

Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson, Brittany and Kaitlin of Great Bend spent the weekend of March 29 with Beth Johnson and Fred.

Dinner guests of Goldie Brewer on Sunday, March 30, were Fern and Mike Mapes and Donna Warren.

Mary and Claire Lesle received word of the arrival of their great-grandchild, Lane Edward, born on March 21 and weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces. His father, Tony, was to arrive home in Fairbanks, Alaska, on April 2, after completing his Air Force training in Oxnard, Calif.

Kenneth Ward received treatment for bleeding in the left eye at Hastings, Neb., on March 28.

Donald Dick of Golden, Colo., is nearly blind due to a stroke behind his only good eye.

It is reported that Donna Lea Dick Thompson of Harrisville, Pa., has liver and pancreas cancer.

Betty Reid is recuperating at her daughter's home in Lone Tree, Colo. Mail will reach her: c/o Wanda Nguyen, 9763 Cypress Point Circle, Lone Tree, Colo., 80124.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Sam Stapp, Maxine Brooks, Larry and Terri James, April 1; P.T.

Shirley, Matt James, April 3; Ivah Alexander, April 4; Terry Gade, April 7.

On Tuesday, March 25, Bob Strevey drove to Damar to join the celebration for the 50th anniversary of the ordination of an old friend, Father William Kilian. Father Kilian was priest at New Almelo when Bob started teaching there in 1964. The service was celebrated by the Most Rev. George K. Fitzsimons, Bishop of Salina, and many of the priests of the Diocese.

Lee and Lora Arnold hosted a March birthday supper at the Norcatour Cardinal Cafe on March 26 for family and friends. March birthdays were: Nathan Baker, Norma McCallister, Tiffany Wheeler and Lee Arnold. Those attending besides the honorees were: John Arnold; Susan Bolek; JuliAnna, Mark, Marissa and Jordan Baker; Olive Arnold; Mary Arnold; Jim Arnold; Estella Harold; Wayne McCallister; Gary, Susan, Melissa and Dana Hillebrand; Bill LaSalle and Jesse Bryant.

Frank and Susan Bolek of Valparaiso, Ind., recently visited her family, Lee and Lora Arnold and brother, John and Brenda Arnold. JuliAnna and Mark Baker enter-

tained with ice cream and cake on March 24 in honor of daughter, Tiffany's 16th birthday. Those present were Katie Randolph, Adrienne Vacura, Courtney Gillespie, Rocki Bochert, Nakita Graf, Jesse Bryant, Lee and Lora Arnold, John and Brenda Arnold, and Susan and Frank Bolek.

R.D. Thornton returned home last March 27 after staying with the Streits in Larned.

The Lesles enjoyed eight days in Colorado Springs, visiting their son Craig and family. They also visited with brother, Jim and his wife of Florissant, Colo.

It's time to start thinking about the Relay for Life to be held June 6 and 7 in Oberlin. If you would like to have a relay team present or would like to walk, but don't have a team, contact Chris Dempewolf at (785) 693-4315. If you would like to buy a luminary in memory or in honor of someone, contact Chris. More information is available at the Norcatour City Office. A team may be made up of youth, as long as they have an adult sponsor at the all night event.

A fun and informative day was held Saturday, March 26, at the Educational Building. Kay Strevey from the Sewing Box in Norton taught a recycling technique for old blue jeans by turning them into a chenille rug.

Those attending were: Betsy Jakowski, Carol Cook, Iris Smith, Judy Jackson, Sheree Milnes, Bee Nelson, Sally Ellis and Phyllis Mitchell. Noon guests at the salad luncheon were Lora Linn Leichter, and granddaughters of Iris Smith, Kortney and Judy Jackson, Michaela.

Moisture is welcome to all

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

Spring has really sprung. First your bikini feels good and the next minute the long handles are a must. Anything in the way of moisture is welcome, be it snow or rain.

Of course, we need the wind so the cattle have water to drink, but must it be so strong all the time? The busy season is upon us. The schools are having track, music, speech, field days and proms. The more that goes on the better some people like it. This lady says that everything is going too fast. Let's see if we can slow down and smell the flowers.

The chamber's spaghetti benefit for the Norcatour highway fund is over. We understand this is the year

to reseal the strip into town from Highway 36.

