic things will occur. Where even nature is not immune to the effects of sin entering the world, no longer always being peaceful and pleasant as God intended before the fall of Adam and Eve, but at times raging wildly, bringing devastating results. Where even those who live as the called, faithful, children of God in Jesus may experience the torments of such events.

even have to be from natural disasters that we face is there waiting for you to turn to Him in your time troubles in this world. Sickness, accidents, a loss of of distress. To see, first of all, that in Jesus, God has a job, family break-ups, facing the decreased ability rescued you from the trouble of eternal punishment in taking care of one's self due to aging, are some of in hell for your sins, and to show you His eagerness the many troubles we face on a daily basis. All these troubles can come to Christians and non-Christians

But still the question remains, "Where is God in

Where is God in disaster? A question often asked disaster, or when trouble of any kind strikes?" To when disaster strikes, God is right there with us! He is not far off, unaware of our plight — He is close by, right by our side.

As Christians no matter what troubles occur in our lives, whether they be big or small, God promises His people in Christ, "Never will I leave you, never will I forsake you." He is not there to punish, but to help, and give you patience, to strengthen you, and give you the courage not to give up. He is there to comfort you and have you look to the future with hope in Him. In short, He is there to see you through all of life until the day He decides it is time for you to leave this life. He does it all for the sake of Jesus Christ, His Son, who experienced the "trouble," the "disaster," that our sins deserved on the cross — the wrath and punishment of God.

For those who do not know of Christ's loving action of stepping in and taking their place in receiving the greatest "trouble" of all — eternal condemnation for rebellion against God — God works through the As we all know through life experience, it doesn't troubles of this life in an effort to get you to see He to help you get through the earthly disasters you experience.

Indeed, God in Christ Jesus, is with us in disaster!



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120 South East, Oberlin SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.

JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS Carrie Buhler, pastor SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. DRESDEN SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST The Rev. Doug Hasty SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.

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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: Fred Dycus

SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., AWANA Church School, 10:30 a.m. Club 4-6 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Service,

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,

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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,

OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST South Beaver Street - Oberlin Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. WEDNESDAY:

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Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.

HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH Keith Reuther, Pastor Phone 785-322-5316 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Youth Group, 4 p.m

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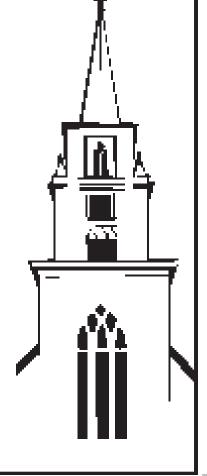
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they played cards at McCook. June went to the home of her son, Dean on Sunday where Rhonda had a when it's done. 3B LN 07.indd 3