

# St. Mary's priest releases compact disc

The Rev. Nick Parker, who serves Catholic parishes at Herndon, Atwood and Beardsley, released a compact disc, "Stewards of Hope," a hymn of prayer and worship, on Saturday, the anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul II.



N. Parker

Father Parker said that he was approached by Father Randall Weber to write a song based on the Diocese of Salina pastoral plan of the same title.

"It was the hardest song I ever wrote," he said. "Most of the songs I have written are more light-hearted and were done more for personal enjoyment."

He said that the melody was dancing in his head as he wrote the words to the song.

Donetta Robben, executive director of Divine Mercy Radio in Hays, said she first heard the song at a farewell Mass for former Salina Bishop Paul Coakley.

"It's the most beautiful hymn with a catchy tune," said Ms. Robben, who was part of the Stewards

of Hope committee which put the pastoral plan together. "The words say exactly what Bishop Coakley was trying to accomplish with the Stewards of Hope pastoral plan, and I truly believe it is what God desires for his church."

"As soon as I heard it, I just felt in my heart it needed to be recorded for all to hear."

"Stewards of Hope" was produced by Anthony Pfeifer, owner of the Tone Group.

Father Parker, a graduate of Goodland High School, said he was humbled and honored to be asked to write the hymn.

"My hope is that Stewards of Hope will be used as a prayerful hymn to God to help us on our way of serving Him, and rally the faithful to be excited about serving our Lord," he said.

Ordained to the priesthood in 2008, Father Parker is the pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Atwood; Assumption of St. Mary, Herndon, and St. John Nepomucene at Beardsley.

The CDs are being given away for a \$10 donation or \$15 if mailed. The address is: Divine Mercy Radio, 108 E. 12th St., Hays, Kan., 67601.

# People in Our Community

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Evan Goldt is recuperating from surgery, which he underwent at M. D. Anderson Hospital. Mail will reach him at Rotary House International, 1600 Holcombe Blvd., room 425, Houston, Texas 77030.

Enid Anderson visited from Wednesday to Saturday in Salina with Clint and Avonne Anderson, Alycin, Amara and Parker.

Betsy Wearing, executive director of the Greater Salina Community Foundation, was among women of the Salina area, who were honored at the Women of Achievement banquet at the Salina Country Club on Thursday. The foundation has become worth more than \$64 million during her tenure. This foundation handles the finances for the Decatur Community High School Foundation. She is the wife of Ben Wearing, a nephew of Bill Goscha and Hank Juenemann of Oberlin.

**—Palm Sunday Brunch Buffet Sunday, April 17, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. LandMark Inn. Call 475-2340 for reservations.**

Steve Fraker of Fallun, Nev., and Melissa Mathews and family of Bennington, Neb., were weekend guests of their parents and grandparents, Bob and Marian Fraker. On Saturday, they were joined by Mark and Cathy Fraker, and Phil Fraker for steaks at Roger's Bar and Grill in Herndon to help Marian celebrate her birthday.

Jerad Marcuson, the cougar mascot for Barton County Community College, accompanied the cheer team to Daytona Beach, Fla., for the

National Cheer Association finals on Thursday and Friday. The team placed fourth in the junior college category and the dance team placed fifth.

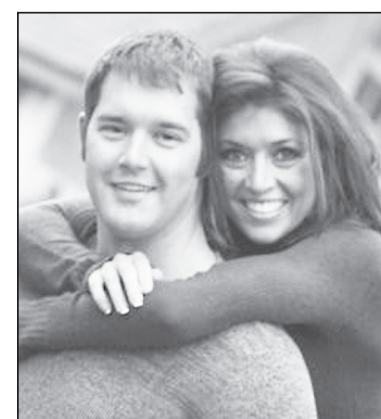
Jana Oliver of Raleigh, N.C., visited over the weekend with her parents, Loyd and Mary Waldo.

Roger and Nancy Robinson returned home Sunday from a vacation trip. They visited their son, Chris Robinson, in Phoenix, Ariz., then went to San Jacinto, Calif., to visit his father, Chet Bair. En route they visited her sister, Phyllis Ferreyra in Las Vegas, and family and friends in Scottsbluff, Neb.

