

Goldenrod Rebekah Lodge hosted the 93rd School of Instruction on April 24. Assembly President Vivian Wagner, Wakefield, was instructor. There were 27 in attendance from the Norton, Lenora, and Norcatour lodges and four visitors from St. Francis and Atwood. It was an all-day session, so the Norcatour lodge members served a luncheon. Oran and LaVerne Milner left on April 25 to take Vera Bishop back to Denver after she spent several days in Norton at her home. Vera had come especially to attend the Arts Council Program, "My Friends and I", as Vera was well acquainted with Neva Rea (McCreary) Shoof, the accompanist for

the program. On Saturday, Dean Blickenstaff brought Vera to Norcatour and Oran and LaVerne were additional guests of Dean for lunch. Bob Rapp had surgery in Topeka last week and is recuperating at home. Mail will reach him at 2507 Meade Circle, Manhattan, Kan., 66502. Francis and Iolene Levendosky of Belleville and several members of their family stopped to visit Rea and Dee Magers on April 24 after attending the funeral of Tony Conroy at McCook. Tony was killed in a motorcycle accident on April 19 in Sidney, Neb. The Levendoskys and Conroys are cousins of Mrs. Magers.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Goldie Brewer - April 27; Rodney and Janice O'Hare - April 30; Veda Wood - May 2; Linda Hunt, Audrey Craig - May 3. Bill Nelson is feeling pretty good and they are hoping to be home for a short stay some time the first part of May. The third Annual Decatur County Relay for Life (American Cancer Society) will be held June 18-19. Teams are sought to walk together and are also selling luminaries. These are \$10 each and may be purchased in memory of or in honor of someone. Teams must be together by May 7, and the deadline for luminaries is June 7.

# Planter boxes will be flowering

We are thankful for the wonderful moisture. Oberlin is featured in the May issue of *National Geographic*. Jane Carlisle appears on page 28, working the Duck Pond at the Decatur County Fair. Jim Richardson of Lindsborg took the photographs in the article about the Late Great Plains. Jim spent two nights at the fair last year. He thought our fair was a great venture that Oberlin had undertaken, some 30 years ago. The Yard of the Week sign will be showing up the week of June 7. Turn in your choices to the Chamber office so they may be added to the list. It takes a lot of hard work to make the yards attractive. I am sure many have been overlooked in the past because their names weren't brought to our attention. As you read this, Harold and I

## Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

have just returned from the Kansas Sampler Festival held at Newton. There are so many interesting things to see, from entertainment to food, Kansas-made products, booths from many towns showing their attractions, and just plain people watching. Every year there is something new. Oberlin has pictures and brochures of places to visit. If you haven't attended one of these, try it sometime and you will enjoy it. It will be held in Newton again next year and the following two years in Garden City. The planter boxes in front of the businesses on main street will be

getting new life in the next two weeks. This will make the town more attractive to those visiting. Remember to check the flyers in the windows to find out what is happening in May that may be of interest to you. There will be an Open House and Book Signing for Gisela Fisher from 2-5 p.m. on Thursday, at Hirsch and Pratt Law Office. Gisela has written a book about her life here and in Germany. The coffee pot is always on, so stop by.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Wilma May, Dorothy Moore, Karen Eskew, and delegates Connie Olson and Janice Cundiff, St. John's Lutheran Church, attended the Kansas Lutheran Women's Missionary League Convention in Wichita April 23-25. The theme was "Sing Unto the Lord a New Song". A work program of \$152,000 was adopted for the 2006 convention for mission projects and scholarships. A special donation of \$55,347 was given to God's Gracious Gift Fund by the Wilber and Jean Tegtmeyer Estate; these funds will be distributed by delegates at the next convention. The Tegtmeyers were relatives of the May families. Don and Ann Mines left Thurs-

day for McPherson to spend a few days at the Joe Mines home to help take care of their grandchildren, Cori and Jared, while their mother was out of town. They returned home Sunday evening. Fern Jording and daughter, Marjorie Law, were Thursday evening dinner guests at the John Bremer home. Ryan and Stacy Duysen, Taylor, Ashley, and Madison, Lincoln, Neb., were weekend guests at the home of Craig and Karen Larson, arriving Friday evening and returning home Sunday. Dianne Bremer left Monday afternoon for Manhattan where she attended the annual Farm Bureau secretaries conference Tuesday and

Wednesday, returning home Wednesday evening. Jessica Bremer, Hannah May, Ryan May, Zach May, Elizabeth Nedland, Hunter Nedland, and Rory Wendelin were among the pianists playing in the spring piano recital presented by the students of Cheryl Metcalf Sunday afternoon at the Oberlin Gateway. John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica visited this weekend at the Bremer/Ready homes with Esther Ready and David Chomowicz and their son Nick, New York City, who are spending a few days visiting her parents, John and Muriel Ready.



