

# Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

Congratulations to Denny Leichter of Clayton and Janet Kastl of Lawrence, who were married on March 17 in Lawrence by Pastor Ron Channell. Attending were son Jacob Leichter of California; daughter Stacey Leichter of Colorado; niece Kami Obrecht of Georgia and friend Vicky Burke of South Africa; and Alan Kastl and Caleb Kastl of Lawrence, Janet's two sons. All enjoyed a steak dinner at J. Gilbert's in Overland Park.

Guests of Chuck and Kari Sloan Hested were Rodney and Margaret New of McPherson and Roger New of Lincoln, Neb.

Charlotte Meints and Dewaine Stapp made a trip to Kearney, Neb., on March 22, and en route home they stopped in Norton. While she was walking her dog, she fell, breaking her wrist. She underwent surgery on March 26 and is recuperating at home.

Weekend guests of Dorothy Ward were Mark and Debby Ward, Hugo, Colo., and surprise visitors, grandson K. J. and Bre Ward, McPherson.

Happy Birthday to Carolyn Aplegate, March 28; Gail Bailey, March 30; Katrina Edgerton, March 30; Shayla Bailey, March 31; Sam Stapp, April 1; P. T. Shirley, Matt James, April 3.

Little Children Sunday School Group will meet at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday with the Bible study at 7 p.m. on Monday. They are studying Romans.

Senior Citizens pinocle will meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, at the Educational Building.

Wava Reames and Bee Nelson took Dorothy Ward out for lunch at the LandMark Inn on March 20 for her birthday. Wava's grandchildren, Shawnda, who is in college, and James, a seventh grader, who were here for spring break, joined them. While there, they visited with Rodney and Margaret New and Roger New.

Doris Fae Jackson celebrated her birthday on March 29. She lives at 104 Whispering Pines, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Carol Miller, Justine Tuttle and Jade went to Topeka on March 20 during Justine's spring break from teaching to visit Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Sophia. They returned home on March 23 and brought Sophia DeDonder to visit on the Stan Miller farm for a few days.

Becky Barlow, daughter of Dennis and Judy Shirley, and granddaughter of Merle Shirley and Doris Sloan, is currently serving on the Florida Legal Defense Board.

# Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

The Herndon potluck Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, May 26 at St. Mary's Hall. The hall will be open at 4 p.m. for visiting with the banquet starting at 6 p.m. For information or any questions, please call 322-5302.

Pat Marintzer, Idalia, Colo., was a houseguest of Carol Kompus of Oberlin for a few days. She came to attend the funeral of Doris Marintzer. Doug Bobinmyer, Herndon, was a Sunday visitor.

Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon, and Flat Sethie, Parker, Colo., enjoyed dinner with their aunt Joan Noble on Sunday. Flat Sethie is a life-size replica of grandson Seth David Foxhoven and is spending a month with Grandpa and Grandma in Herndon for a first grade school project at Ave Marie Catholic School. A few of the Cedar Living residents and staff had questions but understood when the Hafners explained they had to be creative. Flat Seth will return home the end of April when Seth David will give a presentation of his travels and experiences of country life.

Holy Week schedule for St. Mary's Catholic Church is as follows: Good Friday service will be at 3 p.m. The Easter Vigil Holy Saturday Mass will be at 9 p.m.

Alan, Ann and John Solko visited their aunt Joan Noble at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin on Saturday after attending the high-school music contest at Decatur Community High School. They were happy to later learn that the vocal ensembles received Is for their performances. Later the Solkos received a surprise visit from Kyle Mines of Oberlin. Mr. Mines is a supporter of wrestling and friend of Alan and Ann. He was a wrestling coach and educator for many years and attends as many wrestling tournaments as he can while substituting at Decatur Community High School.

Dave and Judy Ketterl enjoyed the Tumbleweed Chorus Barber-shop Program in Colby on Saturday. Adam Ketterl, Atwood, is a member of the chorus.

Tom and Myra Sattler celebrated Easter early with Dan and Gigi Sattler, Kale and Jackie of McCook Neb.; David Sattler and Lauren of Norton; Gary and Pat Sloan of Colby, and Richard and Theresa Rippe of Herndon. Everyone had a great time, especially the children with an Easter egg-hunt.

This is the last week to look over the two Easter baskets on display at The Bank in Herndon for the drawing to be held Saturday, April 7. Saturday you can 'hop' on down to the City Park for the Herndon Pridesponsored bake sale and Easter egg-hunt to begin at 10 a.m. Children preschool through 4th grade are invited to bring baskets to hunt eggs. Come and join in the fun!

Sharon Ecker celebrated her birthday on Thursday, March 29. Family gathering to sing Happy Birthday and enjoying platters of appetizers and a delicious spring dessert were the honored guest and Beth Chartier, Chris Hartner, Ann Solko, Voni Sattler, Carla Marintzer, Char Hartner, Joyce Gibson and Julie Hafner. Chris hosted the afternoon party at the Sunflower Villa in Herndon.

