

Those who play an instrument and would like to play in the Norcatour Memorial Day Band are asked to contact Deb Marshall at 693-4344. The band will meet in the Norcatour Pre-school Room in the old schoolhouse at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 30, to practice.

Congratulations to Andrea Marshall for receiving the Thespian of the Year award at Decatur Community High School. This is given each year to the senior the Drama Club votes as best actor or actress. She received the award at the close of the Variety Show held at the school on April 28.

Andrea Marshall is extending an invitation to everyone to attend the Senior Recital which she and Amber Reynolds are holding at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 22 at The Gateway. A reception will follow for both of the girls.

The Decatur Community High School band went on their band trip to Denver on Saturday, May 8. They enjoyed all the exciting rides at Six Flags Elitch Gardens, then had fun at the Fat City Family Fun Center where they played lazer tag, cosmo bowling, bumper cars and many other things. Local students who went were: Andrea and Anthony Marshall, Sharee Dempewolf, Katrina Wentz, Kaitlyn Stapp, Destry Jackson, Denton Bailey and Marci Matchett.

The third annual Decatur County Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society will be held June 18-19. Luminaries may be purchased for \$10, in memory or in honor of someone. Contact person is Chris Dempewolf.

Bryce Thornton has a new baby sister, Abigail Mae. Abbey was born on May 5 and tipped the scales at 8 pounds, 3 ounces., and was 21 in. long. Parents are Ray and Jen Thornton of Hays. Grandparents are R.D. Thornton and the late Eunice Thornton and Rita Weeks. Abigail was named for her grandmother Eunice.

R.D. Thornton and Naomi went to Hays on Saturday to welcome home Abigail. Sunday visitors were Doug, Chris and Sharee Dempewolf and Laci Leichter.

On Sunday Donnecce, Adam and Seth Selvege, and Goldie Brewer drove to Red Cloud, Neb., where all enjoyed plane rides from a friend, Chuck Stokes. They also visited Dwayne's mother, Berneice Selvege. En route home they stopped in Franklin to visit Richard Selvege

and Betty Rubendall at the nursing home. Donna, Donnecce and sons returned to their homes Monday.

Cathy Claussen and Beth Johnson spent May 1 with Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson. Brittany and Kaitlin and Zoie in Great Bend.

David Wood brought his brother, Dwight Wood, home from the Lincoln, Neb., hospital. While here, he helped his mom move to Norcatour, and did some mowing and other jobs. Other helpers were Carol and John Maye, Dwight and Teresa, who were moving to McCook at the same time), Ona Van Gundy and others.

Carol Maye, Ona Van Gundy and Veda Wood attended the Grinnell graduation on May 8 for Veda's grandson, Neal McNames.

Overnight company at the Rea and Dee Magers home on Friday, May 7, were Jeff Magers and his girlfriend, Joy Luoto. The next day, they attended the Marguerite Clark and Betty Reid auction in Norton, then later returned to Norcatour for a barbecue.

Judy and Gerald Jackson spent May 7 at the Butch and Barb (Alexander) Marvin home in Alma, Neb. The Marvins' son, Scott and Ronda, her daughter Amber, and Scott's son Troy, all visited and played dominoes.

Guests the weekend of May 7 in the Gerald Jackson home were daughter Charlotte Jackson, husband Ken Fisher and son Shawn Fisher. Lora Linn Leichter had Mother's Day dinner with the group, cooked by Ken. Other guests were Randy and Patty Galley of Kearney, Neb. Ken and Shawn helped Gerald do some remodeling in the family kitchen.

Lee Arnold is a resident of the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin, where he is taking therapy since his fall at home on April 28. Mail will reach him at the Good Samaritan Center, 108 E. Ash, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

There were 21 at Senior Citizens April 30. Winners were Kathy VanMeter, June Jolly and John New.

Virgil and Joyce Price enjoyed company the past weekend. They included Bula Kelley, Charley and Carolyn Kelley, Lamar, Colo., who especially to attend the Kenneth Price sale on May 1. On Friday they all attended a supper at the Kenneth Price home

On Saturday evening they were at the Virgil Price home for supper.

Virginia Britton, Mike, Tabitha and Abbey Smith, Norton; Ron, Marlene, Matthew, and Craig Wolf, Kensington, Freeman and Kari Price, Branson, Mo., Kenneth and Pansy Price, and Vernie Dreiling, Hays, were additional guests. Bula enjoyed visiting with friends and neighbors at the sale, and with Francis and Arlene Hix afterward.

