

Dorothy Breiner accompanied Brad and Jean McMullen to Kids Wrestling in Goodland to see Dorothy's brother, Tim and Diana Carroll from Colorado. Kaid McKenna took first in his weight, and Carson McKenna and Tyler Cook both received third in their weights. Burtis Taylor celebrated his 90th birthday on Feb. 26 in Laguna Woods, Calif. Among those attending were his daughters, Mary, Linda and Jane, also Bob and Shirley Anderson. Mr. Burtis was principal of Norcatour Rural High School from 1941 to 1944 when he left to serve in the United States Navy. After World War II he was Superintendent of Schools at Arcadia and Glendale, Calif. He is presently consultant to various California school districts. Recent birthdays include Marilou Long, March 16; Bob Sawdon, March 17; Norma McCallister, March 19; Dorothy Ward, March 20; and Kelsey Gallentine March

21. Forrest and Inez Jackson celebrated their anniversary on March 21. The Norcatour Rural high School Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, May 28. Contact Von Johnson for reservations. Dinner is at 7 p.m. followed by a dance. Decatur County 4-H Days were held on March 11. Star Valley Club received a blue for their line dance. Regional blues were received by: Michael Noren, demonstration; David Noren, project talk; Matthew Helm, reading; Jacob Helm project talk and novelty; Rebecca Helm, reading and public speaking; Aaron Helm, public speaking. The families of Terry Urban and Steve Noren are new club members. On March 11, Jeff Magers and Joy, Cedar Bluffs, accompanied his parents, Rea and Dee Magers, to Hays for her daily radiation treatment. She had three more week to finish the treatments. While there they visited Mr. Magers' uncle,

Marion Long of New Almelo and Herschel Betts of Oberlin who were in the hospital. En route home they visited the Cathedral in Dimmer; went through the Oil Museum in Hill City, and enjoyed dinner. Visitors at the Magers home on Saturday were Glenn Alexander and daughter, Beverly Lintz, Syracuse, Ind., and Judy Easton, Quinter. Thursday, March 10, visitors at the Frank and Velda Ward home were Betty Reid, Helen McVay, Maxine Brooks, Doris Fae Jackson and Mike and Dora Lee Michels. Thursday afternoon Wava Reames visited Marguerite Fullerton and Fern Mapes on Friday, March 11. Beverly Morris, Hoxie, was a recent overnight visitor of Esther Miller. Mike and Jan Miller, Prairie Village, were weekend guests. Mark and Terry Cross, Olathe, were Friday to Tuesday guests of Lowell Sebaugh. They took him to McCook Tuesday for a doctor's appointment. Ona Van Gundy met Kathy Van Meter and Veda Wood at The Gateway for the sweet Adeline's program in Oberlin on March 13. Mrs. Van Gundy's daughter is a member of the group. They met last at the home of John and Carol Moye in Oberlin for a visit with Sandy, Larry and Ryan McNames and Ona Van Gundy. Winners of the Cardinal Bar and Grill Pool Tournament held on March 7 were: Stan Miller, Norcatour, first; Chad Kier, Clayton, second; and Terry Shearer, Norton, third.

Yields last year may help now

As we approach planting time, some farmers are not sure what they are going to plant. For those acres where there was no fall atrazine application, sunflowers may be a good fit. Here are the dryland and irrigated yields from K-State Research Centers at Colby and Tribune. At Colby, Kaystar 9501 had the highest dryland yield with 1,810 lbs/A. Other top contenders were Fontanelle 902 NS at 1,723, Mycogen 8N510 at 1,693, Mycogen 8D310, and Mycogen 8488NS at 1,604 pounds to the acre. There were 20 hybrids in the study with an average yield of 1,509 pounds per acre. The other dryland site was at Tribune, where Triumph 645 topped the test with 1,642 pounds per acre. The rest of the top five were Seeds 2000 Blazer at 1,583, Garst IS 4049 at 1,545, Mycogen 8N510 at 1,537, and DeKalb DKF 3880 NS at 1,414. The average yield for 22 hybrids tested was 1,228. Under irrigation, sunflowers may be a good option for farmers who have pivots with marginal wells. Mycogen 8N352 had the most production of 3,235 pounds per acre at Colby. Of the 37 hybrids tested, the average for the study was 2,572. Other high-yielding hybrids were Kaystar 9501 at 3,049, Triumph 645 at 2,903, Triumph TRX 4342 CL at 2,888, and Mycogen 8377NS at 2,878. At Tribune, the average irrigated yield for the 23 hybrids evaluated was 2,159 pounds per acre. The top



