Two closed its doors for the last Birthdays include: Veda Wood -

May 2; Linda Hunt - May 3; Lora Linn Leichliter - May 5; David Stapp - May 6.

Oran and LaVerne Milner met Ralph and Evelyn Strayer at the Cardinal Two Café Monday morning, April 1, for breakfast, then the Strayers went on to Norton.

Easter guests of Dorothy Lawn were: Patty Beachel, Fred Darnall and Aaron Beachel, Gothenburg, Neb.; Becky and Lilli, North Platte, Neb.; Marlina Jones, April and Brandon, August, Taylor, Trevor and Tiera Matson, McCook; Jim, Lea and Jennifer Lawn, Chris. Angie and Keagon Lawn, Kearney, Neb.; Loretta and Ed Fowler, Samantha. Katie and friend. Jason. and Melisa, Kristen and Lee Troutner, Norton; and Kevin, Lori, Jordon and Caiden Lawn, Kearney, Neb. Jeff and Lori Roe visited in the

#### **REBEKAHLODGE**

The Golden Rod Rebekah Lodge attended School of Instructions at WaKeeney on April 12. The instructor was Natalie Hoffman of Kansas City, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Kansas.

There were 26 members present. The district had 10 members who have been members for over 50 years. Ethel Miller joined September, 1943, and Dorothy Woods in March, 1951, Mrs. Hoffman remarked she'd never visited a district that had so many 50-year members. Woods, Oberlin; Ethel Miller,

Norton, and Arlene Hix, Joyce Price and Beth Johnson, Norcatur.

Rea and Dee Magers went to Denver on April 24 for a check-up on Rea's recent back surgery and he received a good report. They spent They said it was sure great talking Easter weekend with their daughter, Cheri, and her family. En route home, they visited Joy and Hilaria Huff of Goodland. Joy is recuperating after suffering a broken hip in

#### **ROYAL NEIGHBORS**

The Royal Neighbors of America hosted a dinner honoring Mother's Day and Father's Day on April 27 in the Norcatur City Building. There were 65 in attendance, with Beth En route home, they attended representatives from the four Royal Neighbor camps of Oberlin, Rexford, McCook, and Wilsonville,

Door prize winners were: Bill Woods, Charlie Lincoln, Loyd Waldo, Gary Miller, Calvin Ufford, Ray Kircher, Oberlin; Bob Tacha, Jennings; Evelyn Franholz, Charlie Ankenman, Cambridge, Neb.; Elaine Mizell, McCook; Marita Duncan, Wilsonville, Neb.; Marguerite Clark, Marguerite Fuller- in memory of or in honor of someton, Inez Keller Bill Craig, Norcatur, and Pansy Price, Clayton.

Easter weekend guests of Gerald and Judy Jackson were their daughters, Charlotte and Bev, and son, Brian, and their families.

Don Brewer of Tulsa, Okla., returned home on April 28, after visiting his mother, Goldie Brewer. Monday Bridge Club met April

21 with Esther Miller. Winners were Alice Shirley, Carol Shirley and Phyllis Lohoefener. Beverly Morris was an April 25

supper guest of her grandmother Esther Miller.

.The United Methodist Church Oberlin. has three camping sites in Kansas: Horizon (east of Arkansas City), Lakeside (north of Scott City), and Mary Dell (south of Abilene). There is grant money available for any youth in the Norcatur area, re-Members attending were Dorothy gardless of church affiliation. For details, see Pastor Charles.

## **Good Samaritan News**

Little Sam's Day Care children shared making suns with residents Ruby Shuler, Ella Peterson, Lorna Bishop, Leo Mooty, Ivah Alexander, Helen Styles, and Kathryn

Lunch was enjoyed at the Fronter Restaurant by Dena Gillespie and Vergie Nygren, as well as a ride in the country. Volunteer Mildred Holmdahl served Social Hour and also played canasta with Garrah Gaumer and Ivah Alexander. Ruby Shuler and Lorna Bishop participated in the "Walk for Health" program. Garrah Gaumer attended the Faith Lutheran Ladies Supper.

At the Men's Gathering, Dennis Sloan, Lester Chambers, Harold Demmer, Art Nelson and Leo Mooty watched "The Star Packer", featuring John Wayne. Volunteer Barbara Dehlinger read to residents Agnes Chambers, Lorna Bishop, Dena Gillespie, Ruby Shuler, Helen Styles and Ella Peterson. Reminisce Corner's discussion was about gardens, and was attended by Dena Gillespie, Agnes Chambers, Lorna Bishop, Dennis Sloan, Marilyn St. Clair and Elfie Brown.