Winning highs in pinochle at the Golden Age Center last week were Kelva Dryden, Doris Fringer, Veanna Carman, Norma Anderson, Max Carman, Dewaine Stapp and Marie McKisson. Lows went to Henry Edgett, Veanna Carman, Neil Marshall, Doris Fringer, Dorothy Moore and Ivis Hanson. Taking highs at pitch were Max Carman and Elden Haas with lows going to Ardythe Cederberg and Kelva Dryden. Eleanor Boyle and Millie Lippelmann were Chickenfoot winners. Bridge highs went to Cynthia Matson, Alice Shirley, Dewaine Stapp and Carol Shirley. Senior potluck, 12:15 p.m. Sunday at Golden Age Center.

Mabel McLaughlin is undergoing medical treatment and is staying with her son, George McLaughlin. Mail will reach her at Vineyard Park, 4985 Midway Road, Vacaville, Calif., 95688.

# Couple to wed May 28



Tiffini Overstreet and Matt Unger

Tiffini Overstreet and Matt Unger of Goodland plan to be married on Saturday, May 28, 2011, at the Pilgrim Chapel in Kansas City, Mo.

Parents of the couple are Bill and Lisa Overstreet, Olathe, and Evan and Sheryl Unger, Oberlin.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Olathe East High School and earned an Associate's degree from Johnson County Community College with an emphasis in American Sign Language. She is the director of marketing and events at Northwest Kansas Technical College and also teaches dance at the Right Combination Dance Studio in Goodland.

Her fiance graduated in 1997 from Decatur Community High School and earned an Associate's Degree from Cloud County Community College in agribusiness. He attended Kansas State University and also earned an associate's in telecommunication network analysis from Northwest Tech. He works as an ag management solutions technician at Goodland Greenline Inc.

# Club News

## Women meet at center

Oberlin United Methodist Women answered roll call at the April 6 meeting, held in the Quiet Room of Good Samaritan Center, with Bible verses from the book of Psalms. Devotions entitled "A Second-Hand Easter" were given by Fern Moore.

Vice President Violet Shaw conducted the business meeting in the absence of President Judy Davis. Donations were voted to the United Methodist Committee on Relief for aid to tsunami victims, World Vision to support a student in Bangladesh and a local student who will travel with the Methodist Educational Tour during June. Plans were made to observe United Methodist

Women's Sunday on May 1.

The group moved to the main dining room for musical entertainment and square dancing by the first grade class of Oberlin Elementary School, under the direction of Susan Nelson, vocal music teacher.

Refreshments were served to the residents and members by Linda Hollowell, Marian Fraker and Laurene Van Otterloo from a decorated tea table.

Roll call for the May 4 meeting will be a Bible verse from Proverbs. Devotions will be given by Mrs. Van Otterloo and the program by Pastor Linda Willey. Hostesses will be Maxine Smith and Jody Betts.

## Members enjoy supper

Zeta Nu Club met April 7 at Sappa Manor for a potluck salad supper. Mary Ann Amack and Gladys Geis were hostesses and Mrs. Geis had devotions.

President Joy Votapka conducted the meeting. Roll call was answered by 10 members and three guests. Donations were made to the Post Prom party and Oberlin City Library.

Revised by-laws were reviewed, along with a copy of committee assignments. A meeting will be called the second week of May to vote on the revised by-laws.

Outgoing president, Mrs. Votapka, installed Marian Fraker as the new president and Dorothy Cochran as secretary-treasurer.

## Orchestra to perform Friday

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will present its last concert of the season, "Spring Is in the Air," at the Goodland High School Auditorium at 8 p.m. (Central Time) Friday. Andrew Salvador will conduct. The orchestra is dedicating all

proceeds from this concert to the Vernon Akers family to help pay expenses incurred when Josiah, a violinist, required surgery.

Admission is by season ticket or \$7 at the door for adults and \$3 for children and seniors.

# Club honors Rotarians

Jesse Carter was honored at Rotarian of the Year when the Oberlin Rotary Club held its annual Rotary Appreciation Night last Tuesday with a dinner at The Gateway.

Mr. Carter is past president and current secretary/treasurer of the club. The club welcomed spouses of club members as guests.

