

Mark your calendars for a benefit for a new roof for the city building, a spaghetti supper with all the fixings, to be held from 5 to 7 p.m. this Sunday in the All-purpose Room in the city building. The event will be sponsored by the Decatur County Chamber of Commerce. Admission will be by freewill donation.

The Clayton United Methodist Bazaar will be this Saturday, with a supper from 5 to 7 p.m., and an auction following, at the Clayton Community Building. Everyone is welcome.

The Norcatour United Methodist Church annual bazaar, Oct. 20, will be a soup and pie supper starting at 5 p.m. and an auction at 7 p.m. This year's feature quilt will be a "Just For You" pattern with purple, rust and green colors. This is the major fund raiser for the church. Your dollars keep the church open in this community. Donations of any kind would be appreciated.

The annual Decatur County Royal Neighbors Convention was held in Oberlin at The Gateway on Sept. 22. Rexford camp members were hostesses. Camps from McCook and Wilsonville, Neb., Norcatour, and Oberlin attended Ladies from the Norcatour Camp attending were Estella Harold, Joyce Price, Beth Johnson, Neoma Tacha, Dorothy Woods, Lee and Lora Arnold and Crystal Moore. The McCook camp will host the annual convention next year.

On Sept. 14, Bob and Anita Montgomery went to Hutchinson for the Farm Bureau Ag Day at the State Fair. They were honored, along with other families, for being Century Farmers. Their farm was homesteaded in 1894, and their son, Ron and Gina Montgomery and family, live in the original farm house. Bob and Anita were honored earlier this month at The Gateway, along with three other families, by the Decatur Farm Bureau. Bobbie and Lee Frank, Ron and Gina Montgomery and Alyssa, and Renee Harman joined them for the occasion.

On Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill, Lee and Lora Arnold hosted a September birthday supper for Dennis Leichter, Ruth Gill and Mark Baker. Additional guests were Julianna, Nathan, Marissa, Jordon and Noah Baker, Mary Arnold, Estella Harold, Bill LaSalle, and John and

Brenda Arnold.

Keith Anthony's daughter, Lynn McFarland, stopped for a short visit on Friday, Sept. 21. She was returning home from Fruita, Colo., and left on Monday.

Birthdays and anniversaries: the Rev. Ray Gilstrap, Doug and Chris Dempewolf - Oct. 4; Elden and Marilou Long - Oct. 6; Rebecca Wentz, Jim and Carolyn Plotts - Oct. 8; Lee and Lora Arnold - Oct. 10.

Welcome to Jerry Westcott, and daughter, Bonnie. They are new residents of Norcatour, residing at 307 N. Dexter.

Megan and Blake Hillebrand plan to honor their parents, Frank and Susan Hillebrand on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Eagles Club in Norton in observance of their 25th wedding anniversary. Social hour will begin at 7 p.m. followed by a dance at 8:30 p.m. Francis Hillebrand and Susan le Beau were married Oct. 16, 1982, in Norton.

Their attendants were Les Ward, Norcatour; Joe Metcalf, Danbury, and Patty Stephen Gall and Marla Uhrich Bozart, Norton.

Guests at the Stan Miller farm Saturday night, Sept. 29, were Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle, El Dorado. They and Carol's folks, Mr. and Mrs. John Rule Sr., Clayton, went to Hays on Sunday morning, Sept. 30, to help Carol's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Rule Jr., celebrate their 40th anniversary. Also attending were John's two boys, Doug and Jason Rule, both of Hays, and their families, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Sophia, Topeka.

Gerald and Judy Jackson report that they have been working at a storage unit at Lewisville, Texas, for the past couple of months or so, and have about a month left until their replacements take over. Their daughter, Charlotte, has been living in their home, and has purchased the former Esther Miller home. The Jacksons enjoyed the company of Barb (Alexander) and Butch Marvin for a couple of days recently. The couples visited the memorial site of John F. Kennedy and the Dallas World Aquarium.

