

Jodi Lyon accompanied Bee Nelson to Wichita for Easter with their families. Jodi visited her daughter, Sharlyn and Gene Mer-mis, Riann, Brier and Morgann. Bee was a guest of her son, Todd and Denise Nelson, and Garrett.

Easter dinner guests of Robbie and Jeni Henningson and boys were Mandi, Pat and Saige Morel of St. Joseph, Mo.; Tif, Sam, Tayton and Parker O'Toole, McCook; and Herb and Carol Shirley, and Alice Shirley of Oberlin.

Marguerite Clark and Wava Reames visited Frank and Velda Ward at Cedar Living Center on April 6.

On Saturday, April 7, Dorothy Ward joined Marguerite Clark and Wava Reames for lunch, then Wava and LaVerne Milner went to Norton to the open house for Delores

Atkinson's birthday at the Senior Citizens Center. For supper, Wava and Marguerite hosted a potluck meal with guests Oran and LaVerne Milner and Dorothy Ward. Oran and LaVerne brought some DVDs of the old Dean Martin show, which they enjoyed.

**Birthdays and anniversaries:** Jerry Temple - April 12; Frank and Velda Ward - April 14; Brad and Shanna Long - April 16.

Senior Citizens met April 6 at the Educational Building. Winners were Eleanor Jensen, Margaret Magers and Ivy Rolland. The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Educational Building. Come join us!

Rodney Stapp is home after his stay in the Kearney hospital. His daughters, Janelle Morel and Leann Hanson, as well as his wife, Delores,

have been with him during this time.

Easter weekend guest of Don and Joye Hill was their son, Steve, of Denver.

Guests at the Stan Miller farm for Easter weekend were Joel Miller of Hays and Justine Miller of El Dorado. Mr. and Mrs. John Rule of Clayton, joined them on Easter Sunday for dinner.

Virgil and Joyce Price attended the annual Easter sunrise service and breakfast at Lyle. Randy Allen and Sherri Regal were Easter dinner guests at the Price home.

Kenneth and Pansy Price's granddaughter, Kathy Jo, and three great-grandchildren, from Grand Junction, Colo., arrived by train in McCook. Grandmother Estella Harold met them and brought them to the Price sale.

Norcatu's second annual City-wide Garage Sale will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 12.

Visiting Wayne and Norma McCallister from April 6 to 9 were Tom and Deb Blake of Mustatine, Iowa. The Blakes had been vacationing before coming through Norcatu. Wayne and Tom were in the army in Nuenberg, Germany in 1970. Mildred Schwab of Norton enjoyed Easter with them. The Blakes also stopped to visit with Rob McCallister and family in Holcomb.

### MUSEUM TIDBITS

The 1914 *Pocket Facts Book* about Norcatu listed the following railroad fares from Norcatu: to Oberlin, \$0.42; to McCook, \$2.72; to Denver, \$8.50; and to Kansas City, \$7.10.

# Get vehicle ready for summer



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
Multi-county Extension Agent

- fluid reservoir.
- Check air conditioning, especially in older cars.
- Check the spare tire and make sure a jack is in the car.
- Be alert to changes in gauges; consider carrying an empty gas can in the trunk.
- Assemble a car care kit, perhaps with a few wrenches, pliers, flashlight, extra can of oil, can opener, jug of water, and tire pressure gauge.
- A cell phone can be handy, but not always a guarantee, if a battery needs charging or signal is out of range.
- Gather some non-perishable food items, such as cereal bars, canned or dried fruit, a jar of peanut butter and crackers, water, a few utensils, roll of paper towels and antiseptic wipes for long trips and store them in a water- and bug-proof container out of the sun.
- Plan your route, including possible stops for a rest or restroom break and fuel, and allow time for frequent breaks to refresh driver and passengers.
- Let others know the route you plan to travel and when you expect to arrive, so they'll know where to start looking if you fail to arrive.
- Carry your driver's license and

health insurance information with you; verification of registration and car insurance also should be in the car.

- Wear a seat belt and make sure passengers do the same.
- Choose a four-lane road whenever possible, and if you want to look at the scenery, stop at an overlook with parking provided rather than taking your eyes off the road.
- Follow the rules of the road, which include allowing plenty of time and being patient, rather than passing another car, truck or farm vehicle when approaching a no-passing zone.
- Keep distractions to a minimum; plan a rest stop to let the kids use up some energy, and leave phone calls for another time.

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## Good Samaritan Center

This week in both Bible studies we looked at the principals of sowing and reaping. The ladies were well acquainted with the concept of sowing and reaping as it related to crops and harvest, most having been either raised on a farm or married to a farmer.

They were able to give me (a city girl) some invaluable insights. They knew the truth of the Scripture that states, "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." (II Corinthians 9:6)

When we applied this to our spiritual walk, we could easily see the benefit of sowing seeds of kindness, encouragement, and love into the lives of others. We can even plant seeds of salvation in those who don't yet know Jesus as their Lord and Savior, understanding that we may not be around to reap the harvest. Sowing and reaping happen in different seasons, but harvest time will surely come.

As I reviewed the activities last week, I was again struck by the number of volunteers who faithfully come week after week. They will be blessed for giving of their time and talents to our Good Sam family. People in this community are so generous and give in so many different ways.

