

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

their window.

The Chamber is hosting a fundraiser for the Norcatour Highway Fund. This will be a spaghetti dinner and free will donation on April 5 in the Educational Building in Norcatour from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The Jennings Lions Club is having a fundraiser Saturday in the Jennings school. There will be a soup supper, and a benefit concert

presented by The Bridge Band. Soup will be served 5 to 7 p.m., and the band will begin at 8 p.m. They are sending two students to Lions State Band and International Band this year.

Remember the first races in Oberlin will be on April 12 starting at 5 p.m.

The coffee is always on, so stop by and have a visit.

Arlene Hix attended the funeral of Geneva Laughlin at the Church of God in Norton.

Visiting during spring break with Lowell Sebaugh were Mary, Kyle, Tyler and Kayla Lough of Wamego. They returned home so Tyler could participate in the District 111 Kids Wrestling tournament in Junction City on March 22.

Beverly Morris of Hoxie spent Thursday night with her grandmother, Esther Miller.

March 16 visitors of Esther Miller were Carol, Justine, and Joel Miller, Beverly Morris, and Aimee and Chad Applebury of Colby.

Rea and Dee Magers had brunch with her uncle and aunt, Marion and Lorraine Long, of New Almelo, on Wednesday. Later, they went to Quinter to visit Charlie and Judy Easton. En route home, they stopped in Oberlin to see Loyd and Mary Waldo.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Marilou Long - March 16; Bob Sawdon, Marvin and Doris Fay Jackson - March 17; Forrest and Inez Jackson - March 19; Dorothy Ward - March 20; Kelsey Gallentine - March 21.

Norcatour Annual City Wide Garage Sales will be held on the first

Saturday of May. Everyone is invited to join in the fun and make some extra cash.

Pauline Shoemaker, Colby, spent a couple of days with Betty Alexander after she fell and cut her leg. Arnold, Carol Ann and Gerald and Judy also visited one evening.

Bob Sawdon was a dinner guest of Bill and Bee Nelson on St. Patrick's Day, which was also Bob's birthday.

Absentee ballots for the upcoming election can be picked up at the Decatur County Clerk's office.

The library would like everyone to know there are plenty of books on the give-away shelves. Please bring magazines only for the current year.

It's time to start thinking about the Relay for Life that will be held June 6 and 7 in Oberlin. If you would like to have a relay team or would like to walk, but don't have a team, contact Chris Dempewolf at (785) 693-4315.

A family birthday party was held for Sharee Dempewolf on Sunday, March 16.

Forrest and Inez Jackson celebrated their 55th anniversary, which is March 19, at Troy and Deb Marshall home on Sunday, March 16. Those attending were Mac, Iris,

Carisa, Nathaniel and Victoria Bergen; Dewayne, Aurelia and Destry Jackson; Troy, Deb, Andrea, Anthony and Amanda Marshall, and Neil Marshall.

The Decatur Community High School put on another superb play. It was a 50's version of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Local students involved were Andrea Marshall as Quince, Anthony Marshall as Puck, and Kelsey and Destry Jackson, stage managers.

Be sure to attend the Regional Music Contest, which includes vocal and instrumental solos, ensembles and groups, in Oberlin at the high school on Saturday, beginning at 8 a.m. Students will try to qualify for the State Music Festival on April 26.

The 2003 Mail-A-Book catalog, now available from the Northwest Kansas Library System, offers a large selection of paperbacks direct through the mail to residents of towns without libraries, rural readers and homebound readers. For more information or to receive a catalog, call the local library or the Northwest Kansas Library System at (785) 877-5148, toll free at (800) 432-2858, or by e-mail at: ILLOAN@RURAL-TEL.NET.

Rain, rain!!!! Did anyone melt when it started to fall? The sound was so nice to wake up to. At least we didn't have what they had west of us. To those people we want to give support as they clean up the mess, but a small part of the drought is ended for a day or two.

We all extend our sympathy to the Miles Ray family.

Be sure and enter the Basketball Tourney Contest. The round red tub is full of gifts from the merchants and is on display in the Chamber window. You can pick up entry forms from the merchants displaying the contest flyer in

Keep walking safety in mind

At a reader's request here are some safe walking reminders.

