

# Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Sympathy is extended to the family of Doris Fae Jackson, who died April 1 at Whispering Pines in Norton. Funeral services were held at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton on Wednesday afternoon with burial in the Norcatour Cemetery.

Lynn Jeffries of the Cornerstone Theater, which spent time in Norcatour, writes that she will be leaving her home in Los Angeles for about three months to tour a show with her colleague Paul Zaloom and designing a show in Ashland, Ore. It is Alison Carey's Shakespeare adaptation, "The Very Merry Wives of Windsor, Iowa," directed by

Christopher Liam Moore, with music by Paul James Pendergast and puppets by Lynn. She said that this one and Medean/Macbeth/Cinderella, a show the group originally developed at Harvard, are the two top-selling shows this year. David Reiffel is working at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and did music for a production of "Romeo and Juliet" set in San Francisco in the early 1880's.

Matt Lynch, son-in-law of Norcatour Postmaster Deb Scott, continues to improve every day. He is now fully alert and able to talk and eat on his own. Her daughter, Rici,

who is a member of the Nebraska Air National Guard, went to drill in Lincoln, Neb., and she got to take care of their six-month-old son, Rowdie, for two days.

Happy Birthday to Sherri Regal, Terry Gade, April 7; Margaret Magers, April 8, and Dennis Shirley, April 10.

Senior Citizens pinocle will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Methodist Educational Building.

There were 22 present for cards and a potluck dinner on Senior Citizens Day on March 30. Winners were Eleanor Jensen, Joyce Sumner and Beth Johnson.

# Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

There are little shoots of green in my garden! I know I'll have to cover a few things later this month, but I'm so excited to see the beginnings of a garden!

Kids (toddlers through third grade) enjoyed the Lions Club Easter egg hunt on Saturday afternoon. The Gideons held their monthly meeting at Shepherd's Staff on Saturday.

Rexford Community Church held a baptism service Sunday morning, followed by a carry-in brunch and regular Sunday morning service. Four people were baptized. During the Sunday service, a small choir of local people performed,

then Margaret AraSmith and Jim Graham were welcomed as new members of the church.

This weekend the church will be holding a Missions Conference, and all members of the community are invited to participate. The conference will kick off with a youth pizza party on Friday night at 6:30. Then on Saturday morning the men of the church will cook breakfast at 8 a.m. for anyone who would like to attend. There will be a supper on Saturday evening, then regular Sunday School and church service on Sunday morning, followed by a fellowship dinner.

The guest missionaries this year

are Geoff and Tina Casteel, who serve with Pioneers among the Kuechua in Peru, and Rachael Walker, who serves with Global Partners in China. These guest missionaries will share at each of the Missions Conference Activities.

Don't forget that you can head over to the Red Barn to play Bingo on Saturday night!

That's it for news this week. As always, you can leave your news items in the jar by the door at the Red Barn, call them into me at 687-2076, or e-mail griffithsgang@gmail.com. Have a great week.

# Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Easter morning was beautiful. People gathered in front of the Lyle Church as they have for years; ever since they stopped having the Sunrise Service at "Jericho Gulch" over in Huff's pasture.

No matter where we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, it is a meaningful time, with people getting together, singing and being thankful and the sun comes up on schedule. We enjoyed the good breakfast and fellowship in the Community Building. Thanks to everyone who came; let's do it again next year.

There was something special, also, Sunday morning, as we got to sing, "Happy 94th Birthday to Toots Magers. Thirty-four family members from California, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas had a birthday party for her later, with lilies, bunnies and gifts.

June Jolly helped Laveda McFarland celebrate her birthday with eight tables of relatives and friends at the Coppermill.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen had supper at Glen Elder at the home of Kip, Danielle and Colton Jarboe. Kip's parents from Tipton, and Tim, Jolene and Clinton Nejdil were also guests. They managed to miss herds of deer on the road, and do a little shopping in Red Cloud, Neb.

Joyce Sumner and Jackie Porter brought Bob Schoenrad to the card game on Friday, and would have brought Eleanor Jensen, but Eleanor was enjoying a visit from her son.

Carol and John Moye and great-grandchildren, Kylie Gruwell and Skylar Hawkins, ate Sunday lunch with me. The girls persuaded John to take them to the Elden Auker Park.

All the children love to play there. Later, I got pictures of Kiya Briggs from her grandmother, Tracey Pershing. How can I be so lucky, or fortunate or blessed? They all mean the same to me.

# Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

School Calendar - Friday - 9:30 a.m., Junior High track at Logan. 3 p.m., High School track at Logan. Birthdays and anniversaries: April 13 - Bill Wessel. April 15 - Carl Mumm, Steve Shaw, Greg and Stephanie Ritter. April 16 - Gail Mumm. April 17 - Vicky Ray, Dan Benoit, Danielle Spresser Braun, Mike and Linda Spresser, Jaci Schaben. April 19 - John Paulson.

On Thursday during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Jeanie Spresser won high, Bernita Aumiller took second, Pat Wessel got low and Raph Weis had the most Kings. Other members present included: Lillian Sulzman, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Paulie Neff, Carl Mumm, Bob Wessel, Shirley

Emigh, Edna Schiltz and Wilma Ritter.

A tribute honoring area Vietnam Veterans will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 6, at the Catholic 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.

Pinocle Night will be Saturday, April 2, at the Community Center in Selden. Cost is \$10 per person, so bring a partner and some snacks. We start playing at 7 p.m. and we hope to see you there.

# Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm

**NEEDED:** Clean, gently used items for the Museum Annual Rummage Sale. Items can be brought to the Museum until Friday, April 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. No large appliances or exercise equipment can be taken. The Rummage Sale is set for Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, from noon to 3 p.m.

Continuing on from last week with the Robert Tutt family story: *Oberlin Herald*, March 30, 1899 "Mrs. Jennie Tutt, wife of Robert Tutt, a negro farmer living in Logan Township, died Friday night, March 24, of cancer of the stomach. The funeral was held at the residence Sunday morning, the exercises being conducted by Rev. Banta. Mrs. Tutt was fifty-nine years old, and was a slave until the Civil War gave her freedom. She had been a member of the Baptist Church for about twenty-five years. Mrs. Tutt was a faithful, hardworking wife and mother and a hospitable neighbor. Her husband is one of the best and most successful farmers in the county and the entire family has always been highly esteemed."

*Oberlin Eye*, March 30, 1899 "Saturday March 25, 1899, Mrs. Jennie Tutt, wife of Robert Tutt of

Logan Township, aged 59 years. Mrs. Tutt in her young days had been a slave in the south. Since coming to Decatur County she has been noted for her kindness of heart and her excellent qualities as a mother and kind neighbor. She had a reputation in her community for her ability as a housekeeper and cook. She had lived in Logan Township nearly 15 years and helped her husband earn a comfortable home. She had been a sufferer for nearly a year but bore her sickness without a complaint. The funeral occurred at the family residence on Sunday and was conducted by Rev. Banta who had been a longtime friend of the family. She was buried in the Oberlin Cemetery. She leaves a husband and four children to mourn her death, while the entire community has lost one of the most esteemed members and truly a good woman has gone to her reward."

The museum opened April 3 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 us. Family membership is \$20 and a single membership is \$10.

# Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Edla Olson, 95, who died on Easter Sunday at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center. She is a native of this community.

Survivors include two daughters, Arian and Steve Arnold, Herndon, and Nione and Mike Rhodin, Loveland, Colo.; a son, Galen and Lynn Olson, Oberlin; a grandson, Lee and Terri Munsell, Lee's Summit, Mo., and a great-granddaughter, Amanda Munsell.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin with Pastor Keith Reuther officiating. Burial will be in the Oberlin Cemetery.

"Girls Night Out" will begin at 6 p.m. Friday at the Herndon Covenant Church for all women of the church and guests. Pizza will be provided, followed by a social evening. Greg and Gwen Jones, Susannah, Aliah and Obediah are moving this week to Covenant Heights Camp near Estes Park, Colo., where he has accepted a position on the staff. Danace McDonald, Clae, Jordan and Kainin of Colby spent Easter Sunday with her parents, Chris and Sherri Schmidt. J.R. and Carrol Ginther attended the sunrise service at the Herndon Covenant Cemetery and breakfast at the church on Sunday, then were Easter dinner guests of Blaine and Erin Ginther, Cameron, Will, Sophia and Josie at Prairie Plaza in Atwood. Other guests were Shirley Evans, and Joe and Connie Adams. Afternoon callers were LaVerna Amann and Elmer Timm. Sunday dinner guests of Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha,

Chris and Gabe to honor Richard, Maureen and Gary Anderson on their birthdays were Elden and Detta Anderson, Gary Anderson, and Dick and Donna Kelley. Dave and Sherry Bergling spent Easter with his mother, Olive Bergling, a resident of the nursing home in Quinter.

Steve Arnold has returned home from the Decatur County Hospital, where he had been recuperating from a broken hip, which he suffered in a recent fall. Daryl and Shirley Maresch, Nathan, Jenna and Timothy, Nekoma; Bev Messerly, Paul and Anna, Sublette; Gerald and Patti Benda, Ludell, and Mark and Barbara Olson and Kurt, Hoxie, were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Eulaine Benda at her home in Oberlin.

# Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Tracey McKenna, Claffin, was guest of honor for a baby shower hosted by Amy Osborn of Overland Park and Becca Peterson of DeMotte, Ind., at the home of Joan McKenna, rural Jennings. Others attending included: Susan Weber, Claffin; D'Ann Gardner, Mankato; Pam Dieckmann, Woodbine; Kathy Otter, Hoxie; Trudy Stockman, Norton, Donna Sauvage, Paula McKenna, Marlee, Landee, Hallee and Baylee, Selden, Maxine Sauvage and Cheryl Sauvage, Oberlin, and Shelley McKenna and Mary Wahlmeier, Jennings.

United Methodist Women met Wednesday afternoon in the Methodist church. A short meeting was held. No treasurer's report was available. Rachel Carter read minutes of March meeting. Kay Brown reported that the new screen for the altar had arrived. She also gave the program, "International Ministries" with Ruth Chance, Patty Foster, Louise Cressler and Barbara Patterson reading parts. Violet Foster gave a very impressive interpretation of "The Lord's Prayer." Alice Mizer furnished cookies but was unable to attend.

A small group played cards Wednesday at the Senior Center. Those enjoying the afternoon playing were: Eleanor Morel, Alice Wagoner, Stan Shaw, Scott Taylor and Wayne Cressler.

Jennings City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the senior center. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. The Community-wide City clean-up will be discussed. Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 14. Meet in front of the Community building at 8 a.m. Lunch and supper will be served

at the former Masonic Hall. Bring equipment such as tractors, trucks, etc., if possible.

The Norton Correctional Men worked Thursday and Friday in Jennings. They scraped paint at the shelters in roadside park on Thursday. Since the weather was damp they couldn't paint at the park Friday so they worked upstairs at the Community Hall. The men did an amazing job painting and then varnishing the woodwork upstairs at the Hall. We thank these men for working in our town.

Funeral services for Emma Sanford of Oberlin, formerly of Jennings, were held Wednesday morning. Burial was in the Jennings Cemetery. The community extends sympathy to the family of Emma. She was an amazing lady.

# Christ the Lord is Risen Today

## Pastor Chris Nelson, Oberlin Covenant Church

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" — 1 Corinthians 15:55

Last week we began to reflect on a few of the songs we may be likely to sing together in our churches during this Easter season. Today we will look at Charles Wesley's "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today."

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and his brother John are remembered first of all as the founders of the Methodist movement. While John made his mark on the Christian tradition through his preaching and writing, Charles is renowned for his over 6,000 hymns, including "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

The eleven-stanza poem he originally called "Hymn for Easter Day" is a celebration of Jesus' triumph over death. Drawing on the words of the Old Testament prophets and the Apostle Paul, the hymn reminds us that death is the last great enemy of God (1 Corinthians 15:26), but one whose power has now been decisively broken:

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

In Paul's "resurrection chapter" in 1 Corinthians, the apostle makes it clear that Christ's resurrection is a promise of what is to come for all believers, when death, "the shroud that enfolds all peoples," will be

"swallowed up in victory" (Isaiah 25:7-8; 1 Corinthians 15:54), and the once-proud power of death will be taunted with the words of Hosea (included in verse two of the hymn), "Where, O death, is your victory? / Where, O death is your sting?" (Hosea 13:14; 1 Corinthians 15:55).

The hymn's final verse points toward our sharing in Jesus' exaltation. "If we have been united with him in a death like his (through baptism), we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:5). As Paul writes in Ephesians 2:6, "God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus..."

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

On Easter Sunday morning, the "Alleluia!" refrain (absent from Wesley's original) is particularly striking in many church traditions. From the Hebrew for "Praise the Lord!" many churches avoid using the word at all during the season of Lent. Out of place in the six-weeks of fasting and repentance that lead up to Jesus' suffering on the cross, the abundant return of "Alleluia!" joy in this Easter morning hymn — each syllable sung across an otherwise excessive number of notes — is only fitting on this day of Christ's victory.



# 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. (Nursery 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.
- NORCATOUR 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.
- FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

404 North York Avenue  
Oberlin, Kansas  
The Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler  
Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053  
SUNDAY: Worship, 10:00 a.m.; Fellowship and Educational Hour, 11:15 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays. THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

**Pauls FUNERAL HOMES**  
A Trusted Name Since 1925.  
Phone:  
785-475-3127 — Oberlin  
785-386-4311 — Selden  
Derek Riner  
Rick and Dori Pauls