

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Angus Mauser, Ipswich, Mass., arrived June 17 to spend a month with Mike and Mirla Coleman, working on the farm, visiting relatives and awaiting the upcoming wedding of Mollie Coleman and Brent Olson. Angus is the son of Tim and Martha (Diehl) Mauser and the grandson of Rex Diehl, Fern Moore's brother.

Joanne Wendelin hosted an outdoor soiree at her home Friday evening, June 15, for members of the Oberlin Concert Band after their performance at the Relay for Life that evening. Guests were Gabe Moore, Charissa Huff, Neal and Joy Russell, Sid and Cheryl Metcalf, Chris and Sharon Nelson, Darrin and Joan Glading, Tina Perirrin, Kathy Almquist, Lonnie Weyeneth, Danbury, and Lori Hilker, McCook.

Brianna DeaAnn Decoteau became the bride of Charles Wesley McMonagle Saturday afternoon, June 16, during an outdoor wedding at the Hilton San Diego Resort and Spa in San Diego. Herschel and Jody Betts, John and Dianne Bremer and Larry Bremer attended the wedding as well as the cocktail hour and pool side dinner reception immediately following the ceremony. Wes is the son of Charles and Susan (Betts) McMonagle and the grandson of Herschel and Jody Betts.

Zane and Gladys Geis, Wayne Larson, Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Carl Larson and Elsie, Colby Larson, Monica Larson and Adam Steinmetz were Father's Day brunch guests of Craig and Karen Larson at the Larson home.

Kris and Farah Erickson, Christian and Anna, Lindsborg, were visitors of Norman and Joanne Wen-

delin Sunday evening, June 17.

John and Dianne Bremer were Friday, June 15, through Monday, June 18, guests of John's brother and wife, Larry and Fran Bremer, Laguna Hills, Calif. Friday evening guests at the Bremer home were Andy and Sally Sullivan and children and Larry Glen Bremer. Sunday, Larry, Fran, John and Dianne met Larry Glen and his sons, Ryan and Austin, at Disneyland and enjoyed the day there. John and Dianne flew into Denver Monday afternoon, spent the night, and returned home Tuesday afternoon.

Prairie Land Electric-sponsored delegates, Zach May, Oberlin, and Regan Bartels, Phillipsburg, attended the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) 2012 Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, June 14-21. Thirty-seven youth from Kansas and Hawaii were among those on the Government in Action Youth Tour. Zach and Regan returned home on Thursday.

Brian and Sarah Shaw, Caden and Landon, Andover; Marvin May, Martin and Evelyn May, Janice Cundiff, Chris and Kasey May, Kelsey and Hunter; and Andy and Kelley May and Lauren enjoyed dinner together Friday evening in Atwood to celebrate harvest being finished that day. Brian arrived Saturday, June 16, to help his father-in-law, Marvin May, with harvest; and Sarah, Caden, and Landon joined him on Tuesday. The Shaws returned home after dinner Friday.

Ben and Leone Spiers, Winterset, Iowa, were Friday visitors of Ralph and Violet Shaw and Don and Joan Grafel, returning home on Saturday.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Samantha Anderson was honored with a supper on Thursday in observance of her 19th birthday at the home of her parents, Richard and Maureen Anderson, Chris and Gabe. Others present were Elden and Detta Anderson, Dick and Donna Kelley, Lara Zodrow and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica of Frederick, Colo.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson received word on Friday of the birth of a new great-grandson. Luke Ashen Wilson was born June 22, 2012, to Chris and Keely (Witt) Wilson of Minden, Neb. He weighed 7

pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. He has two sisters, Julie and Harmony, and two brothers, Derek and Noah.

Morning worship services will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church.

A birthday supper honored Elden Anderson at his home on Sunday. Others present were Detta Anderson, Gary Anderson, and Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson visited his brother, Dale Olson, in Colby on Wednesday.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Summer is definitely here! It is sure taking a lot of water to keep the garden from drying up. There is too much time and expense already involved to let it die.

It was kind of a small turnout for the opening day of the Farmers Market last Wednesday, but all sold some of their products. I might be making a trip to McCook to visit Klooz Farm, which is a home-owned vegetable market east of town about four miles. If there is enough interest, I would pick up vegetables from there to bring to the market on Wednesday mornings here at the Chamber office. If there is something you would like, call the office here on Tuesday afternoons.

There was a good turnout for the

first "Float Friday" at the Gazebo last week. Many enjoyed the floats served by the Chamber board members. As long as there is interest, floats will be served each Friday at the Gazebo during this hot summer weather.

Root beer floats will also be served at the City Park on the Fourth of July, with a Community Band concert from about 5:30 to 7 p.m. Then the board members will move up to the Gateway parking area about 8:30 p.m. to serve before the Oberlin Business Alliance fireworks show. If there are any changes due to the hot, dry weather, they will be announced later.

Have a great week!

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Kathy Van Meter is going for therapy treatments and waiting for a doctor to view x-rays and give his recommendation. She is still in a lot of pain. Tim, Clinton and Daniel Nejdil visited her on Sunday.

