

Congratulations to our new Norcatour City Council members, Jim Plotts, Wava Reames and Jerry Hill.

Karaoke will be held on Saturday at the Cardinal Bar and Grill.

Senior Citizens met on March 27 for a potluck dinner and cards with 25 present. Winners were Kathy VanMeter, Eleanor Jensen and Veda Wood.

Goldie Brewer is back to her usual activities, having regained much of her strength after a recent hospital stay and recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller, Justine Miller, and Katrina Wentz left on March 23 for Topeka, where they met with several of Justine's friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder for a bachelorette party for Justine on Friday night and Saturday. Stan and Carol and Katrina stopped in Hays and took Joel Miller out for dinner en route home. Mr. and Mrs. John Wood, Winston, Ore.; Shirley Crammer and Bobbie, Central Point, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. Claire Rupp, Wilson; Cathy Clausen, Oberlin; and Beth Johnson were lunch guests of Delphyn Biggs in Oberlin on March 27. Shirley Crammer is Beth Johnson's only living aunt.

Susan Bolek came March 28 to visit relatives and friends. In her honor, Lee and Lora Arnold hosted a supper at the Cardinal Bar and Grill Saturday evening, March 31.

Invited guests were Susan Bolek and Floss Baker, Mary Arnold, Estella Harold, Julianna, Mark, Nathan, Marissa and Jordan Baker, Bill LaSalle, Gary and Susan Hillebrand, John and Brenda Arnold, Dennis Leichter and Ruth Gill.

Bob Schoenrad was the winner of the KFNH radio station giveaway at the Oberlin Home and Garden Show, winning \$101 in meat from Raye's Grocery.

Guests of Jerry and Cheri Hill at Fossilstone Farm March 24-27 were their daughter, Lori, and her grandchildren, Kyler and Kaylee, of Broomfield, Colo.

Remember when you visit Norcatour that we do have speed limits in town, and going out of town. Watch your speed; there are children playing and people out walking.

Jeff Magers took his parents, Rea and Dee Magers, to Hays on March 26 for a medical appointment. Dee visited her Uncle Marion and Aunt Lorraine, at St. John's while there.

Carol Ann (Carter) Kennedy, Colby, and Carla (Carter) Ogorzoka, Kearney, Neb., were visitors of Rea and Dee Magers on Sunday, April 1. Loretta and Eldon Carter were their parents.

Terri James has been moved to the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. Mail will reach her at the Inpatient Rehab, Room 242, 10 E. 31st St., Kearney, Neb., 68847.

Alice Anderson, and John and Mary Rubendall of Franklin, Neb., enjoyed lunch at Norcatour Cardinal Café on March 27. They were met there by John and Alice's cousin, Peggy and Dean Groneweg of Oberlin.

The Jackson boys, Delbert and Dallas, and Harlan Palmer, known as The County Plus, will be entertaining at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Saturday, April 21, starting at 7 p.m.

Jacob Helm and his father, Mike Helm, went to Abilene for the 2007 State Geography Bee and enjoyed touring the Eisenhower Center. Jacob did not place but received a certificate and a shirt after answering 5 out of 8 questions right.

Norcatour's second annual City Wide Garage Sale will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 12. Sign up at the City Office Building or the Post Office.

Norcatour City Clerk Chris Dempewolf had surgery on March 26 and is spending some time resting and recuperating before returning to work. Also, the Norcatour Museum will be opening later than planned. Watch the Norcatour News for opening day.

Bee Nelson, Oran and LaVerne Milner and Dorothy Ward the first anniversary of Garden Gate Florals Etc., and had hot dogs there.

Carol New has been hard at work cleaning the sidewalks and curbs on Main Street. It looks like someone cares about the area, and makes a good impression on everyone.

Wava Reames spent spring break in Oklahoma with her grandchildren, Shawna, Johnny, Shawnda and James. They all enjoyed a sightseeing trip across the Texas Panhandle to Clayton, N. M. also visited the Capulin Volcano and other points of interest. They also spent time in Dodge City.

# Welcome to tornado alley

Last year was another record year for tornadoes and we've already had activity this season. Severe thunderstorms have caused millions of dollars in damage to property and crops with wind, hail and torrential rain.

Even though March is the time set aside to prepare for severe weather, preparations should continue into April. Everyone should know where to go in severe weather.

