

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Ryan May placed third in the pole vault at the St. Francis high school track meet April 24.

At her first track meet in Goodland on April 28, Erin May set a new record in the mile, placed third in the 100 meter dash, and fifth in the long jump. Erin is a fourth grader at Oberlin Elementary.

Greta Wendelin, Lawrence, and Norman Wendelin attended Concordia University Baccalaureate services Friday evening at St. John's Lutheran Church in Seward, Neb. Afterwards, they enjoyed a concert by the A Cappella Choir and other musicians from Concordia. Rory Wendelin, a senior at Concordia, Seward, was in both Baccalaureate and the A Cappella choir performance.

Friday evening, Joanne Wendelin attended "The Spidey Project" (subtitle "With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility") at the TADA Theatre in Lincoln in which Ladd Wendelin played several parts and collaborated with a colleague on

costume design.

Rory Wendelin graduated Saturday evening from Concordia University, Seward, Neb., with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a History major and a minor in Communications. Attending the 105th commencement exercises were her parents, Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Greta Wendelin, and Ladd Wendelin.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields returned home Saturday evening from Omaha, after watching their granddaughter, Corinne Shields-Hickey, graduate Saturday with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree (Ph.D) from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha. They were also present for her hooding ceremony Friday evening. The pre-commencement hooding ceremony is the official conferral of the academic hood signifying the completion of studies in the Doctor of Pharmacy degree programs.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Nedland, Cassidy Shields and Matt

Glading who competed Saturday in State Speech at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School in Wichita! Elizabeth placed fifth in State in Extemporaneous Speaking and Cassidy and Matt took first in State in Improvised Duet Acting. The Decatur Community High School speech team placed fourth overall in State speech competition.

Andrew Wade and Keagen Blau were confirmed Sunday morning at Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin with Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler officiating. Andrew is the son of Brad and Linda (Long) Wade and the grandson of Marilou Long and the late Elden Long. Keagen is the son of David and Stephanie (Unger) Blau and the grandson of Evan and Sheryl Unger.

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

Food-safe families wash often

As an adult, you know that young hands can get very dirty very fast. But did you know that one in six people living in the U.S. likely will get sick from food poisoning this year? Those most vulnerable are young children, people over the age of 65, and a person of any age whose immune system is compromised. But, it doesn't have to happen to you!

What's the single most important way to keep your family safe from food poisoning? It's simply to wash hands often.

- Wash your hands before and after handling food, and after using the bathroom, changing diapers, wiping a nose or handling a pet. Use warm water and soap for 20 seconds.
- Teach children to wash their hands often, too! Their list of when to wash is the same as yours, and also includes before naps and after playing with shared toys or crawling.

- Rinse fresh fruits and vegetables under cool running tap water before cutting them. This even includes fresh fruits and vegetables with skins and rinds that you don't eat.
- Wash your utensils, counter tops, cutting boards and dishes after each use and before going on to prepare the next food. Use hot water and soap.
- Wash cloth towels and cloth shopping bags often, using hot water and detergent. If you use kitchen sponges, once a day microwave



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Regional Extension Agent

them wet for a minute.

If you have questions related to food preparation, please feel free to contact your local K-State Research

and Extension Office.

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Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

The school year is drawing to a close, and the students are excited to see summer coming! A big congratulations to all of this year's Golden Plains graduates.

Shepherd's Staff had the privilege to host leaders of conservation districts from all over Kansas on Tuesday and Wednesday. In addition to their meetings, the group toured McCarty Dairy and enjoyed a camp fire at the Shepherd's Staff paintball park.

The Gideons held their monthly meeting at Shepherd's Staff on Saturday evening.

Shepherd's Staff held a Father-Daughter Banquet on Sunday evening. Twenty dads and their daughters attended and enjoyed dinner, testimonies from other dads, and a

game. The fathers were challenged to make their daughters a priority in their life by committing to "date" them, having a plan for fatherhood, and sharing their faith with their daughters.

Any kids ages 8-14 that are interested in Creative Arts Camp should contact the Shepherd's Staff office by May 15. Creative Arts Camp will run June 10-15.

Rexford's city wide garage sale will be June 23. We will want to list all garage sales on a community map, so will need to know who wants to participate. Please call 687-2076 if you want to be a part.

