

Gary Anthony celebrated his birthday on April 23. Guests for the barbecue dinner were Keith Anthony, Windy Farr and Chris Kuhlman and children, Jack and Tony. Gary says he is doing great according to his physical therapist after recent knee surgery.

Birthdays: Ron Montgomery - May 10; Evelyn Lyon - May 11; Mandi Fick, Destiny Chastine - May 16.

There were 13 present at Senior Citizens on May 5. Winners were Twila Henry, Bob Strevey and Kathy Van Meter. The next meeting will be Friday at the Educational Building at 7 p.m.

Glenn Alexander called Bonnie and Bob Rapp on May 2 and said he was doing just fine. He is still painting and goes to McDonald's to eat since it is right across the street. He will turn 100 years old on Dec. 14 this year. He plans to come back to Norcatat to get rid of his furniture and have Herb Shirley sell his

house. He said it rains every day there.

Marguerite Clark, Dorothy Ward, Lula Hix and Wava Reames had lunch at the home of Bee Nelson on Sunday, May 7.

Treva Crabill is back home in Jetmore at the Long Term Care Center there. She is still recovering from surgery and infections, but is able to walk now using a walker. She has been ill since mid-January. Cards will reach Bob and Treva at 817 W. Bramley, Apt. 14, Jetmore, Kan., 67854.

A birthday celebration for Lora Linn Leichter was held at the Cedar Living Center on Friday afternoon and evening, May 5. A niece and friend stopped by for a surprise visit while en route from California to Maryland. Lowell Sebaugh and Janice O'Hare visited a while. Those present for dinner that evening were her mother, Dorothy Ward; sister-in-law, Judy and Gerald Jackson, Norcatat; son,

Rodney Leichter, Seibert, Colo.; son, Ronald Leichter, Colorado Springs; and granddaughter, Laci Leichter, Topeka. Frank and Velda Ward, Cedar Living, came by for cake, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary New and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Strevey, Norcatat, visited and had cake. Judy Jackson provided the delicious cake.

LaVerne Milner will celebrate her 90th birthday on Monday, May 29, with a reception at the Educational Building.

Word was received of the death of Roy Rubendall, who died at the Norton Hospital on May 8.

Surprise visitors of Lora Linn Leichter at the Cedar Living Center, Oberlin, on Sunday, May 7, were her aunt, Ruth Chamberlain, and Ruth's daughters, Shirley Jones and Carolyn Rhoden, all of North Platte, Neb. Other callers were Dorothy Ward, and Velda and Frank Ward. Frank and Ruth are first cousins.

Audrey Pavlicek, a former Norcatat Grade School teacher, brought pictures of Norcatat grade school students from the 1980s, which will be put in a scrapbook here at the Norcatat Museum.

The family of Arnold Jackson will host a reception for this 90th birthday on Sunday, May 28, 2006 at the Norcatat United Methodist Church Educational Building, in conjunction with the Norcatat Methodist Church reception, following the Memorial Day celebration at the cemetery. He lives at Norton Manor, Apt. 109, 213 Horace Greeley Ave., Norton, Kan., 67654.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson Wednesday afternoon.

Father George gave a Catholic mass Thursday morning.

A potluck dinner was held at noon on Thursday for residents and staff in honor of National Nurses Week and National Hospital Week. Dave Nichols grilled hot dogs and staff members provided the abundant supply of side dishes.

Wava Reames hosted the dice players on Thursday afternoon.

Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Thursday.

Paul Sass led the exercise group on Friday morning. Opal Huntley helped the baking group with making cookies on Friday afternoon.

The mothers had a special day on Sunday. Several residents went out for the day or had visitors. Many received cards, flowers, or gifts. St. John's Lutheran Church gave the Sunday worship service.

Recent visitors: Ann Martin, Jerry and Sharon Wolfram, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Janice O'Hare, Norcatat; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Merlin and Lola Diederich, Cape Coral, Fla.; Julie Harold, Hays; Jerry and Carol Sattler, Madison, Wis.; Vendla Tacha, Rachel Carter, Louise Cressler, June Vavroch, Kay Brown, Elmo Bailey, Marguerite Bailey, Jennings; Kurt Sulzman, Kearney, Mo.; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Richard Samson, Ludell; Janice Doyle, Lincoln, Neb.; Kevin Vavroch, Kansas City; Jay and Karen Wilson, Great Bend; Gary and Judy Vaughn, Denver; Paul and Christine Matheny, Junction City; Randy Matheny, Craig, Amanda, and Haylee Adams, McCook; Jeanette Adams, Cheyenne, Wyo.; John Geisinger, Earl Brown, Barb and Steve Brown, Selden;

Don Stapp, Dolores Koerperich, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Carol Shirley, Laurene Van Otterloo, Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Lyle Gambelin, Marie Jean Vavroch, Roxie Pomeroy, Dana Winstead, Oberlin.

