

Senior Citizens met Sept. 21 for cards with 17 players present. Winners were Bob Streyve, Kathy Van Meter and Virgil Price, tied, and Bob Schoenrad, low. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the Educational Building.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller spent Sept. 7 in Topeka with Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Sophia. They were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle, El Dorado.

On Sept. 10, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller Mr. and Mrs. Chad Applebury, Eli and Karyssa, in Colby and took Eli out shopping for his belated birthday.

The Chad Applebur family and Bev DeLano, Wichita, were las weekend guests at the Stan Miller farm and Chad helped with corn harvest. Derrick Bolliger, Oxford, Neb., Carl Lyon, Scott Hartzog and Richard Wicker have also been helping.

Stan Miller surprised Carol on her birthday by inviting several friends to karaoke on Saturday night, Sept. 1.

Ted Hansen is taking chemo treatments. His wife, Ethel, is still recuperating after suffering a stroke last fall. Mail will reach Ted at Box 3595, Mesquite, Nev., 89024, phone (702) 346-3546.

Birthdays: Ruth Gill - Sept. 25; Jacob Helm - Sept. 28; Monty Hunt - Sept. 30; Kay Streyve - Oct. 1.

Marylyn Barnett was a last weekend guest of her parents, Darrel and Alice Barnett.

The Norcatour United Methodist Church annual bazaar will be on Saturday, Oct. 20, with a soup and pie supper starting at 5 p.m., and the auction starting at 7 p.m. This year's feature fundraiser quilt will be a "Just For You." All donations would be appreciated.

## 90TH BIRTHDAY

Family and friends helped Lula Hix celebrate her 90th birthday at Whispering Pines, Norton, on Sept. 8, to honor Lula Hix for her 90th birthday. Family traveled from all parts of the U.S. for her celebration:

Lula Hix and Sue Weinstein, Crownsville, Md.; Kendra, Phil and Steven Potter, Navarre, Fla.; Linda Young and Nokia, Conifer, Colo.; Wes and Lisa New, Norcatour; Terry, Debbie and Sarah New, Lakewood, Colo.; Lynn and Ed Wedow, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Allen and Lori Floyd, Taylor and Jeffery, Fort Collins, Colo.; David, Logan and Abby Wedow, Clinton, Utah; Chanin, Tim and Ava Beckman, Denver.

Other family members present included Lula's brothers: Clair and Barbara Kintigh, Riverside, Calif.; Cletus and Norma Kintigh, Lyons; and Duane Kintigh, Courtland. Also attending were sisters-in-law Betty Reid, Whispering Pines, Norton, and Arlene Hix, Norcatour, as well as other relatives. After the day's festivities, Lula's family met at Attitudes Restaurant in Norton for supper and then spent the evening at the home of Wes and Lisa New in Norcatour. The next morning, all met at the Frontier Restaurant in Oberlin for breakfast.

## 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Richard and Venietta Miller will celebrate 60 years of marriage on Oct. 5. Their address is: 7324 Ford, Mission, Texas, 78572.

Jeff Magers and Joy Luoto of rural Cedar Bluffs joined his folks, Rea and Dee Magers, for lunch on Saturday, Sept. 22. That afternoon they helped trim down a tree and placed birdhouses on the remaining portion of the tree, then ended the day with some dove hunting.

Recent weekend guests of Dave and Patty Stapp and Sam were Jerrod and Kortney Poire, Emporia, and Kaitlyn Stapp, Colby. They also visited Dave and Linda Schliep, Spencer and Addison in McCoik.

Wayne and Norma McCallister and Mildred Schwab, Norton, attend the annual Bluegrass Festival at Winfield, family get-together next year. They picked up Bee Nelson at Belleaire and visited the Todd Nelson family and Tara

Nelson and Anita Volskay of Independence, Mo.

On Friday, Sept. 21, Deb Combs attended the graduation of her daughter, Riki Foos, from the licensed practical nursing program at the North Central Kansas Technical College in Beloit. After an upcoming deployment to the Persian Gulf, Riki will continue her nursing education at Colby Community College.

Sharee Dempewolf came home to help her dad celebrate his birthday on Thursday, Sept. 20. Doug, Chris, Sharee and M.J. went to the Cardinal Bar and Grill for supper.

Guests of Dorothy Ward on Sept. 19 and 20 were Sharon and Spiros Coven of Veneta, Ore. Sharon is the daughter of Jarrold Ward, a brother of the late Kenneth Ward. They had been in North Platte, Neb., to Ruth Chamberlain and family, and were going on to Cunningham to see another aunt, Edyth Mavity, and the Jay Mavitvys.

