

The Royal Neighbors will hold a Mother's Day tea at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, at the Norcatour City luncheon. The camp will provide finger foods, tea and coffee and those attending are asked to bring or wear a decorated hat. Those planning to attend are asked to call Dorothy Woods at (785) 475-2384, or Lora Arnold, (785) 693-4445, by Friday.

Norcatour area residents who would be interested in a community-wide garage sale to be held June 10 are asked to sign up at the city office or call Twila Forbes at 693-4204 or Sherrie Regal at 693-4598.

There were 20 present at Senior Citizens on April 21. Winners were Virgil Price, Lula Hix and Bee Nelson. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Educational Building.

Bee Nelson had cataract surgery on April 24 in Hastings, Neb. She was accompanied by Norma McCallister.

Mr. and Mrs. David Albin of Colorado were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward. He is the son of Lee and Marion (Ward) Ablin, formerly of Norcatour. Other callers at the Ward home were Ron and Anita Montgomery, Bee Nelson, Leslie and Lynn Ward, and Wava Reames.

Marguerite Clark, Lula Hix and

Bee Nelson attended the Lyle supper on April 22. Entertainment was provided by David and Theresa Wood. The three women met on Sunday for dinner at the Hix home.

LaVerne Milner is recuperating at home following recent hip surgery in Kearney, Neb. Among callers have been Marguerite Clark, Veda Wood, Beth Johnson, Agnes Pruitt, and George and Wilma Bishop of Golden, Colo.

Kenneth and Pansy Price attended the Lyle Fun Supper. On Sunday afternoon Pansy visited their neighbor, Shirley Wilcox.

Sympathy is extended to the relatives of Carol (Rist) Ritts, 73, of Cheyenne, Wyo., who died April 3 at United Medical Center-West. She was the daughter of Jack and Dorothy Rist. Memorial services were held on April 7 in Cheyenne. Survivors include her husband, John; two sons, Dennis and Brian; and a grandchild.

The Decatur County Relay for Life committee needs clear 2-liter plastic bottles. They can be left at the Norcatour City Office.

The Norcatour Museum is open 8 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday. For group tours, call (785) 693-4461.

The Norcatour City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8.

Doug, Chris, Sharee and M.J. Dempewolf attended the Northwest

Kansas League Art Show recently at The Gateway. M.J. had several pieces entered and she was awarded three ribbons. M.J. and Chris attended the High Plains Art Gala at The Gateway and M.J. was selected to enter a piece into the High Plains Art Show.

Jeff and Joy Magers spent Easter Sunday with Rea and Dee Magers. On the following Sunday Rea and Dee attended church in New Almelo, then visited her uncle and aunt, Marion and Lorraine Long, and enjoyed a breakfast brunch.

Linda Young and her dog, Nokia, of Conifer, Colo., spent Easter weekend with her mother, Lula Hix. On April 14, they entertained Norma and Wayne McCallister, Wava Reames and Marguerite Clark to a pizza supper at the Cardinal Bar and Grill.

Dinner guests on Sunday, April 23, of Lula Hix were Marguerite Clark and Bee Nelson.

Cathy Claussen and Beth Johnson visited Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Molzahn of rural Naponee, Neb., on Thursday, April 20.

Lee and Lora Arnold enjoyed the Lyle Community potluck supper sponsored by the Liberty Starladies on April 22.

Royal Neighbor members who attended an Easter dinner sponsored by the McCook members were Dorothy Woods, Estella Harold, Beth Johnson, Lee and Lora Arnold and daughter, Susan Bolek, Valparaiso, Ind.

Marguerite Clark, Lula Hix and Bee Nelson were in Lyle Saturday, April 22, for their Home Spun Fun potluck supper.

Birthdays include: Gerald Jackson, April 26; Goldie Brewer, April 27; and Veda Wood, May 2.

# Spring sprinkles help a little

## Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

We had high hopes of rain, but got only the few sprinkles Mother Nature sent and more wind. At least the temperatures have felt like spring, though we didn't need the frost that came along. One tree had its leaves touched and its neighbor wasn't hurt. Oh, well, that's the name of the game.

Monday was May Day; does anyone celebrate with May baskets any more? That was always fun to fix them and knock on the door. I'm sure the person receiving a May basket was delighted.

Thanks to all who sent ladies to the Personal Assistant's Day luncheon last week. We had a large attendance and a very good lunch.

The Chamber office will be closed Friday, May 5, while Harold and I attend the Kansas Sampler Festival in Garden City. If you have never been to one and have the time to spend a day seeing the sights of

the State of Kansas all in one spot, it is a highly recommended day trip. It will be held in the zoo at Garden City. The gates open at 10 a.m. both days and you will have a day full of sights and sounds.

This year the Oberlin Business Alliance is sponsoring a Mother's Day special. They have asked the Oberlin Elementary School students to write a letter recommending their mother. The letters will be read and a winner picked. All the letters will be printed in the May 10 issue of *The Oberlin Herald*.