It is most important to be careful while walking in busy cities. Rural areas also require care, even for a simple walk. There isn't the high traffic volume, but often vehicles on rural roads are traveling at much higher speeds than pedestrians are used to. In addition, rural areas tend to have fewer roads, so what traffic there is will be concentrated on them.

With fewer pedestrians along rural roadways, motorists will not be expecting to encounter someone walking on or near the side of the road.

Walk facing oncoming traffic. If there is a smooth, stable surface available alongside the road, that's a good place to walk. If roadside safety hardware (such as a guardrail) is present, look to see if there's a flat surface behind the barrier for you to walk. If you need to walk on a paved shoulder, stay as far to the left as possible and keep your eyes open for oncoming traffic. Remember that if the sun is at your back (at dusk or dawn), drivers may not see you when the sun is low in the sky.



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

Even during daylight hours, it's good to plan ahead and wear brightly colored (or "fluorescent" colors like blaze orange, hot pink, and dayglo green) clothing that will contrast with the surrounding scenery.

For safety during low-light hours of dusk or dawn, many sportswear manufacturers are now adding retro reflective materials to their jackets and walking shoes. These surfaces really "light up" when headlights shine on them, which will help motorists notice and recognize pedestrians. In fact, retro reflective materials can be seen about three times further than just the color white.

Another good idea for improved night-time visibility would be to wear a retro reflective vest like those worn by highway work zone flaggers and construction workers.

Another helpful item is a flashlight. Flashlights can do more than any other device to increase one's odds of being seen. Do not point the flashlight directly at vehicles, however. Flashlights can make you more visible to motorists as well as help you avoid uneven or slippery surfaces that could cause a fall.

Because of road conditions, especially in winter, motorists may not be able to stop at traffic signals or slow down for pedestrians who have the right of way. Before you step off the curb or edge of the road into the street, make sure any approaching vehicles have come to a complete stop.

If you are a motorist, keep your windshield clean. Pollen, dirt, salt, and other debris can increase glare and reduce visibility.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Stuart Euhus was among 45 Kansans, many of them youth, who went on a mission trip to Mexico sponsored by Amor Ministries. The group left March 7 from Garden City, driving caravan style, and spent their first night in El Paso, Texas. From there they drove to Juarez, Mexico, spending Sunday through Wednesday building two 12' x 22' houses, using only hand tools since electricity was not available. They left Juarez after their work was completed and arrived back in Garden City early Saturday morning. From there, Stuart drove to Lamar, Colo., to visit his daughter and family, Gail and Mike Harvey and Zeb, before returning home Monday, March 17.

Anna Shaw attended the Wichita Home and Garden Show March 9 and picked up two of her mixed media paintings of irises and sunflowers that were on display during the show. She spent the night with her sister, Dr. Amy Seeber, her husband Dr. Kyle Tipton, Anna, Andrew, and Erica in El Dorado. On Monday, March 10, she visited Twila Tipton in Bennington en route home.

Roger and Susan May and Ryan, representing May Family Farms, returned home Sunday after attending a "CEO to CEO" conference in San Diego, sponsored by the Farm Progress Company. They were one of 15 couples in the nation chosen to attend. Susan's parents, Gerald

and Darlene Schaffer, Sun City, Ariz., and brother, Robert and Amy Schaffer, Phoenix, joined them in San Diego to visit and tour the city. Ryan spent his days sightseeing with his grandparents while his parents attended meetings. Sea World, Legoland, and the San Diego Zoo were among places they visited. Erin May stayed with her grandparents, Walter and Betty May, while her family was out of town.

LeAnn Metzger, Denver, arrived Monday to spend a few days visiting at the home of Jack and Mildred Fortin and Charles, returning home on Saturday.

Hertha Kelly, St. Francis, arrived on the Care-A-Van bus Monday morning and spent the day visiting her sister, Alvina Unger.

Anna Shaw taught an art class for the gifted program at Golden Plains School on Tuesday. She held a one-day art show in Burlington, Colo., on Saturday. A private reception was held in her honor from 11 to 1 p.m., followed by a public showing of her work from 1 to 3 p.m. She returned home that evening.

Joel Shaw sang during the LWML/LLL spring rally Sunday at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Greta Wendelin and Chelsey Black spent the weekend visiting Ladd Wendelin in Seward, Neb.

