

Brook and Mary Koble and family, Syracuse, Ind., spent the weekend with their grandparents, Glenn and Pearl Alexander. The Nobles are moving to Sacramento, Calif., where he will be a youth pastor.

The Monday Bridge Club met with Merle Shirley on April 2. Winners were Pat Stapp, Merle Shirley and Carol Shirley.

Weekend guests of Lorretta Carter were Carla and Mark Ogorsolka, Kearney, Neb.

Norcatu Pre-School hosted a Hop-A-thon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Tuesday. The community pledged an amount per hop.

Birthdays and anniversaries included Jerry Temple, April 12; Frank and Velda Ward, April 14, and Brad and Shanna Long, April 16.

Captain David Johnson, son of Beth Johnson and the late Charles Johnson, was promoted to major on Sept. 14.

On Oct. 1 he was assigned as the brigade fire support officer for the First Battalion, 161st Field Artillery in Wichita. His duties include the day-to-day operations of the 500-man battalion and supervising the 21 full-time employees that are distributed from Liberal to Topeka.

The battalion has a long tradition of service to Western Kansas and the nation including the Mexican-American War, World Wars I and II as part of the 130th Field Artillery Group.

Anyone interested in the association may contact HQ 1-161 FA, 3535 W. Douglas, Wichita, KS 67213.

Ruth (Ward) Chamberlain and daughter, Caroline and John Rhoden, were guests of Dorothy and Kenneth Ward on April 3 for a pancake supper.

They were en route home to North Platte, Neb., from Texas where they visited a week with their son and wife.

Ruth also visited her sister, Edyth Mavity in Cunningham.

The Norcatu Commercial Club is sponsoring several events in May. The first weekend will be the annual ga-

rage sale day. To sign up for a sale contact Carolyn Kelley-Plotts. A consignment auction is scheduled for May 19. For more information or to list items for the sale contact Larry Lyon.

The club is also presenting a scholarship this year. Any Norcatu student who will be attending college next year may pick up an application at Keith's Market or Gold Bank.

The whistle will be checked every Monday at 10 a.m. It will not be checked if severe weather is threatening at that time.

The Library is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. The book van left a new selection of books and the Elden Auker dedication tape is available. The library also has access to the Internet. For library or computer use after hours please contact Chris at 693-4315.

Fourteen members attended Senior Citizens on April 6. Winners were Bob Strevey, Kathy VanMeter and Dorothy Lawn. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Mike and Jan Miller, Prairie Village, spent two days doing yard work for his mother, Esther Miller. Gary and Annette Miller, St. Francis, joined them for lunch one day at the Cardinal Cafe. Beverly Morris, Hoxie, was a Sunday caller.

Callers at the Ivah Alexander home in Oberlin last week included Lois Eckhart, June Saum, Brook and Mary Koble and family, the Rev. Dale Thiele, Glenn and Pearl Alexander and Vada Shaw.

Lula Hix, Helen McVay, Marguerite Clark, Mary Lesle, Lora Arnold, Joyce Price and LaVerne Milner attended the Family and Community Education Spring Tea held in Oberlin on April 3. The speaker, Scott Sproul from Rural Telephone/Nex Tech, gave information on how to avoid telemarketing scams. The DCHS Singers and speech department presented several numbers.

Lee and Lora Arnold accompanied Wayne and Norma McCallister and Mildred Schwab to Hays on April 4 where they visited the Sternberg Museum and met Jay Mavity and Edyth Mavity, Cunningham, and Roberta Williams.

Jim Plotts returned home Monday from Montana where he had been with his mother, Margie Simonsen. She was admitted to Valley View Nursing Home in Glasgow, Mont.

Eunice Thornton, was released from the Hutchinson hospital on Saturday. She will be taking chemo treatments once a week and radiation treatments in Hutchinson. Bev Morris was a visitor of the Thorntons on Sunday. Mail will reach her at R.R. 1, Box 95, Norcatu, Kan 67653.

Judy and Dennis Shirley presented a program at the Educational Building on April 8 on their trip to Australia in December.

