10 and April 24. Bob and Bonnie Rapp of Manhattan met Dick Higgins, formerly of Norcatur, on March 11 at the Town Center Mall.. He was en route from his home in Overland Park to a wedding in Smith Center.

Birthdays: Quentin Wentz -March 24; Lee Arnold - March 26; Teresa Reves Wood, Rex Knapp -

On March 18, 208 people registered at the benefit hog roast sponsored by the Royal Neighbors at the Norcatur City Building for the Jim and Teresa Arnold family. Don McMullen auctioned off the remaining meat and food.

The Senior Citizens met March 10 at the Educational Building with 17 present. Winners at cards were Al Sedlmayer, Juanita Eckhart and Joyce Price. The next meeting will be Friday with a potluck dinner at noon followed by cards.

was to be in Norcatur on March 20. but has rescheduled due to the weather to the latter part of April.

Congratulations to Lance Roe. son of Jeff and Lori Roe, who wrestled at 160 pounds for Norton Shawnda and James, were with her Community High School at the an-from March 11 through March 16, nual Kansas Wrestling Senior Classic held on March 19 in Abilene. Lance took first.

Doyle and Pat Magers, Willard, Ohio, came March 18 to visit family in the area. Those gathering at the home of Rea and Dee Magers that afternoon were Doyle and Pat Magers, Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter of Lyle, Charlie and Judy Easton of Quinter, and Jeff and Joy Magers of Cedar Bluffs. They attended the benefit hog roast for Jim Arnold in Norcatur. On Sunday several of the group, which included Richard and Janie Engelhardt of Norton, gathered at the home of Toots Magers and enjoyed a meal and more reminiscing.

The historic archway entrance to the Norcatur Cemetery was destroyed earlier this month. Plans are to try to repair it, but some pieces are day. Great for the crops, though. missing. Help is needed in finding them. Walkers are asked to keep John Flynn, who is doing a docutheir eyes open for any letters or mentary on Cornerstone Theater, numbers that might have been

Cedar Living News

Clarence Sattler is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

Residents enjoyed spending time looking out at the snow this week. We experienced some schedule changes due to the weather and missed some of our favorite visitors for a few days.

There were several winners at penny cards on Monday afternoon. Those joining in on the game included Nettie Britton, Alice Fiala, Elsie Goodnight, Betty Harden, Paul Sass, Lowell Sebaugh, Don Shaw, Don Sulzman, Charley Vavroch, Velda Ward, Mathilda Bollig, Kenneth Sattler, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

A sing-along time was held before lunch on Tuesday.

Bingo volunteers Jerry Temple, Opal Huntley, and Alice Shirley came to assist with our Tuesday afternoon game. Suzanne Huntley of Arkansas City also assisted.

Hank Wolfram and Kenneth Sattler tied for the first bingo and Zola Brown won the blackout game. Following the game, Dennis Brown served strawberry shortcake in honor of the arrival of spring.

Juanita Williby served as hostess for pinochle players Elsie Goodnight, Zola Brown, Donald Shaw, and Nettie Britton on Wednesday

Lisa Votapka, dietary supervisor, was a guest speaker at the Residents Council meeting on Wednesday afternoon. She spoke about plans to begin serving a buffet style breakfast starting in May. The Council also made plans for the annual Easter egg hunt to be held on April 11.

Father George of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church said Mass on baugh, Oberlin.

the patio on Thursday morning. Barbara Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Thursday afternoon. A large group of residents met on

Thursday afternoon for a game of dice. The nursing staff served milkshakes during the game.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Thursday afternoon.

The baking group made mincemeat cookies on Friday afternoon. The Oberlin Covenant Church

was in charge of the worship service on Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Jerry Wolfram, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry and Ron Temple, Dorothy Ward, Marguerite Clark, Linda Hunt, Janice O'Hare, Leslie Ward, Wava Reames, Norcatur; John Sattler and family, Wichita; Richard Samson. Ludell; Doyle and Kay Brown, Vendla Tacha, Arch Harman, Elwood Bailey, Jennings; Christine, James and John Aschenbrenner, Colwich; Lillian Sulzman, Helen Derby, Dolores Depperschmidt, Dresden; Julie Harold, Gordon and Kara Kuntz, Hays; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Heather and Alyssa Bethke, Carol Young, McCook; Blanche Skubal, Celina, Texas; Susan McKain, McDonald; Judy Vaughn, Henderson, Colo.; Larry and Sandy Wolfram, Liberal; Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Marilyn and Reed Griest, Jewell.

Nadean Stoney, Lyle Gamblin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Karolyn Muirhead, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Sandra Young, Roxie Pomeroy, Patrick Pomeroy, Herschel and Jody Betts, Florence Vavroch, Shelli Fortin, Beth Se-

Good Samaritan Center

Roarrrrrrr! Burrrrrrr! The March lion finally showed up the first day of spring and even though the outdoors was blanketed with 12 inches of snow, we were toasty warm and "thinking spring" in-

Thanks to the O'Day family of McCook we set 36 eggs to hatchin'. We check them every day, though their due date isn't until April 7. We candled them on Friday, to monitor their progress. Unfortunately, we couldn't see a thing (probably due to operator error). We all agreed they'll either hatch or they won't. We'll let you know, come April.