Oberlin Business Alliance is hosting a fish and burger fry on Friday in front of Stanley Hardware. Stop by and have lunch with them.

Don't miss the final day to pay your federal and state taxes on April 15.

The Easter Bunny will arrive on April 19 for the annual egg hunt in the park. The Lions will hide the eggs, furnished by Mountain Slope

Lodge. Professional Assistant's Day, formally known as "Secretary's Day," will be April 23.

There will be a noon luncheon at The Gateway. Tickets are available from the chamber office. Reservations need to be made by April 15.

The Dresser will host the Coffee Hour this month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16.

Stop by and say howdy.

Methamphetamine workshop set

Methamphetamine use in Kansas is a serious problem. Without a doubt it's in our communities. To increase your knowledge and awareness, the Decatur County Interagency Team is planning a Methamphetamine Workshop from 7-9 p.m. at The Gateway on Tuesday, April 29.

The following are some signs that someone you know may be a meth user: anxiousness, paranoia, aggressive behavior, convulsions, twitching, purposeless or repetitive behavior, extreme moodiness and irritability, inability to sleep or eat (sometimes for days at a time), false sense of power and confidence, picking at real or imaginary sores on skin (or pinching at imaginary bugs call "crank bugs"), severe depression, pale complexion, sunken eyes and cheeks, rotten teeth, and dry skin and/or sores.



Extension Lines

By Byron Hale
Decatur County Extension Agent

Long term side effects may include the following: brain damage, stroke, coma, damage to liver, kidneys or lungs, psychological problems, and death.

If you know someone who is experiencing any of these problems and you have reason to suspect meth use, please encourage him or her to seek help from a substance abuse counselor. One life saved from meth use is worth the effort.

The Northwest Kansas Meth

Task Force, through local inter-agency teams, has scheduled eleven informational workshops in Northwest Kansas in April and May about meth. These workshops are designed to increase awareness among people who may be in a position to spot or report meth use or production.

For more information about the April 29 workshop or other workshops in the area contact me at (785) 475-8121.

Cedar Living News

Cedar Living Center welcomes new residents Ray Bennett, and John and Muriel Ready.

Residents are making plans for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Tuesday, April 15. All children are welcome to participate in the hunt at 7 p.m. in the living room.

Louise Nauer enjoyed spending the week in her home in Jennings with her daughter, Paula Nauer of Lenexa, and other family members. Myrna Jones gave the music program on Monday afternoon.

Charley Vavroch won the first bingo on Tuesday and Bea Wolfgram won the blackout game. Barbara Solko played pinochle with Dean Gallatin on Wednesday.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

The beautiful spring weather gave residents an opportunity to have an outdoor social hour on Thursday afternoon.

Marie Jean Vavroch hosted the Coffee Club on Saturday morning. Oberlin United Church was in charge of the Sunday service.

Recent visitors: Linda Ashley, Loveland, Colo.; Ray and Patt Tuller, Gary Matheny, McCook; Doris Fleckenstein, Larry Mizer, Jennings; Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Selden; Garland and Nola Hendley, Battle Creek, Mich.; Frank Ward, Lynn and Kelly Ward, Larry Sumner, Norcatour; Verl and Noreen Crabill, Billy, Becky and Coby Smith, Norton; Everett Lombard, Pueblo, Colo.; Glemma Macy, Danbury; Donna Hughes, Hays; Paula Nauer, Lenexa; Marie Miller, Dresden; Doug Stanley, Wichita; Esther Ready, New York City;

Irene Fringer, Esther Noren, Cecil Hess, Dolores Koerperich, Phyll Cramer, Karen Bennett, Carrie Morford, Butch Stanley, Fern Jording, Faye Miller, Alice Shirley, Mary Lemman, Eula Juenemann, Marie Jean Vavroch, Donald Stapp, Judy Ostmeier, Ron and Patty Uehlin, Danye Uehlin, Bernie and Othelia Vacura, Alvina Gambin, Esther Lindquist, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Rachel Gallatin, Elaine Bryan, Carol and Gary Allen, Oberlin.

Good Samaritan News

On Sunday, March 30, the Sacred Heart Catholic Church led worship service. Shirley Nichols served Social Hour.

