

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Happy birthday to Anthony Marshall, April 19; Conner McVay, April 20; Gary Anthony, April 23; and Greg Summer, April 24.

Norcatour Senior Citizens will meet to play pinocle at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Methodist Church Educational Building.

Readers of the Norcatour News are asked to share their favorite recipe. A new recipe will be printed each week. Send your recipe to bbn25@yahoo.com.

Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson

traveled to Norton on April 12 for doctor's and beauty shop appointments. Later they drove to Oberlin for foot treatments at Oberlin's Senior Center. They ate lunch then picked up groceries before heading home.

Matt Lynch, son-in-law of Norcatour Postmaster, Deborah Scott, continues to recuperate following a serious work-related accident. He is in rehab at Denver Health Center.

Easter Sunday dinner guests of Dennis and Judy Shirley, Oberlin,

were their mothers, Merle Shirley and Doris Sloan. Other guests were Cindi Sauder, Oberlin, Patrick and Cindy Shirley, Shelbi McKenna, Norcatour, and Hannes Geysler and Willie Swart, South Africa. Other visitors were Jaime, Shannon and Aden Metcalf.

Story Time at the Norcatour Public Library will be at 10 a.m. every Wednesday. All area children are invited.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Paul and Kathy Nauer traveled to eastern Nebraska to spend the Easter holiday with Marc and Roxanne Groff and children Jadan, Jake and Jordan in Garland; Dennis and Amy Groff and children Ashlen, Dani and Caleb of Wahoo; and Jeff and Amy Beresh and Ca;den, Bennington.

Prayer concerns heard at the United Methodist Church Sunday were for the following people: Martin LaRue, who has been moved back to Oberlin from Kearney hospital and is doing well; Violet Foster, who had elbow surgery last week; Roger Tacha, Oakley, had shoulder surgery last week; Tony Krizek, Hays, who

was in a farm accident; and Rachel Carter, who is consulting a heart specialist this week.

Those enjoyed playing cards on Wednesday were: Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter, Eleanor Morel, Stan Shaw, Ramona Shaw, Alice Wagoner, Alice Mizer, Wayne Cressler and Louise Cressler. Linda Spreser was also there and enjoyed watching the card playing. Please feel free to come join us on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 at the Sunflower Senior Center.

Thursday and Friday the city got three more water meters moved outside and three others changed

out so they will be easier to read. Work will continue to be done until all meters can be read from the meter barrels.

Good to see Gail Brandyberry, Postmaster, working at our Post Office. She is here a few days while Jackie Douglas, Officer-in-Charge has some days off.

Not many people have their gardens planted yet. Last night was a cold night so maybe just as well we wait a while.

I apologize for not getting some of the news sent the past weeks. We think we have the problem solved now.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Elementary students Gage Scott, Gracie Tate and Mollie Tate received blue ribbons on their entries in the Northwest Kansas League art show April 11 to 13 in the Hoxie High School gymnasium. Their teacher is Terri Woolsey.

Ralph and Violet Shaw returned home Wednesday after visiting his sister, Elma and Dee Fortin, Brighton, Colo., and brother, Gary and Jean Shaw in Longmont, Colo.

Dante Robertson was on the 4x400 relay team taking second place at the junior high track meet Thursday in Oberlin. He also competed in the pole vault and long jump.

Susan May and Erin attended the Women in Agriculture program held Friday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Norton. Speakers were Teresa Scanlan, Miss Nebraska 2010 and Miss America 2011, Crystal Blin, and Jeanne Erikson, PhD.

Hannah May placed fourth in the javelin throw and Zach May placed third in the long jump at the Oakley high school track meet on Friday.

Mollie Tate completed her fourth year of Piano Progressions and Erin May completed her third year of Piano Progressions at the Decatur Community High School in Oberlin Saturday morning. They are students of Cheryl Metcalf.

Mollie Tate, Clayton Carter, and Cori Isbell played in the 3 on 3 Basketball Clinic Saturday afternoon in

Oberlin, winning one game and losing two. John and Edith Tate and Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, and Gracie enjoyed watching the games.

Erin May, Anna Carter, and Judith Isbell won the fourth grade division at the Oberlin 3 on 3 basketball clinic Saturday in Oberlin.

Janice Cundiff, Karen Eskew and Jessica Richards attended the Kansas District Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) convention Friday through Sunday in Lawrence. The theme was "Stand at the Crossroads."

Susan (Sloan) McCarthy, Gordon, Neb., was a Friday and Saturday overnight guest of Gaylord and Shirley Shields. While here, Susan attended a 65th birthday party in Hoxie for her cousin, Tom Sloan, and enjoyed visiting family and friends.

