

POTTAWATOMIE NEWS



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Correspondent

W A V E R L Y – Glenn and Phyllis Dorcas visited Terry and Rosann Osborn on Tuesday of last week and Roberta Norman on

to see their daughter, Crystal Kistner, at the Osborns, and daughters Laurie Stewart and Sandy Salava with Roberta. Dave and Debbie Redding with their grandchildren, Mara and Jax, joined Bill Redding for Sunday lunch. Connie Kunkel visited her mom, Frances Crooks last Tuesday. She and David were also taking in the regional basketball tournament at Waverly. Connie's birthday during

this time was kind of put on the back burner, not the oven burner, as they celebrated with take-out pizza. David and Connie Kunkel, along with quite a few others, traveled to El Dorado Friday night for the game in which Waverly played. Unfortunately, Waverly lost, but since Lebo continues on, the schools in the district will be suspended for a day or so to accommodate travel to their game.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Eagle Creek Community
Catherine Schmidt
Reporter

The Eagle Creek Community Unit met 10 a.m. Feb. 8 at The Olpe Chicken House Café. Ginger Williamson served as hostess. She gave devotions and served refreshments. Gayla Proehl was acting president and led the meeting. Ten members and one guest, Vivian Prose, attended. Roll call was

“Your Secret Sister of 2019” also “Do you have special heirloom jewelry?” and “Who gave it to you?” A thank you note was read from the Kenneth Thomas family for flowers given at the time of their loss. Dues have been collected and Secret Sister names were drawn. The unit donated children's books to Elmendaro Township Library for their Christmas Party in December. Walk Kansas is March 15 to May 9.

The unit lesson was given by Gayla: “Radon Levels Can Be Reduced.” Be tested for radon, a naturally occurring radioactive gas produced from the decay of uranium that is found in nearly all soils. Gayla also told about “Documentation of Heirlooms For Future Heirs.” The hostess gift was won by Vivian Prose. Everyone enjoyed a Valentine gift exchange. The next meeting will be 10 a.m. March 14 at The Olpe Chicken House Café.

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: BBQ pork patty, cream peas, stewed apples, vegetable juice, wheat bun and milk.
Tuesday: Chili, diced carrots, mixed fruit, cinnamon roll, wheat crackers and milk.
Wednesday: Chicken fried chicken, whipped potatoes with

gravy, calico corn, cake, ice cream, wheat roll and milk.
Thursday: Chicken Alfredo, mixed vegetables, apricots, graham cookie, garlic bread and milk.
Friday: Beef stew, harvard beets, pears, cookie, wheat biscuit and milk.
Lyon County
Lyon County Congregate and home delivered Friendship meals are served Monday through Friday at Olpe and Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Neosho Rapids. Call one day in advance for Olpe meals at (620) 475-3384 and Neosho Rapids meals at (620) 342-8232. Please call before 9:30 a.m. to

cancel meal (620) 340-8001.
Monday: Cheddar baked chicken, roasted cauliflower, succotash, peach crisp, bread and milk.
Tuesday: Smothered pork chops, potato wedges, braised red cabbage, cranberry apples, roll and milk.
Wednesday: Homemade meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, glazed carrots, cake with strawberries, bread and milk.
Thursday: Taco soup, tossed salad with dressing, apple brown Betty, roll and milk.
Friday: Tuna macaroni salad, pickled beets, sliced tomatoes, seasonal fresh fruit, crackers and milk.

Fire
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Station 3 - Burlington, and Station 4 - Gridley, responded to a grass fire to assist Greenwood County 1:51 p.m. Thursday, March 5, in rural Greenwood County.
Station 6 - Lebo, responded to a medical assist 9:54 p.m. Thursday, March 5, in the 500 block of Fifth Street, Lebo.

Station 7 - Waverly, responded to a control burn out of control 12:58 p.m. Friday, March 6, in the 2700 block of Verdure Road.
Station 7 - Waverly, responded to a medical assist 3:14 p.m. Friday, March 6, in the 600 block of Senior Street, Waverly.
Station 6 - Lebo, responded to a grass fire 3:53 p.m. Friday, March 6, in the 7500 block of 349th Road.
Station 3 - Burlington, responded to a rekindle grass/brush fire at 7:37 p.m. Friday,

March 6, at the intersection of 12th and Fauna roads.
Station 8 - New Strawn, responded to a rekindle grass/brush fire 11:36 a.m. Saturday, March 7, at the intersection of 22nd Road and U.S. 75.
Station 8 - New Strawn, responded to a grass fire 2:14 p.m. Sunday, March 8, in the 1600 block of 16th Road.
Station 3 - Burlington responded to a rekindle grass fire 3:14 p.m. Sunday, March 8, in the 1800 block of 10th Road.

