

Visitors of Arlene and Francis Hix on Saturday, March 26, were Betty Reid of Norton, and Wanda and Minh Nguyen of Lone Tree, Colo.

Arlene Hix went to Salina on March 28 for a doctor's appointment.

Kenneth Ward was a surgery patient at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., on March 15 and returned home March 22. He was admitted to the Norton Hospital on March 25 with complications, but has been showing improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Strayer, Atwood, stopped for a short visit with Oran and LaVerne Milner on March 19. They had attended the funeral of Mrs. Strayer's brother-in-law, Leo C. Booth, in Norton on Saturday morning.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo, pastor of the United Methodist Church, was on vacation the week of March 27.

The Norcatat United Methodist Church administrative board met on March 21 after Bible study. It was noted that the annual conference will be the last week of May and Pastor Kathy plans to attend. Bob Strevey will go as a lay delegate. There will be coffee, tea and cookies available for the public at the Educational Building after Memorial Day services at the cemetery. Kay Strevey is the new board president, and Luke Bailey the new vice-president.

## MAIL BAG

Hallie Bell Case writes that she found a postcard with a picture of the Norcatat Hospital, which she sent along to the museum. She continued, "I think 'Norcatatites' have something special going. Of course, it's because Norcatat citizens are special. I'm proud of my hometown. To the Class of 1935: I won't be at the reunion this year. Sure wish I could!"

Marvin and Millie Matchett spent Easter with her sister and brother-in-law, Tom and Kathy Martin, in Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Guests of Beth Sebaugh, Oberlin, during Easter weekend were daughter, Tamara and Jim Bunney, Garden City. Beth and Tamara were in charge of music at the Norcatat United Methodist Church Easter service.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Gail Bailey, Katrina Wentz - March 30; Sam Stapp, Maxine Brooks, Larry and Terri James - April 1; P.T. Shirley, Matt James - April 3;

Madison Fick - April 5.

Norma and Wayne McCallister were callers at the home of Bill and Bee Nelson home on March 26. Wayne did some repair work on the garage doors, they all had pizza from the Cardinal Bar and Grill.

Olive Arnold and Mary Arnold were dinner guests of Lee and Lora Arnold at Momma Millie's Café on Sunday, March 20.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Preston Xander De Normandie was born March 3, 2005, the son of Trace and Julie De Normandie of Yuba City, Calif. His grandmother is Susan Bolek, and great-grandparents are Lee and Lora Arnold.

Susan and Frank Bolek and Sara of Valparaiso, Ind., came March 26 especially for the birthday of her father, Lee Arnold. All had supper at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Saturday evening.

Easter dinner guests of Wayne and Norma McCallister were Mildred Schwab, Norton, and Bill and Bee Nelson.

Winners of the pool tournament held March 21 at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were: first place, Steve Brooks; second place, Stan "The Hustler" Miller, and third place, Marvin Matchett. The next Monday pool tournament will be held at 7 p.m. on April 14

## MORE ON "THE GIRLS"

One of our readers wrote in: Wava Ward Reames wrote a nice article in the March 15 issue of the *Norcatat News* about the group known as "The Girls." My mother, Velma Rogers, was also with the group most of the time, when they gathered on Sundays. Good friends and watched out for each other. There was a lot of history carried among these "girls." Most lived into their 90s, or nearly so.

Alta Ward was also like a grandmother to me. Our family, the Rogers clan, lived across the street from Alta for years. Alta was also a friend of Velma's mother, Kittie Smith-Temple, so they had a lot in common.

"The Girls" really enjoyed their potluck dinners and cards. They were all active in the community and helped with church dinners and wherever needed. They are graciously remembered.

Currently there are many other dedicated Norcatat people who help do things as needed. They keep Norcatat going and continue the close-knit community it's always been.

With the upcoming alumni reunion in May, we should all be thankful for our basic background of growing up in a small caring town in western Kansas. Bless you! — Judy Rogers-Menges, Colby.

Beth Johnson accompanied Cathy Claussen to Colby on Thursday, March 17. She spent the morning with Jo Benson at Prairie Senior Living Complex.

Prayers are needed for Connie Chandler, who has been hospitalized in Kansas City. The doctors are trying a steroid treatment. Her son, Justin, was recently diagnosed with juvenile diabetes.

The Norton 4-H Club is hosting a hog roast with all the fixin's to benefit Connie and Justin Chandler on Sunday, April 10, at the 4-H Building in Norton from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The money raised will help the Chandlers with medical and travel expenses.

The Norcatat Commercial Club and Cardinal Bar and Grill have partnered together to offer three scholarships this year. Each scholarship will be for \$300. Anyone planning to go to college next year can apply. Applications can be picked up at The Bank or the Norcatat City Office and must be returned by May 20.