Charissa Huff brought Donna Huff out to watch some of the wheat harvest, and took her to visit Toots Magers one day last week. She also took Donna to visit the dog she had to leave behind when she moved to McCook. I'm sure Donna appreciated the outing. Judy and Charlie Easton brought dinner and ate with Toots on Sunday.

We were sorry Joyce Sumner didn't make it to church on Sunday. We hope she is better soon.

Gary Anthony went to Norton on Saturday and watched his grandson, Jack Farr, play baseball. He said Jack's little brothers play T-ball.

June Jolly was at her son, Dean's home on Wednesday visiting her new great-grandson, Zavier, son of

Kimberly, of Omaha. Zavier was born June 11. Sarah's family was there also. June attended her club at the Senior Center on Thursday, cards Friday and a wedding reception on Saturday.

Dixie Pelkey called me one day asking about Dixie (Van Gundy) Wood. She says they don't dance as much as they used to, but are getting along all right. She got Dixie's number and was going to call.

Dennis Wood and I paid a visit to Dwight and Teresa Wood in McCook on Thursday. His group played in the music fest, "Pondstock" on Friday and Saturday.

Now, some call this nonsense, but I call it proving God's wonderful power of gravity. I succeeded in getting three eggs to stand on end on the day of the Summer Solstice. (Mostly I did it because someone said it couldn't be done). One stood three days and the other two four.

Notice

Due to replacing water lines, there will be water shut off intermittently from Hall Street to Cass Avenue and Commercial south to Mill Street.

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

It is amazing to watch our loved ones who struggle with dementia come to life when something so simple and familiar as a childhood song sparks a long-forgotten memory.

So much joy of working at Good Sam is stumbling across something that brings a moment of pleasure to someone. I like to call it a "happy accident" and usually it brings laughter and conversation that makes others want to join in. That's what happened with Myrtle Ross this week. Her father worked for the railroad and while we were visiting the song about Mr. Rogers' neighborhood came to mind, which took us on a "long short-cut" to lots of childhood stories!

Speaking of neighbors... we have some new ones! Doris Auker has moved into the Country Reflections neighborhood and Earl and Elsie Winder have joined the neighbors on Angel Lane. We want to say "Welcome" and encourage you to visit your good friends.

To celebrate the first day of summer, Elden Haas and I walked along the brick streets in the greater neighborhood and found our way to his old home. We sat on the front porch and visited together, sharing some fresh mulberries off his tree. It was a beautiful day, the heat hadn't set in yet, but we chose to call the bus as we promised not to be late for supper.

Storytellers, Loren Schrock, Alice Bobbitt, Amy Rehm, Opal Bryan, Evelyn Olson, Betty May and Leone Porsch let their imaginations run wild when they saw the story picture... a squirrel playing the harmonica! They titled the story "Squirreling Around" after reading it, one (Loren) might be accused of type-casting the squirrel's part. What fun!

In House Club members baked muffins for staff members to enjoy. The bakers were Connie Cramer, Alice Bobbitt, Margaret Vacura, Leone Porsch and Phil Erickson who altered his cornbread muffin recipe by adding nuts... yum a new treat sensation.

Visitors this week included: Gerald Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. Barbara Leitner, Cheri Kastens (Herndon) and Gene Leitner for **Marcella Leitner**. Detta Anderson for **Eva Bryan**. Starla Swager (Guymon, Okla.) Nadine Tacha (Jennings) for **Galen Tacha**. Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Connie and Johnnie Simonson for **Amy Rehm**. Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, Krista Gutchewsky with Gavin Gutchewsky and twins, Jillian and Jena. Jeanne and Keri Britton (Thornton, Colo.) for **Opal Bryan**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler** and **Eulaine Benda**. Cheryl Miller, David and Leanna Davignon (Damar) and Cindy Fields (Stockton) for **Loren Schrock** and **Shirley Hayward**. Gerald Benda for **Eulaine Benda**. Eunice Martin and Terry Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Pat Fringer, Joy Russell and Reta Barratt for **Margaret Vacura**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Earl Brown**. Dixie Snyder (Colby), Penny Fringer and Iris Osborne (Wichita) and Reva Marshall for **Dorothy Hunt**. Alex Haas for **Elden Haas**. Jerry Hill for **Cheryl Hill**. Dennis and Betty Campbell (Arizona) and Sally Henningson for **Connie Cramer**. Chanda and Oakley Dowling (Manhattan), Susie Sabatka (Atwood) with Grace and Lilly Sabatka for **Vera Kacirek**. Dorothy Shimek (Jennings), Rhianan and Liam Nedland and Lisa Davies for **Doris Auker**.

Separate church and state Doug Mason, Teens for Christ

The Truth about Separation of Church and State With the nearing of the presidential election and talk about religious liberties, we are likely to hear more about the separation of church and state. For many years now we have heard about the importance of keeping church and state separate and so our government often rules against "religion" in any government entity, citing how our founding documents set this to not let any "religion" have undue influence on legislation.