Just for fun, let's take a sampling of a typical week to see how many volunteers passed through: Monday - Barbara Dehlinger, devotions; Cheryl Miller, piano; 180 House boys, discussion group.

Tuesday - Phil Erickson, devotions; Diana Steinmetz, Jeni Henningson and 18 first-graders, First Hand Friends; Dennis Brown, Forget-Me-Nots, social hour;

Wednesday - Mert McEvoy, Bible study; Dorothy Alstrom and Rosella Meitl, nails; Ellen Horn, social hour; Marilyn Horn and Colleen Geihlsler, bingo.

Thursday - Phyllis Metcalf, library; Gladys Geis, plants and one-on-one visits; Carol Duncan, current events; Father Henry: Catholic services.

Friday - Pastor Keith Reuther, Men's coffee.

Saturday - Dennis Brown, devotions; Daisy Rhein, Adopt-a-

grandparent; Larry Mack, poker night; Steve Stacy, painting in Garden of Hope.

Just in one week, 43 community members came sowing seeds of love and friendship. Isn't God good to have placed Good Sam on the hearts of so many? We do appreciate all who contribute and I know there are many more whom I have not mentioned by name.

We are seeking some new volunteers to work in the Garden of Hope activity room, and also some pen pals. If this is something you would like to do, please call Lisa Stacy at (785) 475-2245.

We will be celebrating our volunteers at 2 p.m. on Saturday during National Volunteer Week.

Recent guests: **Roberta Urban-Faye Unger**, Stratton, Neb.; Sylvia Wachendorfer, Selden; John Urban, Colby; Mary Depe, Trenton, Neb.; Donna Mae Frandsen; **Dorothy Hunt** - Ron Snyder, Colby; Reva Marshall; **Thelma Spiers** - Ben and Lee Spiers, Winterset, Iowa; Joan Grafel, Herndon; **Opal Bryan** - Sharon Slabaugh; **Irel Lohofener** - Jerry Lohofener;

**Dorothy Bryan** - Carol and John Barrett; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein; **Lucy Schissler** - Mabel McLaughlin, Sturgeon, Mo.; **Ethel Nemeth** - Betty Heisel and Shelby Hackney; **Faye Miller** - Maurice and Rita Shaller, Larned; **David McGee and Harlan Geihlsler** - Mercedes, Wesley, Monica, Maria, Jimmy, Jr. and Jamie Geihlsler;

**Ruth Laidig** - Kim Mehl, Warrensburg, Mo.; Ernie and Janice Mehl, North Platte, Neb.; **Elaine Thomas** - Harry and Bev Eiler, McCook; Barb Castor; Elsie Wolters; **Kathryn Post** - Sarah Capps, McCook; Gladys Geis; **John and Muriel Ready** - Esther Ready, David and Nick Chomowicz, New York City; Jessie and Corbin Luck, Wichita; Norma Unger;

**Dorothy Pryor** - Elsie Wolters; **Leo Mooty** - Norma and Ralph Unger; **Eulaine Benda** - Phyllis Klich, Denver; Eloise Smith; **Edla Olson** - Marcellie Berryman, Aurora, Colo.; **Mae Guy, Ruby Wenhian, Helen Marintzer, Doris Marintzer, Pooch Portschy and Loren Escher**: Chris Wood.

## 'A Death That Saves'

By Pastor Heidi M. Wiebe,  
Evangelical Covenant Church of Oberlin

It is never easy to watch a loved one die, especially if their death is a painful one.

When I was a pastor in Iowa, I was a chaplain for the county hospice program. One of the patients I worked with was dealing with intense pain, brought on by cancer which had pervaded his body. In order to keep him comfortable, he was given pain medication.

Unfortunately, his death was prolonged and the nurse had to increase the level of pain medication to keep him comfortable. The last 24 hours of his life were excruciating for him and for his family, due to the toxic levels of pain medication in his body. Hallucinating and restless, it was not an easy death for his family to witness.

As painful as his death was to witness, I thought that his family might be upset about the care they had received from hospice. But their reaction surprised me.

They were grateful that in spite of his ever-present, often excruciating pain, they were able to share those moments with him. They were grateful to hospice for providing a way in which they

could share in the death of their loved one, just as they had shared in his life.

So it was for Jesus' friends, family and followers when it came time for him to die. As dangerous as it might have been for them to be there, they could not imagine being anywhere else except with Jesus at this moment of his death.

Jesus had made it clear for quite some time that dying was part of what he had been called to do, but I am not sure that his disciples and followers really understood what that meant. Surely none of them had envisioned that this man, who they had come to love and follow, would die such a horrible death.

Death by crucifixion was excruciatingly painful, with nails driven through both hands and feet as one was nailed to a cross. Jesus willingly died such a death, for he knew that when he died, he would take the sins of the world with him.

"This is how much God loved the world: he gave his son, his one and only son (to die, emphasis mine). And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life." (John 3:16)



## 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. (Nurses 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**  
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.



## Annual Meeting Notice

for the Members of the Decatur Co-op  
**Thursday, April 19, 2007**  
at The Gateway

Serving meal: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Business meeting: 7:30 p.m.



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