Next month the Norcatat Commercial Club will be tinning the flag building at the cemetery. Due to the expense, the club will be putting up the tin. If you would like to make a donation, send it to: Norcatat Commercial Club, c/o Linda Hunt, Box 102, Norcatat, Kan., 67653, or they can use the Citizen's Alliance. Please note on the donation that it is for tinning of the flag building.

There will be a free alumni dance on May 28 at the Norcatat High School gym, sponsored by the Norcatat Commercial Club. Donations will be accepted toward the club's scholarship fund.

The work day at Elden Auker Park has been changed to April 16. At this time day lilies will be separated. Those interested in the bulbs are asked to let Chris Dempewolf know, at (785) 693-4461.

# Lots of things cause yellowing

For the most part, wheat fields across Norton, Decatur, Sheridan, Gove, and Trego counties look good.

There are good stands that appear to have a high yield potential, and owners of these fields have some confidence there will be a good crop. However some fields, especially those planted early (before the rains started toward the end of September), may show some severe yellowing.

As discussed in past articles, there could be a variety of factors or a combination of all of them causing the wheat to look yellow. Leaf rust, nitrogen deficiency, Hessian fly, or wheat streak mosaic are all likely candidates in causing yellow wheat. However, one additional cause has come to light recently, wheat soilborne mosaic virus.

Wheat soilborne mosaic virus (or a closely related sister virus, wheat spindle streak mosaic virus) is not typically a problem in northwest Kansas, with the exception of a few cases under an irrigated pivot. These viruses occur in the fall when young wheat is growing with high soil moisture.

A fungus invades the root hairs of the young wheat and infects them, transmitting the virus into the wheat. Once the ground dries, the infection is stopped and does not



## Extension Lines

By Brian Olson  
Extension Agronomist

spread. The fungus can lay dormant in the soil for many years until weather conditions are right for another infection.

Yield losses can be substantial for either virus. According to Robert Bowden, former K-State pathologist, losses are limited to the areas of the field showing symptoms. Therefore, the first task is to estimate the percentage of field acreage affected.

Losses caused by either virus vary, depending on variety and weather. Losses are roughly proportional to the length of time during which plants show obvious symptoms. A long, cool spring prolongs this period, and losses from wheat soilborne mosaic virus may be 30-50 percent, where in a warm spring losses may be only 10-20 percent.

There are no economical pesticide control measures for these viruses. Cultural control practices such as planting resistant varieties

are the best option.

Farmers can check variety resistance to these viruses by glancing through the K-State publication, "Wheat Variety Disease and Insect Ratings." However, a current sample sent into the K-State pathology lab indicated that a highly resistant variety was infected, meaning that field had a high level of disease pressure last fall which overcame the plants' resistance.

For more information on these viruses, go to [www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/) or visit your local county extension office to pick up a copy.

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## Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

With the opening of the museum for the season we have already had several guests. Hope this is just a good start for what the year will bring.

Starting on Friday, April 8, we will start to take your items for the annual rummage sale. The date for the sale is April 16 and 17.

If you have gently used items they can be brought in during regular hours and on Wednesday evening, April 13, between 5 and 7 p.m.

This year we will not be able to take exercise equipment or large appliances.

Some interesting events from years past in Kansas history for this week:

On April 7, 1856, a group of about 300 men left Alabama in answer to a call by David Atchison, vice-president under Franklin Pierce, to settle Kansas Territory for the Southern cause. April 4, 1860, less than a day af-

ter the Pony Express began operation at St. Joseph, Missouri, a rider arrived at the Pony Express station near Marysville with 49 letters, nine telegrams and some newspapers. The Pony Express ran until Oct. 26, 1861.

Decatur County had Station 16 on the Pony Express run.

The Decatur County Museum is the place to come for history and genealogy.

## Good Samaritan News

On Monday, March 28, Coleen Rippe led morning devotions. Assisting was Phil Erickson, and on piano, Cheryl Miller. Little Sam's Day Care shared dance moves with residents Leo Mooty, Edla Olson, Garrah Gaumer, Bernice Brown, and Mamie Unger.

Monday afternoon events included Barbara Dehlinger sharing the story entitled, "It is Well," and a game of canasta with volunteer Mildred Holdmdahl. Irene Waggoner and Fern Anderson enjoyed the weather as they sat on the front porch for Reminiscing.

Janice Shobe brought Tuesday morning devotions and Mrs. Steinmetz' first grade class arrived. The residents are always excited to hear their stories, and often comment about how much their reading has improved. Mamie Unger, Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, Eva Bryan, John Ready, Hildegard Euhus, Harold Demmer, Jeanette Conway, Everett Fisher, Marguerite Fullerton, Kathryn Post, Hazel Flaska and Marilyn St. Clair all had reading pals.

Volunteers Gladys Geis and Alice Bobbitt spent time with Ruby Shuler, Fern Mapes, Kathryn Post, Alan Adleman and Everett Fisher on Tuesday morning.

