

# Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jack Gutchewsky, 64, who died Thursday at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. Funeral services were held Monday morning at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin with burial in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Immediate survivors include his wife, Mary; two daughters, Tammy and Kendal Neal, Katrina and James, Oberlin, and Sarah and Joel Uerling, Addyson and Hayden, McCook; and a son, Brian and Krista Gutchewsky, Gavin, Jillian and Jena, Kearney.

Congratulations to Dave and Rachel Halverson of Clovis, N.M.,

on the arrival of triplet boys born on March 15, 2013. Alister David weighed 3 pounds, 3 ounces; Gunnar Lee, 3 pounds, 2 ounces, and Trey Patrick, 2 pounds, 2 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Dennis and Pat Barnett. Maternal great-grandparents are Daisy Schmidt and Keith Barnett.

Weekend visitors of Esther Noren and family were Andy and Dana Robson and Tyler of Bennington.

Cadet Bryce Kisner is spending spring break from St. John's Military School in Salina with his family, Larry and Meghan Anderson, Andrew, Eric and Ian. Kade Migchelbrink of Atwood was a

Saturday overnight guest at the Anderson home.

Guests this week of Joe and Vicki Schmidt are their daughters, Tobina Norris, Josey and Trent, Brookville; and Mandi McKinley, Gabe and Zoey, Manhattan.

David Noren, a student at McPherson College, is spending spring break with his parents, Steve and Connie Noren and Michael.

Weekend guests of Gerald and Patti Benda were her niece and family, Rebecca and Jason Stoffer, Katie, Matthew and Christine of Abilene.

# Keep Easter eggs safe to eat

With Easter just around the corner, egg safety is a must. Properly handling and storing eggs will reduce the risk of contaminating eggs with salmonella.

Salmonella infection is often the result of eating raw or undercooked eggs or egg products, meat or poultry. It can take from several hours to about two days to cause symptoms, which can include nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhea, fever, chills, headache, muscle pains and/or blood in the stool.

There are many ways to make sure eggs are safe to eat. Here are some tips:

- Buy eggs only if sold from a refrigerator or refrigerated case at 45°F. Store eggs in their original carton on a shelf in the refrigerator (not in the door) and use them within three weeks for best quality.
- Wash hands, utensils, equipment, and work surfaces with hot, soapy water before and after they come in contact with eggs and egg-containing foods.
- Cook eggs until both the yolk and the white are firm. Scrambled eggs should not be runny.
- Casseroles and other dishes containing eggs should be cooked to 160°F. Use a food thermometer to be sure.
- For recipes that call for eggs that are raw or undercooked when the dish is served—Caesar salad dressing and homemade ice cream are two examples—use pasteurized egg products.
- Avoid taste-testing egg-containing foods before they are thoroughly cooked.
- For buffet-style serving, hot egg dishes should be kept hot, and cold egg dishes kept cold.
- Cooked eggs, including hard-boiled eggs, and egg-containing foods should not sit out for more



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
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than two hours. Within two hours either reheat or refrigerate.

• Use hard-cooked eggs (in the shell or peeled) within one week after cooking.

• Refrigerate leftover cooked egg dishes and use within 3 to 4 days. When refrigerating a large amount of a hot egg-containing leftover, divide it into several shallow containers so it will cool quickly.

• Cooked eggs for a picnic should be packed in an insulated cooler with enough ice or frozen gel packs

to keep them cold. Don't put the cooler in the trunk; carry it in the air-conditioned passenger compartment of the car.

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## Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

The Gateway was filled to the brim Friday night with Decatur Health Systems workers for the annual employee appreciation banquet, and judging from the smiles, a good time was had by all.

We feasted on lasagna, watched a slide show of historical photos, played some silly games, handed out door prizes, and applauded our fellow employees who were celebrating career anniversaries.

