

Marie (Pool) Patterson sent word that she and her youngest son, Mark, are in their own home once again, not too far from son Brian. She has a trip planned to California the first of May for her granddaughter's wedding.

Dave and Patty Stapp attended the Great Plains Student Psychology Convention in Wichita on Saturday, March 17. Kortney Poire and friend presented a study, "Results and discussion on how stereotyped beliefs about adolescent criminals affect interpretation of the crime and eyewitness recall." They met Jerrod and Kortney Poire Friday night.

Birthdays: Kelsey Gallentine - March 21; Quinton Wentz - March 24; Lee Arnold - March 26; Joy Johnson, Teresa Reves Wood, Rex Knapp - March 27.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS

The annual Royal Neighbors Soup and Pie Dinner was held at the Educational Building at noon on Friday, March 16. There were 32 registered guests to enjoy the delicious food, after which cards were played.

Door prizes were won by: Eleanor Jensen, Jackie Porter, Norton; Carolyn Wehrem, Marilyn Walzen, Fayana Shedd, Cambridge, Neb.; Merle Shirley, Oberlin; Margaret Magers, Lyle; Lee Arnold, Clayton; Oran Milner, Bob Strevey, Beth Johnson, Veda Wood, Virgil Price, and LaVerne Milner, Norcatour;

On Sunday evening, March 18, Marguerite Clark, Dorothy Ward, Oran and LaVerne Milner, Mary Lesle and Bee Nelson drove to Norton to eat supper at the Pizza Hut.

Senior Citizens will meet for the fifth Friday potluck dinner on Friday at 12:30 p.m. at the Educational Building. Cards will follow. Come join the fun!

Elaine (Stapp) Kingsley and Aaron of Allen, Texas, spent from March 5-13 with Dewaine Stapp over Aaron's spring break. On March 5 they spent the night with Rocky and Bev (Miller) DeLano in Wichita, then visited on Saturday in Hays with the Steve Millers. On March 4, they had lunch with Dewaine, Dave, Patty, Sam and Kaitlyn Stapp after church at the Pizza Hut. A wonderful week was enjoyed by all, with visits with Leone Purton, Donald and Goldie Stapp and Alice Shirley.

Dewaine Stapp and Elaine Kingsley were dinner guests of Leone Purton on March 10 at her home.

Aaron Kingsley spent two days at the home of Dave, Patty and Sam Stapp while he was visiting early this month.

Elaine Kingsley, Aaron Kingsley and Carol Shirley were guests of Alice Shirley for lunch at the Frontier Restaurant on March 11.

Elaine Kingsley and Aaron left for on March 12, stopping in Norton to have lunch with Judy Cuthbertson, then went on to Wichita to spend the evening with Rocky and Bev DeLano, and also visited with Bev's daughter, Aimee and Chad and their two children, who were also visiting the Delanos at the time.

60th ANNIVERSARY

Max and Norma Ward of Clayton celebrated their 60th anniversary on March 16. Their children hosted a dinner in their honor at the home of Ken and Julie Carter in Jennings to commemorate the occasion. They were also celebrating the birthdays of Max, Pat and Jacque McKenna and Megan Carter.

Those present included: Weldon and Merrice Brooks, Jodi and Braxton Ward, Byron Bina, Norton; Gwynn Ward, Jay Griffith, Dave Ward, Clayton; Bee Nelson, Dorothy Ward, Norcatour; Jarrod

Ward, Olathe; Pat and Shelley McKenna and Marcus, Ken and Julie Carter, Becky Carter, Stann Hartzog, Jennings; Sarah McKenna, Pratt; Jacque McKenna, Macomb, Ill.; Chris McKenna, Hays; Lori and Terry Wycoff and Kelly, Scott City; Ann and Wes DuBois, Abby and Madison, Salina; Jesse and Megan Carter, Clayton and Anna, Oberlin.

Alice Shirley's granddaughter, Jessica (McClelland) Hill, has informed her grandmother that she will be a great-grandmother again in November. Jessica and her husband, Caleb, live in Oklahoma City. She is a neo-natal nurse at Oklahoma University Health Sciences and Caleb is a commercial real estate broker. Her parents are Gary and Pamela (Shirley) McClelland.

Visitors of Darrel and Alice Barnett on March 17 were Bob and Kay Strevey, and Loren and Windy, Ivalea, and Andrew Tien, Andover.

MUSEUM TIDBITS

Dorothy Ward and Veda Wood related some interesting history stories. Ron and Gerry Temple brought a 1914 *Vest Pocket Facts and Directory of Norcatour, Ks.* It tells all about Norcatour at the time.

Chris Dempewolf will be out of the office the first week of April, so the Norcatour Museum will open later than planned. Watch the *Norcatour News* for the opening date.

On March 17, LaNae, Kaela, Katelyn and Madison Allen of Independence, Mo., visited Beth Johnson and Fred Molzahn.