Guests at Wednesday morning's devotions were members of the advisory board for the center. Those present were Bonnie Anderson, Mert McEvoy, Don Stapp, Marilou Long, and Florence Vavroch.

On May Day, Catholic services held by Father Mathew Vazhappilly were attended by Bonnie Weskamp, Lois Buchholz and Ruby McKenna. Little Sam's Day Care kids came to the dining room to make May Day flowers with Ella Peterson, Ruby Shuler and Vergie Nygren. Later the kids passed out small May Day baskets to all the Quentin and Olive Bergling.

In honor of National Volunteer Week, 24 volunteers and guests enjoyed supper with the residents. Acknowledgements were made to the several volunteeers, and recognition was extended to residents Garrah Gaumer, Ann Leitner, Elsie Macy, and Veda Pingetzer, who share their time and talent.

A game of Hangman was played by Ann Leitner, Ella Peterson, Dena Gillespie, Ivah Alexander, Garrah Gaumer and Bonnie Weskamp. Garrah Gaumer entertained with piano music.

Social Hour on Saturday brought a 95th birthday celebration for Hattie Olson, with cake for everyone. Volunteer Mildred Holmdahl served. Hattie was also honored with a party by her family.

The Assembly of God Church led Sunday church services.

Recent guests: Dennis Sloan -Luella Sloan, Mary Noone; **Dor**othy Wolters - Elsie Wolters; Leo Mooty - Alvina Unger; Elsie Macy - Elsie Wolters; Garrah Gaumer - Alvina Unger, Pastor Glenn Krebs; Hazel Flaska - Jon and Joan Smith; **Dena Gillespie** - Pastor Glenn Krebs, Stacy and Jocelyn Hartzog, Daryl and Marge Hartzog; **Ruby McKenna** - Doris Linden of Norton, Julie Gallentine, Mary Lee Brooks of Norton, Ed and Gloria McKenna, Donna Chambers; Veda Pingetzer - Lora Zwickle; Hattie Olson - Bill and Maxine Peebles; Sheri Steinemann; Bob and Sally Olson; Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Mark Olson family, Rex Olson family, Beth Kinneavy, Rennie and Jeaneen Olson, David Olson, Jonathon Olson family, Larry Marks family, Evelyn Olson, Jerry Olson,

## **Selden News**

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: May 8 - Darcie Spresser, Etta Sulzman; May 9 - Travis Rogers; May 10 - Don Koerperich, John Koerperich, Greg and Traci Bruggeman, Dave and Andrea Mitchell, Joe and Janice Kruse; May 11 - Jason Rall, Tom Aumiller, John Mosier; May 12 - Dan Shuler, Tom and Jan Juenemann; May 14 -Micah Goscha, Maxine Sulzman, Mason Mumm, Bernie and Donna

On May 1 at Senior Citizens, Betty James won high, Irene Kruse took second, Don Shaw got low and Cecelia Ottley had the most nines. Other members present include: Royce Cook, Lola Cook, Vesta

Shea, Catherine Campbell, Paulie Neff, Leone Porsch, and Dorothy

School Calendar: May 8 - Jr. High track meet in Logan, Booster Club meeting in Selden, last day of preschool; May 9 - High School track in Hays, High School Anthology in Oakley; May 11 - 2 p.m. High School Graduation in Rexford; May 12 - High School track in Hill City; May 13 - 7 p.m. Eighth-Grade Graduation and Junior High Awards in Rexford.

Laura Corder, formerly of Selden, is in the hospital after she fell and broke a hip. Cards will reach her care of Newman Hospital, Room TCC#231, Emporia, Kans., 66801.

Corey Lawn called his grandmother, Dorothy Lawn, from Kuwait on April 19, to talk with her and his mother, Patty Beachel. It was 4:30 a.m. there and 8:30 p.m. here.

#### **REBEKAHLODGE**

The Lenora Rebekah Lodge met Saturday, April 19. Vivian Wagner of Wakefield, vice president of the Rebekah Assembly of Kansas, was a guest. Two members, Ruby Heikes and Alberta Metheny, were presented 50-year pins.

Those attending from Norcatur were Joyce Price, Arlene Hix and the 85th birthday open house in Norton for Maxine Brooks

If anyone has an inoperable vehicle or two, the Decatur County fire department would be interested in them. They would be used for an extrication class. Contact Bill Cathcart in Oberlin. Anyone wanting to buy a lumi-

nary for the Relay for Life may contact Chris Dempewolf at (785) 693-4315 or 4461. These can be bought one, and the cost is \$10 each. There will be a special luminary ceremony around 10 p.m. on June 6, and at that time every luminary name will be read. Any luminary orders received after May 31 will not appear in the luminary handout.