That's the news from Rexford. I'd love to publish your news - just call me at 687-2076 or email: griffithsgang@gmail.com.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

I made it back from the Kansas Sampler Festival about 9:30 p.m. Sunday. The weekend went well, but I needed Monday morning to rest up.

The Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau is a member of the Northwest Kansas Travel Council and pays a fee to be a part of the tent the council uses at the festival. There were also tents from the North Central, Northeast, Southeast, South Central and Southwest, an attractions and a kids tent, two Kansas products tents and a Wild West tent.

Food was available from several Kansas vendors, and many groups performing on the two stages during the two-day event.

The weather was 100 degrees on

Saturday and in the 70s with terrible winds on Sunday. Typical Kansas weather; you never knew what to expect from one day to the next.

I was among 16 people who received a spot to do a commercial on "The Stump" about our town. One of my daughters helped me by showing pictures of our town and Sappa Park. We gave away a garden basket from Old Czech Country with several other items from Oberlin to one of winners in a "Stump" drawing. Founder Marci Penner has a "Stump" program every hour and a half during the Festival to give area representatives a chance to tell about their towns.

The festival is a lot of work, but you learn many interesting things about Kansas and meet lots of

people. It will be in Liberal again next year. It's a good place to tell about our county and towns.

Have a great week!

Christmas in May

Pastor Judi Stricker, United Church of Oberlin

Last week, we began the exploration of the manger in Bethlehem, and the people who lived around it and were present at the night of the birth of our Savior. From a fictional standpoint, of course, but the problems that each of them have are problems all too familiar to us.

Today's story is about a young boy named Jeremiah who was born with a deformity of his back, so that he was unable to stand straight. He spent his time being the object of both pity and scorn, wanting very much to be like all of the other children.

Jeremiah's life was further complicated by the love/hate relationship he had with his mother, blaming her for all of his life's complications. You see, his father had died right before his birth, and his mother was on the way back to Bethlehem when Jeremiah's birth became eminent. Both he and his mother had nearly died from the result of the complicated birth. It was the custom that the new-born be bathed in mild salt water and wrapped very tightly in swaddling clothes. Jeremiah had not had that possibility and the other children knew it and teased him about it, saying that he would not have suffered the deformity had the custom been completed. As a result, he wore his bitterness like a favorite blanket; it gave him such peace.

Jeremiah's mother was a gifted seamstress, much sought after in Bethlehem, and Jeremiah had little choice but to follow in his mother's footsteps, knowing that his opportunities for success in the world would not be good. He became one of the best tailors in Bethlehem. His work was much sought after. But, I digress.

One day, as the children were playing in the streets, they decided to see if wrapping a swaddling cloth tightly around Jeremiah's middle, would allow him to stand up straight. Though it was meant to tease him, he took it to heart, and wore the swaddling cloth from then on.

One day, as he awoke early to begin his task of helping to sew, he found his mother had passed away in her sleep. Knowing that he had no funds to build her an ossuary, the box that would contain her bones at some point, he went to the carpenter, to ask if he

could trade the wood for materials he could sew for him. The carpenter gave him the few pieces of wood he had on hand, wood left from his project of building the feeding troughs for the manger. The tailor answered that the rough wood would do just fine. With a sad face, the carpenter noted that the young tailor seemed to have little grief for the passing of his mother. He would never forgive her for the imagined harm she had brought to his life, even though he had never seen the love she had for him.

The innkeeper had ordered several pillows and blankets to be sewn by the tailor. Jeremiah had completed them ahead of schedule, and arrived at supper time to deliver them. He asked the innkeeper if he could take part of his pay in a portion of the supper meal that smelled so good. As he was eating the hot food, a young man and woman entered the inn, seeking a place to stay for the night. The young woman was very pregnant, and looked so tired. She was told that only the stable had room for them, and they could stay there if they wished. Jeremiah felt sorry for the young couple, and followed the young woman back to the stable, to tell them that he too, had experienced great poverty and humiliation.

When he arrived, the baby was already on its way, and the father was preparing a bowl of salted water for the bath. Jeremiah asked if he could wash the child. The father, seeing the look on his face, consented. Jeremiah took the Savior in his hands, and all the bitterness melted away. From his waist, he took his swaddling cloth, and wrapped the baby snugly in it. He handed the baby back to Mary, and his heart was so flooded with love, that he could hardly breathe. At that moment he knew that the bitterness he had harbored for his mother was wrong, and asked God to take it from him. Peace, real peace came at last.

