



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
Multi-county Extension Agent

Buy enough lids for each canning season for best results.

- Buy new lids. Never reuse lids.
- Inspect rings for dents and rust, and check to see if they are bent. Rings can be reused if in good condition.
- Use up-to-date recipes. Using old recipes can lead to improperly canned foods and food-borne illness.

ness. Check at your extension office for up-to-date canning recipes. Tranda Watts is Kansas State University extension specialist in food, nutrition, health and safety for Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan, and Trego counties. Call her at 785-443-3663 or e-mail twatts@oznet.ksu.edu.

"Healthy Eating for Anyone," a program given by Karen Bunnell and sponsored by the Healthy Congregations in Action committee of the Almena, Clayton and Norcatour United Methodist churches, will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at Norton United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The program is open to the public, no charge.

On April 7-9, Renee Harmon and Bob Montgomery went to Brookings, S.D., to attend Chance Harman's first Spring College rodeo. He took third in the first saddle bronco contest Saturday then on Sunday he took first, ending with a tie for second all around. On April 22-23 Renee and Bob went to Wahoo, Neb., for the second rodeo event. On Friday, Chance and partner qualified for team roping but didn't place Saturday, and Chance didn't qualify for the tie down roping. In saddle bronco competition Friday Chance had a score of 77, and on Saturday he placed third.

Dorothy Ward, Marguerite Clark and Bee Nelson attended the last Norton County Arts Council program, "Patsy Cline and Friend," on Saturday evening, April 29.

Beth Johnson's youngest brother, Clason Rupp, became a grandfather for the first time with the birth of twin grandsons on Monday, April 10, to Clason Rupp's son, Tony and Jewell Rupp. The boys were named Clason Ray and Jaden Tyler Rupp.

Birthdays: Linda Hunt - May 3; Lora Linn Leichter - May 5; Dave

Stapp - May 6. Virgil and Joyce Price visited Virginia Britton in Norton on Tuesday, April 25. Their nephew and family, Tim, April and Clayton Bashford, were there. Tim is in the National Guard and is home on leave for 2 weeks. He returned to active duty in Iraq on Monday, May 1.

Beth Johnson received word Tuesday, April 25, of the death of her oldest brother, Everett Rupp, 90, of Oak Harbor, Wash.

Winners of the pool tournament held at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Monday, April 24, were: first, Bob Hoover of Norton; second, Clint Hatfield of Clayton; and third, Larry Lively of Oberlin. The next tournament will be May 22 at 7 p.m.

LaVerne Milner reports that she came home Friday, April 21, from stays in the Kearney and Norton hospitals. She says she is doing fine, just needs to have patience.

Gary Anthony had knee replacement surgery on Monday, April 24, at the McCook hospital. The surgery went well and he returned home Thursday, April 27, to recuperate.

Lora Linn Leichter will be celebrating her birthday on May 5. She may be reached c/o Cedar Living Center, 810 West Columbia, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Leona Purton and Dewaine Stapp attended the State Musical Festival at Salina South High School on Saturday, April 29. Kaitlyn Stapp sang in two groups representing the

Oberlin high school. Leona and Dwaine Stapp returned to Oberlin Saturday evening.

Mary Lough of Wamego and Terry Cross of Olathe, daughters of Lowell Sebaugh, came Thursday, April 27, to help their sisters, Janice O'Hare and Linda Hunt, clean out their father's house. Needless to day, their homes are now full of treasures, but Lowell's house is very empty. He has happily chosen Cedar Living Center as his permanent residence. Joe Dawson and Brian and Brandi Cook helped move the heavy furniture on Saturday.

Lowell Sebaugh joined his daughters, Rodney O'Hare and Monty Hunt for dinner Saturday night, April 29, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill. <<<Tammy Cook had a special surprise.>>>??? Mary Lough and Terry Cross returned to their homes on Sunday, April 30.

Norma McCallister attended the 13th annual Kansas Storytelling Festival in Downs on Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29. She visited family and friends on Sunday before returning to Norcatour.

Laci Leichter will graduate on May 13, 2006 from Washburn University in Topeka. Laci will graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. She is the daughter of Rod and Lisa Leichter, and the granddaughter of Lora Linn Leichter and the late Lyman Leichter, and R.D. Thornton and the late Eunice Thornton. Cards will reach Laci at 1617 S.W. 37th Terrace, #220, Topeka, Kan., 66609.

