

# Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

Word has been received of the death of Jean Holt Davis, 88, of Hutchinson on Feb. 2. She was the wife of a former Norcatur United Methodist minister, the Rev. Wesley Davis, who is deceased.

Don't forget the Norcatur United Methodist Church pancake supper from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 4, for a freewill offering. The men will be serving pancakes, eggs and sausage and a beverage.

Senior citizens will meet to play pitch on Friday at the Methodist Educational Building.

Debby Ward of Hugo, Colo. was an overnight guest of Dorothy Ward last Sunday. She was meeting her

dad in McCook and they, with other family members, were attending a funeral in Hamit, Neb., for a cousin and nephew, who was killed in a tragic accident.

Happy Birthday to Eric Milnes and Megan Rhodes, Feb. 8; Cathy Anthony, Feb. 9, and Tom Jakowski, Feb. 14.

Anthony Marshall and his girlfriend, Kelly, spent last weekend with his parents, Troy and Deb Marshall. Adam, Andrea and Evy Spanier were additional weekend guests.

Postmaster Deborah Scott has returned to work after spending most of last week in Denver. Her

son-in-law, Matt, who was injured recently, is still in the surgical intensive care unit, at Denver Health. He is improving very slowly. Deb's daughter Riki and grandson Rowdie will remain in Denver to be close to him. Send mail to: Riki and Matt Lynch, TownPlace Suites-Marriott, 685 Speer Blvd., Denver, Col., 80204.

The Norcatur Library has a website now: <http://norcatur.mysouthwestlibrary.org>. It is available with help from the Library System. The Book Potpourri will be held at 1 p.m. today, Feb. 15.

# Selden News

By Jacqu Boultinhouse

Feb. 23 - Junior High Instrumental Clinic at Weskan.

Sheridan County Benefit Barbecue and Walk will be June 8th beginning at 6 p.m. at the Hoxie High School Track. The walk will follow a barbecue that is being prepared by Big Boy Barbecue. The Benefit walk is to help raise money that in turn is used to help Sheridan families that have experienced a catastrophic event. This catastrophic event can be a major illness, a vehicle accident a loss of home due to a fire etc. Please mark your calendar and plan to help us help each other in times of need.

Anyone wanting to participate in the walk or register a team may contact Marty Cressler at (785) 675-3157. Mark your calendar. Sunday, June 3, will be the Annual Antique Tractor

and Car Show in downtown Selden. More information in upcoming issues of this paper.

On Feb. 8, during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Lillian Sulzman won high, Edna Schiktz took second, Pat Wessel got low and Gail Mumm had the most Jacks. Other members present included: Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Matt Finney, Ralph Weis, Shirley Emigh, Carl Mumm, Bob Wessel, Batty James, Mary Adelman, Rowena Carpenter, Ann Hazlitt, Janice Kruse, Carlene Bruggman and Laura Withington from Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in Colby.

Pinocle Night will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Community Center in Selden. It is \$10 per person so bring a partner and some snacks.

# Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

As the calendar turns from January to February, our attention also turns from the cold wintry days towards the warm embrace of love and Valentine's Day, and both will be the focus of our activities.

When we look at the origin of love it came directly from heaven in the person of Jesus Christ. He is the reason we do what we do here at Good Sam. We love Him, because He first loved us. (1 John 18-20). Heaven is the theme that carried over from January.

Sammy the squirrel was searching for a new hiding place to greet the 1st Hand Friends when they came to read on Tuesday. So in keeping with our theme, he now has a heavenly home to hide in. The pond area is set with pearly gates surrounded by the instruments mentioned in Psalm 150.

Thanks for the inspiration we received from a tribute for Lois Carlson during her memorial service.

During Artsy Crafts Club, Earl Brown, Edla Olson, Amy Rehm, Margaret Vacura, Evelyn Olson, Leone Porsch, Dorothy Pryor, Alice Bobbitt and Opal Bryan focused on the art of poetry. Using Conversation Heart Candies, they collaborated and wrote several poems incorporating the sayings printed on each heart. Dorothy even set hers to music!

Mary Waldo hosted the Zeta Nu Club meeting in the Angel Lane dining room, then they moved to Town Square to enjoy tunes played by Loren Schrock and daughter Cheryl Miller. Good Sam Gals Amy Rehm and Lucy Schissler were greeters.

Bible Study this week was mission minded. David Noren gave a

presentation on his mission trip to Thailand, then they combined their quarters to fill their film cases with quarters won during Bingo, to be donated to the Save My Starving Children Campaign. So far we can provide 36 meals. The ladies have set a goal of 10 canisters being filled by May 1. That would feed 240 children!