Arthur and Alice May were honored on their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house Saturday afternoon at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin. Hosts were the John Bremer family and Warren and Jan Bainter. Out-of-town guests included cousins Victor Voelker, Elmer Voelker, Nila Voelker, and Delmer and Gertrude Wilgers, Palmer; Brian and Hannah Hartman, Jeannette, Brianna, and Phillip, Greeley, Colo.; David May, McCook; and Kristen Bremer and Craig Staff, Amarillo. Arthur was also surprised at the open house with a call from an army buddy, Victor Marcotte, Hays, who was unable to travel.

Ralph and Norma Unger attended the confirmation of their godson, Joel Kaldahl, at First English Lutheran Church, Spencer, Iowa. Joel's other sponsors, Dale and Lynette Fisk, grandmother, Ruth Baumgarten, Clarinda, Iowa, and Kristen Kaldahl's sister, Kathy, also attended. While there, Ralph and Norma visited with Pastor Paul and Kristen Kaldahl and family.

Dan Nedland and Rhonda May took John and Dianne Bremer to the LandMark Inn Friday to enjoy dinner and jazz music sung by Sue Ann Stutheit of Norton.

Jerry and Connie Olson and Kelly watched Colonel Delbert Townsend graduate from Kansas State University in Manhattan on Saturday.

Louise Pollnow and Sharon Addleman, and Alvina Unger and Norma Unger were among those

attending the Mother-Daughter noon luncheon at the Good Samaritan Center on Saturday.

The Stick-To-It-4-H Club and local Master Gardeners finished the landscaping project at the Oberlin Library on Saturday. This "Helping Hands" project, spearheaded by Rhonda May and Sally Henningson, was funded by Thrivent.

Juniors and seniors from our area in the Decatur Community High School promenade Saturday evening were Cameron Nedland, Jennifer Shaw, Gabe Moore, Lora Marietta, Bret Marietta, Brent Stallman, Danica May, Nolan May, Duygu Kavran, Brock Euhus, Regan Badsky, and Jacob Unger.

Brian and Hannah Hartman, Jeanette, Brianna, and Phillip, were Saturday overnight guests of Arthur and Alice May. Brian's mother, Maurine Kay, is Alice's sister. After attending Art and Alice's open house, they enjoyed dinner at the May home, returned to town to watch the high school promenade and visited with the John Bremer family.

Dan Nedland, John Bremer, and Ryan Unger helped with the After Prom party at the Gateway center Saturday evening and early Sunday morning.

Ralph and Norma Unger, Ryan and Darci Unger, Ty, Brock, and Drew Zwegardt, and Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Reilly enjoyed dinner out on Mother's Day.

Thelma Spiers and the Richard Shaw and Joel Shaw families were

Mother's Day dinner guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw.

Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, Cameron, Hunter, and Elizabeth, Robert May and Cole, and Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, took Walter and Betty May to lunch at the LandMark Inn on Sunday for Mother's Day.

Mother's Day dinner guests at the John Bremer home were Arthur and Alice May, Lois Carlson, Edith Tate, Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie and Grace, Kristen Bremer, and Craig Staff.

Kristen Bremer and Craig Staff, Amarillo, Texas, were weekend guests at the John Bremer home, arriving Friday evening and returning home on Monday.

Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

John Kleidosty of North Platte, Neb., spent a few days with his mother, Mildred Kleidosty.

Senior Citizens met for a business meeting on May 3 at the Herndon Senior Center. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Esther Pennington and Beth Chariter read the poems, "Mother Knows Best" and "Forget It." The next potluck will be today and the next business meeting on June 7. Ann Martin had blackjack in bingo and John Eby won the door prize.

Cedar Living News

Donna Eskew recently retired after 32 years as a nurse at Cedar Living Center. She will be honored with a retirement party at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, in the Cedar Living Center dining room. Staff members, family, and friends are invited to join in wishing her well.

A variety of special events are planned for this week in honor of National Nursing Home Week. Our theme for the week is "We're cooking up some fun at Cedar Living Center." The theme was chosen to highlight our new buffet line which is currently being used for breakfast three days a week, but will soon be expanded to include some other meals as well. The dining room is decorated with aprons and cooking utensils. Friday afternoon we will have a display of unusual and antique cooking gadgets at 2 p.m. An ice cream social will follow. The public is invited to attend.

The penny card players met for a game on Monday afternoon. Those joining in on the fun included Nettie Britton, Alice Fiala, Elsie Goodnight, Betty Harden, Paul Sass, Lowell Sebaugh, Don Shaw, Mildred Tacha, Charley Vavroch, Loyl Wilson, and Bea Wolfram.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time with a medley of hymns on Monday afternoon.

Nettie Britton won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Mildred Cochran won the blackout game. There was a record attendance of 24 residents at bingo.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler gave the monthly communion service on Tuesday afternoon.

