

Mrs. Ralph (Wanda) Pool underwent back surgery at the Spine Hospital in Wichita on Sept. 28. Her daughters, Leeann and husband, and Terry and Kathy, were there with Ralph for her surgery. Mail will reach her at home at 814 Niles Ave., Kinsley, Kan., 67547.

Attending the Mini Sapa celebration at the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum in Oberlin on Saturday were Dorothy Ward, Marguerite Clark and Bee Nelson. At 2 p.m., Mrs. Nelson unlocked the doors of St. Mark's Lutheran Church for the first public viewing, then they enjoyed homemade ice cream in the Bohemian Hall and entertainment from Ron Temple's Gospel Group.

On Sunday morning, Oct. 2, Beth Sebaugh of Oberlin, Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson attended the joint church service held in Elmwood Park at Norton. It was World Communion Sunday, and the Almena, Clayton and Norcatour United Methodist churches worshipped, took communion, and lunched together.

Virgil and Joyce Price went to Lamar, Colo., on Sept. 24 to visit their son, Bob and Lea Price, who were there on business. They all

enjoyed visiting in their new RV, and having supper on the patio at Carolyn Kelley's on Saturday evening. They were guests of Virgil's sister, Bula Kelley, and returned home Sept. 26.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Terry Cross - Oct. 5; Ona Van Gundy, Eldon and Marilou Long - Oct. 6; Dennis Lane - Oct. 7; Larry Lyon, Rebecca Wentz - Oct. 8; Jim and Carolyn Plotts - Oct. 8; Lee and Lora Arnold - Oct. 10; Robert Dickey - Oct. 11.

Carol Miller went to El Dorado to spend the night with her daughter, Justine Miller, on Sept. 22. On Friday they went to Emporia to visit Joel Miller and Carol's brother, Jerry Rule, then went to Topeka to meet Melissa DeDonder. They all went to Kansas City and flew to Chicago Friday night. The girls spent the weekend in Chicago sightseeing to celebrate Carol's birthday.

They toured the Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium, the Planetarium, the Navy pier, Soldier's Field (football stadium of the Chicago Bears), and went to a live theater production of "Wicked" at the Ford Oriental Theater. The play is a prequel to "The Wizard of Oz." They stayed

downtown among skyscrapers, using the city busses to get around. They flew back to Kansas City on Sunday, went to Topeka and visited Melissa's husband, Curt, then both returned to their respective homes.

The Senior Citizens Potluck on Sept. 30, was attended by 22 people. Winners were Elden Long, Juanita Eckhart and June Jolly.

Virgil and Joyce Price attended the carry-in dinner at Lyle on Oct. 2, and enjoyed visiting with everyone after the long summer break.

Upcoming church bazaars include those at Lyle on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2 p.m.; Almena, Saturday, Oct. 15; and Norcatour, Saturday, Oct. 22.

Marguerite Clark, Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson attended the rededication of St. Mark's Church at the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum on Sunday, Oct. 2. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler from Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin was in charge of the service, representing the Bishop. Bee Nelson handed over the records from St. Mark's Lutheran to Pastor Charlotte before the dedication in a simple but beautiful service. This closed the St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Norcatour, Kan.

There will be a children's Halloween party from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, at Momma Millie's.

A pheasant hunter's breakfast buffet will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 12 and 13, opening weekend, at Momma Millie's. Serving will begin at 5:30 a.m.

Think safety during fall harvest



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

- Look for roadside obstacles such as mailboxes, bridges, or signs that may cause the machinery to move to the center.
- Be sure there is adequate distance to pass safely.
- Extra patience, careful driving habits, and the use of highly visible markings and lighting will help prevent farm vehicle collisions as fall harvest continues. Do your part to stay safe.

If you have questions about safety, please call or stop by your local K-State Extension office.

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Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Martin and Evelyn May took 950 pounds of men's, women's, and children's clothing, soap, and 197 quilts and blankets to Lutheran World Relief in Hays on Wednesday. The clothing and quilts were donated by St. John's Lutheran Church and Faith Lutheran Church, Oberlin, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Atwood.

Wilma May, Betty Bean, McCook; Judy Jordan, Sean and Daniel, Christopher Jordan, Ludell; Connie Olson, Shanna Long and Miranda, Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett and Gage, and Rebecca Nichols and Ryan Nichols, Danbury, were guests of Eugene Wurm Wednesday evening for a hot dog roast along the Beaver Creek.

Lois Eckhart, Mildred Fortin, and Wilma May were Thursday evening guests of Darlene Fisher. Sarah (May) Shaw, Andover, attended Homecoming activities Friday afternoon at Decatur Community High School where Anne Marie Wasson was crowned the 2005 Homecoming queen. Sarah also rode in the Homecoming parade and was recognized with the Homecoming court as the 10-year Homecoming queen during the football game Friday evening. Sa-

rah returned home on Saturday. Ralph and Norma Unger, Ryan Unger, and the Butch Rittman family met the Robert Gorrell family, Rolla, Mo., in Manhattan on Saturday and attended the K-State/KU football game.

Sunday guests at the Norman Wendelin home to help Lois Larson celebrate her birthday were Wayne and Lois Larson, Craig and Karen Larson, Zane and Gladys Geis, Monica Larson, Aden Glaze, Brad Larson, and Kathy Almquist.