"In House Club" members who played Bingo this week included: Leone Porsch, Edla Olson, Edith Persinger, Evelyn Olson, Dorothy Pryor, Margaret Vacura, Louise Coburn and Vera Kacirek.

Poker Club members, Elden Haas, Barb Beisner, Myrtle Waldo and Lucy Schissler played for peanuts and candy bars. Myrtle has the traveling trophy!

On Friday morning, devotions held a sweet surprise for Eva Bryan. Richard and Clara Russ were named by Eva as being great mentors of faith to her when she first accepted Jesus many years ago, so we planned a surprise reunion for them. "Oh, my word" is what Eva kept repeating between the hugs, happy tears and her unforgettable giggle!

Mark your calendars!!! On Saturday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m., we will be celebrating Valentine's Day with Cherubs and Chocolate! Everyone is welcome, so please join us for music, poetry and chocolate delights! This is hosted by the Star Valley 4-H Club!

The 2012 Hoedown is on Saturday, March 24, at 6 p.m. at the American Legion. Don't wait 'til the cows come home. Call Dianne Bremer today for reservations at 475-3400.

Guest book visitors; Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock. Bob and Neoma Tacha (Jennings) and Royal and Gayle Tacha for Galen Tacha. Max Carman for Myrtle Waldo. Marian Fraker, Jody Betts, Eula Juenemann, Charlotte Meints, Joan Larue, Dorothy Cochran, Mary Ann Amack, Norma Anderson and Ruth Miesner for Mary Waldo. Mert McEvoy and Ralph and Norma Unger for Lucy Schissler. Jerry Hill for Cheryl Hill. Reva Marshall for Dorothy Hunt. Mert McEvoy for Earl Brown, Edith Persinger and Arlie Hafer. Susie Sabatka (Atwood) for Vera Kacirek. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for Doris Marintzer. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman. Arian Arnold for Edla Olson. Mert McEvoy, Shirley and Jenna Maresch and Gerald Benda for Eulaine Benda. Elden Smith, Reta Barratt, Jody Betts and Pat Fringer for Margaret Vacura. Von Johnson for Crystal Moore. Connie Simonsson for Amy Rehm and Marylu Brown. Marilyn Horn for Myrtle Ross.

## Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission Dinner Theatre presents David Burgess, Latin Guitarist Saturday, February 25, 2011

Latin Guitarist, David Burgess will be coming to Oberlin Saturday, Feb. 25 for the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission dinner theatre.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.  
\*steak and shrimp  
Performance at 7:30 p.m.

Complimentary wine or sparkling juice will be served before dinner.

Reservations needed before  
Tuesday, February 21.

Tickets by season ticket or  
\$30-adults; \$15 youth under 12

For information or reservations call  
Ella Betts (785)475-3557 or Mary Henzel (785) 470-0218



# Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

We'd like to offer a hearty thank-you to everyone who braved the cold on Sunday to come to the open house and visit with Nurse Practitioner Lynnetta Ward.

We had a pleasant afternoon and were all quite glad to be inside the warm clinic instead of out in the wind.

While we prize our full-time practitioners, Decatur Health Systems also works with a system of specialists who visit Oberlin monthly or weekly to provide in-depth medical coverage. Three cardiologists travel here each month to see patients. One of them, Dr. Jeffrey Curtis, comes from the Hays Medical Center on the third Wednesday of the month. The other two, Dr. Daniel McGowan and Dr. Shannon Hoos-Thompson, come from the Platte Valley Medical Group in Kearney, Neb.

Heart - Dr. Hoos-Thompson is the newest specialist to join our traveling club. She began coming to Oberlin the latter part of 2011. Both she and Dr. McGowan are here one Tuesday a month, on the second and third weeks respectively.

Cancer - For oncology and hematology, a specialist from Denver makes the drive out here to see patients. Dr. Martin Rubinowitz couldn't make it in February, but in March he'll be back on his regular schedule of seeing patients the first Monday of the month.

Urinary tract, prostate - Dr. Darrell Werth, a urologist, comes to us from Western Kansas Urology

in Hays on the third Wednesday of the month.

General surgery - Each week, Dr. Walter Eskildsen drives down from McCook on Wednesdays.

The Specialty Clinic also has monthly bone density clinics and weekly sonogram and MRI tech visits.

A calendar for all of our specialists, as well as our general practitioners, will be available each month in The Oberlin Herald. If you have an appointment with one of these specialists, go to the east entrance to the hospital and check in with the receptionist at the Specialty Clinic desk. General practitioners are at the clinic building west of the hospital.