Leo Mooty and Lisa Stacy had a "pool shark showdown" Tuesday afternoon. Lisa Stacy finally won one, out of three, which still makes Leo the official Pool Shark! Social Hour was served by Ellen Horn and then volunteer Alice Bobbitt, Hildegard Euhus, Jeanette Conway, Eva Bryan, Fern Anderson and Garrah Gaumer played Scrabble.

Anita Hirsch and Jeanette Diederich brought their guitars and led 15 residents in Songs of Worship Wednesday morning. Mert McEvoy led Bible Study for Dena Gillespie, Edla Olson, Fern Anderson, Erylene Nichols, Lucy Schissler, Jeanette Conway and Eva Bryan. Don Farr engaged Harvey Stoney, Dena Gillespie, Edla Olson, Eva Bryan, Fern Anderson, Fern Mapes, Ruth Laidig, David McGee and Marguerite Fullerton in exercises. Card party was held with Edla Olson, Garrah Gaumer, and

Jeanette Conway joining Mildred Holdmdahl for canasta.

Lisa Stacy gave Thursday morning devotions. Phil Erickson led singing. Lois Buchholz, Harvey and Roseanne Stoney, and Bonnie Weskamp celebrated Catholic Mass. Lisa Stacy, Garrah Gaumer, Ruth Laidig, Fern Anderson, Bonnie Weskamp and Fern Anderson tried their hand at pointillism in Art Class. Putt-Putt Golf brought fun and laughter to Ruth Laidig, Fern Anderson, Leo Mooty, Dena Gillespie, and Jeanette Conway as they took their swings.

Morning devotions on Friday were brought by Janice Shobe. Jeanette Conway and Fern Anderson were busy during Foldin' Fellowship. Carol Duncan read from *The Oberlin Herald* to Eva Cuthbertson, Fern Anderson, Dena Gillespie and Ruth Laidig. Eva Bryan, Fern Anderson, Ruth Laidig, Edla Olson, and Jeanette Conway had a good time during Math Quiz.

On Saturday Lisa Stacy led devotions.

The Assembly of God Church led Sunday afternoon services.

Recent guests: **Dena Gillespie** - Virginia Fullbright of Ellinwood, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, June Vavroch; **Garrah Gaumer** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; **Eva Bryan** - Detta Anderson, Jody Betts; **Elsie Macy, Erylene Nichols, Bernice Brown** - Chris Edwards; **Iris Wurm** - Beverly and Gene Witt; **Erma Holt** - Jake Metcalf; **Edla Olson, John and Eleanore Demmer, Marilyn St. Clair, Ruth Laidig, Florence Jones** - Jody Betts; **Ruth Laidig** - Ernie, Janice and Kim Mehl; **Hazel Flaska** - Gerald and Charlene Karnes. Also visiting was Catherine Neal.

## 'Exercise Your Inner Sensibilities'

By The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam  
Oberlin Sacred Heart Catholic Church

When Jesus came through closed doors into the midst of the disciples, they thought he was coming to them from the outside. But Jesus was with them the whole time. It is just that he periodically "turned on the light" so they could see him, pretty much as when he lived in their midst.

After a few moments of being together, an indescribable joy, the light was again turned off. Their communion continued, but now in darkness, or rather, in the light of faith.

After the resurrection, Jesus appeared several times to the disciples. He wanted them to get used to a new way of knowing his presence, by making himself both visible and invisible to them. He made them sharpen their eyes of faith. When after 40 days he disappeared from their sight, the disciples had become so strong in faith they no longer needed

their outer senses to recognize him.

A Christian has not only outer sensibilities but also inner sensibilities of faith. With these we can sense the presence of Christ always and everywhere. Thanks to these sensibilities of faith, we know that the love of Christ surrounds us and we are swimming in a sea of light and love.

The deepest human suffering, loneliness, has been conclusively defeated by the resurrection of Christ. "I am the resurrection and still with you," says the old entrance antiphon for Mass of Easter Sunday.

Of course, we can still feel lonely or abandoned from time to time. But the sensibilities of faith tell us that this feeling is an illusion with no ground in reality. The reality is that Christ is with us all our days until the end of time.

## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

**OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
785-475-3103  
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam,  
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE**  
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam  
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

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The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam  
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

**OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
Jim Martin  
120 South East, Oberlin  
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  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Choir practice every Wed. at 6:30 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 4-6 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**  
South Beaver Street - Oberlin  
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. Junior Worship, grade 3 & down. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.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, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.

**NORCATAT UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo  
Almena  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

**LYLE UNITED METHODIST**  
Carol Woodmanee, Almena  
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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**  
510 North Wilson  
Pastor: Rev. Rick Langness  
Secretary: Norma Unger  
785-475-2333  
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; KICK, 3:45-5:30 p.m. each Wednesday.

**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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