Wednesday afternoon Sandra Young hosted the pinochle group.

The Jennings United Methodist Women hosted the May birthday party Wednesday afternoon. They served kolaches and coffee. Kay Brown and Vicky Bailey provided a musical program. Those honored with May birthdays were Zola Brown and Lora Linn Leichter.

'Filled With Peace'

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 read the Gospel of John's account of events that occurred later on the day of Jesus' resurrection (John 20:19-31), based on a Bible study by John McCullough-Bade.

It was quite a day! Early that morning, Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene after he had risen from the dead. Mary shared that incredible news with the disciples as she proclaimed to them, "I have seen the Lord" (John 20:1-18). What a glorious day!

That evening, the disciples met behind locked doors. They were afraid. Their world had been turned upside down. To their amazement, Jesus came, stood with them in the midst of their fear and declared, "Peace be with you."

Jesus showed them his hands and side, casting away any doubts. A second time Jesus declared peace to the disciples. This time he added a commission. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

But Jesus wasn't done. He breathed on the disciples. Like the breath given to Adam by God, the breath of Jesus brought new life. Along with this breath came the Holy Spirit. Peace is a gift from God. We have no true peace without God.

God's peace is more than being without conflict. Jesus taught forgiveness by forgiving. Jesus forgave as he died on the cross and faced the worst of

humanity. Jesus also gave these believers the power to forgive or to retain sins. Jesus had peace in his spirit and freely gave up his life so we might experience God's incredible peace and presence.

Jesus confronted his enemies. He broke through traditional boundaries as he invited children to come to him, taught women, healed on the Sabbath, and ate with sinners. Jesus strove to bring peace to all humanity.

Thomas, who is often referred to as "doubting Thomas," was not with the others when Jesus appeared to them and he was unable to believe. He needed proof.

A week later, Thomas was there. Again, Jesus appeared. Again, Jesus greeted them with, "Peace be with you." This was not a casual greeting like, "Hi, how are you?" Instead, Jesus offered the gift of peace.

This time, Thomas was allowed to touch Jesus and feel the wounds. Finally, Thomas was convinced, confessing, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus realized not all would have the same chance as Thomas to be persuaded; and so, Jesus offered this blessing, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Thomas could now be at peace.

As Jesus commissioned the disciples in his name. Peace was to be their companion. With the gift of the Holy Spirit, they did not journey alone; rather the new life of the Spirit filled them with peace. May God's peace bless you on your path this week.

O God, giver of peace, give us peace for the journey and most certainly for the day. Amen.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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| <p>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday</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. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</p> | <p>OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)
Pastor: Fred Dycus
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>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 7:30 p.m., Saturday</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
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.</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>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p> | <p>NORCATAT UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.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>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS
Carrie Buhler, pastor
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 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>LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Carol Woodmanee, Almena
Lyle Lay Speaker
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.</p> | |
| <p>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor: Dennis Brown
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.</p> | | | |

Downtown flowers planted by volunteers

Wishing all of you a belated Happy Mother's Day. The winner of the Oberlin Business Alliance contest for Mother of the Year was Stephanie Blau. She was awarded a one-night stay at the LandMark Inn and dinner for two, courtesy of the Alliance. Thank you to those who wrote about their mothers. Congratulations, Stephanie and Kiah.

The Girl Scouts and Modern Woodmen planted flowers in the planters out front of many businesses as a community project. They look nice, and we want to extend our thanks to them.

Graduation is here and the seniors are taking a large step into a new world. They think they know everything and will be surprised in the next few months how little they are ready for reality. We are wishing them the best of luck in all their endeavors.

Alumni weekend is next in line. On Friday, May 26, the Oberlin Business Alliance is kicking things off with a pork burger, hamburger and Polish fry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the drive-through of the old Farmers National Bank building. The Alumni Hospitality Room will be in the building lobby. Here you can eat your lunch, visit with old friends and neighbors, and have a drink of tea or coffee with cookies for dessert. Hours for the Alumni Room will be Friday, 1 to 4 p.m., and on Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

The Alumni banquet will be Saturday evening at the Gateway. We are one of many that hold alumni banquets at this time of year.

On Monday, Memorial Day, you will want to view the Avenue of Flags at the cemetery. This is an awesome sight to behold with over 300 flags waving in the breeze, representing those who have served our country over many years, whose flags have been donated to the Oberlin American Legion.

The Summerfest and Car Show is approaching fast. The Chamber is going to sponsor remote-control car races on Saturday, June 3. There will be three classes, kindergarten through third grade, fourth through sixth grade, and seventh grade and up. The races will be held in the drive-through of Farmers Bank and Trust, starting at 10:30 a.m. Please register through the Chamber office or the day of the races, before 10 a.m. The phone number is (785) 475-3441. There will be a prize awarded for each group, so polish up your wheels and driving skills. Stop by and have a cup as we still have the pot on.

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