This week for American Heart Month, we're focusing on diabetes and education. There are many numbers to keep track of when it comes to heart health, such as cholesterol levels, blood pressure and blood sugar. Stop by the front lobby of the hospital to find out what they all mean.

On Friday morning from 10 a.m. to noon, instruction in hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation will be available. If you've never learned how to perform this procedure, now's your chance, and if you already know how, it's an opportunity to keep your skills fresh. This training is one of those things that you never want to have to know, but if the situation arises, it can be a true life-saver.

# History of Ash Wednesday Pastor Brad Rick, St. John's Lutheran Church

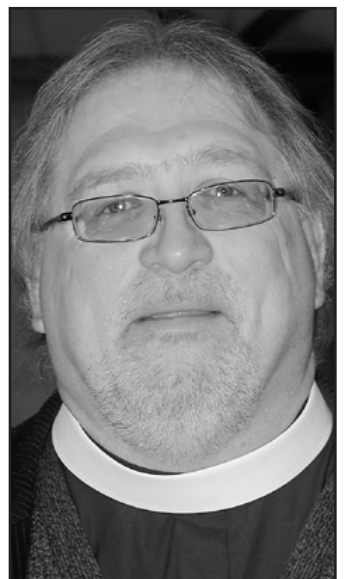
This year's Lenten season starts with Ash Wednesday, on Wednesday, February 22. Some of our brothers and sisters in Christ, will celebrate Ash Wednesday, with the "Imposition of Ashes" and Holy Communion. The "Imposition of Ashes" is a practice from the early church. The ashes are made from the palm branches used in last year's Palm Sunday procession. These palm branches are burned and mixed with olive oil so they will stick to the skin, when applied to the forehead in the form of a cross. The blackness is a sign of the blackness of our sin. The cross points to Jesus. This is the reason for Jesus suffering and dying on a cross on Good Friday and being raised on Easter Sunday. Holy Communion is celebrated for the forgiveness of sins.

Sociologists tell us that we are living in a unique period of time. Some term it the, "Post Modern Era." This time period has its own signs. One of them is the popular notion that there is no such thing as an "Absolute."

Classical philosophers of the past such as Plato and Aristotle believed in Absolutes. Some of the Absolutes include: truth, right, and wrong. But now days the more popular belief is that there are no Absolutes. Instead, I have my truth, my set of rights and wrongs, you have yours, and, also our neighbor has his. The key to getting along these days is tolerance and acceptance of any and all views and opinions.

This mindset also redefines, "sin". Sin is no longer defined as not keeping God's Word or one of His 10 Commandments. Now, "sin" is defined as a miscommunication, a misunderstanding, or a bad choice. Along with this redefinition is a redefining of why Jesus lived a perfect life, died on a cross on Good Friday, and rose again on Easter Sunday. Did He do all of that just for miscommunication, misunderstanding, and bad choices? It seems like a lot to go through just for that.

For those who do not believe in Absolutes, I would like to put forth the subject of "death" and "being dead." Is death and being dead an Absolute? If so, what happens to a person after they die? We Christians look to the resurrection of Jesus - another Absolute. Have a Great Lenten Season



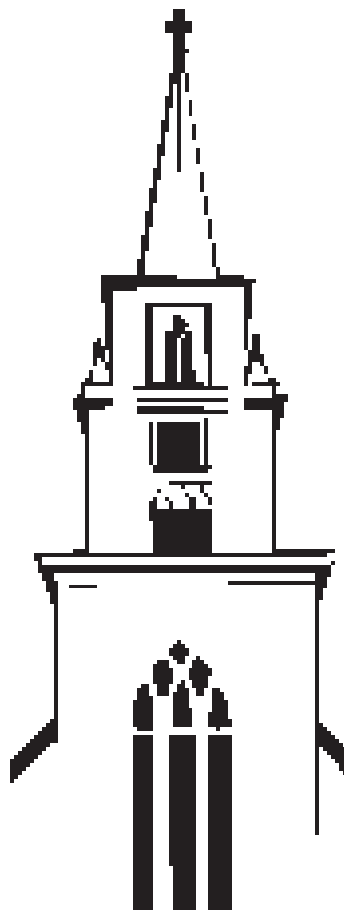
## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

- OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
785-475-3103  
Fr. Mark Berland,  
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE**  
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

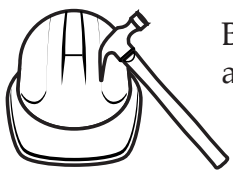
- OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)**  
Pastor: Gene Gee  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.,
- OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST**  
102 North Cass — 785-475-3067  
The Rev. Linda Willey  
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 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; 10:30 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.

- 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**  
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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