

Keith and Gary Anthony spent Feb. 21-28 in Hillsboro, Ore., visiting their sister-in-law Faye, Dale's wife, who was very ill with cancer. She died March 6. The inurnment was March 13, in Hillsboro, Ore. She is survived by their three sons, Don, Larry, and Tom, and their families.

Rea and Dee Magers went to the Lions Club consignment auction at Holbrook, Neb., on Saturday, then visited Helen Helm who lives at Heritage Plaza. Two of Helen's daughters, Cathy and Ceanne, so it was a great visit. Mr. and Mrs. Magers went on to Indianola and attended mass at St. Catherine's and enjoyed a sauerkraut pizza at the Rockert Inn.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jason Breiner, Jim Plotts - March 15; Marilou Long - March 16; Bob Sawdon - March 17; Norma Mc-

Callister, Forrest and Inez Jackson - March 19; Dorothy Ward - March 20; Kelsey Gallentine - March 21. Esther Miller has been released from the hospital and is recuperating at home.

The annual United Methodist Church pancake supper was held March 11, at the Educational Building. During the supper Ron Temple's musical group, "Faith, Hope and Charity" entertained. There were 78 persons who signed the book. The approximately \$600 left after expenses will be used for church projects.

Saturday evening, March 11, visitors of Darrel and Alice Barnett were her sister and husband, Tom and Mary Wright of Salina. Marylyn Barnett, Kearney, Neb., also came to visit. They enjoyed the pancake supper, also karaoke night at Momma Millie's Cafe.

Mary Lough of Wamego and Terry Cross of Olathe came March 6 to be with their father, Lowell Sebaugh, for foot surgery. Linda Hunt accompanied them and had surgery with good results on March 7. Mary returned to Wamego on Thursday, and Terry stayed in McCook with her father until he was released on March 11, to return to Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. Janice O'Hare and Linda Hunt visited their father daily while he was in the hospital.

LaVerne Milner fell at the Educational Building on March 7, and broke her hip. She was taken to the Norton Hospital, then transferred to the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., that afternoon. Surgery was performed on March 8, then she was transferred to the Norton Hospital on March 13.

Marguerite Clark, Lula Hix and Bee Nelson went to Kearney, Neb., on March 8, to be with Oran Milner while LaVerne had surgery. They returned home March 9.

Bee Nelson, Dorothy Ward and Marguerite Clark visited LaVerne and Oran Milner in Kearney on Sunday afternoon, March 12.

Gail Bailey, LaVerne Milner, Lowell Sebaugh and Frank Ward are some of our residents on the medical list.

Marguerite Clark and Dorothy Ward visited Lora Linn Leichliter and Velda Ward at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin on March 13. T

Frank Ward is improving and now in a rehab room at Hays. Treva Crabill remains in the Hays hospital.

# We'll take any, all moisture

What wonderful moisture we are having. The drizzle on Saturday was very nice and Sunday's forecast says snow. It's moisture, so we can't complain too much. This is March and we can have anything.

The Home and Garden Show had a very good crowd to see the kids games, coins, metal detectors and grills; landscaping and plants, corn stoves, mowers, and lots of patio furniture; Tupperware, spices, Pampered Chef, and air purifiers; water filtering systems, cell phones, and even homes and buildings. There should have been something for all. The food was delicious with smoked meats, barbecue, hamburgers, soup, and of course, desserts. This just touched on some of the things to see and eat. Many stopped to visit with neighbors and friends as they wandered down the aisles.

Thanks to all who attended the show either as a visitor or a vendor. Without all of the cooperation, things can't be done.

The Farmer/Rancher Appreciation Night was very well attended. The committee worked very hard to make it a success and they pulled it off. When you look across The Gateway and it is full of neighbors and friends eating a roasting ear and enjoying the evening, the feeling is great. Thanks to everyone who attended. See ya there next year.

Things are starting to slow down here at the Chamber office. Maybe the different stacks of things on the desk will get smaller. April is almost here and the Easter Bunny is peeking around the corner.

The Master Gardeners are start-

## Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

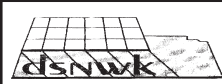
ing their seminars, so you can find out what to plant to make your yard a showplace.

