

POTTAWATOMIE NEWS



Phyllis Dorcas  
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Correspondent

**WAVERLY** — The Coffey County Cancer Support group held their annual soup luncheon March 10 with a tremendous crowd along with many carry-outs.

Those seen from here were Glenn and Phyllis Dorcas, Gene and Donna Ratzlaff, Sharon Snyder and Deloris Kane. Stan was not able to

attend as he was at funeral services for the father-in-law of his friend. Helping serve at the gathering were Sandy Salava and Elaine Gifford.

On the same afternoon, Glenn and Phyllis Dorcas visited Roberta Norman, a patient at Coffey County Hospital. Also in attendance were her family members, Laurie Stewart and Jack and Sandy Salava. As they prepared to leave, other visitors arrived including Linda Traylor, Burlington, and Marilyn Combes, Lebo.

Rosann Osborn returned

home from another hospital on Friday night. Gathered to welcome her home were Crystal Kistner and Destiny James and family. Glenn and Phyllis Dorcas called briefly.

David and Connie Kunkel watched the Vogts' granddaughters on Friday, due to school being out for spring break. Then on Saturday, one granddaughter went to Callie Jo Burkdoll's birthday party and the other two spent the night with the grandparents.

On Tuesday, Connie Kunkel visited her mom, Frances Crooks, in Burlington.

MENUS

Coffey County

East Central Kansas Area Agency on Aging program congregate meals are available on a grab and go basis at the center 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. Meal deliveries will continue as usual. A volunteer and the site manager will be available to oversee the meal distribution.

**Monday:** Swiss steak, au gratin potatoes, calico corn, mandarin oranges, french roll and milk.

**Tuesday:** Hamburger patty, potato wedges, baked beans, mixed fruit, wheat bun and milk.

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

**Thursday:** Pork cutlet with gravy, stuffing, diced carrots, pineapple chunks, wheat bread and milk.

**Friday:** Tuna salad, potato soup, stewed apples, cookie, bagel and milk.

vance for Olpe meals at (620) 475-3384 and Neosho Rapids meals at (620) 342-8232. Home delivered meals will continue as usual. Please call before 9:30 a.m. to cancel a meal at (620) 340-8001.

**Monday:** Chicken pot pie, sunshine carrot salad, mixed fruit, bread and milk.

**Tuesday:** Pasta sausage bake, broccoli and cauliflower,

er, tossed salad with dressing, fruit, garlic bread and milk.

**Wednesday:** Hamburger on bun, baked french fries, coleslaw, pears and milk.

**Thursday:** Chicken tenders, roasted red potatoes, steamed broccoli, tropical fruit, bread and milk.

**Friday:** Oven baked fish, boiled potatoes, creamed peas, pudding, roll and milk.

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- The New Strawn Library Parking

WAVERLY

- The Waverly Library Parking

LEBO

- The Lebo Library Parking

Please note all the library buildings listed may be closed to the public, restricting Wi-Fi to the parking lots and outside areas.

Please practice social distancing and do not create crowds in these areas. These areas will allow individuals to bring their own device and connect to the internet to work remotely, or continue education remotely.



LeRoy Senior Center news

**LEROY** — The LeRoy Senior Center opened its monthly meeting March 12 by reciting the flag salute. All board members were present except one.

The minutes of the February meeting were read. A correction was made. The schedule for free rides from Coffey County Council for the Aging should read "free rides offered the first Tuesday and the third Thursday of each month."

Mary gave the treasurer's report.

Georgie made a suggestion that the Senior Board make May baskets to give to individuals that currently don't attend the Senior Center. This will encourage their participation and invite them to the potluck supper. Each board member would take one bas-

ket to someone they know who is not attending at this time. Mary was asked to purchase the supplies needed for the May baskets. The board members would put them together at the next meeting to be distributed.

Twelve people signed up for the "Living a healthy life with chronic conditions" class 10 a.m. March 12. It is a six-week course. It was a very productive first class.