Families should practice their severe-weather safety plan at home, work, school or other public locations. They should develop a safety plan for times when they are participating in outdoor recreation activities, sporting events or working outdoors.

Having an All Hazards Weather Radio approved by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Agency is like having a personal tornado siren in your home or vehicle. Every family should consider purchasing a weather radio and programming to receive severe weather warnings and information



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
Multi-county Extension Agent

from the National Weather Service.

If you already have an All Hazards Weather Radio, now is a great time to replace the backup battery in your unit so you will get severe weather information if the power goes out.

Now for some interesting Kansas Tornado Facts from 2006:

- Tornadoes: 92
- Deaths: none
- Injuries: 18
- Longest Track: 17.0 miles (Washington County - April 6)
- Strongest: F2 (March 30, April 1, and April 6)
- Most in a county: 10 (Ford County, Oct. 26)

Days of occurrence: 22

Most in one day: 28 (Oct. 26)

Most in one month: 28

Record Months: January (3) and October (28)

First tornado of the year: Jan. 28 (Harvey County, 3:17 p.m.)

Last touchdown of the year: Oct. 26 (Comanche County, 5:44 p.m.)

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## Good Samaritan Center

This week was spent in celebration of Holy Week. Monday during devotions we explored what that week was like for Jesus. On Monday, He cleansed the temple. Our devotion centered on cleansing our hearts ... our temple where the Holy Spirit resides.

The Sanhedrin challenged Jesus' authority on Tuesday, Mary anointed Him at Bethany and Judas bargained with the Jewish rulers to betray Him. We made glittered, colored eggs to display on a lilac branch during Art Class. For Living History, we watched Charleston Hesston give a dramatic account of The Passion.

On Wednesday the United Methodist Women held their meeting here, then served a bountiful display of homemade cookies for Social Hour. The Chanté singers from the high school entertained us. An hour later, the Faith Lutheran children came to play two bell pieces for us. Their performance was followed by an interactive Easter story entitled, "Benjamin's Box." This is a depiction of a young boy who followed Jesus the last week of His life, collecting "treasures" so he might tell Jesus' story over and over.

Jesus ate the Passover with His disciples. During Bible Study we looked at the history and tradition of the Jewish Passover and understood the symbolism of the blood and the wine, the body and the bread.

On Friday, Jesus was betrayed, arrested, beaten, tried, sentenced and crucified. This was the highlight of the week's activity. A Good Friday service was held; Pastor John Paulson read the Scriptures

while Lisa Stacy narrated. Anita Hirsch sang three songs interspersed throughout the service and Janice Shobe assisted with sound and lighting. Thank you to all who came to share this time with the residents.

All was quiet on Saturday, as Jesus lay dead in a cold, borrowed tomb.

Sunday, Christ arose! Easter service was brought by Pastor Doug Mason of the Lund Covenant Church.

Recent guests: **Roberta Urban** - Sylvia Wachendorfer, Mandy Morgan of Selden, Mary Depe of Trenton, Neb.; Faye Unger of Stratton, Neb.; **David McGee** - Lynette Donaldson, Enid McGee Folland of Almena; **Dorothy Hunt** - Ron Snyder of Colby, Reva Marshall; **Opal Bryan** - Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, the Brian Simonsson family;

**Lucy Schissler** - Margaret Fikan, Ralph Crim of Atwood, Mabel McLaughlin of Sturgeon, Mo.; **Thelma Spiers** - Joan Grafel of Herndon; Ben and Lee Spiers of Winterset, Iowa, Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh; **Ethel Nemeth** - Helen Brooks and Faith Meitl; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein; **Faye Miller** - Maurice and Rita Schaller, Larned;

**Ruth Laidig** - Kim Mehl of Warrensburg, Mo., Ernie and Janice Mehl of North Platte, Neb., Glenva Nichols, Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh; **Elaine Thomas** - Harry and Bev Eiler of McCook, Barb Castor; **Dorothy Pryor** - Linda and Bethany Smith, Atwood; **Leo Mooty and Alvina Unger** - Norma and Ralph Unger.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Easter weekend guests of Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther and family were Karl and Gayle Reuther and his daughter, Tara Winslow and Seth, Akron, Ohio. Additional Easter dinner guests at their home Sunday were the Steve Noren, Greg Jones and Kyle Grafel families and Esther Noren.