Gary and Cathy Anthony enjoyed their 5-year-old grandson, Jack Farr, the weekend of Sept. 21-23. He is the son of Windy Farr, Oberlin.

We are looking for someone to repair the playground equipment

behind the Norcatour City Building. If interested, please contact Chris Dempewolf at the City Office.

Recent visitors of Rea and Dee Magers were Bob Jones and Marguerite Clark, and out-of-towners Dennis and Maggie Skalka, San Antonio, and Doyle and Pat Magers, and Doug and Pam Magers, Ashland, Ohio. A barbecue was held Friday, though the wind chased everyone inside. Those present were Toots Magers, Doyle and Pat Magers, Doug and Pam Magers, Jeff Magers, Judy and Charlie Easton, and Janie Engelhardt. They all visited on the phone with Doug and Doyle's mother, Wilma Magers, in Ohio.

Virgil and Joyce Price drove to Lamar, Colo., the weekend of Sept. 29, to visit his sister, Bula Kelley, who is in a nursing home there, and also visited with Charley and Carolyn Kelley. Charley brought Bula to their home, where all spent the afternoon visiting. On Sunday, Sept. 30, Virgil and Joyce had breakfast with Bula at the nursing home before returning to Norcatour.

MUSEUM TIDBITS

Recent donations included a Norcatour Rural High School letter sweater belonging to Larry Hix, a copy of the *Norcatour Register* dated Oct. 13, 1899, from Dorothy Ward; letters, postcards, tablet and picture from Wava Reames, including a photo marked at the bottom, "E.D. Macfee, photo artist, Norcatour, KS"; and a softball including signatures from the Norcatour Oilers ball team, from Les and Lynn Ward.

Make sure it's really clean



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

to kill the germs inside a sponge. And after recent reports that the best way to sterilize a kitchen sponge was to heat it in a microwave oven, some people were surprised to find their sponge caught on fire!

If you like to use a sponge in the kitchen, use a cellulose sponge with no metal parts. To kill 99 percent of bacteria on the sponge, rinse to remove detergent and other chemicals, soak fully with water, and place in a microwave oven. Heat for

two minutes in a 1,000-watt microwave. Remove hot sponge carefully. Repeat daily. Replace the sponge every week or so.

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Membership Drive Dinner Mortgage Burning Celebration!

Saturday - October 13 - 6:30 p.m.

Porkburgers, baked beans, coleslaw, and the fixin's



Oberlin American Legion

114 S. Rodehaver — Oberlin, KS

'Why Did Jesus Die? - the power of sin'

By Pastor Doug Hasty,

Oberlin and Prairie Chapel United Methodist churches

One of the most well-known verses in Scripture is John 3:16. I suppose one reason it is so well known is that it captures the heart of the gospel in one verse: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Out of God's great love for us, He was willing to give His Son so we could live with Him forever.

Why did Jesus have to die? Why would God have to give up his one and only Son? Last week I presented the problem of sin. Scripture tells us everyone has missed the mark, in Romans 3:23: "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Last week I wrote about the "Pollution of Sin" and this week I want to take on the "Power of Sin."

The problem with sin is it can have an addictive power. Jesus said, "Everyone who sins is a slave to sin" (John 8:34). Now think about the sin in your life that you keep repeating. It's like being chained to it or trapped in a cage; you can't seem to get away from it.

The addictive power is easier to see in things like drugs or alcohol or gambling. But it is also possible to become addicted to bad temper, envy, arrogance, pride, selfishness, slander, or sexual immorality. We can become addicted to patterns of thought or behavior which, on our own, we cannot break. This is the slavery that Jesus spoke about.

The good news of the gospel is God himself provides the solution. We all have a great need to deal with the problem of sin in our lives. The greater our understanding of our need, the more we will appreciate what God has done.

Our Christian faith tells us God loves us and He made a way out of the mess we have made of our lives. He came to earth in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, to die in our place. This has been called the "self-substitution of God." In the words of the apostle Peter: "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree; by his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

The power of sin is countered by the marketplace. Debt is not a recent phenomenon; it was a problem in the ancient world as well. If someone had serious debts, he might be forced to sell himself into slavery. Suppose a man was standing in the marketplace, offering himself as a slave.