A baby shower given March 25, by Kristyn Clapp was held in honor of Mariah and Clara Grafel at the home of Cindi Grafel. Guests included Melinda Carlson, Gwen, Savannah and Aliah Jones, Joan Grafel, Britta Noren, Kathy Leitner, Mona Hankins, Jayne Niermeier, Danielle Grafel, Chris Wood, Deb Portschy, Phyllis Grafel, Mandi Jones, Lorri Randazzo and Kamryn and Kloeey Clapp. Kristyn was assisted by Angela and Liana Barber.

# Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

A good time was had at the Wednesday card playing at the Sunflower Senior Center. Alice Mizer and Wayne Cressler won five games at high table and were defeated in the sixth game by Alice Wagoner and Eleanor Morel.

Overall total scoring was claimed by Alice Wagoner. Others playing were Stan and Ramona Shaw, Diane Carter, Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carer, Scott Taylor and Louise Cressler.

Senior Citizens potluck will be held April 10 at 6 p.m. Join us for a wonderful meal and social hour.

Jennings Community city-wide cleanup will be held Saturday, April 14.

Meet on the City Hall steps at 8 a.m. A noon meal will be held at the former Masonic Hall.

Call Marge with questions at (785) 678-3010. All help is very much appreciated.

The Jennings Tuesday Study Club journeyed to Colby on March 27. "Do you remember the old coal-wood heating stoves or the cook stoves at Grandma's house?"

After soup, homemade bread and cookies were enjoyed at "Smof-fees," a business meeting was held with roll call answered by members. "The best gift I ever received" was given by members Pat Foster, Violet Foster, Pat Hall, Lila Jennings, Carla Latimer, Sue Long, Wilma Mader, Joanie Metz, Helen Muirhead, Lynn Tacha, Sheila Rhodes, Louise Cressler, Shelley McKenna and Paula Krizek. Guests were Jim Mader and Larry Havel.

Mr. Havel, owner of "Gizmos Antique Store," led us to his workshop and we viewed a number of old stoves and stove parts.

We learned about the process to clean, repair and renickel or chrome stove parts.

The stoves on display were built in many different styles. Most heating stove were black but some come in a choice of color.

Many stoves had beautiful decorative ornaments on top.

The group also went to Gizmo's Antique Store to see fully restored stoves and other antiques which he has for sale and also met Gizmo, his dog.

In April, the club members will meet at the Jennings church a 10:30 a.m., then go to Atwood for a program on Czech bobbin lace.

The Oberlin Outreach Clinic will be open in Jennings from 1 to 4 p.m. next Tuesday with Dr. Albert. Dorothy Vacura will be in the clinic all day, starting at 9 a.m.

# Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Tuesday Night Women's Bowling League 2011-2012 season ended this past week with the Gutter Dusters taking first, Selden Classics took second, Bowling Bags took third, Lucky Strikes ended in Fourth place and Oberlin Pride in Fifth place. Next year's season will begin Aug. 8 and run until Nov. 13 and the second half will begin Jan. 8 and run through March 26. Nice job ladies. It was lots of fun this year. Can't wait!

On Thursday during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Gail Mumm won high, Lillian Sulzman took second, Betty James got low and Ralph Weis had the most Queens. Other members present included: Pat Wessel, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Jeanie Spesser, Janice Kruse, Paulie Neff, Edna Schiltz, Matt Finnesy, Carl Mumm, Bob Wessel, Shirley Emigh, Bernita Aumiller, Helen Karls Ann Hazlitt and Carlene Bruggeman.

School Calendar: No school Friday or Monday, April 10 - High School Track at Colby.

Birthdays and anniversaries - April 6 - Fred and Theda McKee,

Dennis Urban, April 8 - Devinn Ritter, Raymie Mahanna, Clarence and Dagmar Becker, April 9 - Scotty Hunziker, April 10 - Joe and Carol Lobato, April 11 - Gary Emigh, April 12 - Mike and Tammy Miller, Brenlyn Marie Rath, Wayne Brantley.

Anyone wanting to help with fixing up the Christmas decorations. There is a meeting at 7 p.m. on April 9 at the Library. Hope to see you there.

A tribute honoring area Vietnam Veterans will be held on May 6 at the Parish Hall in Selden. At this time, the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs will be presenting Vietnam War Medals to those veterans who qualify and are present. Guest speaker will be author Joanne Emerick of Hoxie. Entertainment will be provided by Golden Plains students. The program will begin at 2 p.m., followed by refreshments.

Pinocle Night will be Saturday, April 21, at the Community Center in Selden. It is \$10 per person so bring a partner and some snacks. We start playing at 7 p.m. and hope to see you there.

# 'The Wondrous Cross'

## Pastor Chris Nelson, Oberlin Covenant Church

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ... Galatians 6:14

Some of the richest and most enduring music in the Christian tradition is inspired by Jesus' death and resurrection. Over the next four weeks, I would like to reflect on a few of the songs we may be likely to sing together in our churches during this Easter season.