Elma Lee Erickson entertained to Easter dinner on Sunday Bob and Karen Threlkel, Hays; Karla Mosteller and friend, Jason, Nebeca; Don and Em Threlkel, Delbert Erickson and Rex Erickson.

Mitch and Bev Messerly, Paul and Anna of Sublette and Sarah Olson of Manhattan were weekend visitors of Wesley and Eulaine Benda, Gerald and Patti Benda and Mark and Barbara Olson and family.

Steve Arnold, who underwent heart surgery in Kearney, Neb., returned home last Tuesday. Relatives who visited him and his wife, Arian, while he was hospitalized were Nione Rhodin, Loveland, Colo., and Galen and Lynne Olson, McKinney, Texas. The Arnolds visited on Easter Sunday afternoon with her mother, Edla Olson, at the Good Samaritan Center.

Easter supper guests of John and Ardythe Cederberg were Diane, Donny, Derek and Megan Ruppert of McCook, and Ron and Cindy Sattler.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson were honored by their family with a dinner and anniversary cake on Saturday evening at the LandMark Inn in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary, which was March 10. Others present were Rex, Seth, Sam and Abbie Olson, Boulder, Colo.; Sarah Olson, Manhattan; Chris and Keely Wilson and Julie, Kearney, Neb.; Tyler Witt and Tiffanie Robinson, Gering, Neb.; and Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary, and James and Kimberly Witt, Ashley and Whitney, Oberlin.

Easter dinner guests of Elden and Detta Anderson were Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, and Gary Anderson.

Brady Ginther of Menlo spent his Easter vacation from Thursday to Monday with his grandparents, J.R. and Carrol Ginther. Easter dinner guests there were Blaine and Erin Ginther, Cameron, Will and Sophia and Harlan and Naida Ginther, Atwood, and Brady and Brandy Ginther.

Dick and Donna Kelley spent Easter weekend with Kevin and Debbie Kelley and family in Topeka.

Easter dinner guests of Chris and Sherri Schmidt were T.J. and Danace McDonald and family of Colby and LeRoy and Daisy Schmidt.

## 'A Meal of Celebration and Remembrance'

By the Rev. Heidi M. Wiebe, Evangelical Covenant Church of Oberlin

I have always been of the opinion that meals are wonderful times of fellowship and celebration. That is how it has always been in my family — holiday meals, special birthday celebrations, and everyday family dinners. These meals were wonderful opportunities to catch up with one another and remember the milestones in our lives.

Four days after Jesus rode into Jerusalem, he met with his disciples to share such a meal with them. This meal was part of the celebration of Passover, the meal that celebrated how God had redeemed his people out of slavery in Egypt. Each dish they ate and every cup of wine they drank, brought to mind the events of this defining moment in their nation's history.

"Take some of the blood (from the sheep they killed to eat) and put it on the sides and tops of the door frames of the houses. I will pass through Egypt. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. I am the Lord." (Exodus 12:7, 12-13)

At this last meal that Jesus ate with his disciples,

he used the elements of the Passover meal to redefine the meaning of the redemption he was bringing to the world, redemption bought with his own blood.

Jesus took the unleavened bread — the bread the Jews ate during Passover to remember how they had to leave Egypt in a hurry — and he gave thanks for the bread and said, "This is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then Jesus took a cup of wine — one of four cups of wine used during the Passover meal to celebrate the four "I will" promises of God, promises of freedom, deliverance, redemption and thanksgiving — and just as with the bread, Jesus blessed the cup and said, "This cup is my blood, my new covenant with you. Each time you drink this cup, remember me." (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

This last supper that Jesus shared with his disciples was a meal of remembrance. Every time they ate this meal in years to come, they would remember how Jesus' blood was shed and how his body was broken so that they would be set free from the slavery of sin. Yes, that indeed is a meal to celebrate.

lunch. On Sunday, Don and Joan Grafel and Ben and Lee Spiers had dinner with their mother, Thelma Spiers.

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Tonight!  
475-2206

## 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 METHODIST CHURCH**  
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.

**NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Ray Gilstrap  
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 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

SATURDAY: Worship, 7 p.m.; 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**  
110 North Kansas Street  
Selden, Kansas  
Brother John L. Paulson  
SUNDAY: Worship, 3 p.m.; Fellowship 2:30-2:55 and immediately following message.

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