John Bremer and Jessica returned home Saturday evening after spending the day visiting Kristen Bremer in Seward, Neb.

McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Launchbaugh and Karl visited Edith Wasserman on Saturday upon her return from Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sines of McCook, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Metro of Salina, and Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Launchbaugh and Karl. The occasion was held to celebrate Gerald's and George's birthdays.

'The Faith of Friends can bring Healing'

By Pastor Bobby Cornelius of Oberlin Community Fellowship

In Mark 2:1-5 is found the story of four men who brought a sick friend to Jesus. These men had heard about Jesus and how he could heal the sick. They heard he was in a house at Capernaum.

They believed if they could just get their sick friend to Jesus he would be healed. When they arrived at the house there was no room to receive them. They could have given up and gone home but

they didn't. No, they went up and took the roof off and let their friend, sick with palsy, down on ropes to see Jesus.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, "Arise and take up thy bed, and go home."

How many sick friends have we brought to church? Jesus is there to heal the sick, mend broken hearts and set the captives free.



Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Eric and Susan (Bell) Flavin, who were married at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 15, at St. Andrew Church in Dunmore East, Ireland. Officiating at the ceremony was Pastor Keith Reuther.

Parents of the couple are Roger and Melinda Carlson, and Dennis and Adda Bell, Atwood, and Tony and Anne Flavin, Tramore, Ireland. They will make their home at #20 St. Kevin's Church, Bloomfield Ave., Dublin 8, Ireland.

Those from this area who attended the wedding were Roger and Melinda Carlson, Greg and Gwen Jones, Josiah and Obadiah, Marilyn Philpott, Betty Hafer, Cathy Horton, Ruth Hayden, Atwood; Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther, Herndon; Sally Hayden, Kansas City; Chelsey Hayden, Topeka; Celia Shacklett, Oakley; also Cynthia and Clint Brady and Carsten, who are stationed in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Kennedy of Akron, Ohio, took Bill, Becca, Bob and Beth Reuther skiing in Colorado over spring break while their parents were in Ireland.

Shirley Maresch, Nathan, Jenna and Timothy of Nekoma visited during spring break with Wesley

and Eulaine Benda and other relatives.

Bob and Sally Olson returned home last week from Swisher, Iowa, where they attended the wedding of their grandson, Jonathan Olson, and Daisy Thompson on March 15. Among other relatives who attended were Rennie and Jeaneen Olson Scott, Irving, Texas; David Olson, Swisher, Iowa; Bob and Annette Frenzl, Lacey and Whitney, Salina; and Orville and Evelyn Roy, Palco. Whitney and Lacey Frenzl accompanied their grandparents home and Mrs. Olson took them home on Wednesday.

Traer News

By Maralyn Courange

Irvan and Maralyn Courange were Sunday afternoon visitors of the Dan Brown family and helped Kaitlin, Lakin and Taylor Brown celebrate their birthdays. Ryan Wheelbarger of McCook visited at the Courange and Brown homes over the weekend.

Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103

The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly,
The Rev. Mr. Stan Chapin,
MASS: 10 a.m. Sunday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE

The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly
MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN

The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly
MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday

OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Arlin Cochran, Minister
539 E. 2nd St., St. Francis

SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.

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.

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

The Rev. Nolan and Barbara Pierce
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 10 a.m.

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. 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.

OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)

Pastor: Bobby Cornelius
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.;
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m. Evening Service, 7 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: Charles Keller

785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.;
Worship Service, 11 a.m.

PIONEER BAPTIST CHURCH
Meeting Temporarily at
119 S. Cass Ave., Oberlin

Pastor Steve Smith
Phone 785-475-3844
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.;
Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Visit us on the web at www.pioneerbaptist.org

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
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: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Home Bible Studies, 7:30 p.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 785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.;
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.

NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Charles Keller

785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.;
Church School, 10:30 a.m.

LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Charles Keller

785-693-4339
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: 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.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Interim Pastor: Don White

Secretary: Norma Unger
785-475-2333
Share the Faith — as for me and my household we will serve the Lord!

SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; Tuesday: Lenten Services: 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday: KICK- 3:45 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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