Most Americans think that separation of church and state is an important part of what keeps us free. Even Christians often accept the concept as a necessary evil. But do you know where this concept came from? Did you know it's not in our Declaration of Independence or in our Constitution? Many times people cite the First Amendment, but it's just not there. Originally the phrase was stated by Thomas Jefferson. People tout President Jefferson as a staunch supporter of the separation. But let's look more closely at the facts. If we look at the wording of the First Amendment it says: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

There is nothing there about the separation of church and state. This amendment gives us the right to religious expression with interference from government entities. So where did the idea come from?

To find out we need to look at two letters starting in 1801 when the Danbury Baptist Association wrote to President Jefferson. They were concerned about religious freedom in that a powerful Christian

denomination might gain controlling influence in our government. Jefferson responded to that letter stating: "Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legislative powers of government reach actions only, and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof thus building a wall of separation between church and State. Adhering to this expression of the supreme will of the nation in behalf of the rights of conscience, I shall see with sincere satisfaction the progress of those sentiments which tend to restore to man all his natural rights, convinced he has no natural right in opposition to his social duties."

While the wording is not common for us today, what Jefferson said was to one group of people that no one Christian denomination shall have undue influence of our government. This is reflection of why people originally came to our country and that was for religious freedom from a nation largely controlled by a "state" Christian denomination. Jefferson was more concerned about religious freedom becoming restricted by our government. It was to put restrictions on the government—not the people. Politicians distorted this statement 160 years later to make Jefferson's words support their agenda. Our government has crossed the line and regularly now abuses our First Amendment rights.

Don't be fooled. Don't stay silent. Don't trust politicians with your religious liberties. There is too much at risk and too much already lost.



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.
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
404 North York Avenue
Oberlin, Kansas
The Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler
Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053

Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 5:30 p.m. Saturday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 10:00 Sunday

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.

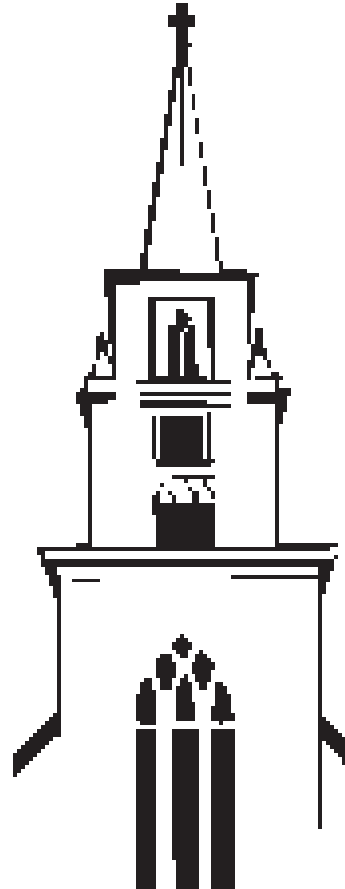
EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN
Pastors: Chris and Sharon Nelson
810 West Cedar, Oberlin
Office Phone 785-475-2769
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

LUND COVENANT CHURCH
Pastor Roy Matthewson
10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin.

Men's Breakfast Saturdays June 30, July 14, 28, Lawn Vespers Sundays July 1, 15, and 29 7 p.m.
Sunday: Sunday School 10am
Worship 11 am "The Difference is worth the Distance"
facebook.com/LundCovenantChurch

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
510 North Wilson
Interim Pastor:

Paul's FUNERAL HOMES
A Trusted Name Since 1925.
Phone:
785-475-3127 — Oberlin
785-386-4311 — Selden
Derek Riner
Rick and Dori Pauls



Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On June 21 during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Shirley Emigh won high with a score of 736, Ann Hazlitt took second with a score of 719, Gail Mumm got low with a score of 435 and Ralph Weis had the most Queens. Other members present included: Pat Wessel, Jeanie Spresser, Betty James, Lillian Sulzmann, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Matt Finnesy, Paulie Neff, Bernita Aumiller, Bob Wessel and Carl Mumm.

Birthdays and anniversaries; June 29, Kat Steadman; June 30, Rick Pauls, Wayne Brantley, Olivia Filmore; July 1, Phyllis Trembley; July 2, Terra Rath, Terry Goscha, Danny Eatherly; May 3, Michele Juenemann; July 4, Curt Spresser, Scott Boultinghouse, Troy and Nicole Moore

the 100's. Please look after your outside pets. Make sure they are in a shaded ventilated area and have plenty of water. Please watch out for your family members, your neighbors and the elderly. If you see anyone needing assistance please get them help.

Due to the extremely dry hazardous weather conditions, the City of Selden will be enforcing Ordinance 79 which says there will be no selling of or discharging of any fireworks within the city limits.

Please understand the necessity of this action and please, for everyone's safety, obey this law. We do not want to give out tickets but we will if we have to. All counties around have issued burn bans for the same reason. It is illegal to intentionally start a fire for any reason.

The temps this week are to be in