With spring comes gardening, so on Tuesday we put out a vegetable garden (you're thinking operator error again, huh?). No, this is done with root vegetables from the grocery store. Put them in varioussized glass containers on a sunny window sill and watch them take root and sprout. This unique garden will only last a month or so, but is a

good cure for spring fever. If that wasn't enough, Walt Mosier, Ruth Laidig, Fern Anderson, Ruby Shuler, and volunteers Joey Hirsch and Nathan Smith planted grass pets. This, too, requires a sunny window, so they can be found in the Angel Lane dining room. Serena Stacy loaned us her creation to use as a model. It has already grown a pretty healthy head of "hair." Walt gave his a beard and a big red nose! Ruby's pet is a pig, Ruth's a puppy. Fern's looks a little

like a monkey. The boys — who can tell, but whatever they are, they are

Friday, we celebrated the March birthdays of Eleanore Demmer and Mary Lemman, Hazel Flaska helped Jeanette Diederich bake a beautiful German chocolate cake for the party. The Star Valley 4-H kids entertained us with music, skits and readings, making it a real cel-

Saturday was our monthly Pizza and Poker Night, hosted by Dennis Brown. Doris Miller, Jeanette Conway, Lucy Schissler, Pooch Portschy, Harold Demmer, and John Ready all played for peanuts and other tasty treats.

All in all, our spirits couldn't be dampened and spring has sprung despite the weather. Wishing you a happy spring!

Recent guests: **Doris Marintzer** Bud and Vicky Mumm of Gem, Anita Mumm, Champaign, Ill.; Greg Mumm, Manhattan; Ann Solko, Esther Pennington, Herndon; Dena Gillespie - June Vavroch, Earl and Pat Hartzog, Hoxie, Virginia Fullbright,, Ellenwood; Lois Buchholz - Mary, John and Meredith Buchholz of Littleton, Colo.

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thrown from the top of the vehicle that hit the entrance. Please turn any pieces you find into the Norcatur City Office.

Wava Reames' grandchildren, enjoying spring break. Everyone really enjoyed the Sternberg Museum at Hays. Wava was visiting with another lady there, whose grandchildren were on spring break from Kansas City. It turned out her husband is Dr. Dallas Richards, son of Johnny and Christine Richards, formerly of Norcatur.

Afternoon visitors of Marguerite Clark, Wava Reames, and Dorothy Ward on March 18, were Loyal Temple, Langley, Okla., and Linda (Roe) Henry, Atwood.

Larry Sumner cleared the snow at the Kenneth Prices place and. good neighbor John K. Gallentine cleared the yard and scooped the side-The Norcatur News ran a day late

last week. We had a "slight" snow of over a foot on Monday and Tues-Leslie Ward brought Frank Ward

from Hays Medical Center to the

Decatur County Hospital last week. Velda Ward has been doing well in Cedar Living Center. Dorothy Ward was a guest of Pansy Price at a quilt and art showing at the Dane Hansen Museum at Logan on Tuesday evening, March

related to the 9/11 tragedy, and were skillfully done. Bee Nelson and Marguerite Clark accompanied Dorothy Ward to McCook on Friday, March 17, for lunch and a doctor's appoint-

14. Most of the quilts were artwork

The Jennings community extends sympathy to Eugene and

Dona Mrstik in the death of Eugene's brother, Bill Mrstik. A memorial service will be held at Jennings at a later date. Harley Rowlison, daughter of

Dawn LaRue and Jeff Rowlison, was released from the hospital Friday. She is recuperating at home from a viral stomach infection.

Dean Vacura had hip surgery at Community Hospital in McCook and is home and doing well.

Kara and Gordon Kuntz, Zachary and Katherine, Hays; and Mc-Kencie and Jordan Brown, children of Kent and Robin Brown, Estes Park, Colo., attended church with Kay and Doyle Brown.

Janeil Dilling, Goodland, visited her mother, Imogene Keenan, over the weekend.

William and Rachel Carter went to Topeka on March 18, with their daughter, Jane and Jim Wahlmeier and Amanda. They attended the baptism on Sunday for the children of Mike Wahlmeier at Christ the King Catholic Church. The children, Keira, Emma, Karlee and Tony, are being adopted by Mike and Joni. Mike is the son of Jane and Jim. About 60 people attended the reception and lunch after.

United Methodist Women will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, at the church. Kristi Smith of Oberlin will be speaking on missionary work in Africa. Hostesses will be Kathy Nauer and Helen Rhodes. Everyone is welcome to come listen to Kristi speak.