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Good Samaritan Center

Devotions were brought by Edla Olson last Monday and Phil Erickson led the singing. Several residents, Bernice Brown, Mamie Unger, Eva Cuthbertson, Hazel Flaska, Leo Mooty, Lorna Bishop and Florence Fisher, enjoyed a sing-along video during Merry Mums time. The Foldin' Fellowship gals included Jeanette Conway and Garrah Gaumer helped out. Volunteer Barbara Dehlinger read Gisela Humes Fisher's book to Ruth Laidig, Fern Anderson, Alan Addleman, Ruby Shuler and LuVerne May. Mildred Holmdahl, played Canasta with Hildegard Euhus, Garrah Gaumer and Jeanette Conway.

Anderson, Elsie Macy and Ruth Laidig found 87 words in Saint Patrick's Day. "Lucky" a little Leprechaun was passed from room to room and hid in drawers and on desktops to surprise the staff throughout the day. Social Hour was served by the Country Reflection Staff. Green punch, lime sherbert and homemade cookies were served. To climax the day of fun, a scavenger hunt was launched. Four teams of staff and residents raced up and down the halls following clues to find golden coins. Jan Badsky's and her team, Lucy Schissler, Jeanette Conway and Michael Musgrave, won. On Friday, Heidi Wiebe brought the morning devotion and served Communion. Jeanette Diederich and Doyle Richardson helped Jeanette Conway make delicious chocolate chip cookies. Foldin Fellowship met in the Quiet Room included Garrah Gaumer, Jeanette Conway and Fern Anderson. Carol Duncan read *The Oberlin Herald*. Volunteer John Wright helped Lisa Stacy with a 9-hole game of Putt-Putt Golf with Jeanette Conway, Fern Anderson, Garrah Gaumer and Ruth Laidig. Social Hour was served by Bethany Smith and her mom, Linda. Eleven Junior High students performed, accompanied by Mary Jo Lohofener. Bible study on "Until I Return" was attended by Ruth Laidig, Fern Anderson, Jeanette Conway, Edla Olson, Eva Bryan, and Garrah Gaumer. Dennis Brown led the morning devotions on Thursday. Lisa Stacy gave the history of St. Patrick, then residents played some St. Patty's Day games. In Word Find, Garrah Gaumer, Jeanette Conway, Fern

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'No More Let's Make a Deal'

By the Rev. Rick Langness of St. John's Lutheran Church

Over the past few years I have come to know some people that God has brought into my life, and the picture of life that I see from their eyes is empty or full of despair. What I find disturbing is that most of them have a degree of knowledge about God and still find life empty and full of hardship and trials. Now I know that just because one has Christ in their life that they are not immune from heartaches and struggles. What disturbs me, however, is that they don't see their life as being victorious over these things. They see a battle fought in their own strength, by their own efforts. And when they fail, they only see despair. They do not see the life laid down before them, a life of the very fullness of God. They do not comprehend the exchange that took place upon the cross, their sin and emptiness for the complete and total life of Christ. Grace is certainly a stumbling block. It is hard to believe that God can just simply forgive us without us playing a part in it. There is always a nagging part of us that says that we need to be found worthy of his mercy. But that negates the whole need for mercy. It turns God's mercy and grace into a game of "Let's Make a Deal!" And, regrettably, we are always a day late and a dollar short. We have nothing with which to bargain. It is only by his mercy that we live. It is only by his grace that we stand. We have no merit within ourselves that would cause God to love us. He just simply does. Because He is God and He can do what He wants. But we take this great love and cheapen

it by trying to make ourselves worthy of it, failing all the more in our attempts. On Friday we remember the day when God was merciful and sacrificed his only Son on our behalf. We remember that we were dead in our sins and unable to even cry out to God for mercy. And we remember the words of Jesus, it is finished. The work of God to bring salvation was complete. Life is yours to live. Your sins are forgiven! Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Romans 5:1-10