Sheriff
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the roadway. Unable to avoid them, he struck one of the animals with the 2019 Dodge Caravan he was driving, registered to SE KS Mental Health, Iola. The vehicle sustained more than \$1,000 in damages. Legally restrained, Klingensmith was uninjured in the accident occurring 1:50 p.m. Sunday, March 1.
Jeremy M. Lind, 46, Gridley, was traveling northbound on Emmer Road at 10th Road, when he struck a deer. This caused more than \$1,000 in damages to his 2008 Pontiac G-8. Legally restrained, Lind was uninjured in the accident occurring

4:44 a.m. Monday, March 2.
Shane E. McWhorter, 37, Burlington, was traveling northbound on U.S. 75, 100 feet south of 13th Road, when he was unable to avoid striking a deer that was attempting to cross the highway. The 2005 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 he was driving, registered to Alison R. Fink, Burlington, sustained more than \$1,000 in damages. Legally restrained, McWhorter was uninjured in the accident occurring 6:16 a.m. Monday, March 2.
Monica Rolf, 39, Westphalia, was traveling southbound on Trefoil Road, four-tenths mile north of 24th Road when a deer entered the roadway, striking her vehicle. Her 2017 Dodge Journey sustained more than

\$1,000 in damages but was able to be driven from the scene. Legally restrained, Rolf received no injuries in the accident occurring 7:04 p.m. Tuesday, March 3.

Madison breakfast offered

MADISON — The Verdigris Valley Foundation will serve a biscuits and gravy breakfast 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday, March 21, at Madison Sauder Center, Madison. Proceeds from the event will support the operation of the center and projects for the community.

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What are you doing for Lent?

Fr. Quentin Schmitz
St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



Fr. Quentin Schmitz

For some Christians, this is a common question this time of the year. I realize that not all who read this article celebrate the season of Lent, but I think some of the common practices of Lent can be helpful to all for a journey of faith. I found it interesting in finding out that many different religions and faiths take part in some form of a fast or abstinence for different reasons. For many Christians, the time leading up to the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord is a time of fasting and or abstaining from certain things. It is amazing to me to experience what simple things such as fasting and abstaining can do for a spiritual journey. That is not to say that either of them are an easy thing to do but that if done with the right intentions, they have the potential of truly drawing us close to God.

One of the things I recognize as someone that does not always have the greatest willpower is that many times there are failures to fulfill the fast or abstinence. I can make concessions here and there along the way. It is also great to see that sometimes it is the very struggle itself to live out the fast that causes the greatest benefits in the spiritual life.

For those who do not know why some Christians choose to fast or abstain, it should probably be stated that we are trying to follow in the footsteps of Christ. As the Lord was preparing to start his public ministry, we see

him go out into the desert to fast for 40 days. The number 40 is used multiple times in the scriptures, leading up to Christ, for times of preparations for great events. Moses is on the mountain 40 days and nights before receiving the commandments. Elijah has a preparation of 40 days and nights of walking to the mountain of God to hear God speak to him in a tiny whispering sound. Lastly, the people of Israel wandered 40 years in the desert after the exodus from slavery in Egypt before they entered the Promised Land. So what can be the benefits? Fasting or abstaining can be ways of preparing for something that is great and for events that should have added emphasis. Usually, if chosen well, the fast or abstinence serves as a constant reminder for us of the special event as we long for whatever it is we have given up. The Lord always reminds us to make it more than something on the surface level, as he desires us to

rend our hearts, not our garments. It is in the struggle that there often is a realization that whatever created good God has given to us takes most of our immediate focus and we can often lose sight of the Creator of that good. In other words, we can fail to love God with our whole heart, mind, body and soul.

Another benefit of a time of fast or abstinence can be to prepare us for something amazing. The amazing event that we approach during the season of Lent is the celebration Jesus Christ conquering sin and death with his own passion, death, and Resurrection. Truly Lord, how great you are and we thank you for the life you share with us. How sweet is the victory of Jesus Christ. When we get to the end of the fast and abstinence, we are hopefully taken into a deeper spiritual peace and joy because of the practices we have taken up. It enhances the celebration at the end. Another benefit is that it brings others into the joy as well. By going without, or by using less, we can be more charitable and share more with each other.

God, our hearts truly are restless until they rest in you.

If any have taken up this time of preparation or the practices of fasting and abstinence, may God bless you abundantly with his grace. May our hearts be transformed. May it help us to enter into the celebration of the love and life of Jesus Christ our Lord with each other as we prepare for the glorious celebration of Easter.

Be alert for His voice

It is always wise to think before we talk and ask God to guide our words. And it is important to look to the Lord for insight before we leap into the unknown. It is certainly critical to pray before we proceed with any plan. If we ever fear we are failing, it's time to fall on our knees and ask God to come to our rescue. Looking to the Lord for His directions will give us confidence that we are following His will for our lives and can then count on His presence. To make the right choice, we must listen for God's voice.

Not only is God interested in who we are but what we do. He is no more interested in the missionary than he is the mechanic. He is no more concerned for a preacher than He is a politician. We read in His Word that “God so loved the world” - and that means everyone on it! That assures us that He has a plan for every life and will reveal His plan

to those who willingly search for it and carefully follow it.

But one plan does not fit all any more than one size fits all. He has a different plan for each of us and various methods to speak to us. For some it may be a sermon, for others a passage of Scripture. He may speak quietly during a moment of worship or boldly during a time of sickness.

We must always be alert for His voice. He constantly speaks to each of us and wants to lead us on the path He has designed for us. As He was with the Israelites, then so He is with us now: “He guided with a cloud by day and light from a fire all night.” His presence is constant.

In daylight or darkness, He waits to be our guide.

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