

Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller went to El Dorado on March 10, to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle. They went to Wichita on Thursday and took a tour of Riverside Child Start, the school where daughter Justine teaches and also of Auto Tech where Casey works. Then Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder, Topeka, met them all in Wichita and they went to the new Intrust Bank Arena to see Bon Jovi in concert. The Millers went back to El Dorado and stayed until Justine got off work on Friday and then she accompanied them home for a week while the school she teaches at is on spring break. Casey will come back next weekend to get her and they will visit with his folks, the Rodney Tuttle at Quinter before returning home.

Happy birthday and anniversary to Venessa Bacon, Bob Sawdon, March 17; Michael Sedlmayer, March 18; Norma McCallister, Forrest and Inez Jackson, March 19; Dorothy Ward, March 20; and

Kelsey Gallentine, March 21.

Last Wednesday, March 10, eleven ladies gathered at the Cardinal Bar and Grill for lunch and an afternoon of fun and games. They enjoyed it and decided to meet again next month. Attending were Patsy Price, Bee Nelson, DeVonna New, Dorothy Ward, Veda Wood, Iris Smith, Wava Reames, Judy Jackson, Rose Bainter, Lorena Taylor and Carolyn Strevey. Everyone, ladies only, is welcome to join them. Let one of them know if you are interested and they will let you know when we know the next date.

Bee Nelson attended a family get-together at the Max Ward home in Clayton on Sunday, March 14. It was to help Max celebrate his 90th birthday on Monday, March 15, and Norma and Max's 63rd wedding anniversary Tuesday, March 16.

Results of the dart tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Wednesday, March 10, were: Game 1 - Kristi Gallentine, first; Delores

Gallentine, second; and Alice Barnett, third. Game 2 - Alice Barnett, first; Delores Gallentine, second; and Kristi Gallentine, third.

Wava Reames is enjoying her grandchildren, Shawna and James, who are visiting. They arrived Saturday and Shawnda will return to Dover, Okla., Tuesday, but James will stay until next Saturday.

Dave and Patty Stapp went to the Big 12 Men's Basketball tournament held at the Sprint Center in Kansas City on March 9. Kortney and Jerrod Poire met them on Saturday and they attended the KU-K State game. They returned home Sunday, March 14.

Patty Stapp was a Sunday evening visitor at Marian Dempewolf's and also visited with Linda Schliep, Spencer and Addison.

Weekend guests of Dorothy Ward were Mark, Debby and Brandon Ward of Hugo, Colo., and K.J. Ward, college student at Bethel College in Newton, and fiancée Breanna Sage, Newton. While here, Mark, Dorothy and Bee Nelson attended the memorial services for David Stuewe, Saturday afternoon, at Norton. They also celebrated Dorothy's birthday with cake and singing the happy birthday song. Debby made a lovely quilt as a birthday gift.

Doug, M.J. and Chris Dempewolf and Scott Lyon attended the Jeff Dunham comedy show in Wichita on Friday evening. On Saturday, they stopped to visit with Ray Jr. and his family, then the girls went to have a massage for Sharee's 23rd birthday. Sunnie Fredrickson joined them for the massage. Afterwards they went to Gella's in Hays to finish celebrating Sharee's birthday.



Easter and eggs go together

It's true. Easter and eggs and the tradition of coloring eggs with your family at Easter seem to go together "like peas and carrots" according to Forrest Gump.

Eggs are decorated, used as decorations, and hunted at Easter. However, adults must still take the responsibility of keeping the youngest members of the family safe from food poisoning by answering the question, are these Easter Eggs safe?

- Dyeing eggs: After hard cooking eggs, dye them and return them to the refrigerator within 2 hours. Use a food-safe coloring. As with all foods, wash hands before handling the eggs.

- Decorations: One Easter bread recipe is decorated with dyed, cooked eggs in the braided bread. After baking, serve within 2 hours or refrigerate and use within 3 to 4 days.

- Blowing out egg shells: Because some raw eggs may contain Salmonella, you must use caution when blowing out the contents to hollow out the shell for decorating, such as for Ukrainian Easter eggs. Use only eggs that have been kept refrigerated and are uncracked. Wash the egg in hot water to destroy any bacteria, and then rinse in a solution of one teaspoon liquid chlorine bleach per half cup of water. After blowing out the egg, refrigerate the contents and use within 2 to 4 days.

- Hunting eggs: Hard-cooked eggs for an egg hunt must be prepared with care to prevent cracking the shells. If the shells crack, bacteria could contaminate the inside. Eggs should be hidden in places that are protected from dirt, pets, and other sources of bacteria. The total time for hiding and hunting eggs should not exceed 2 hours. The "found" eggs must be re-refrigerated and



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
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eaten within 7 days of cooking.