Someone might have pity on him and ask, "How much do you owe?"

The debtor might say, "Ten thousand." Suppose the customer offers to pay the ten thousand and then lets him go free. If that took place, he would be "redeeming him" by paying a "ransom price."

In a similar way Jesus redeems you and me by paying a debt we could never pay. Romans 3:24: "and (you) are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

And the apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians 1:7, "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace."

Your redemption has been bought at a great price, the precious blood of Jesus, which he freely gave because He loves you so much. In this way Jesus set us free from the power of sin; we are no longer slaves to sin - we have been set free! You can claim that freedom if you will receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior.



Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Stan and Ramona Shaw are happy to announce the arrival of their first great-grandchild. Tyce Austyn Bollars was born Oct. 5 at the Platte Valley Medical Center in Brighton, Colo., to Kyle and Lisa Bollars. He weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces. The proud maternal grandparents are Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs. Wilfred and Alice Wagoner are the paternal great-grandparents. Carol Shaw, Selden, is the great-great-grandmother.

Dave Haury of Wichita helped several days in the corn harvest at the Votapka farm.

Drake Rowh of Hoxie broke his elbow. He had surgery, to have a pin put in it, last Thursday in Hays. Drake is the son of Jason Rowh and great-grandson of Mary Votapka.

Chuck and Jo Mowry of Boise, Idaho, visited several days with his sister, Dorothy Jones, and nephew, Bob. They were on their way to Yuma, Ariz., for the winter.

United Methodist Women met Wednesday. The Pheasant Hunters Supper for Saturday, Nov. 3, was planned. Vickie Bailey led the Bible study with the topic, "Dehydrated Heart - With Heart Headed Home" and "When Death Becomes Birth."

Ladies present included Helen Rhodes, Kay Brown, Terri Hanke, Vickie Bailey, Kathy Nauer, Patty Foster, Glenda Johnson, Lila Jennings, Rachel Carter, and Louise Cressler. Kay Brown served cookies and tea.

Housing Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Kris and Farah Erickson of Lindsborg, who were married on Oct. 1 in Las Vegas. Their parents are Roxie Erickson, Manhattan; Delbert Erickson, Atwood; and Pat and Elvera Wendelin, Lindsborg. A reception honored them Saturday evening at the Pat Wendelin home in Lindsborg and many attended from this area.

Steve and Arian Arnold met Sven and Ingali Lindqvist of Stockholm, Sweden, in Denver on Sept. 25, then all were overnight guests of Mike and Nione Rhodin in Loveland, Colo. The Arnolds and Lindqvists vacationed in the Black Hills, then went to Grand Junction, Colo., where they saw the Colorado Monument and other points of interest and were breakfast guests of Duane and Phyllis Berry. The two couples returned to the Arnold home on Thursday. Nione Rhodin joined them for the weekend and they all had dinner on Saturday with Edla Olson.

Those who gathered for lunch on Monday at the LandMark Inn were the Lindqvists, Mrs. Arnold, Edla Olson, Norma Anderson, Elden and Detta Anderson and Gary Ander-

son. The Lindqvists plan to leave today.

Pastor Keith Reuther attended the wedding of Shane Spanier and Sal Elizabeth Finney in Corunna, Mich., on Saturday. The bridegroom is the son of Deanne Spanier, a former band teacher in Atwood and Oberlin.

Bill Adams of Colby was guest speaker on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church, representing Gideons International.

Covenant Women will meet at 6 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) at the church to prepare meat for the smorgasbord, then will clean the church at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Internet

Tonight!

475-2206

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
Fr. Henry Saw Lone,
MASS: 10:30 p.m., Sunday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE
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
Mike Larson
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, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Youth Group 4 p.m.

NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ray Gilstrap
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Carol Woodmaneee, 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.

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