Spring is the time to get ready for canning your potential bumper crop of fruits and vegetables in the coming months.

Here's a quick checklist to get ready for canning:

- For canning vegetables and meat, a pressure canner must be used. Dial gauges must be tested yearly for accuracy. Contact your county extension office for easy testing, which can be done when I am in the office.
- The rubber gasket on pressure canners should be soft and pliable. Replace if cracked, sticky or brittle.
- Inventory jars. Check for chips and cracks and discard damaged jars, or use them for non-food purposes.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Jill Bergling and Mary Rachel Olson who were confirmed during morning worship services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. Pastor Keith Reuther officiated. Their godparents were Norma Anderson for Mary Rachel, and Richard and Maureen Anderson for Jill.

Relatives of the girls attending were their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bergling, Ryan and Blake; and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Olson, Sarah and Kurt; their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Verol Bergling, and

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Donnebohm of Ellinwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Olson and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Benda.

Memorial services for Maude Edwards, 97, who died April 21, will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 26, at Brantley Funeral Home in Atwood with Pastor Keith Reuther officiating. Burial was earlier at Chardon Cemetery. She was a member of the Herndon Covenant Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Shirley and Paul Brown, Roseburg,

Ore.; and LoRita and Ralph Hilmes Montrose, Colo.; a son, Clifford and Neva Edwards, Hays; and families a brother, Raymond Ray, St. Petersburg, Fla.; and two sisters, Evelyn Scholer and Glenna Hines Tacoma, Wash. Memorials may be made to the Atwood Good Samaritan Center or the Atwood Public Library.

Ava Perkins of Wichita came Saturday to spend a few days with her parents, Bob and Sally Olson.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Jennings community extends sympathy to Edith Foster and family on the death of her 20-year-old grandson, Lee Hensley, son of Jana Foster Hensley, Oakley, who died on Saturday. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the Oakley Christian Church.

Inez Carlton Barton, Port Angeles, Wash., spent Tuesday afternoon visiting William and Rachel Carter. Inez is a cousin of Rachel and Naomi.

A Mother's Day dinner, sponsored by the Jennings Lions Club, will be served Sunday, May 14, at the Jennings High School cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free-will donations will be accepted.

Bob Jones, mayor of Jennings, had surgery Thursday at WaKeeney to remove gallstones. He returned home Friday morning.

Jennings City Council met Thursday. Council members Stann Hartzog, Bill Gawith, Rick Foster and Louise Cressler; city clerk, Sue Long; Vickie Bailey, member of the Economic Development, Oberlin; Doyle Brown, county commissioner; and Lawrence and Lila Jennings, Larry Mizer, Jay Kump, and members of the Heritage Board, attended.

Vicki discussed with the group their meeting with Connoisseurs World Wide Inc., the upholstery company, and others from California who came to Oberlin last week. Funds are being pledged to do dirt work for the air strip. Vicki asked if the City of Jennings might pledge \$5,000 to the fund. It was also mentioned the museum might do the same.

The company also needed in writing that Jennings City does not

have zoning codes where they are relocating at the Jennings School. Council voted to pledge \$5,000 from the school sale and made a statement in writing to Connoisseurs concerning zoning. The council discussed putting a meter on the water line coming into town to monitor the well.

Work is being done at the sewer. Council voted to have Decatur County Weed Department spray at the sewer, and talked about purchasing a propane tank for the emergency generator to be put at the community hall. The highway project through town will start Monday, and some streets will be blocked off.

Did you see a house go down Kansas Avenue on Friday? Gary Gawith purchased Jeff Carter's house and moved it to a location southeast of Kanona.

Elwood Bailey is home from the hospital. He dislocated his shoulder in a fall at their home.

"Whacky Spring Fever" will be presented by the elementary children at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Chris McKenna of Jennings was among 15 Fort Hays State University journalism and public relations students who earned top awards at the annual Kansas Professional Communicators Conference held recently. A senior, he placed first in collegiate news writing in a newspaper. All first-place winners are eligible to go on to the national competition sponsored by the National Federation of Press Women. Winners will be announced at the national conference Sept. 7-9 in Denver. His parents are Pat and Shelley McKenna.

## 'Beyond the Grave—Part 2'

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

The Church continues to celebrate the Great 50 Days of Easter! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark's Easter Day account of Jesus' resurrection (Mark 16: 1-8), with a message based on a Bible study by Robin McCullough-Bade.