Guests of Dorothy Ward for pizza on Thursday evening, Sept. 20, were Marguerite Clark, Wava Reames and Bee Nelson. They spent the evening playing cards.

Dorothy Ward visited and had lunch with her daughter, Lora Linn Leichliter, at the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin, on Sept. 21.

# Plan to greet new director

The Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce is ready to welcome Jo Henderson as the new secretary/director in October. Plan now to come in to the Chamber office for a coffee and cookie time on Tuesday, Oct. 11, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The Chamber would like to say thank you to all who donated to the Chamber Tailgate Fund Raiser at the Decatur Community High School football game on Sept. 21, which took in \$760 less food expense. The Chamber receives no tax dollars and operates with funds from the dues and donations they receive.

There will be another tailgate fund raiser on Friday for the Oberlin/Colby game. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. and continue until 7 p.m., when the football game begins. Those fund raiser donations will help fund activities the Chamber carries out in conjunction with the Oberlin Business Alliance.

The Chamber is also working with the Oberlin Business Alliance for the upcoming holiday happenings in Oberlin. Trick or Trunk will be on Wednesday, Oct. 31, in downtown Oberlin around 4 p.m. for the Halloween spooks.

The Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau has compiled table

## Chamber News

By Marilyn Horn, president

tents to be displayed in the county so please check out those showing the fourth quarter events.

For this weekend, the Last Indian Raid Museum in Oberlin will hold their Mini Sapa Day on Saturday, and the Antique and Thresher Association will hold Mini Sappa Days at the Decatur County Fairground on Saturday and Sunday.

A fund raiser is scheduled in Norcatour at the City Building from

5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday evening, Oct. 14. Donations will go toward repair of the City Building roof. Come enjoy spaghetti and the trimmings, and help the City of Norcatour fix up their building.

If there are any other meetings that need to be advertised for Decatur County businesses or civic organizations, please give the Chamber a call at (785) 475-3441 or send us a copy of your flier.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Fern Moore hosted a luncheon at the LandMark Inn Monday noon with Lillian Rutsch as the guest of honor. Joining Fern and Lillian were high school friends Juanita Relph, Hutchinson; Maxine Walker, Phillipsburg; and Violet Shaw, Shirley Shields, Marilou Long, and Dorothy Moore.

Art and Lillian (May) Rutsch, Vista, Calif., visited her cousins, Martin and Evelyn May on Tuesday morning and Arthur and Alice May

Wednesday morning.

Ron and Nancy Baumfalk, Aurora, Colo., were visitors of her parents, Elwood and Elaine Mines, this past week, as well as Thursday evening visitors of Don and Ann Mines.

Internet tonight  
475-2206

# 'Why Did Jesus Die?'

By Pastor Doug Hasty of Oberlin and Prairie Chapel United Methodist churches

At sporting events you often see someone with a poster that reads, "John 3:16." Does this mean a guy named John wants to meet Suzie that afternoon at 3:16? Why would somebody bring that to a football game? The verse reads, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

An arrogant young man was talking to a pastor. He said, "I don't need Jesus, I'm an extremely good person."

The pastor said, "Let's imagine that all the people who ever lived are stacked one on top of the other. The people or person who's lived the best life is on top, and people who have been terrible and mean and corrupt are at the bottom. Who do you think would be at the top?"

The young man answered, "Mother Teresa!"

"And who would be at the bottom?"

The man said, "Adolph Hitler, or Joseph Stalin!"

The pastor said, "That's good. Now, I would probably be about here," pointing about chest high.

"Where do you think you would be?"

The young man pointed up high, near the ceiling.

"So what do you think is the standard?" asked the pastor. "Is there one life which everyone else is measured against?"

The young man said, "I don't know if there is just one life, but it would be up there by the ceiling!"

The pastor quoted Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Then he said, "The standard isn't the ceiling, it's up in the sky - the standard is Jesus Christ."

To understand why Jesus died, we have to understand the greatest problem that confronts every person. The problem is sin. The essence of sin is rebellion against God - our ignoring God in the

sense of behaving as if He doesn't exist. Our sin cuts us off from God. The consequences of sin can be categorized under four headings: the Pollution, the Power, the Penalty, and the Partition of sin.

The Pollution of sin is described in the gospel of Mark. Jesus said, "What comes out of a man is what makes him unclean. For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean'" (Mark 7:20-23). These things pollute our lives. Our lives can begin to spoil and rot because of sin.

Jesus died, not just for one person, but for every single individual in the world. God's great love for us was revealed on the cross at Calvary. Jesus lived and walked among us and He can identify with us in every way. What was accomplished on the cross is expressed in the New Testament in four different ways: the Temple, the Marketplace, the Law Court, and the Home.