Decatur Community High School seniors and juniors will promenade down Main Street on May 13 in all their glory and finery.

It is fun to see if you can pick out everyone you know after they are dressed up.

Graduation will be held Sunday, May 21, in the Decatur Community High School gym.

Don't forget the Alumni Hospitality Room will be open on Friday, May 26, from 1-4 p.m. and Saturday, May 27, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Business Enhancement Center (the old Farmers National Bank building). This is a good place to meet old friends, and have a visit and a cup of coffee. You can also wander around looking at the new things in the building.

Stop in and have a cup as we catch up on the doings of Main Street.

## Wheat Ridge Terrace

Wheat Ridge is once again at full occupancy. Newest residents include Charles Corcoran, Esther Miller, and Crystal Moore. We have waiting lists for one- and two-bedroom units.

Nature has been a feast for the eyes this spring! We do get tired of the persistent visits the wind has been making.

We plan to have a garden again this year. We usually limit it to tomatoes, cucumbers, and cantaloupe.

Forget-Me-Nots provided a chicken and dumpling lunch on

Thursday. Guests of residents included Doris Fringer, Alice Shirley, Jerry Lohofener, Mildred Holmdahl, Max and Veanna Carman, Lolita Metcalf, Cecil Hess, Gary Miller, and Doris Sloan.

Forget-Me-Nots also has bingo once a month. A pancake, sausage and egg supper was provided before the games this month. A different version of bingo, using playing cards, has been a fun change.

Exercises are scheduled three times a week. In addition, there is exercise equipment including weights in the library. Most every-

one takes part in some type of daily exercise. The long halls and nice outdoor walkways make it easy and pleasant to walk.

Everyone enjoys going out for lunch. The last two excursions have been to the Re-Load and the Frontier Restaurant.

We are participating in a national campaign to show support for our soldiers by wearing red on Fridays. This is a visible way for the "silent majority" to speak. Will you join us by wearing red this Friday?

Coffee time is weekdays at 10 a.m.

## Cedar Living News

Elsie Goodnight was the big winner at penny cards on Monday afternoon. Others who joined in the game were Nettie Britton, Paul Sass, Lowell Sebaugh, Don Shaw, Mildred Tacha, Charley Vavroch, Frank Ward, Loyl Wilson, Hank and Bea Wolfram, and Lyle Gambelin.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time before supper on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group Tuesday morning.

Nettie Britton won the first bingo Tuesday afternoon and Lora Linn Lechlitter won the blackout game. Residents who do volunteer work at Cedar Living Center were honored during bingo and ice cream bars were served following the game.

Those recognized for their volunteer work were Paul Sass, Hank and Bea Wolfram, and Don Thomas.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinocchio group on Wednesday afternoon, which included Frank and Velda Ward, Don Shaw, Don Sulzman, Nettie Britton, Elsie Goodnight, and Zola Brown.

The craft group met on Wednesday afternoon to make May baskets.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

There were many winners when residents met for a game of dice on Thursday afternoon.

The baking group made chocolate chip cookies on Friday afternoon.

Pastor Royce Leitner of the Assembly of God Church gave the worship service on Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Phil and Marj Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Ann Martin, Sharon Wolfram, Jerry Wolfram, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Bob Strevey, Dorothy Ward, Janice O'Hare, Linda Hunt, Norcatour; John Geisinger, Earl Brown, Selden; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Doug and Ilene Stanley, Haysville; Monte Burrell, Wauneta, Neb.; Clay Burrell, Bredelman, Neb.; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Betty Maske, Natoma; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Carol Shirley, Lyle Gambelin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Butch Diederich, Sandra Young, Karolyn Muirhead, Roxie Pomeroy.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

April 29, 1956, marked the dedication of the new St. John's Lutheran Church built in Oberlin. A groundbreaking service was held at the new location on June 19, 1955, and the corner stone was laid Dec. 18, 1955. A special service was held Sunday morning followed by a potluck to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Pictures taken during the last 50 years of the church were also displayed. This fall, St. John's Lutheran Church will be celebrating the 120th anniversary of its founding in 1886.

Rory Wendelin, Danica May, Nolan May, Duygu Kavren, and Jessica Bremer were among those representing Decatur Community High School at State Music in Gypsum, outside of Salina, on Saturday. Rory sang in a women's ensemble which received a I; Danica was a member of the DCHS Singers which received a II; Nolan, Danica, and Duygu were members of a mixed ensemble which received a III; Jessica's clarinet solo received a II, and the clarinet quartet of Jessica, Karyn Jordan, Jacinta Carter, and Chris Larson received a I. Also attending were John and Dianne Bremer and Delayne May. At the end of the day, the band and their sponsors left to enjoy a two-day band trip to Kansas City. Due to illness, Jessica Bremer returned home with her parents and did not go on the band trip.