Sometimes one little word can make all the difference. What one word would you use to describe the meaning of Easter Sunday? No doubt many wonderful words come to mind. Think instead, of a simple three-letter word which flavors the Easter story in Mark's gospel: the word "but." This word is scattered throughout the eight verses of Mark 16 in strategic places.

The women are frightened, "but" the angelic messenger calms their fears. They have come to find the body of Jesus, "but" they hear instead the incredible news that he is risen. They are awestruck, filled with terror and amazement, yet they are told, "But go, tell ...."

This one little word can change everything. It seemed that the story had come to an end. Jesus died a cruel death on the cross. It was finished. The women come to the tomb to do the last act of devotion: to anoint the lifeless body of Jesus for burial. They feel powerless, unable to stop death, unable to move away the large stone entombing their Lord. "But ...." (There it is again!) "But" the stone is

rolled away. "But" Jesus is not there. "But" Christ is risen!

Can you think of the significance of this one little word in your daily life? Pain and difficulties can weigh us down like a cold stone that cannot be budged. Death and sorrow can cover us as a shroud. Guilt and anxiety, fear of the future or frustration over the past can indeed entomb us, with seemingly no light at the end of the tunnel.

"But" God pulls off the greatest reversal of all in the resurrection of Christ. The last word spoken is not death, "but" life; not sorrow, "but" joy; not guilt, "but" forgiveness.

Old definitions of what can or cannot be no longer apply since God acted at Easter. God breaks down the locked doors of whatever it is that shuts us in; and, God promises wonderful surprises through that little word, "but."

"But" there is something more. This wonderful news is not just for us to keep to ourselves. The words are spoken to us, "But go, tell ...." Tell the world the good news of Easter. Tell the world that death is not the final word, "but" life eternal is ours through Christ our Lord. Tell the world that God is not confined to one time and place, "but" Christ goes before us and meets us wherever we find ourselves to be.

We praise you, God, for the promise of life that is ours in the resurrection of Jesus. Amen



## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

**OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
785-475-3103  
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

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

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**  
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam  
MASS: 7:30 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**  
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. AWANA 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: Fred Dycus  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) 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. 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.

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

**LYLE UNITED METHODIST**  
Carol Woodmanee, Almena  
Lyle Lay Speaker  
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: Doug Mason  
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.

**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.

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
404 North York Avenue  
Oberlin, Kansas  
Rev. 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. THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

Our little town has a beauty contestant! Felicia Camarillo, daughter of Robbie Luna and granddaughter of Lee and Ruth Luna, will be competing in the Miss Teen Pageant. Felicia was one of the top 20 picked from 175 teens and will be going to Denver in June to compete.

Erika Best, daughter of Nea Gamez and granddaughter of Ray and Jackie Johnson; Taylor Todd, daughter of Jay and Brandy Todd and granddaughter of Doug and Joan Todd; and Jami Wark, daughter of Vicki and Dennis Allison and granddaughter of Hulda Wark and Madonna Anderson of Gem, were participants in the informal dance recital "The Best Years of Our Lives" at the Community building in Colby.

Erika, Taylor, and Jami are students of Kolleen Barrett of "The Dance Place" and enjoy the art form of dance. Erika participated in a jazz number. Taylor performed in three styles of dance: jazz, ballet and tap. Jami had four dance performances, in jazz, ballet, tap, and pointe.

The City of Rexford would like to remind residents who are dog owners that the dog tags are here. Tags are effective July 1 and the fee is \$3.50. All dogs must be registered

and the city must have a current copy of a rabies certificate on file. Please notify the city if you no longer have a dog.

The Shepherd's Staff was host to a Gideon retreat over the weekend. Marcy Gilbert's brother, Danny Bacon and his wife Ronda, of Hoxie, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Danielle Lynn, born March 23.

Filling the pulpit at the Rexford Community Church Sunday was Ben Rhodes. Ben is a son-in-law of Dennis and Shawn Spresser who is married to their daughter Kelsey. Kelsey and Ben will graduate from Frontier School of the Bible in LaGrange, Wyo., in December.

On the birthday calendar this week is Jay Todd, May 7.

At the Red Barn: Ladies Bible study, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Wednesday; Koffee Klatch, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Friday.

Golden Plains events: National Honor Society hosted the Red Cross with 24 units donated.

The seniors left on their senior trip at 4 a.m. Thursday, heading for San Antonio, Texas. They will return today.

High school graduation will be on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14.

These sponsors urge you to attend church regularly:

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