In the Old Testament the Temple was where you went to deal with the pollution of sin. A whole system of sacrifices demonstrated the seriousness of sin and need for being cleansed. A sinner would lay his hands on the animal about to be sacrificed and confess his sins; thus the sins were thought to pass from the sinner to the animal and the animal's death took away your sin.

The writer of Hebrews points out that it is "impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins" (Hebrews 10:4). The Old Testament sacrifices were but a shadow of what was to come.

Only the perfect life and blood of Jesus Christ, our substitute, can take away our sin. His blood "purifies us from our sin" (1 John 1:7). Jesus removes the pollution of sin through his own sacrifice of love for you and me.



## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Jennings American Legion and the Auxiliary hosted a meeting on Sept. 24 in the former R.N.A. building with some of the 6th district officers attending. Present were District Vice Commander Mary Beth Valcoure; Dept. Service Officer Damon Christensen; 6th District Auxiliary President Lisa Valcoure; 6th District Parliamentarian, Gwen Frost and several local Legion and Auxiliary members. Following the meeting, a tour of the museum was enjoyed. Coffee, tea and cookies were served.

Claudine Bennett remains in Denver after having surgery. She is doing well.

Nick Wahlmeier, Hays; Jeff and

Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton; and Stan and Ramona Shaw met Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs, and Zach and Katie Golemboski in Colby Saturday evening and enjoyed supper together to honor Stan on his birthday.

Stan and Ramona Shaw visited his mother, Carol Shaw, at Selden Sunday afternoon.

United Methodist Women will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, for Bible study led by Vicki Bailey.

Sunflower Senior potluck supper will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9. Bring a covered dish and join us.

Norton Correctional men are working in Jennings Monday and Tuesday.

## Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacurra

Dr. Tom V. Pagano, a cardiologist with the Platte Valley Medical Group in Kearney, Neb., will occasionally be practicing in our Specialty Clinic.

He works in partnership with Drs. McGowen and Denny and will be at our facility to fill in when they are taking vacation or are otherwise unable to come on their regular days. Dr. Pagano is board certified in interventional cardiology, internal medicine and cardiovascular diseases. He earned his medical degree from Creighton University in Omaha, where he completed an internal medicine residency and a cardiology fellowship as chief fellow.

In cooperation with a statewide effort of the Kansas Hospital Association, the Kansas Medical Society and the Kansas Academy of Fam-

ily Physicians, Decatur Health Systems is promoting the health and safety of our community by implementing a tobacco-free policy. Effective Jan. 1, the use, sale or excessive odor resulting from the use of all tobacco products, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes and smokeless tobacco, will be prohibited in all Decatur Health Systems buildings and properties. Patients and employees who smoke will be offered alternatives to deal with their addiction while on the premises.

The Specialty Clinic addition is slated for completion by Nov. 1. The area will be cleaned and medical equipment will be placed in preparation for opening the area for use. Completion of this project will allow more privacy for patients who consult with specialists at our facility.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Covenant Women will meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10, to prepare meat for the smorgasbord, which is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 20.

Weekend guests of Barbara Olson and Mary were Brandon White, Kansas City, and Sarah and Kurt Olson, Manhattan. Mark Olson was in Charleston, S.C., where he represented the Kansas State Board of Veterinary Examiners for the American Association of Veterinary State Boards at a meeting at the Francis Marion Hotel and Conference Center.

Kaleb Vanover of Norton and Brady Ginther of Menlo spent the

weekend with J.R. and Carrol Ginther and helped J.R. with the horses.

Lewis and Ava Perkins of Wichita were guests from Thursday to Sunday of her parents, Bob and Sally Olson.

Don and Elm Threlkel, Neva Lou Holub and Elma Lee Erickson went to Hays on Sunday, where they joined other relatives for dinner at the home of Bob and Karen Threlkel to celebrate Karen Threlkel's birthday and the wedding anniversary of Donnie and Shelly Threlkel.

Tyler Witt and Tiffanie Robinson visited Thursday evening at the home of Keith and Mary Lou Olson.

## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

**OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
785-475-3103  
Fr. Henry Saw Lone,  
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LOEUVILLE**  
Fr. Henry Saw Lone  
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**  
Fr. Henry Saw Lone  
MASS: 10 a.m., Sunday

**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**  
Pastor: Judi Stricker  
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA  
SUNDAY: Adult Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee: 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Worship Service, 11 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.

**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: Ray Gilstrap  
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: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.

**NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Ray Gilstrap  
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 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

SATURDAY: Worship, 7 p.m.; 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.

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