The secretary will provide a note to be put with the city water bills asking for Meals-on-Wheels program. This great program allows volunteers to check on those receiving the meals and to assist in any way to help make their lives easier. It is a wonderful feeling to do this for individuals who may otherwise not be able to do it for

themselves.

Low impact exercise classes are offered 9:00 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week.

Ladies pitch is played 1 p.m. every Wednesday.

Men and Women play pitch first and third Thursday evenings.

Game night is second and fourth Thursdays and the third Monday evenings. The center has a variety of games or you are encouraged to bring your own and find a partner or two.

Saturdays or Sundays can be reserved for birthday parties, showers, reunions, etc. Call one of the board members to reserve the date. Donations accepted.

LeRoy Senior Center continues to be a very active organization.

Lyon County

Lyon County Congregate Friendship meals are available to be picked up to take home Monday through Friday at Olpe and Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Neosho Rapids. Call one day in ad-

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Devotional Page

Fear not!



Pastor Jason Johnson

**Pastor Jason Johnson**  
Gridley Christian Church

One of the scariest times of my life was when my wife had an emergency C-section with our first child, Sarah. I remember that day like it was yesterday. Jennifer started having contractions Christmas night of 2011, but she decided to try to get some sleep before heading to the hospital. Early the next morning, she woke up with full-on contractions. We rushed to the hospital both excited and nervous thinking, "We are going to be parents!"

We lived out-of-state at the time and the hospital was very small. There was no doctor on staff when we arrived, but the nurses did a great job getting Jennifer hooked up to the machines. A couple of hours later, the doctor arrived. We could tell he was a little grumpy. I think we may have interrupted his Christmas vacation.

Jennifer was dilated to a 10. She was pushing, but Sarah wasn't coming out. She kept pushing. And pushing. And pushing some more. After trying to remove the baby with no success, the doctor discovered that Sarah was sunny side up or upside down. Right away he shouted, "Prep her for an emergency C-section!"

My heart dropped. Was this really happening? This was not the birthing experience we had hoped for or expected. I remember that moment being almost surreal. Like a dream. It all happened so fast. Within seconds, they were moving her out of the room. They told me they would have to put her to sleep for the operation and that I had to wait in the waiting room. As I watched them rush her down the hallway, I remember thinking, "Is my wife going to die?" To put it mildly, I was a bit traumatized by the whole situation.

As the Coronavirus continues to spread around the world, I bet many people feel like I did when my wife had that C-section. Maybe you are afraid. Maybe this isn't what you had hoped for or expected. Maybe you're wondering if this is really happening. Maybe you're wondering if a loved one is going catch the virus. Maybe you're a bit traumatized by the whole situation.

I want to encourage you. God is still in control and He is still on the throne. And He doesn't want His children to live in fear. He wants us to trust Him. In fact, He encourages us some 365 times in Scripture to "fear not," one for each day of the year. Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 1:7 says, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." Peter said, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7) Paul said, "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power." (Ephesians 6:10) Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32) God said, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not

be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10) When Joshua was getting ready to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land, God told them, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9) When little David was getting ready to fight the giant Goliath, he told the giant, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty." (1 Samuel 17:45). Don't focus on the size of your problem; focus on the size of our great God! All throughout the Bible, God reminds us again and again. Do not fear. Do not be afraid. Trust Him. Rely on Him. Put our confidence in Him. The uncertainty of this world is oftentimes overwhelming, but our God is unchanging and faithful. There will always be something big, bad and scary in our world, but our God is infinite, holy and sovereign.

If you've never received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, it starts there. As a child of God, you don't have to fear the many crises of this world. We don't even have to fear the final crisis of death. Jesus has victory over death! And when God calls your number and you someday enter eternity, the Bible teaches that if your faith is in Christ, you will be in His presence forever and ever. What a glorious day that will be. Fear not!



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