The Decatur Community High School Jazz Band played Sunday afternoon in Oberlin's "Jazz in the Park", in which Elizabeth Nedland played a trumpet solo.

Mike Shields and Patrick Hickey, Omaha, were weekend guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields and Corinne Hickey. Corinne is spending the month of April with her grandparents while doing her rural pharmacy rotation at McCook Community Hospital.

Dr. Richard May, Lawrence, was a weekend guest at the Dan Nedland home. While here, he visited his par-

ents, Walter and Betty May, as well as other friends and relatives.

Kristen Bremer and Rowan, Colby, and Jessica Bremer and Justin Zodrow were Sunday dinner guests of John and Dianne Bremer.

Esther (Jording) Hoffbauer, a former resident of the Mount Pleasant community, will celebrate her 100th birthday May 13. Her address is: Esther Hoffbauer, in care of Carroll Hoffbauer, 9303 Jonagold Court, Yakima, Wash., 98903-9616.

Christ Really Did Rise

Pastor Chris Nelson, Oberlin Covenant Church

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." — Matthew 28:20

A fixture of Easter Sunday worship in my church growing up was Alfred Ackley's old gospel hymn, "He Lives." Ackley (1887-1960), a Presbyterian minister and classically-trained musician, began work on the words and music of this hymn on Easter Sunday 1933, as he reflected on the meaning of the Easter story for people today.

On that Easter morning, Ackley was shocked to hear a prominent radio preacher claim that whether or not Jesus' tomb was really empty was of little importance. In response, Ackley's hymn proclaims a living Savior who continues to be present in the world and with his people:

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever some may say;
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need him he's always near.

Among the gospel writers, Matthew especially draws our attention to Jesus' ongoing presence with his people. From the announcement of his birth, calling him "Emmanuel," which means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23), to Jesus' promise that "where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them" (18:20), and the final words of the gospel,

"surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20), Matthew insists that the "risen Savior" is indeed "in the world today."

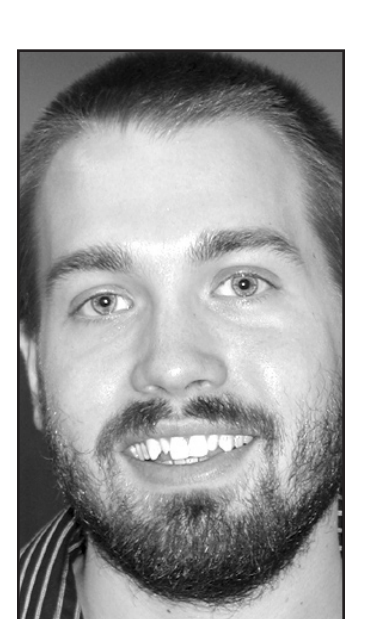
Gospel hymns like "He Lives," "Blessed Assurance," and "In the Garden" accompanied many of the famed revivalist preachers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. (Alfred's brother Bentley traveled with evangelist Billy Sunday and wrote over 3,000 songs.) Like many of today's modern worship songs, these hymns employed popular rhythms, singable melodies, and often a refrain that could be easily learned.

Ackley's refrain underlines the message that these preachers repeated tirelessly: that the meaning of Easter is found not in the Bible's timeless truths or the insightful moral teaching of Jesus, but in a personal relationship with this "living Savior."

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

"Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" — 1 Corinthians 15:57



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, LEOVILLE
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.

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.

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.

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.,

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ed Woods
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.;
Worship Service, 11 a.m.

OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
South Beaver Street - Oberlin
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
SUNDAY: Fellowship and coffee time;
10:00 a.m. Praise and Worship time, with
Weekly Lords Supper, Multi-media Bible
sermons & open bible studies combined.
Private Bible studies on request.

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.
NORCATOUR 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.

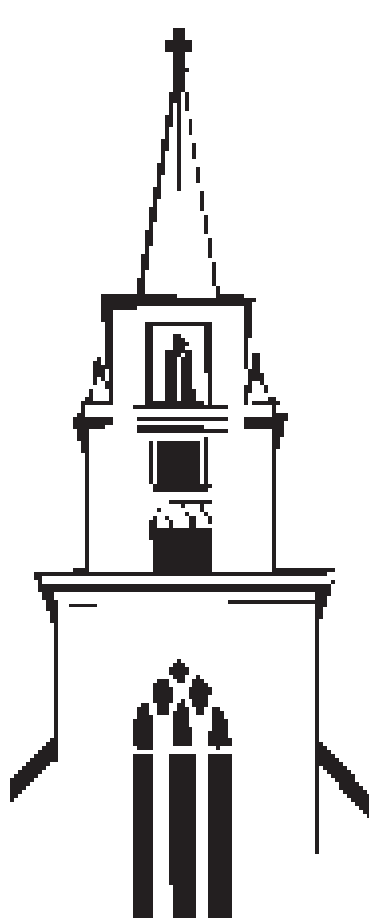
LUND COVENANT CHURCH
Chairman Brad Marcuson
10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.;
Worship, 11 a.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible
Study and prayer, 7:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
510 North Wilson
Interim Pastor:
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SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible
class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service,
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Sundays..

