

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Stan and Ramona Shaw are happy to announce the birth of their great-granddaughter, Lenzy Reese Golemboski. She was born April 28, 2011, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby and weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces. Proud parents are Katie and Zach Golemboski, Colby. Big sister, Lexy, welcomes her.

Grandparents are Mark and Jackie Golemboski, Colby; Cindy and Danny Black, Carlsbad, N.M., and the late Doug Wahlmeier. Additional great-grandparents are Dennis and Marilyn Wahlmeier, Cambridge, Neb.; and Vernon and Sally Patton, Brewster. Great-great-grandmother is Agnes Wahlmeier, Jennings.

The Jennings Tuesday Study Club met April 26 at the United Methodist Church. A planned excursion to Peck's Farm in Stockville, Neb., was aborted due to the rain. Instead a meeting was held at the church. Roll call was answered by attending members: Rachel Carter, Ruth Chance, Pat Foster, Patty Foster, Lila Jennings, Carla Latimer, Sue

Long, Wilma Mader, Alice Mizer, Joan McKenna, Shelley McKenna, Joan Metz, Helen Muirhead, Lynn Tacha, Merle Snyder and Neoma Tacha. After the meeting, the members went to the Broken Wheel for a great lunch. April was the last meeting for the Tuesday Study Club until September.

The Book Club met at the home of Helen Rhodes Thursday evening, April 28. She furnished snacks and drinks and the group discussed the book, O'Pioneers by Willa Cather. The group attending were Helen Rhodes, Sue Long, Lila Jennings, Shelley McKenna, Lynn Tacha, Kay Brown, Ruth Chance, Patty Foster, Joan McKenna and Carla Latimer. A great discussion ensued, as always, and opinions were plenty. The next book to be discussed will be Heaven is For Real.

The Jennings Lions Club will host a Mother's Day Dinner on Sunday, May 8, at the Jennings Senior Center, serving from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A freewill donation will be accepted.

Jennings Clean-Up Day will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 7. Meet in front of the Post Office. Contact a City Council member or Mayor if have requests for help or have suggestions to be put on the list. If you have food items for the noon meal and afternoon snack you may leave them at the Broken Wheel or someone will pick them up.

Senior Citizens Potluck Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. next Tuesday May 10, at the center. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Tom Votapka treated Mary Votapka, Oberlin, Sue Long and Drake Row to Easter Sunday dinner.

Family members at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw on Saturday for a work day included Tom Neff and Chris Gillespie, Marion; Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Mark Shaw and Ethan, rural Logan; Cindy Black and Bowen, Carlsbad, N.M.; Logan Black, Colby; and Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton. Nick and Kerrie Wahlmeier and Trenton, Oberlin, visited in the evening.

Use caution with canners

Once again the food preservation is fast approaching. Some vegetables especially and fruits as well will be ready to preserve very soon.

Gardeners who borrow a pressure canner from a friend or relative or find a bargain at a garage sale are cautioned about using a pressure canner without testing the gauge and seal.

Pressure canning gauges should be checked annually for accuracy so as not to jeopardize the food safety of home canned foods. A gauge that is one pound off can cause a 10 percent decrease in sterilizing value. When two pounds off, there is a 30 percent decrease.

Dial pressure gauges can be replaced.

Rubber seals should also be examined for wear, cracks and flexibility, as these can also be replaced.

K-State Research and Extension



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
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offices typically have the equipment or know of a source for checking pressure canning gauges.

Canning jars and rings can typically be re-used; lids should not

Check canning jars at garage, auction or second hand stores carefully before buying; jars should be free of cracks and chips, and the rim intact for proper sealing.

More information about home food preservation is available at your local K-State Research and Extension Office throughout the

state. You may also contact Tranda Watts at twatts@ksu.edu if you have other questions.

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Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On April 21, during Senior Citizens at the Community Center the group met for an afternoon of cards.

Members present included: Bernita Aumiller, Ralph Weis, Royce Cook, Lola Cook, Edna Schiltz, Matt Finnesy, Lilian Sulzman, Pat Wessel, Paulie Neff, Bill Bolz, Philly Bolz, Ann Hazlitt, Gail Mumm, Marilyn Meyer, Cecelia Ottley and Shirley Baker.