The races are starting and there will be schedules put up with dates, times and places.

The Final Four contest is again in the making. The contest entry forms will be available on Monday after the teams are announced. You can pick them up at the Chamber office,

Addleman Drug or Ward Drug. They have to be turned in by Friday, March 31, at 5 p.m. The winner must pick the winning team, and the total points of both teams will be the tie breaker if needed. This year has shown some upsets in the games. Should be a lot of fun and some great prizes will be in the basket.

Stop by and have a cup when you are in the Chamber area.



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## Cedar Living News

The penny card players met on Monday afternoon for a lively game. Residents joining in on the fun included Nettie Britton, Alice Fiala, Elsie Goodnight, Betty Harden, Tressie Samson, Paul Sass, Lowell Sebaugh, Don Sulzman, Velda Ward, and Bea and Hank Wolfram. Lyle Gamblin and Lloyd Harden also participated.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Lynn Doeden hosted a potluck dinner for residents and staff of Decatur Health Systems at noon on Tuesday. The dietary department assisted with serving fried chicken and potato salad, and staff members provided the other side dishes.

Eva Marie Vacura won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Doris Marintzer won the blackout game.

Juanita Williby played pinochle on Wednesday afternoon with Zola Brown, Nettie Britton, Paul Sass and Elsie Goodnight.

A gathering was held on Wednesday afternoon in the dining room in honor of National Peanut Month in March. Residents met to learn fun facts about peanuts and peanut butter. A variety of peanut treats were served including peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, two kinds of crackers with peanut butter, apple slices with peanut butter, and chocolate covered peanuts.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father George brought Com-

munion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

The bowling group met on Thursday for an afternoon of fun. The group included Nettie Britton, Freda Gamblin, Elsie Goodnight, Odene Koehler, Betty Harden, Paul Sass, Lowell Sebaugh, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

The dietary department hosted an Irish lunch of corned beef and cabbage at noon on Friday. A St. Patrick's Day party was held in the afternoon. Kay and Doyle Brown provided musical entertainment. Lime sherbet floats and potato chips were served.

Recent visitors: Rose Domsch, Atwood; Frank Cox, Ann Martin, Jerry and Sharon Wolfram, Herndon; Judy Menges, Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Dorothy Ward, Jerry Temple, Wava Reames, Gary Anthony, Janice O'Hare, Linda Hunt, Norcatour; Richard Samson, Ludell; Doyle and Kay Brown, Elwood Bailey, Jennings; Shawnda Hall and James Reames, Dover, Okla.; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Max and Norma Ward, Gilbert Bollig, Clayton; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Earl Brown, Steve and Barb Brown, Selden; Ernie Dutch and family, McPherson; John Sattler and family, Park City; Blanche Skubal, Celina, Texas;

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## Good Samaritan News

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, we had a week of "Everything's green!" During Social Hour on Monday, everyone brought something green to talk about. Eva Bryan brought the smallest green thing, a green-wrapped chocolate Hershey's kiss. Edla Olson brought the most unusual, a Christmas cactus. The conversation was lively and ended on a note about what wasn't green — the landscape!

On Tuesday, Mrs. Olson's first-grade class came to read. They looked and looked for Sammy Squirrel, but he was hiding. They each left with a lucky green coin in their pocket. Maybe it will bring them good luck in finding Sammy next time.

At Social Hour it was time for a "sense of green." We used our sense of smell to guess various green things like spearmint, basil, pine, dill pickles and menthol. Our sense of touch included discovering items placed behind a curtain. They included a pot of green grass, a lime, a green apple and a prickly pine branch.

Wednesday was time for a "taste of green." We listened to the story of "Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Seuss while we enjoyed eating them. We also had green grapes and pistachio pudding.

On Thursday we hosted Catholic services. Fifteen parishioners came to share Mass with residents Pooch Portschy and Bonnie Weskamp. Later in the afternoon, the Bible study group began a new series on discerning our spiritual gifts. This will be quite useful as we find new and interesting ways to serve the community in Christ's name.

We are looking for ways to support the families of our town, so our first project will be to host a "Couple's Night Out." Couples will be able to leave their children with us while they have a date without the kids. We will also have a "Mom's Day Out" for single moms to get a break, to run errands or just relax. Watch for more information!