Greta Wendelin arrived Thursday to spend her fall break visiting Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory. She accompanied Quintin Cundiff and Lindsay Thomas to Seward, Neb., Sunday afternoon since classes resume on Monday at Concordia University. Quintin and Lindsay also spent their fall break with Greg and Janice Cundiff.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica drove to Hays on Saturday where Jessica performed two memorized pieces for the Kansas Music Teachers Association District Piano Auditions. Also performing from Oberlin were Sarah Marcuson and Jenny Hirsch. All three girls received a II rating on their pieces.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Diana Neal, Tulsa, Okla., and Becky Taylor, Russell, visited over the weekend with their cousin, Tom Votapka.

Claudine Bennett went to Augusta on Oct. 4 to a Texaco Retirees Annual Meeting. She went to Hays and then rode with Spaugles.

United Methodist Women met Oct. 5 at the church with seven members present: Helen Rhodes, Kay Brown, Rachel Carter, Kathy Nauer, Lila Jennings, Ruth Chance, and Pastor Carrie Buhler with her two children.

Pastor Carrie led a Bible study on Lydia with some interesting discussion following. Plans were made for the hunters' supper to be held Nov. 12. There will be a silent auction of miscellaneous items and a table of baked goodies for sale.

The United Methodist Women organization has a new supply of napkins and cards (sympathy, get well and special occasion) for sale. They are on display in the foyer of the church. The next meeting will be World Thank Offering.

Keith and Helen Muirhead of Dresden enjoyed a week's visit from their daughter, Teffani Zadeh, and granddaughter, Natalia, of Chicago. Their daughter, Tamala Schulze of Salina, also came for a visit on Sunday, Oct. 2.

Wayne and Louise Cressler enjoyed a musical "Hee Haw" program at Ridgewood Manor in Hoxie on Friday. The "M&Ms," consisting of 14 members, put on a good show.

City Council met Thursday evening. Louise Cressler, council president, presided in the absence of Mayor Bob Jones. Stann Hartzog, Don Bolt and Bill Gawith, council members, attended the meeting.

An inspection of the closed city landfill was done by the Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment on Sept. 22. A letter was received by the council with a good report. On Sept. 6, an inspection was con-

ducted on the waste water treatment facility by Norbert Windholz from the Bureau of Environment Field Services and Fred Washburn, Hoxie, certified waste water operator.

A new tin roof has been put on the old firehouse after the hail damage done in July. The office heater was discussed but no decision was made.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Bryan C. Stephens has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. During six weeks of training, he studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Airman Stephens graduated in 1999 from West Plains Academy and received an associate degree in 2005 from Colby Community College. He is the son of Bryce and Linda Davis-Stephens of Jennings.

Herndon News

Carrol Ginther

Congratulations to Clarence and Evelyn (Frick) Lorentz, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's Hall in Herndon.

'Let's Change Our Colors This Fall'

By Pastor Carrie Buhler,
Jennings and Dresden United Methodist churches

One of the most amazing things about fall is the leaves changing color. In summer the trees work hard to produce food through photosynthesis. That hard work pays off with the beautiful green leaves, that we shade ourselves with in the heat of summer.

Once fall arrives, the trees need a break. They wind down their efforts. Once the process of photosynthesis begins to slow, their true colors come out. Reds, oranges and yellows begin to peek out.

Soon a hillside is ablaze with brilliant color. The east coast is known for the incredible colors of the trees in the fall. It's something of a tourist attraction. Thousands of people head to the coast, start at the Canadian border, and drive down the eastern seaboard.

Many of us have inner colors we keep hidden. We get burdened with the hectic pace of life, demands of our families, stresses of work, and cover up our inner beauty with our hard work. During the holiday season we slow down enough to let some of our colors out. Maybe we volunteer to wrap presents for a charity, or get some friends together and go caroling at a local nursing home.

Fall seems to be the season for us to change our colors as well. We're tired and we take the time — no, we MAKE the time—to slow down and think about others.

Fall is a good time for us to make some changes, so people see a new person. A time for us to "turn over a new leaf."

You hate your job? Now may be a good time to go back to school for new skills, so you can get that job you've always wanted.

Your marriage has hit the rocks? It might be a good time for you to get into counseling, to bring back the love and joy that was once there.

Feeling unfulfilled spiritually? Now would be a good time to check out the local church, synagogue or mosque. Somewhere you can surround yourself with people who will hold out their hands to you, to lift you up with hope and love.

Maybe you have a relationship that has gone bad. Maybe now would be a good time to offer forgiveness, mend fences, get on with your life before it's too late, and your winter comes.

The country singer Tim McGraw has a song called "Live Like You Were Dying." It's been immensely successful. The song is about a man who gets cancer, and how he reacts to the news. When asked what he did, he replied, "I went skydiving. I went Rocky Mountain climbing. I went 2.7 seconds on a bull named Fu Manchu. And I loved deeper, and I spoke sweeter, and I gave forgiveness I'd been denying." And he said, "Someday I hope you get the chance to live like you were dying."

Each day is a gift and a blessing from God. We need to live our lives like we appreciate this gift. We all need to use the season of fall to turn over new leaves, in big and small ways. We need to let our true colors come out, so people will stop and gaze at OUR beauty.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

<p>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH 785-475-3103 The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>LUND COVENANT CHURCH Co-Pastors: Doug Mason & Tom Smith 10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study and prayer, 7:30 p.m.; SATURDAY: Men's breakfast & Bible Study, 7 a.m.</p>
<p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</p>	<p>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.</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 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. Foundations Bible Class, Thursday, 7-9 p.m.</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>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.</p>	<p>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.</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>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS Carrie Buhler, pastor SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.</p>	<p>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Kathy Aeillo Almena SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p>	<p>NORCATUR 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>
<p>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST The Rev. Doug Hasty SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.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>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor: Dennis Brown SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.</p>			

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