Lyle and Amanda Davidson are the parents of a son, Spencer Joe, born April 9. He weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 22 inches long. Grandparents are Larry Sumner, Norcatur, and Trudi Stockham, Norton. Spencer has a great-great grandmother, Gracie Sumner, a resident of Cedar Living Center,

# Spend the evening on Penn Ave.

main street before prom shopping

until 7 p.m., and have a burger or

polish with some pop, before the big

event. The burger and polish fry

will be held in front of Stanley

We wish all the mothers a Happy

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Mother's Day on Sunday.

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

The rain has come again. I know that some received a lot and others none. There hasn't been any grumbling and the smiles are a mile wide.

The Oberlin Business Alliance Fifth Wednesday sign-up and drawing has come and gone. The winner of \$50 in scrip was Reinhart May. Congratulations.

There was a ribbon cutting at the Oberlin Speedway on Sunday. The community came through with many volunteers and donations to make it happen. Best wishes to all. This year the Oberlin Business

Alliance is doing something differ-

was Wednesday. Our sympathy

Jean Hawkins returned home last

Friday from Hoxie. She had surgery

in Salina and is receiving therapy in

Colby. Her daughter, Linda Stew-

art, Weston, Fla., stayed with her for

a week. She returned home Thurs-

leg and was taken to Denver for sur-

after suffering a heart attack.

Beth Thayer suffered a broken

Bill AraSmith is in the hospital

Lawrence and Zula Horinek went

to Plains on Thursday for the fu-

neral of Tom Sheldon, 44, and died

goes out to the family.

grandparents.

We lost a longtime resident of unexpectedly. He was a friend of in Mesa, Ariz. Her daughter, Marla Rexford, Jim Cheney. His funeral their daughter, Patty Ann Casey.

**Rexford News** 

Taylor Todd has a new sister, home to Rexford for a few days. Tylor. She was born April 23 at Rexford Clean-up Day was post-Hays and weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 21 inches long. and will be held Friday and Satur-Doug and Joan Todd are the proud

Rexford after spending the winter Zeta Honor Society.

Rogers, flew to Mesa to accompany her home.

By Zula Horinek

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By Glenva Nichols

member that the Hospitality House

will be open on Friday and Saturday

during the weekend. More details to

Stop by, have a cup of coffee and

buy a chance on a guest ranch va-

cation in the White Mountains of

Arizona. You might be the lucky

**Chamber News** 

ent. You can spend the evening on unions are fast approaching. Re-

Graduation and the alumni re- winner of a week of relaxation.

follow later.

They had spent several weekends with us. Patty Ann accompanied us Kenneth McCarty of Rexford, a sophomore in animal sciences and industry at Kansas State University, poned last Saturday due to weather was among Kansas State University College of Agriculture students who were recognized with awards. Doris Jean Oliver returned to He was also initiated into Alpha

### McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Warren Bainter attended the District Rotary Conference at the McCook visited Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhower Center in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lewis and Gary Knoll went to Branson, Mo., visited Mr. and Mrs. Steven on Saturday to see Les Rumback, Launchbaugh for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter and and returned on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sines of

> George Launchbaugh on Sunday. Garth Gaddy of Reedley, Calif.,

# 'Managing the difficult'

# By Rev. Nolan Pierce, United Church of Oberlin

Living has been a challenge for a long time. The Bible shares stories that reveal many difficult situations. Much of the time people were struggling with problems that were overpowering. Some did not survive. Others found a way to cope and made it through the difficulties. Those who learned how to use inspiration from God often not only survived troubling situations but found they came to understand they had experienced the good in the encounters that were so threatening.

Today we are made aware that many challenges are threatening our peace of mind. Anger is on the rise. Insecurity can be a contributing factor with anger. Lack of confidence causes suspicions to erode relationships. The list goes on and on.

God has been active throughout history managing the difficult and at the same time seeing the good. God then experiences the good in Creation. We, with God's help, can learn that not all difficulties are as threatening as they appear. Raising a family is hard work. Yet, as time passes,

we can laugh at some of the trials and troubles. Instead of being distraught with the years of labor, we can look back on many experiences and see the good.

By Design, God has included patience, kindness, generosity, and work to bring out the good. It takes time for that good to mature.

May we all embrace God's design and God's presence as we learn how to manage the difficult and experience the good.



#### Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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. 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.

785-322-5331

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

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,

**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

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**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: Allchurch 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

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.; Fellow ship 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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