Past Oberlin Rotary President Doyle Brown was presented with his Paul Harris Fellow credentials by President Lynn Doeden and was pinned by his wife Kay. The Paul Harris Fellow is awarded

to a Rotarian who has contributed \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

A conflict in scheduling interfered with the Rotarians having a night of fun at the new bowling alley but they enjoyed a tour after dinner anyway.

The club is looking for students in the 10th or 11th grades at Decatur Community High School who may be interested in attending the Youth Leadership Awards camp this summer. Contact President Doeden or Principal Charles Haag for details.



J. Carter



D. Brown

# Decatur Tomorrow holds Norcatatur meeting

Terry Woodbury of Public Square Consulting facilitated a Decatur Tomorrow meeting at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on April 3. Carolyn Plotts gave the welcome.

The meeting focused on the assets of Norcatatur. Jesse Carter gave some history of Decatur Tomorrow's accomplishments and goals. Decatur County Commissioner Gene Gallentine said he felt the program would have positive results.

The general consensus was that Norcatatur has an outstanding asset with the annual Memorial Day weekend. A committee was formed to enhance and add to that event to make it even more enjoyable for the

community and former residents. Members are Wayne McCallister, Larry James and Jim Plotts. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help should contact a member.

Mrs. Plotts and Norma McCallister plan to research the possibility of creating a website for Norcatatur, so would appreciate any suggestions.

Decatur Tomorrow steering committee members from Norcatatur include Mrs. Plotts, Mrs. McCallister and Babe Hawkins. A meeting of these two committees will be held at 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, at the Cardinal. The cafe will provide a "dutch treat" buffet.

# Group needs volunteers

Pastor Todd Burpo, author of "Heaven is for Real," and his church, Crossroads Wesleyan Church of Imperial, Neb., have made a commitment to prepare 200,000 Manna-packs through "Feed My Surviving Children."

The nonprofit Christian hunger relief organization provides packets of rice, soy nuts, and dehydrated vegetables for children in orphanages and refugee camps around the world. A semitrailer rig, called MobilePack, will bring the food to Imperial. In 2009, 96 million meals

were prepared by volunteers.

Deanna Castle of Oberlin, representing the Oberlin United Methodist Church, said everyone, youths and adults, are invited to help with the project. Work will be divided into two-hour time slots from Wednesday, July 20, through Saturday, July 23. An Oberlin group has time slots for Saturday, she said, but if volunteers cannot go that day, they can also work on any of the other days.

For details or to volunteer, call Mrs. Castle at (785) 475-3227.

# State music set for Thursday

State Music competition for large groups will be held on Thursday at Colby High School.

The Decatur Community High choir will perform at 10 a.m. in the library and the band at 10:55 a.m. in

the auditorium.

Directors Susan Nelson and Sarah Bricker encourage parents and everyone else to come support the kids.

# New Arrival

**Luke Robert Clydesdale**

Randy and Teresa Clydesdale of Norton are the parents of a son, Luke Robert. He was born Feb. 25, 2011, weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches long. He was welcomed home by Mackenzie and Derek. Grandparents are Robert and Sally Clydesdale, Edmond; Frieda and Bernard Goetze, Oberlin; and Victor Ritter, Jennings. Great-grandparents are Doris Clydesdale, Norton, and Lloyd and Glenna Sproul, Norton.



Luke

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Cash & Carry \$4<sup>99</sup> up. Perfect for Easter or to help with Spring Fever  
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**Mark Your Calendars**  
For the Third Annual **Women's Day of Enrichment**  
Saturday, April 30th, 2011, 9am-1:30pm  
Cambridge Community Building  
\$5 Charge; Free for Healthy Women in the Heartland Members  
RSVP to 308-697-1164 or jdeaver@trivalleyhealth.com.  
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Our open house is on April 30th with prizes, drawings, & refreshments.  
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7th Annual **High Plains Artfest**  
**Saturday, April 16 & Sunday, April 17 10-3 Saturday, 12-3 on Sunday**  
Features both adult and high school artists from NW Kansas, SW Nebraska and NE Colorado.  
No admission charge.  
Sponsored by Oberlin Arts & Humanities at Oberlin Gateway Center, Oberlin, KS  
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Connie Grafel 785-475-2901 or Mary Henzel 785-470-0218

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**Open House**  
Saturday, April 16 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
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Lawn Decor, flame pots, floral, Easter Gifts, Pots,  
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