

POTTAWATOMIE NEWS



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Correspondent

WAVERLY – Two families were involved in funeral services for family members recently. Stan and Sharon Snyder went Saturday to the services at Countryside Methodist Church in Topeka for Sylvia Snyder Colombo. They attended ballgames Monday and Tuesday nights.

Roberta Norman accompanied John and Gaye Jarred, Claremore, Okla. to services for her son-in-law, Jack Salava's brother, Dan Salava on Monday, Feb. 17. Laurie Stewart, Lenexa, also came for the occasion, as well as Jack and Sandy and family.

Grandson Jordan Salava has been spending a few nights with Roberta due to extra family members staying at the Salava homestead. Warren and Linda Bell brought out a Valentine's remembrance from the Methodist Church in Burlington to Roberta.

Glenn and Phyllis Dorcas were on the road quite a bit on the very snowy Wednesday of last week. After keeping an appointment in Burlington in the morning, they went to Waverly for a pre-

Valentine's visit with Dorothy Marsh, Glenn's sister. David and Beth Marsh were also there. Then it was back to Burlington for the Soil Conservation Supper.

On the real Valentine's Day, the Dorcases stayed in out of the cold. Phyllis made homemade pizza. Sunday was much better so they ate out at Ottawa.

Bill and Cindy Williams spent last weekend in Iowa attending their granddaughters' volleyball tournament games. Leaving here on Friday, they went to Caitilin Horner's matches on Saturday at Grimes, Iowa. On Sunday, they went to Iowa Falls for Cailey Horner's games. When all was said and done, Cailey's team took first place in the tournament and Caitilin's team took second. The Williamses came back on Monday, President's Day.

Connie Kunkel visited her mom, Frances Crooks, on Friday in Burlington and attended a ballgame that night. Saturday was Taryn Vogt's last Rec basketball game and her parents, Travis and Kristi Vogts, went to see her play.

Dave and Debbie Redding's grandchildren, Mara and Jax, spent the weekend with them. They all came out to Bill Redding's for a visit. Other happenings of the weekend were working on 4-H Day events.

Boy Scout Troop 139 thriving in Burlington

Isaac Rinker
Troop 139

BURLINGTON — On Third Street, near Kelley Park sits an old scout house. This building houses the meetings of Boy Scout Troop 139, one of many different troops across America.

Every Monday night at about 6:30 p.m., a small group of people gather there to discuss scout activities, plan scouting events, and have a meeting with all the people in the troop. By participating in the activities conducted by the scouts, boys ages 11 and up can learn many valuable lessons about teamwork, planning and morality while making friends and having fun.

As scouts, we go camping in the glorious outdoors. While

camping, one gets to cook and eat amazing meals, help build and maintain a fire, and sleep in a super cozy sleeping bag under the sweet soothing silence of nature. Scouts may also camp out with other troops and go on small adventures to discover all the ins and outs of scouting. All of this is controlled by each scout and is decided upon by the troop, encouraging creativity and independence among scouts. The troop and your scout experience can be whatever you want it to be.

A scout can earn merit badges to demonstrate skills, form sub-sections of the troop, called patrols, and create a name, flag, and patch for the patrol. Recently, local scouts have been part of a large multi-troop camp out, known as Klondike,

where scouts compete in various challenges. Before that, a small camp out at the Troop 139 scout house was held. Scouts are now working on first aid merit badges and will then work toward a shot gun shooting merit badge.

The public is invited to a community pancake feed 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. March 7 at the Burlington First Baptist Church, where there will also be a silent auction and bake sale.

Looking ahead, the pack will host the district pine wood derby May 9 at Burlington Elementary School.

To become a scout with troop 139, visit the troop at a meeting any Monday night, 6:30 p.m. at the scout house. Bring a friend and see what scouting is all about.

MENUS

Coffey County

East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging program congregate and home delivered meals are served Monday through Friday at the Burlington Senior Center (620) 364-2730, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Lebo Senior Center (620) 245-6166, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Waverly Senior Center (785) 733-2603.

Monday: Pork taco, Spanish rice, shredded lettuce, pears, tortilla and milk.

Tuesday: Lasagna roll-ups with marinara, corn, orange cottage cheese salad, graham cracker, garlic bread and milk.

Wednesday: Roast beef, whipped potatoes with gravy, green beans with red peppers, brownie, wheat roll and milk.

Thursday: Potato soup, turkey salad, stewed apples, crackers, wheat bread and milk.

Friday: Meatloaf, sweet potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, tropical mixed fruit, wheat roll and milk.

COFFEY COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

Station 8 - New Strawn, responded to a medical assist at 5:38 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, in the 1800 block of Quail Road.