Norma McCallister celebrated her birthday with pizza at the Norcatour Cardinal Bar and Grill on March 16 with friends. Present were Wayne McCallister, Bee Nelson, Marguerite Clark, Dorothy Ward, Mary Lesle, Oran and LaVerne Milner.

Wayne and Norma McCallister's grandson, Scott Nading of Holcomb, will spend a little over a week in Louisiana with fellow church members to work on houses. They will be doing roofing and sheet rocking.

Ruby Shuler and Alvina Unger all faithfully attend. The movie "The Passion of the Christ" will be shown at request of the residents as part of the study.

Some upcoming dates to consider: Friday, April 6, at 7 p.m. we will have a very meaningful Good Friday service. In addition, on Monday, April 16, instrumentalist Todd Green will be performing at 3 p.m. in Town Square. All are welcome to join us.

Thanks again to all who come to volunteer. You are a vital part of the Good Sam family. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 21, as we will be hosting our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

Residents who entertained visitors recently included: **Dorothy Hunt** - Vickie Heisel of Fort Morgan, Colo., Ron and Dixie Snyder of Colby, Reva Marshall; **Roberta Urban** - Fay Unger of Stratton, Neb., Kathie Harmon-Sauvage, Culbertson, Neb., Sylvia Wachendorfer of Selden, Mary Depe of Trenton, Neb., Jan Badsky; **Thelma Spiers** - Joan Grafel of Herndon, Todd Nelson of Salina; **Ethel Nemeth** - Vickie Heisel of Fort Morgan, Colo., Betty Heisel, Mika Hackney, Shelby Hackney, Laysha Medina, Darci Meitl, Sharon Black, Helen Brooks; **Lucy Schissler** - Margaret Fikan, Sally Olson of Atwood, Mert McEvoy; **Opal Bryan** - Dorothy Alstrom, the Brian Simonsson family, Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, Estella Waldo; **Hazel Flaska** - Charlene Karnes of Salina; **Doris Marintzer** - Bud and Vicky Mumm of Gem; **Mary Lemman** - Audrey Pavlicek; **Harlan Geihlsler** - Jamie, Mercedes, Monica, Maria and Jimmy Geihlsler; **Dorothy Bryan** - Carol Barrett.

Good Samaritan News

The first day of Spring has arrived and it has much the same effect on us as love.

It is exhilarating, inspiring, it fills us with hope and makes our hearts lighter. Spring is the promise of regeneration, revitalization, and renewal, and reminds us that although we suffer through the darkness of winter, there is the coming of newness and beauty.

Just a few weeks ago the barren trees were beset by ice that literally tore them apart but today they sport buds, promising vibrant green life. This is evidence of God's everlasting love for us.

Just as God is the Author of Love, and the reason we celebrated in February, He is also the Creator. The changing seasons point us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Spring takes us to the cross and our Risen Savior. He will be our celebration theme for April.

On Wednesday, the Calico Gals came to have their meeting and to serve a wonderful Social Hour for the residents. They brought cheese and veggie platters, home canned relishes and frosted muffins. What a treat!

Another treat for the staff and residents was a special prime rib dinner prepared by Penny Smith and Julianna Baker, with the support of the dietary staff. It was a delicious dinner, accompanied by an encore presentation of the slide show shown at the anniversary celebration.

Thursday afternoon Bible study has begun a series entitled "Behold, the Lamb of God." Thelma Spiers, Elaine Thomas, Edla Olson, Fern Anderson, Eulaine Benda, Ruth Laidig, Jeanette Conway, Lucy Schissler, Hazel Flaska, Kathryn Post, Irel Lohofener, Eva Bryan,

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Betty James won high, Alfred Albers took second, Jeanie Spesser got low and Carol Shaw had the most nines. Other members present included Edna Schiltz, Anna Albers, Paulie Neff, Shirley Emigh, Helen Karls and Ann Hazlitt.

Birthdays and anniversaries: March 29 - Tammy Shaw, Marissa Porsch, Paula Schiltz, Alex Campbell; March 30 - Wyatt Ashley; March 31 - Bruce Otter, Kyle Emigh; April 1 - Nikki Campbell; April 2 - Tenna Ashley, Doug Shaw, Matt Juenemann; April 3 - Tex Shaw; April 4 - Kaylena Zoderow, Donna Wessel, Ben Albers.

Storm spotter class planned

Ever want to learn what kind of clouds signal a big thunderstorm or the warning signs for tornado activity?

People in Decatur County will get the chance to learn about weather during a basic storm spotter class at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at The Gateway, offered by the Local Emergency Management in coordination with the National Weather Service forecast office in Goodland. Refreshments will be provided.

Let's get Eggcited about eggs



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

Eggs are a symbol of rebirth and the spring season. One of the most popular features about Easter is the ever-popular Easter Egg hunt.