Cedar Living News

Dennis Brown of the Forget-Me-Nots hosted two parties. On March 7, he served cheese, meat, crackers and vegetables. On March 14, the menu was blarney stones and ice cream. Helen Juenemann hosted the baking group on March 11 when they made sour cream chocolate cookies. The Oberlin United Church was in charge of Sunday services on March 13 with several members of the church assisting. Don Shaw won first bingo Tuesday and Eva Marie Vacura won the blackjack game. Beth Sebaugh and Mary Ann Amack led residents in a sing-along time Wednesday morning. Decatur Professional Women hosted the March birthday party on Thursday. They had a St. Patrick's Day theme, serving a green dessert and playing Irish music. Assisting were Deanna Castle, Cheryl Metcalf and Jan Badsky. Those honored with March birthdays were Anna Geihlsler, Eva Marie Vacura and Harold Frickey. Each received a gift and a birthday balloon. Jennifer Shaw hosted a game night for residents on Thursday. The baking group made pineapple cookies Friday afternoon.

The ZCBJ Lodge held its monthly meeting on the patio Sunday afternoon. The Lodge left a donation for purchasing candy for the Easter Egg Hunt Tuesday evening. Recent visitors include: Roseann and Sohn Domsch, Atwood; Frank Cox, Ann Martin, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Janice O'Hare and Linda Hunt, Norcatour; Robert Maske, Russell; Carol Shaw, Ron Shaw, Carl Mumm, Gary and Shirley Emigh, Selden; Dean Geihlsler, McCook; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.; Denise and A.J. Sweeney, Lincoln, Neb.; Rosa Boehm, McCook; Susan McKain, McDonald; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby, Judy and La Vern Rentschler, Smith Center; Joanne and John Dolance, Dallas; Mark and Terry Cross, Olathe; Larry and Sandy Wolfram, Liberal; Kyle Wolfram, Manhattan, Elwood Bailey, Jennings; Irene Fringer, Opal Huntley, Barb Solko, Phyll and Connie Cramer, Rita Garver, Lyle Gamblin, Peg Smith, Alyce Avery, Paul Sass, Melanie Anderson, Richard and Clara Russ, Laurene Van Otterloo, Earl Brown, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elaine Bryan, Jeanette and Vemon Diederich, Donald Stapp Elvin Beneda and Orlin Beneda, Oberlin.

Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

- OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**
785-475-3103
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday
- HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
The Rev. Nolan and Barbara Pierce
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 10 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, 7 p.m. King's Kids, 6:30 p.m.; Youth, 8 p.m. Women's Group, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 2 p.m.
- EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN**
The Rev. Heidi Wiebe
810 West Cedar, Oberlin
Office Phone 785-475-2769
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE**
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.
- UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN**
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Choir practice every Wed. at 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion, 1st Sun. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Wed. at 8 p.m.
- LUND COVENANT CHURCH**
Pastor: Tom Smith
10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. SATURDAY: Men's breakfast & Bible Study, 7 a.m.
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
510 North Wilson
Pastor: Rev. Rick Langness
Secretary: Norma Unger
785-475-2333
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; KICK, 3:45-5:30 p.m. each Wednesday.
- SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday
- OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)**
Pastor: Bobby Cornelius
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., AWANA Club 4-6 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.
- ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON**
The Rev. Damian Richards
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.
- JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS**
Glenn Krebs, pastor
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DRESDEN
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.
- OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**
Jim Martin
120 South East, Oberlin
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.
- HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH**
Keith Reuther, Pastor
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.
- PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST**
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.
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Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.
- NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST**
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.
- LYLE UNITED METHODIST**
Carol Woodmaneee, Almena
Lyle Lay Speaker
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.
- FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**
404 North York Avenue
Oberlin, Kansas
Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler
Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053
SUNDAY: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship and Educational Hour, 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays. Congregation Council, third Sunday, 10:45 a.m. Youth Group, first and third Sundays, 10:45 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Confirmation class, 6:30 p.m.; Women's Bible Study second Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

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