On Friday, everybody wore green, of course! Our St. Patrick's Day party included the games "Leprechaun Launch," "Hot Potato," and "Lucky Coin Toss." We served blarney stones made by Everett Fisher, and Jeanette Diederich and her grandkids, Shawn and Stephanie Troyer. They were served with shamrock shakes, made by Joan Evans.

All week a sneaky little leprechaun named Lucky chased the staff from place to place. The staff member "caught" by Lucky at 2:30 on Friday afternoon, was out of luck! You might say the jig was up for them. A good sport, Tina Perrin 'fessed up to having Lucky. She donned a stunning Irish hat and did an Irish jig for us. With her red hair and lime green Crocks (shoes), she was quite the sight to see! She received a four-leaf clover plant for playing along.

We would like to extend a hearty congratulations to Kyle Hartzog for winning a shiny gold medal in the Special Olympics Basketball Championship. Way to go, Kyle!

Recent guests included: **Marie McChesney**, Julia, Adric, Jessup and Shay Ray; **Dena Gillespie**, June Vavroch; **Hazel Flaska**, Gerald and Charlene Karnes, Salina; **Swede Unger**, Frank Bouts, Selden; **Harold and Eleanor Demmer**, Carol Unger, Yuma, Colo.; **Dorothy Pryor**, Linda and Bethany Smith.

## 'The Life and Death of Herman Neutics'

By the Rev. Rick Langness, St. John's Lutheran Church

We are all familiar with the way different groups play the word game. In today's world we are supposed to be politically correct in how we speak about people and their various qualities and opinions. As a white American male I am ethnically challenged. I am not overweight; I am just maintaining an abundance of energy reserves.

Our world has become a world without any clear definitions as to what is right or wrong. It all just depends upon how it is said and how it is interpreted.

Hermeneutics is the science or art of interpretation. It is the digging beneath the surface meaning of the words spoken and getting to the heart of what they mean. And, regrettably, it is becoming a lost art in today's culture. One need only look at the abortion and gay-marriage issues to see how our culture is caught up in the superficial battle of words instead of the truth hidden deep within them.

We have fallen into the same trap as the church in Thyatira (Rev. 2:18-29). We have misinterpreted what it means to be made alive in Christ and have defined life as nothing more than the pleasures of this world. We have taken the deeper truth of Jesus' death upon the cross and turned it into a superficial "live for the day" attitude.

The death of hermeneutics is only the fourth step from faith to despair, from life to death, but it is a critical step. Once the proper interpretation of the

Scriptures dies, there is nothing more to grab onto in the sea of despair than lightly floating words that have no depth of meaning. The words offer the promise of salvation but flip over and pull you down with them.

Like the sweet words of Jezebel, they promise life but do nothing more than kill. As we give in to the false teaching our faith is beaten down to the point where it becomes comatose. And this was the state that the church in Sardis found itself in.

The church in Sardis (Rev. 3:1-6) was at the point of near death. If they did not wake up and strengthen what faith remained they would be facing certain death. God's call to them was to remember what you have received and heard, remember the gift of Christ crucified and the proclamation He made, "Your sins are forgiven!"

They were commanded by God to obey it, to yield themselves to the truth of God's Law which condemns, and obey the truth of the Gospel that makes them alive. They were commanded to repent, to turn away from the dead works they were doing and lay hold of that which is truly life.

The Lenten season reminds us that our life is not found in this world. All we do in this world is take in and expel death. This world is not full of the living, but the dying.

Life, true life, is only found in the Christ crucified. May you comprehend the depth of the words He declares to you, "Your sins are forgiven!"



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Jim Martin  
120 South East, Oberlin  
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Carrie Buhler, 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**  
Pastor: Dennis Brown  
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 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. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.

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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.

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South Beaver Street - Oberlin  
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259  
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The Rev. Damian Richards  
Phone 785-322-5560  
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.

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Keith Reuther, Pastor  
Phone 785-322-5316  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.

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Pastor: Kathy Aeillo  
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SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

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SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.

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The Rev. Heidi Wiebe  
810 West Cedar, Oberlin  
Office Phone 785-475-2769  
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Secretary: Norma Unger  
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Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler  
Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053  
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