After participating in a continuing medical education seminar in Kearney, Neb., Tara Nelson spent Friday through Sunday with her parents, Bill and Bee Nelson.

An open house 90th birthday party was held for Leta Strevey on Sunday at the Educational Building.

Wava Reames and grandson, James, 2 1/2, were visitors for a few days at the Frank Ward home. On April 8, the Wards held a pizza supper. Additional guests were Leslie, Lynn, Kaley and Keith Ward and Marguerite Clark.

Container gardens the way to go

Garden Masters

By Judith Marietta

Spring is in the air and many of us are ready to start gardening. It is still a little early to plan, outside; however you can get a jump on spring by starting your container gardening now.

Container gardening is one of the most versatile and creative forms of gardening. Gardening in containers is the perfect way to decorate any outdoor space. You can provide color and beauty anywhere in your yard.

You can begin now by looking for containers and getting them ready. Basically anything that will hold soil and will allow proper drainage can be used for container gardening. Some of the more traditional containers include clay, plastic or fiberboard pots, ceramic containers, wire baskets lined with sphagnum moss, planter boxes and whisky barrels. Be creative when looking for containers.

Many unusual things can probably be found in your garage. Tires, bags of potting soil split on top, garbage bags filled with growing medium as well as old boots and watering cans can be used for containers. You can even brighten up some of the old containers you have by painting them. As you paint, keep in mind what you will be planting in them and coordinate the container color with the plant material you choose. Create different themes or moods, from tropical to English cottage, to Mediterranean by carefully selecting your containers and the plants to go in them.

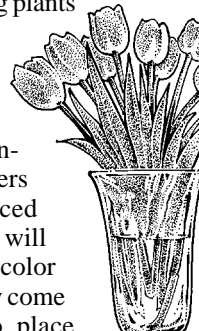
Container plantings can also be used for quick remedies for problem areas. Colorful flowering plants in containers can be placed along a flower border that might have unsightly gaps.

A grouping of containers with fragrant flowers and herbs can be placed near the front door. This will greet your guests with color and fragrance when they come to visit. Remember to place some fragrant herbs in containers along pathways. As you brush past the plants you will be rewarded with wonderful scents.

Flower pots placed strategically on steps can make them less imposing. You can disguise an uninspiring area

of a wall by introducing color and texture with containers and plants. Decide what you want to accomplish with your container plantings, then you can choose what containers you will need to use. Fill your containers with a high-quality growing medium that drains well and then choose your plants and plant them in your containers. During the summer you will need to keep them watered and fertilized and that is basically all the care they need.

With container gardening you can create almost unlimited settings around your home. There are a number of books available on container gardening, so visit your library.



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"The Long and Winding Road"

By Pastor Heidi M. Wiebe, Oberlin Evangelical Covenant Church

When explorers discovered King Tutankhamen's tomb in Egypt, they discovered an incredible cache of ancient treasure. The good news was that the treasure and the wonderfully preserved mummy were still in the tomb. The bad news was that the treasure and the wonderfully preserved mummy were still in the tomb.

This discovery of the pharaoh's body with all his treasure, demonstrates so clearly that the ancient religion of the pharaohs was without hope. The mummy and its riches which were supposed to have journeyed to the underworld, never completed the journey. But we have to admire the Egyptians practical insight. They believed in eternal life. They understood that they would be spending far more time in eternity than they would in their mortal lives on the earth.

We can learn from these ancient Egyptians. We can learn to be more deliberate and intentional about preparing for eternity. On Easter morning, we celebrate the fact that there is a world to come. When Jesus Christ came out of the tomb, he assured us of that fact.

We can also learn from the Egyptians not to walk

blindly. Instead, examine the evidence. Ask yourself what it means that the prophets foretold centuries in advance exactly how Jesus would die. Then ask yourself what it would have taken for a band of fishermen and tax collectors to watch their leader die a brutal death, find their movement in shambles, and then become so highly motivated that they would conquer the Roman Empire and influence the next 2,000 years of history.