On Sunday, May 9, Charley and Carolyn Kelley of Lamar, Colo., Bula Kelley and Kenneth and Pansy Price, and Virgil and Joyce Price attended the carry-in dinner at Lyle. There was a large crowd present and they were especially glad to see John and Helen Helm and their family, Martin and Ceanne Rinehart of Colby, Kathy Brashears of Curtis, Neb.; and Laurie Helm of St. Joseph, Mo.

May 7 visitors of Velda and Frank Ward were Donald Sayles of Sublette and his son, Bob Sayles of Broken Arrow. Don was a 1934 graduate of Norcatour High School.

Velda and Frank Ward were Mother's Day dinner guests of Lynn and Leslie Ward.

There were 15 in attendance at Senior Citizens on May 7. Winners were R.D. Thornton, LaVerne Milner and Gwynn Ward.

Visitors May 6 at the Oran Milner home were Robert and Julia Clark, Belaer, Md.; Loyal Temple, Langley, Okla.; Dave and Kathy Ankenman, Yucaipa, Calif., and Marguerite Clark, Norton. They were luncheon guests of the Robert Clarks at Norcatour County Line Café. On Saturday, May 8, they all attended the auction of household goods for Marguerite Clark and Betty Reid, which was held at the National Guard Armory in Norton.

Alumni weekend will be busy

It was sure cool this morning as we came to work. Hope that your flowers, tomatoes and the wheat didn't get damaged.

Congratulations to all the graduating seniors from this area.

The planter boxes on main street are starting to look nice and green. The businesses are helping to make downtown look very refreshing.

The Legion Auxiliary has declared May 28 as Poppy Day and is asking everyone to wear red, white and blue that day.

The Munson building will be the place to go on Friday, May 28, and Saturday, May 29, as this is the lo-

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

education of the Alumni Hospitality Room. Meet your friends and neighbors over a cup of coffee and a cookie, visit a while and catch up on the latest.

Oberlin Business Alliance is doing their burger fry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, May 28, in front of Stanley Hardware. Stop by to have lunch, buy a poppy and see who has traveled back for the

alumni gatherings. Remember the museum-sponsored Summerfest Car Show on Saturday, June 5, with the Cruise-In on Friday night at A & W. There were a lot of cars last year and there should be even more this year.

Make a trip by the cemetery the morning of Memorial Day to view the Avenue of Flags. This sight can make shivers run up your back.

Sappa Valley youth attend movie

Sappa Valley Youth News

By Eve'va Kolar

On April 6, the youth of Sappa Valley Youth Ranch were given the opportunity to attend the movie, "The Passion of the Christ." The Lutheran Women's Missionary League group contacted the ranch director, Sue Glodt, and made a donation to help cover expenses of taking the youth to the movie. Several of the staff also made donations to make this event possible as they felt the movie had a good positive message and wanted the youth to be able to see it.

The Sunflower Cinema of Oberlin showed "The Passion of the Christ" with popcorn and a drink to the director, 11 staff members, and 30 youth. Several members of the community also enjoyed the movie along with them, and the theater was almost filled to capacity.

After the movie, the Sappa Valley youth were invited to the Teens for Christ building. Pastors Bill Duncan of the Church of Christ,

Heidi Wiebe of Oberlin Covenant Church, Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of Faith Lutheran Church and Royce Leitner of the Assembly of God Church were on hand to answer questions. The clergy opened with a debriefing about the movie, and questions and comments overflowed. It was at this moment the realization became apparent that

the movie had made a difference. The evening was and will be a night to remember.

Thanks to all that made it possible.

The Ranch and the youth would like to extend a special thanks to the churches, the community, the Sunflower Cinema and the staff who donated their time and money.

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'Saying Good-Bye'

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

As the friends and families of the Decatur Community High School Class of 2004 gather together for the graduation festivities, they will participate in an important rite of passage. It is a rite of passage as the transition from childhood to adulthood begins to emerge. It is an important fact that the graduating class will be together for the last time as a group. I know that there will be reunions in the future on alumni weekend, but, not everyone will return and those that return will not be the same people as when they left.

The importance of this rite of passage cannot be overstated. It is a time of joy mixed with reflection. Saying good-bye to a loved one or close friend is never easy.