On Thursday during Senior Citizens, Ann Hazlitt won high, Pat Wessel took second, Shirley Baker got low and Carlene Bruggeman had the most aces.

Other members present included: Betty James, Jeanie Spresser, Royce Cook, Lola Cook, Edna Schiltz, Cecelia Ottley, Ralph Weis, Matt Finnesy, Carl Mumm, Bernita Aumiller, Carl Mumm, Marilyn Meyer, Bob Wessel, Paulie Neff.

Birthdays and anniversaries:

April 22 - Brian Schroer, Michael and Danielle Schiltz, Tammy Fredrickson, Linda Spresser, Layn Bruggeman, Tyree Turnbull. April 23 - Jeremy Kruse, Meayla Bainter. April 24 - Davis and Terra Rath. April 25 - Robert and Laura Ritter, TJ Preston, Lance and Lisa Stoll. April 26 - Tracey Bruggeman, Roger Emigh, Jerry and Paula Schiltz, Dena Dellere. April 27 - Tricia Bullcock Carney. April 28 - Erin Rogers, Betty Hickert. April 29 - Ann Hazlitt, Ken Mumm, Bernita Aumiller, Russ Aumiller. April 30 - Don Pratt, John Geisinger, Dennis Spresser. May 1 - Ron Shaw, Deanna Schmidt Berger, Kent and Tenna Ashley, Ron Cooper. May 2 - Cody Shaw. May 3 - Nicole Moore, April Hunziker, Lance Stoll, Harold and Eileen Murphy. May 4 - Tim and Monica Svaboda, Shane Boultinghouse. May 5 - Joe Lobato. May 6 - Miriam Shaw, Ava Brantley. May 7 - Gwen

Schultz, Debbie Shuler. May 8 - Kim Wessel, Darcie Spresser, Travis Rogers. May 10 - Don Koerperich, John Koerperich, Greg and Tracy Bruggeman. May 11 - Tom Aumiller, Madison Stanton, Jason Rall. May 12 - Jennifer Radovich, Brielle Eatherly, Dan Shuler, Ramona Shaw.



Jodi Lyon accompanied Bee Nelson to the early sunrise service being held at Lyle. Because of the drizzle the services were held in the lyle Community Building. It was still an early morning service enjoyed by about 35. The Easter breakfast was delicious and enjoyed by all in attendance.

Mary Leslie, Beth Sebaugh, Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson gathered together for Easter dinner and fellowship on Sunday at the Norton American Legion. To help work off all the calories that they had taken on, a stroll through Pamida was next before returning to Norcatur.

Prairie Land Food may be ordered

through Monday, May 9

Happy Birthday to Trent Gunter, April 28; Veda Wood, May 2; and Linda Hunt, May 3.

Happy Anniversary to Rodney and Janice O'Hare, April 30.

Norcatur will be holding their citywide yard sales again this year on Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11. We will have space available in the "All Purpose Room" at the old school building. If we have more than that room will hold, we will also have access to the gym in the high school building. Some tables will be available but if you have tables to bring, it would be appreciated. The fee is \$5 which will pay for

advertising. A sign-up sheet is on the Community Bulletin Board at the Post Office in Norcatur, or you can call Deb Combs at 785-871-7381. Everyone is welcome.

Jim and Carolyn Plotts and James and Charlotte Plotts were Easter Sunday supper guests of Gerald and Judy Jackson. Other guests were Gerald's brothers, Dallas Jackson and Delbert Jackson, Colby.

Vealr Sparkman, Mary Jo, and Alice took a trip to Muskogee, Okla., to attend the burial of her grandson, Wayne Kenney, in the Veteran's National Cemetery at Fort Gibson.

Look for the signs Sharon Nelson, Evangelical Covenant Church

Isn't it amazing that Jesus' way of teaching and the messages that he gave for the listeners in the first century of the church, are as opposite to humanity's usual way of thinking now as they were then.