Are you harboring bitterness for some condition in your life? You cannot hold the baby Jesus, but you can invite him into your heart! I would urge you to do so at any time you are ready, because he stands ready to make your life better by erasing the bitterness from your life.



Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Last Friday at Senior Citizens, everyone missed Toots Magers, as she nearly always comes for cards. I told people she had gone with Jane to Abilene, but forgot what the purpose of the trip was. They got home Sunday, and Toots had gone to see J.T.'s family, and Jane went to bowl. We also missed her at church and the Sunday dinner.

Another of the Lyle group, Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen, returned from a trip on Saturday. They flew from Kansas City to Miami for the graduation of Lloyd's grandson, Kasey Clapp, from Miami International University. Kasey's parents were there from Colorado, and one sister from Colorado, and another from Chicago. They went to Charlotte, N. C., and on May 4, went to Rock Hill, S. C., where Lloyd's granddaughter, Sarah Garlock received her Masters from

Winthrop University. Her parents and a brother attended from Rhode Island, and a brother from Nashville, Tenn.

Donna Huff called me asking for Dixie Wood's telephone number. Donna misses the old place; chickens, etc. but is getting along all right.

Thanks to family and friends, I had a wonderful 89th birthday. Lots of calls, visits, E-mail, flowers, food and hugs.

I hadn't had any Aubrey stories lately, but heard this one. There was something she and her mom wanted to buy, but Tielia told her, "I don't believe I can quite afford it." Aubrey said, "Well, MOM, put it on a credit card!" Tielia said, "I don't have a credit card. laughed, and Aubrey was surprised. It hadn't occurred to her that everyone didn't carry them. Sensible Mom.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Reminder: The Lions will be having their annual Mother's Day dinner Sunday May 13, at the Sunflower Senior Center serving from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A free-will donation would be appreciated.---

Shannon Hardin and Tyler Burch are happy to announce the arrival of their daughter, Leah Marie, born Friday. Shannon and Tyler moved to Jennings about a year ago. He works with Eric Green.

Card players Wednesday at the senior center were: Eleanor Morel, Carla Latimer, Stan Shaw, Ramona Shaw, Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter, Debbie Shields, Wayne Cressler and Diane Carter.

United Methodist Women met Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the fellow-

ship hall. Present were: Kay Brown, Helen Rhodes, Rachel Carter, Lila Jennings and Louise Cressler. Rachel gave the lesson, "Peace as Action" with Kay and Louise reading scripture. Louise served snacks of crackers and fruit salad. Next month the group will travel to Oberlin to the Cedar Living Center to serve at birthday party.

Martin LaRue has returned home from the hospital and doing well. Wayne and Louise Cressler were excited to hear of the arrival of their great-grandson, Daniel Jordan Lemmons, born April 24, 2012. Parents are Jessica and Ben Lemmons of Manhattan. Grandparents are Gwen and Jeff Anderson, Council Grove.

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.
NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST

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

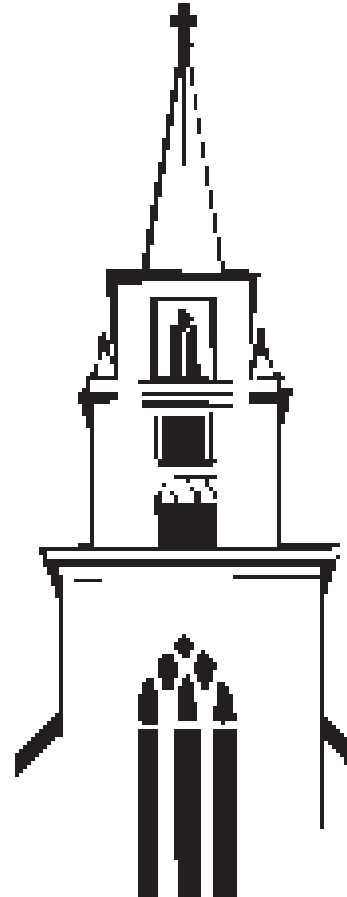
LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Guest Speakers every Sunday
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.

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: Brad Rick
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays.

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