The apostle Paul said this in giving evidence to the truthfulness of Jesus' resurrection, "Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:12-14)

Common sense says the same thing the Scriptures say. On the third day, Jesus rose again. And because he conquered the grave, we can live forever! That's where the hope is today.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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| <p>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH 785-475-3103 The Rev. James Hoover, Canonical Pastor Sister Marilyn Wall, Pastoral Administrator MASSES: SATURDAY, 6 p.m. SUNDAY: 8 a.m.</p> | <p>OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST Beaver and Mill Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. Junior Worship, grade 3 & down; 2nd Sundays: All-church dinner. WEDNESDAY: Home Bible Studies, 7:30 p.m.</p> | <p>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Jim Larson, pastor SUNDAY: Sunday School and Morning Worship, 9 a.m.</p> | <p>PIONEER BAPTIST CHURCH 709 E. Oak, Oberlin Steve Smith, Pastor Phone 785-475-3251 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Services, 7 p.m.</p> |
| <p>OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH Bobby Potter, Minister 539 E. 2nd St., St. Francis SATURDAY: Saturday Worship, 9:15 a.m.; Sabbath School, 11 a.m.</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON The Rev. Damian Richards Phone 785-322-5560 MASS: SUNDAY, 8:30 a.m.</p> | <p>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 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. TUESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.; WEDNESDAY: WORSHIP CELEBRATION, 7:30 P.M.</p> |
| <p>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS Glenn Krebs, pastor SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. DRESDEN SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.</p> | <p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE The Rev. James Hoover 785-386-4496 MASS: Jan. Mar. May July Sept. Nov.—SUN. 10 a.m. Feb. Apr. Jun. Aug. Oct. Dec.—SAT. 7:30 p.m.</p> | <p>HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH Keith Reuther, Pastor Phone 785-322-5316 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning worship, 11 a.m.; Youth meeting, 4 p.m.; Bible study 7 p.m.</p> | <p>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH The Rev. Chad M. Eckels, Pastor 785-475-2333 Share the Faith — as for me and my household we will serve the Lord! SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Quilters 9 a.m.; Midweek School, 4-7 p.m. THURSDAY: Information Class, 7 p.m.</p> |
| <p>UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN 109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA Rev. Barbara and/or Nolan Pierce SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Bell Choir, 6:30 p.m. Choir practice every Wed. at 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion, 1st Sun. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Wed. at 8 p.m.</p> | <p>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN The Rev. James Hoover 785-386-4496 MASS: Feb. Apr. Jun. Aug. Oct. Dec.—SUN., 10 a.m. Jan. Mar. May July Sept. Nov.—SAT., 7:30 p.m.</p> | <p>LYLE UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Dale Thiele 785-693-4378 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship 11 a.m.; Youth meeting, 4 p.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST 102 North Cass — 785-475-3067 The Rev. Gary M. Fisher SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.</p> | <p>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST The Rev. Gary M. Fisher SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.</p> | <p>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.</p> | |

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Kristen Bremer and Ladd Wendelin arrived home Wednesday evening during their Easter break and returned to Concordia University, Seward, Neb., on Sunday afternoon.

Easter weekend guests of Stuart and Martha Euhus were their daughter and family, Dana and Robert Morton, Sheena and Shad, Garden Plain, who arrived Friday evening and returned home Sunday afternoon.

Additional Easter dinner guests at the Euhus home Sunday were Kent and Diana Euhus, Lindsey and Brock.

Easter dinner guests at the home of Sally and Robert May and Cole were their daughters and families, Billie Jean Fox and Jessica, Broomfield, Colo.; Darrick and Kay Sowers and Kellie, Sharon Springs, Carie Nichols and Dustin, and Matt Shepherd.

Easter Sunday dinner guests at the home of Ralph and Violet Shaw were Richard and Anna Shaw, Jennifer and Isaac, Thelma Spiers, Vada Shaw, Floyd Badsy, Joan and Don Grafel, Susan and Steve Nelson and McKenzie, and Susan's father, Bill Dav-entport, Laramie, Wyo.