Eggs can be decorated in a variety of ways. Egg-dyeing kits are easy to use. Natural dyes can be made from spices, fruit juice and vegetables. Other decorations can be added, such as sequins, beads, faces and more. Decorating eggs can be a great family activity.

To make hard-cooked eggs, use eggs that are at least a week old. Place in a pan in a single layer and cover with water. Bring them to a boil, cover, and remove from heat. Let the eggs sit for about 15 minutes. Cool the eggs in cold tap water or ice water.

When using hard-cooked eggs for decorating, decide how you will use them after decorating. If you want to eat them, be sure to follow some simple food safety steps:

- Keep your hands clean.
- Use food-safe dyes and decorations.
- Keep the cooked eggs refrigerated as much as possible.
- Hide the cooked eggs in safe

places to prevent damage or contamination.

• Do not leave hard-cooked eggs out of the refrigerator for more than two hours.

• Use uncracked, refrigerated eggs within a week of cooking them.

• If any cooked, decorated eggs have been left out of the refrigerator for more than two hours, throw them away.

Freshness note: If by chance you have eggs that were removed from the carton and no longer know the sell-by date, it is difficult to determine freshness. Eggs should be used within one week of the sell-by date for freshness

The freshness test that involves

seeing whether an egg floats in a glass of salt water, which many of us grew up using, is not reliable. It has no relationship to the freshness of shell eggs. While eggs do take in air as they age, the size of the air cell varies from egg to egg when laid. Therefore, a freshly-laid egg and an older egg may react in much the same way.

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Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

March is almost gone. The weather has been beautiful, allowing the outdoor enthusiast to make preparations for gardens and flower beds.

Marjorie Leh expressed her appreciation to everyone for cards, prayers, food, and watching over Darrell while she was in Oklahoma at the time of the death of her son, George Hiatt.

Deb Stepper and Cleda Moeder visited Hazel Richardson at Logan Manor in Logan, last Tuesday.

Thursday evening Vicki Allison accompanied Beverly Vaughn of Colby to a doctor's appointment in Hutchinson on Friday. While in Hutchinson, they happened to meet up with Pat Williams. Pat and

Chuck were in Hutchinson for the college basketball tournaments.

After getting home Friday evening, Mrs. Allison headed for the Denver airport to pick up her mother, MaDonna Anderson, who had spent a month visiting her daughter and family, Deb and Dan Thompson, and grandson, Aaron Morton, in Round Rock, Texas.

The Golden Plains High School play, "Losing Patients," will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday with a dessert reception following. There will be a \$2 admission charge.

The Rexford Lions Club annual Easter Egg Hunt will be at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, at the City Park for toddlers through third grade.

Lori Miller will celebrate a birthday today. A happy anniversary to Ron and Janette Dible, who celebrated on Monday, and to Ken and Teena Johnston on March 30.

At the Red Barn: Those attending Barnswallows to play pinochle were Jean Hawkins, Deb Stepper, Rex and Betty Carswell, Maryann and Lawrence Juenemann, Grace Cheney, Lawrence Horinek, Darlene Robben and Dick Sanford. Those attending Come On Down were Darlene Robben, Dick Sanford, Deb Stepper, Mary Stillwell, Rex and Betty Carswell, Jean Hawkins, Lawrence Horinek, and Grace Cheney.

Until next time, make your week a memorable one.

'God is Slow to Anger'

By Pastor Doug Mason, Lund Covenant Church

"The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made. All you have made will praise you, O Lord; your saints will extol you." Psalm 145: 8-10

"Fat Tuesday" is what Mardi Gras means. It is the celebration before the start of Lent.

Originally, the idea was to say "Farewell to the flesh" with one day of indulging in the things people were about to give up for Lent.

The concept was mainly built around food, but Mardi Gras has somehow transformed into representing mostly sexual impurity.

The concept was never meant to say, "Indulge in sin for a few days, and then go back to your normal way of life," but that is what it has become.

Still, our Lord is slow to anger. It does say, "slow to anger" it doesn't say that God doesn't get angry. All through the Old Testament we see examples of when God had enough. It's just a matter of time.

Let's be thankful for the Lord's compassion and then work toward avoiding sin at all times.

Please pray with me: "Father above, as you look down on us you must get so frustrated. Please forgive us our trespasses and lead us down a better path. Help us to avoid sin so we don't have to step out of it when Lent roles around each year. Amen"



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

- OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**
785-475-3103
Fr. Henry Saw Lone,
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE**
Fr. Henry Saw Lone
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.
- SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**
Fr. Henry Saw Lone
MASS: 5:30 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**
Pastor: Judi Stricker
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA
SUNDAY: Adult Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee: 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Worship Service, 11 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: 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.
- 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: Ray Gilstrap
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.
- NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST**
Pastor: Ray Gilstrap
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.
- LYLE UNITED METHODIST**
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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 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.
- SELDEN COMMUNITY CENTER**
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