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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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Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Northwest Kansas Travel Council Tent. This festival is a good opportunity to show off what Kansas has to offer.

We have pictures that will be displayed around the tent and Sharleen from the Museum is helping put together a digital display for visitors to look at, along with the other flyers and rack cards from this area.

If anyone would like a weekend trip, I think you would enjoy coming to this festival. I was there two years ago when it was in Leavenworth, and it was fun to see what all Kansas has to offer. There's always several types of entertainment going on and many Kansas products to purchase.

Don't forget the Live Business Auction in front of Stanley Hardware on Saturday, May 5. If your business wants to sell at the auction, just contact Joe at the store or call

the Chamber office.

I will be putting together a list for the City Wide Garage Sales on June 9. If you are interested in having a sale and want your items listed, call the Chamber office at 475-3441. The cost is \$5 for the listing and \$10 if you want a spot in the Golden Age Center to sell your items, which includes the listing fee.

Have a great week!

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

The theme for the Volunteer Appreciation Tea is, "We Cherish the Treasure of You." In celebration of National Volunteer Week, a tea was held Saturday for both residents and volunteers. The Good Sam Gals, Amy Rehm, Marylu Brown, Mary Waldo and Connie Cramer, greeted guests.

The program included a reminder of Good Sam founding father, Dad Hoeger's vision and his morning prayer, "Lord, what would you have me do today?"

Five years ago we opened the Garden of Hope, a room providing a serene place for those in need of memory care. With an increase in those needing this we will be expanding the garden.

It is an exciting time for us here at Good Sam. Two songs were shared, "Dignity" by Steve Siler and Anita sang "My Treasure." Memories from the volunteers were shared, photos were passed and new ones taken. Bread pudding and fresh fruit were served. Prizes were given and a good time was had by all!

Other happenings this week: History Buffs Club members, Earl Brown, Elden Haas, Amy Rehm and Connie Cramer spent the afternoon exploring the Titanic.

Happy Hobblers Club met in the conference room for lunch on Tuesday. Steve Hirsch came to enjoy his wife's good cooking. Pot roast was on the menu, along with relish trays, homemade bread and key lime pie. It was a pleasure to watch the guys: Elden Haas, Glenn Martin, Loren Schrock, Jim Colgan, Dennis Brown, Walt May and Earl Brown feast together.

We had even more pampering

this week. Leona Helmkamp, Barb Beisner, Elden Haas, Amy Rehm, Connie Cramer and Shirley Hayward were treated with a massage, compliments of Britta Noren.

In House Club came for a Whimsical Sing-a-Long. Vera Kacirek, Margaret Vacura, Evelyn Olson, Leone Porsch, Mary Waldo, Marylu Brown, Dorothy Pryor and Connie Cramer joined together and even learned what goober peas were. Next Friday they will head outside for some sunshine and courtyard fun.

Pastor Keith Reuther brought a message and communion for all the residents before heading off with the guys for Men's Coffee. Frank McEvoy joined them.

This week's guests were: Pat Fringer and Jody Betts for Margaret Vacura. Vera Kacirek's son Dave Kacirek, his wife and Susie Sabatka all came for a visit. Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock. Max Carman for Myrtle Waldo. Jerry Hill and Brett, Erin and Jordan (Thornton, Colo.) for Cheryl Hill. Reva Marshall and Dixie Snyder (Colby) for Dorothy Hunt. Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman. Gerald Benda for Eulaine Benda. Connie Simonsson for Amy Rehm and Marylu Brown. Marilyn Horn for Myrtle Ross. Wendy, Gage and Wyatt Scott and Kelly Olson (Manhattan) for Evelyn Olson. Ralph and Norma Unger and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler and Earl Brown. Jody Betts, Joy Votapka and Eloise Smith for Mary Waldo. Galen Olson came to visit Amy Rehm, Lucy Schissler, Violet Schissler and Eva Bryan.