In great-grandmothers day, eggs were not always refrigerated. So why is it so important to refrigerate eggs? The answer is in temperature fluctuation. With the concern about Salmonella, eggs gathered from laying hens should be refrigerated as soon as possible. After eggs are refrigerated, they need to stay that way. A cold egg left out at room temperature can sweat, facilitating the growth of bacteria. Refrigerated eggs should not be left out more than 2 hours.

When shell eggs are hard cooked,

the protective coating is washed away, leaving bare the pores in the shell for bacteria to enter and contaminate it. Hard cooked eggs should be refrigerated within two hours of cooking and used within a week.

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Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Gary Anthony reported that Carol Woodmansee, who has been in Wichita for health reasons, is back in Norton, and moving to a smaller home which doesn't have steps.

Todd Sumner and his friend, Kevin Metcalf, took a fun trip on their bikes to Florida.

Joyce Sumner went with her son, Ward and family to Olathe to help celebrate a birthday last weekend. On Friday, March 12, Joyce was visited by Larry's daughter, Mandy Davison; her two children, Spencer and Shelby and Nichole DeWitts two children, Ethan and Macy Grace.

Keith Anthony's daughter, Sissy, reported that Keith is improving, which is very good news. Gary is also doing well, and is able to get around on his own with a walker.

Gary Anthony, Margaret "Toots" Magers, June Jolly and Veda Wood joined the group at the Norcatur Educational Building who took their sack lunches and took the AARP Driver Safety Program given

by Anise Gill of Norton.

Toots Magers' daughters, Jane Engelhardt and Judy Easton took Toots to McCook to help Tena Larson celebrate her 95th birthday.

June Jolly keeps busy with playing cards two or three times a week, quilting and other activities, including lowering the boom on the skunk population. She planned to have a pterygium removed from her eye on March 19. We wish you well, June, and get well fast.

Veda Wood's granddaughter, Tielia and her son, Grant, visited her on Saturday and she cut Veda's hair. Her children are visiting this weekend. Her eight-year-old son, Grant Slater, won a medal for pinning three opponents in his wrestling tournament in Arapahoe, Neb.

Sandy McNames and her Sweet Adelines friend, Marcia, ate supper with Veda Wood on Saturday, then they went to the Cardinal Bar and Grill, where they joined in on the Karaoke singing.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

Oh Lord, our Lord how majestic is your name in all the earth! Psalm 8:1

Isn't the hint of spring wonderful? Have you surveyed your yard yet to see the earth bursting forth little green shoots that will soon come to full bloom announcing the resurrection of the earth and also our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Many of our devotions this month have been helping us to prepare our hearts for Easter. We have activities planned that will help us to focus on the events that took place over 2000 years ago that have secured us victory over death and given us the promise of eternal life.

Our mission here at the Good Sam is "In Christ's Love, Everyone is someone." This is what sets us apart. We are a Christian Community of Care, seeking to extend Christ's love both in word and deed to those we serve. It is reflected in the activity programming, our administrative meetings, care plans and every day life here at the center.

The Bible study "Experiencing God" is almost over; just one more lesson to go! What a blessing it has been to the participants and to the whole facility. Two of the principles that have been the most prominent are recognizing that God is at work all around us and that God invites us to join Him in His work.

Amy Rehm, Shirley Hayward, Dorothy Pryor, Dorothy Hunt, Alice Bobbitt, Lucy Schissler, Violet Schissler, Opal Bryan, Eva Bryan, Leone Porsch, Evelyn Olson, Faye Miller, Myrtle Ross, Leona Helmkamp, Edla Olson, Betty May and Walter May are faithful to come twice a week. They leave the Quiet Room eagerly watching for God and the opportunity to join Him in doing something for others. The awareness of reaching out to others has had an astounding effect.

Residents who are unable or choose not to come to scheduled activities are now being visited by friends who are seeking them out for conversation and company.

The ladies who get around easily go room to room reminding others of upcoming programs or lunch reminders. One lady confided in me saying when she moved to the Good Sam she had determined not to do anything. She came here to rest after a long life of hard work and caring for others, but now she sees the foolishness in that thinking.

She is now one of the most vibrant, involved, happy residents living here. What joy and purpose she has found in watching for God and then joining Him!