Shelley McKenna had the biggest of the night: she has worked at the hospital for 35 years. Linda

Fox has been here for 30, Diana Gamblin 25 and Janet Anthony and Deb Klima 20. Jeniffer Wolters hit the 15-year mark, Robin Edgett made 10 and Natasha Weishapl, Betty Vahling and Greg Vontz five. Last but not least, Suzanne Stoney and Kayla Unger had their third anniversaries.

Another highlight of the evening was the start of our Employee of the Month program. The honorees of the first three months of the year were announced to give the rest of us a chance to cheer them all at once.

The honoree for January was selected by senior management because of a story a patient related about a nurse. This patient had come to the hospital from Jennings to see a specialist, using the county the bus to get here. The time it took to get in to see the specialist was longer than the bus could stay, so the patient was left wondering how to get home.

Nurse Renee Zodrow heard about the situation and offered to stay after her shift to drive the patient home to Jennings and see them safely to their door.

Someone going above and beyond to help out is precisely the sort of thing that deserves recognition. It's a fitting selection to start off an Employee of the Month program. Congratulations, Renee!

Laboratory technician Jamie Post was the February honoree, as decided by department heads. Jamie's simply a ray of sunshine, brightening the day of everyone she meets. She's always helping people with directions, asking about their day or just saying hello. It's a joy to see her in the halls every day, and

we appreciate what she brings to Decatur Health.

The Employee of the Month for March was voted on by everyone. Pam VanVleet is the receptionist for the clinic, and she's been managing a heavy workload since the end of January all by herself. That didn't go unnoticed, which is why her peers selected her as March winner. Pam is our front line of contact with our patients. She deals with people who are not feeling their best and never fails to offer them cheerful and effective assistance, which is what any organization would want for their public face.

I think we can be proud of our first group of honorees. It's a solid foundation to help guide our selections over the following months. April's just around the corner – but first we have to have our Spring Fling at 2 p.m. Monday in the front lobby of the hospital.

We hope to see you there.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Theron and Jill Krizek, Logan and Kaedyn, Olathe visited his parents Kenny and Violet Krizek over the weekend. Logan celebrated his 18th birthday Monday. John Tacha, Lawrence; and Kara and Gordon Kuntz, Hays, attended church with Kay and Doyle Brown. Kay also celebrated her birthday on Monday.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw included Colleen and Kevin Wagoner, Sharon Springs; and Mary and Jeff Wahlmeier, rural Clayton. En route home, Kevin and Colleen visited his parents, Wilfred and Alice Wagoner, Hoxie.

Mary Arnold hosted the Jennings Book Club on Tuesday, March 5, at the newly remodeled Jennings City Library. Members present to discuss "The Good Earth" by Pearl Buck were Kay Brown, Ruth Chance, Patty Foster, Violet Foster, Pat Hall, Terri Hanke, Lila Jennings, Sue Long, Joan McKenna, Shelley McKenna, Joanie Metz, Helen Rhodes, Lynn Tacha, and hostess, Mary Arnold. Delicious brownies,

cheese and crackers, and sliced meat were enjoyed by the group. "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe" by Fannie Flagg is the next book to be read and discussed by the Book Club.

Enjoying cards Wednesday at the Sunflower Senior Center included: Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Deb Campbell, Wayne and Louise Cressler.

Remember city election and school election to be held April 2. Bob Jones is write-in for Jennings city mayor; Robert Papp is write-in for his position on the city council. Louise Cressler filed for her position on the city council.

City water meters will be read on Thursday, March 21, weather permitting.

There are still many books to be given away at the Jennings City Library. They are free to anyone who would like to have them. Any books left after April 1 will be donated elsewhere. Library hours are Wednesday and Saturdays 9 to 11 a.m. and Fridays 3 to 6:00 p.m.