Dennis Brown led devotions Monday. The children from Little Sam's day care made kites with residents Dennis Sloan, Ella Peterson, Agnes Chambers, Elfie Brown and Helen Styles, Eryline Nichols, Vergie Nygren, and Neva Campbell.

Social Hour was served by volunteer Mildred Holmdahl. Paul Mye read to the daycare children, joined by residents Ruby Shuler and Agnes Chambers.

The Men's Gathering was attended by Dennis Sloan, Harold Demmer, Lester Chambers, Fred Helmkamp and Art Nelson, who enjoyed a John Deere video.

Helen Styles, Marilyn St. Clair, Elfie Brown, Ivah Alexander, Ella Peterson, Vergie Nygren, Ruth Laidig, Bonnie Weskamp and Hazel Flaska enjoyed a glass of iced tea, along with the sunshine, in the courtyard. In Reminiscence Corner, Helen Styles, Marilyn St. Clair and Ruby Shuler talked about flower gardens.

Bible study was held Wednesday by Mert McEvoy. Nail care was given by volunteers Dorothy Alstrom and Peggy Carswell. During Social Hour, music was provided by Ben Smith. Bingo was enjoyed by Ann Leitner, Ruth Laidig, Florence Fisher, Hattie Olson, Elfie Brown, Elva Shaughnessy, Ivah Alexander, Vergie Nygren, Garrah Gaumer and Clarice Leake. Catholic communion was held by

Father Mathew Vazhappilly on Thursday. Ann Leitner, Kathryn Post, Ivah Alexander, Garrah Gaumer and Ruth Laidig played pinochle after lunch. Fresh cookies were served by Ellen Horn at Social Hour. On Friday, volunteer Connie Miller organized some early Easter word fun for residents.

Spelling was enjoyed by Ruth Laidig, Lorna Bishop and Elsie Macy, who competed for over an hour to find a winner. Susan Nelson, vocal department teacher of Decatur Community High School, brought several students who provided special music during Social Hour. Performers included Sunnie Jo Fredrickson, Chris Jordan, Sarah Marcuson, Nikki Lincoln, Lora Marietta, Kaydee Leitner, and Detry Jackson, accompanied by Mary Jo Lohofener.

The United Church of Oberlin held Sunday's worship service. The Revs. Barbara and Nolan Pierce conducted the service. Peg Smith was accompanist.

Recent guests: **Dena Gillespie** - June Vavroch, Earl and Pat Hartzog, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, Daryl and Marge Hartzog; **Pauline Zander** - Bethany and Linda Smith and baby; **Dorothy Wolters** - Elsie Wolters; **Elsie Macy** - Elsie Wolters; **Ruby McKenna** - Earl and Pat Hartzog, Ed and Gloria McKenna; **Erma Holt** - John Metcalf; **Eunice Petrcek** - Jon and Joan Smith, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; **Hazel Flaska** - Jon and Joan Smith; **Garrah Gaumer** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs. Also visiting were Varlan and Catherine Neal.

'You must die to live'

By the Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly, Sacred Heart Catholic Church

"Unless the wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life." (John 12:24, 25)

Andrew, one of the 12 Apostles of Jesus, led the Greek-speaking Jews (converts to Judaism) who had come to worship at the festival and approached Jesus through Philip (John 12:20). Their appearance signals the approach of Jesus' "hour of glorification," i.e., his death (John 12:23). To them Jesus said, "I tell you most solemnly, unless the wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life" (John 12: 24, 25).

All farmers know very well that any grain or seed sown in the earth disintegrates itself, and a new plant grows from it which produces more seed or grain. So the farmer sacrifices some grain to gain more. There is some hard work, anxiety and some expense (sacrifice) when the seed is sown. But here, in the Gospel, our own life is the seed Jesus is speaking about. It is worth losing it gradually through our sufferings, and finally through our death, to obtain an abundant harvest of life and joy in heaven. Jesus made this a reality on the cross when he died.

Now remain these questions — Are we ready to accept our sufferings and challenges of life courageously? Are we ready to help others with our life? Are we leading others to Jesus like Andrew, with our life witness?

Jesus awaits our answer.



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, LEVILLIE
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 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.

NORCATOUR 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

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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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