This week I would like to consider Isaac Watts' great hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." Among the first composers of hymns in the English language, Watts (1674-1748) wrote more than 600 of them, including the Christmas carol "Joy to the World" and "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." His poem about the "wondrous cross" ponders how we could possibly respond to such a gift of love.

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gains I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.  
Watts reminds us of Paul's words in Philippians 3:7-8, "Whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ..." The cross, he says, reveals just how petty are "all the vain things that charm me most" compared to "the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."

The hauntingly simple melody of the hymn tune is drawn from medieval Gregorian chant. The extremely narrow range of the melodic line (less than a fifth between the highest and lowest pitches) complements both Watts' text and the season of Lent in which we often sing it, musically paring away all distractions and focusing our attention on the cross. The final verse of the hymn calls for total commitment:

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

It is as Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it" (Mark 8:34-35).

Reflecting on Jesus' words nineteen centuries later, Dietrich Bonhoeffer explained, "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die." Bonhoeffer's words find their way into a wonderful contemporary adaptation of the hymn, in which worship songwriter Chris Tomlin adds a chorus to Watts' original: "...O the wonderful cross / bids me come and die / and find that I may truly live..." As Paul writes, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20).

I invite us to consider along with Isaac Watts, what does the cross ask of me?



# Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

**OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
785-475-3103  
Fr. Mark Berland,  
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE**  
Fr. Mark Berland,  
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**  
Fr. Mark Berland,  
MASS: 5:30 p.m. Saturday

**JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Pastor: Barbara Patterson  
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. Linda Willey  
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.

**OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST 102 North Cass - 785-475-3067**  
The Rev. Linda Willey  
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nurse provided.) WEDNESDAY: Praise team practice, 8 p.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.

**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 Sun. at 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Sun. following Worship

**OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)**  
Pastor: Gene Gee  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.,

**CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Ed Woods  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

**OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST South Beaver Street - Oberlin**  
Bill Duncan - Phone 785-475-3259  
SUNDAY: Fellowship and coffee time; 10:00 a.m. Praise and Worship time, with Weekly Lords Supper, Multi-media Bible sermons & open bible studies combined. Private Bible studies on request.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON**  
Fr. Nick Parker  
Phone 785-322-5560  
MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.

**HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH**  
Pastor: Keith Reuther  
Phone 785-322-5316  
SUNDAY: 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Youth group, 4 p.m.  
**NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST**

**Pastor: Ed Woods**  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

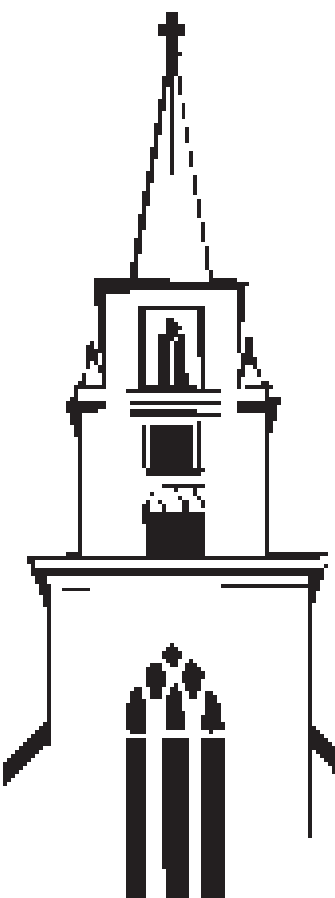
**LYLE UNITED METHODIST**  
Guest Speakers every Sunday  
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.

**EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN**  
Pastors: Chris and Sharon Nelson  
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**  
Chairman Brad Marcuson  
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  
Interim Pastor: Brad Rick  
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays.

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# Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

Wanted: Clean, gently used items for the Museum Annual Rummage Sale. Items can be brought to the Museum from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. this week from Tuesday, April 3, through Saturday and next week from Tuesday through Friday, April 13. No large appliances or exercise equipment can be taken. The Rummage Sale is set for Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, April 15, from noon to 3 p.m.

I found a lot of interesting history during the winter as I have been helping Jeremy Tally, sexton of the Oberlin Cemetery, update the listings. I will pass on some of those in my weekly news articles. Our first is the Robert Tutt family, which will continue for several weeks.

Oberlin Opinion - Feb. 26, 1887 "Robert Tutt came to Decatur County six years ago, settled upon a good piece of land, and is now doing well. Robert is a colored man, but is one of the best citizens we have, and is respected by all his neighbors and all who know him. He is a hardworking man, and his labors have not been in vain as he owns several herds of horses and cattle and a fine herd of hogs. He has plenty of feed and good shelter for his stock. His family consists of a wife and four children, and he was the first colored man to settle in Decatur County."

Oberlin Eye - July 11, 1895 "Robert Tutt, a negro living in Logan Township is with his family, farming about six hundred acres this year. Tutt is a good citizen, a bright, intelligent man and a tireless worker. He invented and successfully used a three row weeder this year."

The Museum opened Tuesday, and we are looking forward to a great 2012 and hope that if you are not already a member of the museum that you will want to come and join. Family membership is \$20 and a single membership is \$10.

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