Karolyn Muirhead drove to Hays on Friday to pick up her granddaughter, Amber Saliba, who then accompanied her to Newton where Rebecca Muirhead, representing Hays High, performed at State Music on Saturday. Rebecca received a II on her vocal solo and was a member of a girls ensemble which received a I. Also joining them in Newton were Robert and Diane Muirhead and family, John and Ruth Peters, and Joan Loughmiller, Sam, James, and Chris. While in

Newton, they also had an early birthday party to celebrate Karolyn's birthday. Karolyn was a Saturday overnight guest at the Loughmiller home in Wellington and returned home Sunday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus and Gail Harvey, Lamar, Colo., visited Robert and Dana Morton in Coffeyville the weekend of April 22.

Zach May and Buddy attended the fifth annual Thomas County Spring 4-H Dog Show on Saturday. They received a blue in the intermediate showmanship division and both a blue and Grand Champion in the sub-novice obedience division.

Alfred Euhus, Centennial, Colo., attended the 50th anniversary celebration of St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin on Sunday. While here, he also visited family and friends.

Wilma May and Lois Eckhart enjoyed playing Scrabble at the home of Darlene Fisher Wednesday evening.

Pastor Rick Langness and John Bremer attended the Circuit 15 Forum of the Kansas District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Inman Sunday afternoon.

Dianne Bremer attended the annual Farm Bureau secretaries conference Wednesday and Thursday in Manhattan. She accompanied Marly Denio of Phillipsburg to Manhattan, and returned home with Diana Nickelson, Hill City, and Patsy Madden of Norton.

Rhonda May and Elizabeth McConnell met Fred and Carol Nedland and Jack Nedland in Des Moines, Iowa, Friday evening for dinner. Elizabeth then accompanied her sons to Minneapolis, Minn., on Saturday and traveled on to Minong, Wis., on Sunday, where she will be enjoying an extended visit with another son, Paul Nedland. Rhonda returned home Saturday evening.

## 'Beyond the Grave'

By Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, Faith Lutheran Church, Oberlin

The Church continues to celebrate the Great 50 Days of Easter! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

In the Gospel of Mark the Easter Day account of Jesus' resurrection seems incomplete; it leaves the reader unsatisfied, wanting more (Mark 16:1-8). There is no resurrection appearance, no earthquake to explain the movement of the huge stone at the tomb's entrance, no conversation between Mary and the risen Christ, no disciples running to see the empty tomb.

Perhaps the most troubling, there is no telling of the good news of the resurrection to anyone! The Gospel originally ends with the women leaving the tomb saying nothing to anyone, "for they were afraid" (16:8 NRSV).

Obviously, the early church was troubled by this ending as well. Later manuscripts added other endings which "tidy things up" with "the rest of the story:" the women telling others, and the risen Christ appearing to his disciples (Mark 16:8b and 16:9-18). Perhaps this abrupt ending is consistent with the evangelist Mark's style of writing: short, concise, just the facts. But perhaps there are other

meanings to consider:

- The resurrection of Jesus is understood and accepted only by faith. The mystery of the resurrection is not solved with eyewitness accounts; it is left to the hearer to decide whether the words are true. The common, scientific phrase is reversed: "Believing is seeing."

- It is left to the hearer to complete the story. Obviously, the women told the story to someone, for the story is told by Jesus' disciples today. Mark's abrupt ending is a reminder of our calling to "go and tell." The commission of the angelic messenger at the tomb is spoken to disciples of every time and place.

- "Tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you." It is Peter who boldly confesses Jesus as the Messiah, yet denies him three times. It is the same Peter who is individually named to hear the news of the resurrection. The resurrected Christ brings forgiveness and new beginnings. The resurrected Christ goes before the disciples of every age and meets us in our everyday world and in our everyday places.

*We praise you, God, for the promise of life that is ours in the resurrection of Jesus. Amen*



## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

**OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
785-475-3103  
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE**  
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam  
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**  
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam  
MASS: 7:30 p.m., Saturday

**OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
Jim Martin  
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.

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

**HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Pastor: Dennis Brown  
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.

**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., AWANA Club 4-6 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.

**OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)**  
Pastor: Fred Dycus  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., AWANA Club 4-6 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.

**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, 7:30 p.m.

**CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo  
Almena  
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, 7 p.m. King's Kids, 6:30 p.m.; Youth, 8 p.m. Women's Group, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 2 p.m.

**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: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON**  
The Rev. Damian Richards  
Phone 785-322-5560  
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 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.

**NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo  
Almena  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

**LYLE UNITED METHODIST**  
Carol Woodmanee, Almena  
Lyle Lay Speaker  
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.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.

**LUND COVENANT CHURCH**  
Pastor: Doug Mason  
10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study and prayer, 7:30 p.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. Foundations Bible Class, Thursday, 7-9 p.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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