We don't usually think of Thomas as an example of someone we should emulate, but I believe there is much more to his story than we realize. Thomas, of course, missed the memo somehow that Jesus was going to meet with the disciples, and he was not there. When the disciples reported the meeting to him, he was just about as unbelieving as anyone could possibly be. He did get the message for the second meeting, and Jesus addressed him personally. Thomas needed signs that Jesus was who he said he was, he needed to touch the nail wounds in his hands and the wound in his side. Jesus knew of his doubt, and urged him to carefully examine the sign there in front of him.

Jesus' advice to Thomas was not, "if you see you might believe", no, it was instead, "if you believe YOU WILL SEE!" That makes believing crucially important for understanding.

I think Jesus was saying to Thomas that it is O.K. to need signs, and if we believe in Jesus Christ, then the Holy Spirit will send signs for us. During our everyday, hum-drum life, God sends us signs of his love and encouragement every day. We just have to S-L-O-W- down, open our eyes, and look for them.

Last year, right after Easter, I ended up in the hospi-

tal needing a couple of units of blood from a bleeding ulcer. It was a shock to me, I am rarely sick, and really did not realize that I was a "quart low"!

It scared me a little too, and I remember sitting in my "big room" here at the house, just sort of staring at the fireplace, wondering how I had missed "the signs" that my health was in a little trouble. At that moment, the sun came out from behind a cloud, and through the west sliding doors, the sun somehow created a heart shape on the wall above the fireplace. I turned around to look at what could have caused the shape.....there was nothing. It was then that I remembered that my mother often would end her letters and notes to me with a heart! My heart nearly stood still. IT WAS A SIGN FROM MY MOTHER, AND I HAVE NEVER DOUBTED IT. After that moment, in the weeks that followed, heart shapes turned up everywhere. I nearly tripped on a heart shape in the parking lot of Cedar Living Center....yep folks, it was there, and I had a witness. Then a heart shaped rock was kicked up in a rock drive as I came to a stop. When I opened the car door, there it was. SIGNS, SIGNS, SIGNS OF LOVE AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

Don't be ashamed of doubt because faith includes struggles and doubts. We are stronger for them. But, look for signs of love and encouragement when you have a low spot in your live. If you believe, you WILL see them.



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

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. Linda Willey
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. Linda Willey
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Praise team practice, 8 p.m.

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ed Woods
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: Fellowship and coffee time; 10:00 a.m. The "no sermon" worship hour with the Lord's Supper and Adventures With God, 10 a.m. open Bible Study; TUESDAY: Ladies Bible Study, 9 a.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
Fr. Nick Parker
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.

HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
Pastor: Keith Reuther
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Youth group, 4 p.m.

NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ed Woods
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

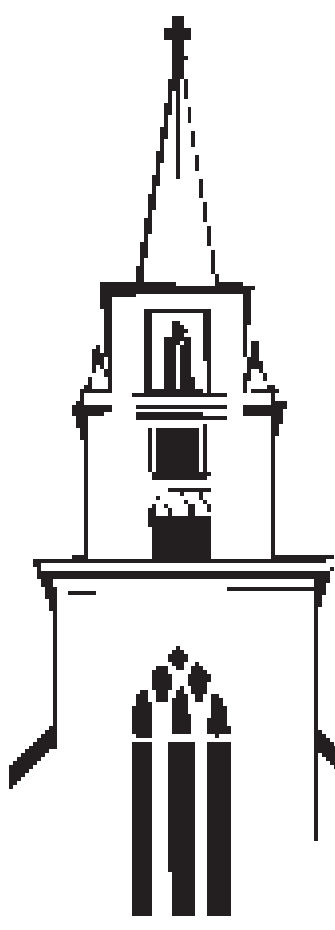
LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Guest Speakers every Sunday
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.

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
Chairman Brad Marcuson
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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By Julie Hafner

Get well wishes are being sent to the Eugene, Ore. family of Lorraine Pittman Knotts. They phoned that Lorraine is hospitalized and would like Herndon friends to remember her with prayers and thoughts. She is a 1939 Herndon graduate and will be missed at the alumni banquet.