This rite of passage is seen in two very different ways. For those graduating it is an exciting time to look towards the future, with anticipation of dreams yet to be fulfilled. The parents and extended family have a very different perspective. Instead of looking to the future, I'm sure that 99 percent of them are looking into the past. They are remember-

ing the day they brought you home from the hospital, your first steps and words spoken, your first day of school, your school programs, your sports activities, your music and speech contests; all the significant memories of your childhood and youth. Be patient with their tears. Be patient with all the pomp and circumstance. Know that it is important for the adults as they attempt to say good-bye.

It is not as if we will ever see you again, but it will never be the same. That is what a rite of passage is all about. Most people do not embrace change. Most people want things to stay the same. You might hear adults say, "Where did the time go?" Be patient with them. It seems like yesterday to them when you started school. Know that heartfelt blessings and well wishes go with you as you seek your dreams.

It is time for you to leave the nest and to spread your wings and fly.

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." — *Joshua 1:9*



Heidi Wiebe, Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Oberlin.

Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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| <p>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday</p> | <p>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.</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>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.</p> |
| <p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday.</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., AWANA Club 4-7 p.m.; Evening Service, 7 p.m., WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.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: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Home Bible Studies, 7:30 p.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> |
| <p>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday</p> | <p>OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Jim Martin
120 South East, Oberlin
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.</p> | <p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
The Rev. Damian Richards
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS
Glenn Krebs, pastor
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.</p> | <p>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.</p> | <p>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.</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>DRESDEN
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.</p> | <p>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p> | <p>NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p> | <p>LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Carol Woodmanee, Almena
Lyle Lay Speaker
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.</p> |

Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

The Red Barn Gang Band made two trips last week. On Wednesday they went to Quinter Long Term Care and on Thursday they went to Hoxie Long Term Care. They were celebrating Nursing Home Week.

We want to congratulate our 17 seniors on graduating from Golden Plains High School. They will be sad to leave their friends but happy to be starting a new phase of their young lives. It is an exciting time for them

Cleda Moeder went to Kanopolis Lake on Saturday to be with Robert, Marsha, and Chris Moeder and a friend, Bryan Both boys are students at Kansas University. They celebrated Mothers' Day and Cleda's birthday. On Sunday they went to Hutchinson before coming home on Monday. Cleda visited Bernita Wait, then went on to LaCrosse to visit relatives before returning home on Monday evening.

The Koffee Klatch had six present: Eunice Sanford, Freda Ketchum, Bernida Zoberst, Deloras Dible, Deb Stepper and Cleda Moeder.

Changes in Rexford Shepherd's Staff, with Robert Leach as director, has relocated their offices to 240 Main Street (old bank building), and will focus on the Conference Center and Retreat Center. Second Chance at Life, with Betty Nichols as director, is in the office at 315 Main Street, focusing on discipleship and counseling.

Mothers' Day was a busy day in Rexford. In addition to family dinners in the traditional kind of celebration, Golden Plains graduation was held that afternoon with individual graduates hosting receptions in every available building. That makes it a real community celebration as folks can walk from one place to another to offer their congratulations

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinhouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: May 20 - John Kaus; May 21 - Dennis and Marla Rogers; May 22 - Karen Shaw, Wade Zodrow; May 23 - Steve and Sarah Jueneemann; May 24 - Ashley Stevenson; May 25 - Joan Wessel, Leroy and Joan Wessel, Lawrence and Mary Ann Jueneemann; May 26 - Vesta Shea.

On May 13 at Senior Citizens, Cecelia Ottley won high, Betty James took second, Don Shaw got low and had the most tens. Other members present included: Dor-

othy Lovin, Carol Shaw, Lola Cook, Irene Kruse, Paulie Neff, Vesta Shea, Edna Schiltz and Gene Rogers.

Mark your calendar for the Annual Antique Car and Tractor Show, which will be held June 6 in downtown Selden. Bring the whole family and enjoy the day.

Kids softball will start at 6:30 p.m. on May 26 at the Selden Ball Park. Groups start at 4 years of age. For more information call Shirley Emigh at (785) 386-4252.

McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Out-of-town relatives and area friends and family attended a post-graduation reception for Karl Launchbaugh and Darren Oelke at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Saturday evening.

It was hosted by the graduates' parents, Steve and Kathy Launchbaugh, and Dennis and Dalene

Oelke. Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter and Mr. and Mrs. John Herrmann attended the Hoxie High School graduation and receptions following the ceremony on Saturday.

Jeremy Samson and friend, Bethany, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lewis.

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