Station 5 - LeRoy, responded to a medical assist at 10:07 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, in the 200 block of Nebraska Street, LeRoy.

Station 3 - Burlington, Station 8 - New Strawn, responded to a possible structure fire at 7:18 a.m. Friday, Feb. 21,

in the 600 block of Kennedy Street, Burlington.

Station 4 - Gridley, Station 3 - Burlington, and Station 5 - LeRoy, responded to a grass fire at 1:57 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at the intersection of Fourth and Fauna roads.

Station 6 - Lebo, responded to a vehicle fire at 3:40 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, in the 500 block of Fifth Street, Lebo.

Station 8 - New Strawn, re-

sponded to a vehicle accident with injuries at 11:01 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at the intersection of 18th Road and U.S. 75.

Station 6 - Lebo, responded to a medical assist at 11:44 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, in the 100 block of Broadway Street, Lebo.

Station 7 - Waverly, responded to a grass fire at 4:05 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, in the 2400 block of 24th Road.



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Devotional Page

Likening the scriptures to ourselves

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Just recently, several members of our church decided to get together and form a scripture study group that meets twice a month in my home. We follow the scripture reading outline given to us by our church. This year, we read the Book of Mormon and then discussed what we learned and answered questions that anyone had about the readings. It's great to see how everyone comes prepared, shows excitement and eagerly participates. We even stay on topic for one whole hour!

So what is it about scripture study that can cause so much excitement?

First I believe is a desire to better understand the word of God in a world that is as loud and confusing as our present world. Many voices try to pull us in various directions and thereby constantly confuse us. Should I engage in this behavior? Should I believe that person? Do all these voices really tell us what to do to have a peaceful and happy life?

It is the scriptures that tell us what to believe and do. In Psalm 19 we read that "the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure ...; the statutes of the Lord are right ...; the commandment of the Lord is pure ...; the fear of the Lord is clean ...; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous" (19:7-9). There can be no more confusion here: the words "perfect," "sure," "right," "pure," "clean," "true" and "righteous" indicate to us that what God tells us will not confuse us or fade away but show us the right way to go and do. Is it any wonder then that people who discover the scriptures are excited?

Once we have decided to follow that perfect and pure law of God, we should begin to apply the teachings of the scriptures to ourselves, that is, to act according to what we have learned.

In the Book of Mormon, Nephi, a prophet on the American continent (about 580 B.C.), reads the scriptures they have taken from Jerusalem to his people with the following purpose in mind: "... for I did liken all scriptures unto us, that it might be for our profit and learning" (1 Nephi 19:23).

The question then is how can we apply the stories and doctrinal teachings of the scriptures to ourselves so that we can live accordingly? Let me give some examples.

When young Joseph was sold into Egypt, he soon became overseer in the house of Potiphar, the captain of the guard of Pharaoh. The scriptures tell us that "Joseph was a goodly person, and well favored" (Genesis 39:6). He must also have been good-looking, because soon Potiphar's wife "cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, lie with me" (39:7). Eventually she even "caught him by his garment, saying, lie with me" (39:12). What would Joseph do? He refused. He was well aware that he could not "do this great wickedness, and sin against God" (39:9). Instead, "he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out" (39:12).

There is a great lesson here for all of us, namely, if we find ourselves in a compromising situation, whatever it may be, we need to recognize it and get out of it as fast as we can. We need

to remember to liken this scriptural event unto ourselves.

In the Book of Mormon, we get to know a young Nephi who is faithful, obedient and forgiving. At one point during the family's journey through the wilderness, Nephi's bow, made of fine steel, breaks, making it impossible for Nephi to supply food for the family. The rest of the family, being tired, hungry and wondering when they will eat again, begin to complain and get angry.

Nephi, however, takes a different approach. Instead of being discouraged, he goes and makes another bow, this time out of wood, along with an arrow out of a straight stick. Then instead of taking over the family leadership and ignoring his father, he goes to his father and asks "Whither shall I go to obtain food?" The father answers and the problem is solved. The family hierarchy is retained, and food is soon supplied.

Do we solve our family problems like this? Do we quietly take positive action when a problem occurs or do we complain, blame others and do nothing? Surely we can liken Nephi's behavior to ourselves and move forward in a more positive way.

Finally, an example for Christ-like living comes from Jesus Christ himself. In Mark chapter 5 we read of a woman who "had an issue of blood twelve years" (verse 25) and who has not been able to get help from anyone. As Christ walks by, she touches his clothes in the firm belief of being cured. The miracle occurs. Christ, who has felt virtue going out of him, looks for her, acknowledges her faith, and grants her healing.

The lesson here is Christ's attention to an individual's desperate need. It teaches me to pay attention to what other people may need even if I don't know them, and try to meet that need if I can.

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