This week we also celebrated St. Patrick's Day. We enjoyed learning about the history of St. Patrick during Living History, singing Irish Songs, sharing "No Blarney Trivia," making Shamrock Brooches and Tea Cup Friends during Art Class, making 160 smaller words out of "St. Patrick's Day" (last year we only came up with 120 words ... must be proof we are getting older and wiser) and sharing special treats with the STAR committee during Social Hour on Wednesday.

Hattie Toth turned 99 on Thursday! We'll be celebrating on Tuesday along with the other March birthday honorees: Evelyn Olson, Betty May, Mary Lemman and Ethel Nemeth. Cheryl Miller will be playing the piano for us during the party.

We again gathered in Town Square on Friday to say good-bye to a long time friend, Eleanore Demmer. Janice Shobe gave a moving message addressing God's role in the midst of debilitating diseases such as Alzheimer. He promises in His Word that He will never leave us nor forsake us, and that His Holy Spirit will comfort us. Eleanore was well loved and will be missed by all of us here.

Friday we dressed in Western duds in anticipation of the Saturday night Hoedown! A cowboy, riding a wild horse named Trigger stampered into our game of Toss your Hat into the Ring drowning out the cowboy songs playing on the radio! Rumors have it the Hoedown was a huge success! Watch for updates and pictures!

At 1 p.m. on Friday, April 2, the Community Good Friday Service will be held here in Town Square hosted by the Decatur County Ministerial Association. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us!

Our guests this week included Shirley Williams (Atwood) for Hattie Toth. Ralph and Norma Unger for Leo Mooty, Walter and Betty May and Earl Brown. Ron and Dixie Snyder (Colby) and Reva Marshall for Dorothy Hunt. Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler and Earl Brown. Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Ann Hazlett (Selden) for Leone Porsch. Arian Arnold for Edla Olson.

God's Wild Kingdom (Part 4)

By the Rev. Doug Hasty

United Methodist Churches, Oberlin and Prairie Chapel

I have been sharing some insights from Adam Hamilton, who is a pastor who has spoken at our Annual Conference several times, and in 2008 he went on a Safari in Africa.

One morning on safari the guides got Adam and his family up at 5 a.m. to take them to a watering hole, to show them some lessons about wild animals. Just beyond the watering hole are the mud holes where elephants or water buffalo wallow in the muddy water to cool themselves off. Now around the mud holes you begin to see what animals have left behind—dung! You can tell what animals have most recently been to the mud hole by the different types of dung. For example elephant dung is different than a lion's dung. You can even tell the difference between a white rhino and a black rhino. White rhino's are grazers and they chew up the grass they eat. They have a squared off mouth or a flat lip. While the black rhino are browser's and you can find cut twigs and thistle in their dung. They have a curled lip or a hooked lip to help them hold the twigs. So now if you find some rhino dung in your backyard when you call the animal control you can tell them if it's a white or black rhino.

What does this have to do with your spiritual life? It raises the question: "What will people know about you by what you leave behind?" What will be your legacy to your family and friends? Here I am not talking about a legacy of wealth and possessions but the lessons, the impressions, the attitudes and character of your life. What will you be remembered by?

"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:2-3

God calls us to leave a legacy by the way we touch people's lives—the way that we bless them. When you get up each morning your task for the day is bless as many people as you can. The amazing thing is that as you bless other people you actually end up being blessed. The next time you are down or feeling blue, ask yourself what blessings have I given out lately? And if you have not helped someone, given a word of encouragement to someone or thanked someone for their help, then go and bless someone and you will be building a legacy of goodwill, compassion and hope.

Enjoy the safari!
Grace and Peace to you.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

- OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**
785-475-3103
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE**
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.
- SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday
- OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**
Jerry Nowack
120 South East, Oberlin
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.
- JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Pastor: Barbara Patterson
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 Sun. at 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Sun. following Worship

- OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)**
Pastor: Gene Gee
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.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: Larry Danforth
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.
- OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST**
South Beaver Street - Oberlin
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Fellowship and coffee time; 10:30 a.m. The "no sermon" worship hour with the Lords Supper and Adventures With God open bible study; TUESDAY: Ladies Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON**
Fr. Stephen Folorunso
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.
- HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH**
Pastor: Keith Reuther
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Youth Group, 4 p.m.

- NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST**
Pastor: Larry Danforth
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.
- LYLE UNITED METHODIST**
Guest Speakers every Sunday
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.
- EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN**
Pastors: Chris and Sharon Nelson
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
Interim Pastor: Kevin Schnakenberg
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
404 North York Avenue
Oberlin, Kansas
The Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler
Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053
SUNDAY: Worship, 10:00 a.m.; Fellowship and Educational Hour, 11:15 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays. THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

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