Dean, Deb, Marcus and Neil Portschy spent Sunday in Stockton visiting family. They went especially to attend the First Communion at St. Thomas Catholic Church of their nephew and cousin, Isaac Reed. Father Galen Long was the presiding priest. A family dinner was held in the church hall following mass. The Portschys returned home in the late afternoon.

Roseanna Stoney, and Lewis and Sue Stoney were Easter dinner and afternoon guests of Dan and Myra Stoney and family in McCook. Family members had fun with the egg hunt and visiting.

Herndon graduates — make plans now to attend the potluck alumni banquet on Saturday, May 28, at St. Mary's hall beginning at 6 p.m. Potluck was decided this year in the hopes more alumni and families can gather in a casual atmosphere. For any questions or information, call Tom Franke, (620)767-6720 or Dave Ketterl, (785) 322-5302.

On Thursday evening Theresa Rippe was a guest of Michelle Stevens at the ladies salad supper at the Lutheran Church in Atwood. The theme for the evening was "Aprons." Guests were asked to wear an apron. Centerpieces were bottles of dish soap dressed with aprons. The hostesses presented a program on the many uses of aprons in the earlier days. Entertainment was by Miranda Simminger on her violin, accompanied by her mother, Krista Simminger. They played "Edelweiss" with all the ladies singing along. Bonnie White also led the ladies with a song on her guitar. Several ladies then told the history of the apron they were wearing.

The new bench project on the southeast corner of the Herndon School playground is continuing. Donations may be sent to Box 163, Herndon, Kan., 67739. For further information, please call Dave Ketterl, 322-5302.

Easter guests of Laverne and Sharon Frick were Kristal, Justin, Tyler and Jaxton Payton, Indianola, Neb.; Vesta Gilbert, Gwen Gilbert and Sherrel Adams, McCook; and Kyle Frick and Lance Jording,

Herndon.

Marlene and Tommy Cook, Littleton, Colo., spent Friday in Herndon with Janice Sattler, Bob and Julie Hafner, Ron Sattler and Jake Sattler. They visited Edie Pettera in Oberlin before returning home Friday evening.

Rosary will be led at 8:15 before Mass at St. Mary's during the month of May. Sunday rosary leaders were Vicky Mumm and Sharon Ecker. The Crowning of the Blessed Virgin took place following Mass with Ceanne Schroeder, daughter of Jim and Destiny Schroeder, placing a garland of flowers on the statue while the choir sang "On This Day Oh Beautiful Mother." Father Nick led the parish in prayer before dismissal.

Father Nick Parker at Sacred Heart Church in Atwood baptized Kimberly Rose Rippe on Saturday afternoon. Godparents were Dan and Gigi Sattler of McCook. Family present for the ceremony and dinner following at Park Hill were her parents, Kevin and Megan; sisters, Lilly, Michaela and Allison; godparents and family, Kale and Jackie; grandparents, Cheryl Steinert, and Richard and Theresa Rippe. Other family attending were Tim Rippe and Wyatt, Aaron, Brenda and Addison Schilde, Rodney Rippe and Katelyn Clark, Ed Rippe, Bud, Jennifer, Olivia and Hannah Young, Tom and Myra Sattler and Father Nick. Sunday, the Rippe and Steinert families attended the First Communion of Lillian Ruth Rippe at Sacred Heart Church. Eight Communicants received the Eucharist for the first time. Lilly wore a special dress made by Grandma Cheryl and great-great-grandmother, Eva Schmid, handed down the veil that she wore. The altar society ladies served a meal to the First Communicants and their families following Mass.

Herndon PRIDE Committee sponsored the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale at Herndon City Park on Saturday, April 23. Many youngsters enjoyed gathering candy and winning a prize with their eggs! The Adult Easter Baskets were raffled off and winners were Sandy Green and Brooks Brenn.

Fourteen senior citizens gathered for their monthly dinner at the Senior Center. Sharon Frick won the blackout and Janet Roark, Oberlin, won the door prize.