Elwood and Elaine Mines and Rob and Loretta McFee were Easter dinner guests Sunday at the home of Don and Ann Mines.

Easter weekend guests at the home of Roland and Pam May, Zachary and Hannah, were Pam's father and brother, Ben and Kim Jorns of Preston.

Easter Sunday dinner guests of Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Ladd, Greta and Rory were Roger and Susan May and Ryan, Roland and Pam May, Zachary and Hannah, Ben and Kim Jorns and Pastor Chad Eckels.

Galens and Roni Spresser and family were Easter dinner guests at the home of Ken and Jan Badsy and family Sunday evening.

Guests at the home of Gerald and Connie Olson, Stean and Kelly for dinner on Easter Sunday were Wilma May, Evelyn Olson, Wendy and Justin Scott and Garrett, Hill City, and David May, McCook.

Easter dinner guests Sunday at the home of Ralph and Norma Unger were Duane and Lois Unger, Colby; Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly, Dr. Ryan Unger, Alvina Unger and Leo Mooty.

David May, McCook, and Wilma May were Easter dinner guests at the Elwood May home Sunday evening.

Easter Sunday dinner guests at the home of Gaylord and Shirley Shields were Hildegard Euhus, Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy and Caitlin, and Dorothy Moore.

Guests at the home of John and Dianne Bremer, Kristen and Jessica for dinner on Easter Sunday were Arthur and Alice May, Herschel and Jody Betts and Helen Derby.

Ruth Saliba, Hays, arrived Saturday to spend Easter with her mother, Carolyn Muirhead and her uncle, Reinhard May. She returned home on Sunday.

Cedar Living News

Marie Jean Vavroch hosted the Coffee Club on April 7.

Dennis Brown served a pizza dinner Monday. His guests were Bill Brock, Elmer Tacha, Charlie Vavroch and Harold Frickey.

Myrna Jones and Carol Witt assisted with music in the afternoon.

Fern Moore gave the reading program Tuesday morning. The first bingo in the afternoon was won by Bea Wolfram and the blackout game ended in a tie between Josephine Marintzer and Elma Ashley.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly communion service Tuesday afternoon.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held in the dining room Tuesday evening. Residents and staff enjoyed watching the children hunt for candy and other treats.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson Wednesday afternoon.

Lloyd Beneda celebrated his birthday on Thursday. Elvin Beneda was his guest for a birthday lunch.

Art and Loretta Nelson assisted with pinochle Thursday afternoon.

A Good Friday service was held Friday morning.

Recent visitors include: Kathy and Francis Britton, Lori Moss, Crystal Gilbert and Jennifer, Colby; Jean and Elton Gillespie, Clayton; Doris Lippold, Joann Malone, Ann Martin, Sharon Ecker, Carla Marintzer, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Norcatu; Tommy and Maida Amato, Denver; Bill and Carolyn Brock, Lindsborg; Tom Ferriter, Longmont, Colo.; Rosa Brock, Paul and Kathy Nauer, Jennings; Marie Miller, Dresden; Betty Miller, Leoville; John and Diane Vap, Atwood; Stephanie Welch and children, Aurora, Colo.; Don Ashley, Selden; Doris Gilbert, Gem;

Juanita Williby, Phyll and Connie Cramer, Cecil Hess, Fern Jording, Faye Miller, Grace Hoppas, Elva Shaughnessy, Ryan and Susan May, Fran Krizek, Raymond Corcoran, Paul Corcoran, Bernard Corcoran, Frances Nothdurft, Bob Keenan, Judy Ostmeier, Wendell Frickey, Marlin Marintzer, Rachael Gallatin, Vayle Rohan, Gary Fredrickson, Karli and Kaine, Doyle Fredrickson, Pastor Chad Eckels, Sandy Counter, Elaine Bryan, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Rosella Meitl, Kevin Ketterl, Kim and Tamara, Anita Montgomery, Rex Bolliger, Don Stapp, Oberlin.

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