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## The Cross and Immigration

We are in the season of Lent. Lent is a season for looking intently toward Jesus who is the author of our faith, and a season in which we long to know Jesus better. Lent is a time in which we focus on our life of faith and following the teachings of Jesus. Jesus taught that we should feed the poor, clothe the naked, tend to the sick and those in need, welcome the stranger, love your neighbor as yourself, and forgive your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

On March 1 we gathered at Faith Lutheran Church for World Day of Prayer. "I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me" was the theme. These are words from Jesus' teaching about loving and caring for others. We are to care for others in need. Jesus shares the importance of hospitality in reaching out to others in need. If you have ever been new to a community or traveled and are a stranger, everything is unfamiliar, then you can understand what it feels like to be the stranger and the needs of the stranger. Those new to a community may have basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, or a sense of belonging to the community. Jesus points out the importance of hospitality.

Jesus is continuing a tradition from the Old Testament that goes back to Genesis and Abraham and Sarah. They were known to be very hospitable to those traveling through the wilderness. Abraham and Sarah traveled often as God had directed them. In Leviticus 19:34 God commands the people to welcome the stranger, "the alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God."

History teaches us that when the socio-economic situation is under stress, that is, when unemployment is high, the people in the host nation resent the stranger

who comes from another country. When this is the situation, it becomes an even greater challenge to follow the teachings of Jesus to welcome the stranger. We face those pressures today in our country. It becomes easy to see the immigrant stranger as a threat to the job we could have had, yet most of the jobs that immigrants fill are jobs that most who are out of work do not want to do. Rather than welcoming the stranger, we might not know how to handle our feelings about these stresses and we ignore the stranger in our midst. When someone is new to a community, a stranger, an immigrant, a simple "hello" brings relief and it welcomes them. It is being hospitable.

In the cross of Jesus we have the ultimate hospitality. Jesus stretches out his arms to all as Savior of the world. He welcomes us all because we are aliens to God through the brokenness in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve separated themselves from perfect harmony with the Creator through The Fall (Genesis 3). Jesus teaches us the importance of welcoming and loving others in their needs. He makes it personal. He teaches through referring to himself as the one in need through a story about a king in Matthew 25:38-40, "And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" The teaching is clear. We are to help those in need, especially by welcoming the stranger or immigrant in our midst.

May the Holy Spirit give you strength to follow the teachings of Jesus.



Charlotte Strecker-Baseler  
Faith Lutheran of Oberlin

## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

<p><b>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 785-475-3103 Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 10:30 a.m. Sunday <b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE</b> Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</p>	<p><b>UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN</b> 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 &amp; 3rd Sundays. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Sun. following Worship</p>	<p><b>LYLE UNITED METHODIST</b> Guest Speakers every Sunday SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.</p>	<p><b>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN</b> Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 5:30 p.m. Sunday</p>	<p><b>OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)</b> Pastor: Gene Gee SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.,</p>	<p><b>EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN</b> 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.</p>	
<p><b>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Pastor: Barbara Patterson SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. <b>DRESDEN</b> SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST</b> Pastor: Ed Woods SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>LUND COVENANT CHURCH</b> Pastor Roy Matthewson 10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin. Sunday: Sunday School 10am Worship 11 am "The Difference is worth the Distance" facebook.com/LundCovenantChurch</p>	
<p><b>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST</b> The Rev. Nancy Proffitt SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST South Beaver Street - Oberlin</b> 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 &amp; open bible studies combined. Private Bible studies on request.</p>	<p><b>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 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..</p>	
<p><b>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Pastor: Dennis Brown SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.</p>	<p><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON</b> Fr. Nick Parker Phone 785-322-5560 MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.</p>		
<p><b>OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST</b> 102 North Cass — 785-475-3067 The Rev. Nancy Proffitt SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Praise team practice, 8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH</b> Pastor: Keith Reuther Phone 785-322-5316 SUNDAY: 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Youth group, 4 p.m.</p>		
<p><b>OBERLIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST</b> Pastor: Ed Woods SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p>		

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