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## Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

First of all, we are all very thankful for the nice slow rain, especially after the wind and dust storm, reminding us of the dirty thirties. At least it didn't last long! Peyton Moeder spent last weekend with her grandmother, Clea Moeder. It kept Clea very busy keeping up with Peyton. Koffee Klatch had 11 present on Friday: Deb Stepper, Sondra Barnett, Eunice Sanford, Deloras Dible, Hulda Wark, Grace Cheney, Freda Ketchum, Marg Leh, Margaret Arasmith, Berneda Zoberst, and Doris Jean Oliver. Barnswallows pinochle group had 11 players on Monday. On Thursday, the "Come on Down" group had eight players. Gene Rogers was taken to the hospital by ambulance with a heart attack. He is wearing a pacemaker now. The Red Barn Gang Band had practice last Tuesday. All 12 were

present. We are getting ready for our performance at the Senior Progress Center this Tuesday, in Colby. Doris Jean Oliver's houseguests last week were Mabel Fortin, Carol Bollig, Therese Foland, Joyce Fortin, Pam Johnson, and Don Fortin. They were here to attend the funeral for Darrel Fortin, which was held April 24 at Leoville. Edna Colson spent April 16-19 in Goodland with Roberta Colson and Marg Luash. The progress of the cookbook is going well. Marla Rogers submitted everything to the company on the Internet. The cookbooks will be available by Christmas and will make a nice gift for friends or family. Thanks, Marla, for your contribution and time to help out. The Barnswallows celebrated the April birthdays last Monday. Zula Horinek made the cake and it was Lawrence's birthday on April 26.

Two weeks ago, I experienced Paradise and a drive through what I would call the Garden of Eden on my journey to my denomination's annual convention, held in Springfield, Mo. No, I did not stop by the Garden of Eden in Lucas, Kansas, but the transition in plants, animals and birds while driving from northwest Kansas to southeast Kansas via U.S. Highway 40 and on into southwest Missouri was, for me, entering into and dwelling in the Garden of Eden and Paradise for five days. In other words, everything east of Wichita was incredibly lush and beautiful. I am thankful to God for the experience, as it was a hope-filled time for me. So, you might wonder, what did it look like? The pastures and wheat fields were tall, lush and green. The wheat was heading out. In fact, everything was green, green, green—with no hint of that which was dead from fall and winter. Pastures were full of cattle that soon will become fat and sassy. These cattle were odd-looking in that they looked like cattle brought in from the deep southern region of the U.S. Cattle that we raise here in northwest Kansas are the finest-looking cattle that I've seen in my travels throughout the U.S. and in various corners of the world. The ponds were filled to the brim and on the return trip home, overflowing. Ducks, geese and

## 'Taste of Paradise'

By Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, Faith Lutheran Church, Oberlin

egrets were there, too, with many hawks soaring or posted as sentinels. As we arrived in Joplin and Springfield, it truly became Paradise with birds singing, rain falling, and flowering trees and bushes: pink and white dogwoods, redbuds, azaleas, and spireas that looked like huge snow drifts. Lord God, I am indeed grateful, for the blessing of this experience, and to walk in the rain while singing joyfully and praising your Name. In the midst of year 5 of the drought, with year 6 on the horizon, I needed this experience of Paradise and a walk in the Garden of Eden. I have noticed how quickly people get upset, when they have not received the rains that their neighbor did; it gets to be fightin' words, with jealousy and envy rearing their ugly heads. Hope, that is what we have to hold onto; hope that God will see us through and that the rains will return. Also, the call to be good stewards and caretakers of all that God has loaned to us to use during our time on this earth. Christ Jesus gave a new commandment; and that is to love one another, as God in Christ loves us. And so, we are also called to be good neighbors and to help one another in difficult times. "Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world."



## Selden News

By Jacque Boulinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: May 7 - Debi Shuler, Gwen Schultz; May 8 - Darcie Spresser; May 9 - Travis Rogers; May 10 - Dave and Andrea Mitchell, Don Koerperich, John Koerperich, Greg and Traci Bruggeman, Joe and Janice Kruse; May 11 - John Mosier, Jason Rall, Tom Aumiller; May 12 - Dan Shuler, Tom and Jan Juenemann. School calendar: Thursday - 9:30 a.m., Junior High track at Logan; Friday - 3 p.m., High School track at Ness City; 7 p.m., Grade School spring program; Sunday - 2 p.m., High School graduation; Monday - 4 p.m., High School track at Hill City; Tuesday - Grade School field trip to Garden City, Junior High awards at 7 p.m.; May 12 - 1 p.m., grade school play day; 6 p.m., awards banquet at Selden; May 13 - 10 a.m., Junior High league track

in Oakley; 3 p.m., High School league track in Oakley. On April 29 at Senior Citizens, Vesta Shea won high, Gene Rogers took second, Leone Porsch got low and Lola Cook had the most nines. Other members present included: Betty James, Cecelia Ottley, Catherine Campbell, Dorothy Lovin, Edna Schiltz, Irene Kruse, Royce Cook, Carol Shaw, Paulie Neff, Don Shaw and Shirley Emigh. Samantha Juenemann has accepted a \$500 Award of Excellence in nursing and a \$400 Fort Hays State University Bronze Academic Award. She is the daughter of Tom and Jan Juenemann of Selden and plans a career in nursing. Don't forget Mother's Day on May 9, graduation is also May 9, and the tractor show will be on June 6.

## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

- OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE**  
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday.
- SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**  
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam MASS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday
- OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
Jim Martin  
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- 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.
- HIGH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
122 S. Penn Ave., Oberlin  
Pastor Steve Smith  
Phone 785-475-3844  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Service 7 p.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7 p.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., AWANA Club 4-7 p.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: Kathy Aeillo  
Almena  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.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. King's Kids, 6:30 p.m.; Youth, 8 p.m. Women's Group, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 2 p.m.
- OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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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  
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SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.
- NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo  
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SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.
- LYLE UNITED METHODIST**  
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- EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN**  
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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**  
510 North Wilson  
Interim Pastor: Don White  
Secretary: Norma Unger  
785-475-2333  
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; Tuesday: Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
- FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
404 North York Avenue  
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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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