Mary Wahlmeier and Ramona Shaw attended a bridal shower in Hoxie on Saturday for Andrea Shaw. Andrea and Chris Graham will be married May 27 in Hoxie.

Jennings News

Stan and Ramona Shaw visited Mark and Shelley Shaw, Ethan and Erin, rural Logan, on Sunday afternoon. On Monday, Stan and Ramona accompanied Francis and Leone Porch of Selden to Hays. They visited Mary Ann Dinkel.

Weekend guests of Lawrence and Lila Jennings were Brian and Westley Jennings, Solomon; Brent and Brendan Jennings, Junction City; Dale and Tammy Musgrave, On, Neb.; Eric Musgrave, Blair, Neb.; and Brett Jennings. On Sunday, the birthdays of Brent and Brendan were celebrated.

March 22

We are having a blizzard this morning, but the moisture is great. Those enjoying Tuesday at the

Sunflower Senior Center were Jav Kump, Arch Harman, Elmoin and Marguerite Bailey, Mary Votapka, Merl and Ruth Chance, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Vendla Tacha, Kenny Krizek, June Vavroch, Rachel and William Carter, Emma Sanford, Neoma and Bob Tacha, Roger Shimek, Louise Cressler, Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack. After the meal Myrna and Mary Ann entertained with a singalong of old-time songs.

By Louise Cressler

Larry and Glenda Johnson celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday with dinner at an Oberlin cafe. Their daughter, Terresa and Roy Bruning, and three grandchildren, all of Herndon, joined them.

Norine Bailey is home from the hospital and doing well. She is taking therapy.

Let's Go to the Museum

By Sharleen Wurm, director

As the opening for the 2006 sea- and visit with him and hear about his son is only one week away, Liane grandmother's story. He will be a and I are working at getting several the museum from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and exhibits and displays changed. We will be giving a presentation at 5:30 are looking forward to having guests from all over.

shop making room for new items. remember that we will be starting to When you need gifts, check out the take those gently used items for the Seeds of Creation Gift Shop.

I talked with Doug Yocum, author of "A Matter of Chastity," this

p.m. on Thursday, April 6.

With spring now officially here Maralyn is rearranging the gift and house cleaning time upon us annual rummage sale, sponsored by KFNF radio, with proceeds going to the museum. Dates for the rum week and he is excited about being mage sale are Saturday, April 22 at the museum and being our guest. and Sunday, April 23. Watch for I hope you will take time to come more information about this event

'The Final Stop of Death'

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

The opposite of love is not hate. It is apathy. It is the total lack of emotion or desire for another indition is lost as we no longer care whether God loves Our salvation is dependent upon God's grace and

the only way His grace reaches us is through faith. Without faith there is no believing in the promises of God. Without faith there is no hope in the forgiveness of sins. Without faith we are left to our own works forgetting that without faith it is impossible to please God.

Throughout this month we have been examining the seven deadly sins brought to light in the second and third chapters of Revelation. These sins are deadly because they lead us down a path that ultimately leaves us apathetic toward God.

It starts with forgetting the One who loved us of sins forgiven and move to the sin of fear. We trust instead of God's Word and this leads us to the sin of false teaching.

The fruit of false teaching leads us into the sin of instead of suffering; glory instead of the cross.

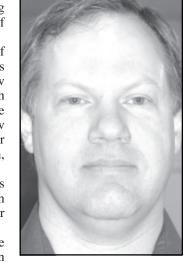
And so we eat the food sacrificed to idols and fall prey to the fifth sin, of thinking we are doing great vidual. It is simply not caring whether the other things for God, but in reality we are only lining our lives or dies. And when our attitude toward God tombs with self-righteousness. We think we are living reaches this state it is the death of our faith. Salva- but are only dreaming as we lay comatose to things of

> Today, then, we walk down the last two steps of death. After having our strength spent on idolatrous worship of self, we are weak. We have starved the new creation that God has put within us and now our faith is almost spent. We hear what God says to us as He speaks to the church in Sardis (Rev. 3:7-13). "I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have not denied my name."

> God knows that we are almost spent and so He opens the door before us, a door that no one can shut. With that there is the choice; do we go through the door or do we give up?

To go through the door is to enter into God's rest once first. Having been forgiven of all our sins we beagain and receive the forgiveness of sins; even the sin gin to take for granted the suffering and death of of worshipping other gods. But to give up is to take that Jesus Christ upon the cross. We forget the security last step of death and not care if we are saved or not. If we reach this step there is nothing left for God to do ourselves rather than Christ. We trust our reason but rebuke us and spit us out of his mouth for it is only then, in the sufferings of this world, that we are driven once again to seek God's mercy.

The One who loved you first declares, "I counsel you adultery as we forsake the one true God in favor of to buy from me white cloths to wear, so you can cover a god of our own design. Our affections are given your shameful nakedness." In Jesus Christ there is the to the gods of this world that promise us pleasure covering of all your sins through his blood shed upon



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