Norcatur Senior Citizens met April 5 at the Methodist Educational Building with 15 players present. Winners were Rea Magers, Betsy Jakowski and Veda Wood. They will meet next at 1 p.m. Friday. Everyone

During last week's election, 51 voters from the town itself and Lincoln, Garfield and Grant townships cast their ballots. Carl Lyon was overwhelmingly re-elected as mayor with 38 votes. Ed Yeater and Luke Bailey were both elected to serve on Norcatur's City Council.

Sitting on the election board were Jody Lyon, Judy Jackson, Retta Hare and supervising judge, Betsy

Dewaine Stapp and Charlotte Meints attended the April 6 wedding in Ellis of Kylie Morel and Monte Honas. Kylie is Dewaine's niece and the daughter of Janelle and Patrick Morel, Norton. Dewaine's nephews Rodney, Larry and Gary Stapp and their wives, Delores, Marcia and Barbara were also guests at the wedding, reception, supper and dance. Dave Stapp also attended.

Bob and Kay Strevey drove to Liberty, Mo., April 5 to visit their daughter, Trudi McCollum and her husband, John and their daughters,

Elissa and Nora. The girls were in dance recitals the next day. The two families shared a Sunday morning brunch before the Streveys headed

Word was received of the death of Dorothy Ward's grandson, David Ward, Naperville, Ill. He was the son of the late Douglas Ward. He is survived by his wife, Sandra and two sons, T.J. and Jordan; his mother, Mary Jones, and a sister, Diana Ward. Memorial services were held Friday in Naperville. Memorials may be sent to The Naperville Humane Society, 1620 West Diehl Road, Naperville, Ill., 60563 or the American Heart Association, www. americanheart.org.

Wava Reames was one the many guests at the 95th birthday celebration for Toots Magers held April 6 at the Lyle Community Building.

Progress is being made on dividing the school and community items at the Norcatur Museum into two separate rooms. Everything is on track to be ready for Memorial Day. The old tile floors had to be replaced with carpet. This was a large, unexpected expense. If you would like to accepted for popcorn and water. help with this expense, call Deb at the city office, 693-4461.

Happy birthday to Dennis Shirley,

April 10; Jerry Temple, April 12. Anniversary wishes to Brad and Shanna Long, April 16.

By the Norcatur News Committee

After next Wednesday, you will need to have your outgoing mail to the Norcatur Post Office by 11:40 a.m. The town's mail is now handled in Wichita and the change is necessary to meet the processing schedule.

A reminder to Norcatur residents that the basement of the former school building will be open to anyone seeking shelter from severe weather. If the siren has been sounded, someone will be there to open the basement. It may be accessed from the ramp on the west side of the building.

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. is Story Time at the Norcatur Public Library. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend. You don't have to be from Norcatur to bring your children or grandchildren.

The free movies have been moved to Tuesday evenings. Cartoons begin at 6:30 p.m. with the feature at 7 p.m. Next Tuesday's movie will be "Monster-In-Law." Donations are

Aging expo set for April 26

And if we choose, the best is yet

Join us on Friday, April 26, for Full Circle...An Aging Expo. Full Circle will be held in Oakley at the Gateway Fellowship Church Impact Center.

This year we will once again be offering two tracks – one for the professional who will have the opportunity to obtain continuing education credits, and one for the general public where you will gain knowledge about meeting some of life's challenges which come along with aging. Both tracks will have the oppor-

tunity to hear Debra Sellers, K-State Research and Extension, speaking on "Adapting to Life's Challenges" and Karen Ridder, Kansas Humanities Council, speaking on "Bucket Lists and Looking Back."

In addition to these two speakers, each track will have a variety of other speakers. Topics include intimacy and aging, getting financially prepared, and building trust in your unit. A special addition to this year's

John and Edith Tate were guests

of Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota,

Mollie, and Grace, for a combined

dinner/birthday party Monday eve-

ning, April 8, to celebrate Dakota's

Metcalf, participated in the North-

west Kansas Music Teachers As-

sociation Piano Progressions event

held at the Decatur Community

Zach May and Ryan May were

on the Decatur Community High

School golf team playing in the

Oberlin Invitational High School

Erin May competed in the Cre-

ative Movements Gymnastics meet

Saturday in Atwood, earning two

gold, one silver, and one bronze

award. She and Judith Isbell also

Golf Tournament on Saturday.

High School on Saturday.

Mollie Tate, a student of Cheryl

16th birthday.



Home Time

By Tranda Watts Regional Extension Agent

Expo, is the Logan County Health Consumer Science agent in Thomas Fair. Come early to browse through the exhibits.

morning snack and noon meal. Registration brochures are available through all NW Kansas Extension Offices or online at northwest.ksu. edu/fullcircle. Pre-registration deadline is Friday, April 19. Howcepted, but meals cannot be guaranteed. For more information or if you have special requirements due to a physical, vision, or hearing disability, or a dietary restriction, please contact Diann Gerstner, K-State the Decatur County office of Twin Research and Extension Family and

Mount Pleasant News

the synchronized routine they did

The very entertaining Decatur Community High School play, "Dr.

Evil and the Basket of Kittens," was

held Saturday evening and Sunday

won an Honorable Mention for afternoon at the high school. Among

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K-State Research and Extension, Pre-registration for this event the Department of Health and Huis recommended and includes the man Performance at Fort Hays State University, the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging and the Humanities Council are sponsors of this year's event.

Tranda Watts is Kansas State ever, late registrations will be ac- University extension specialist in food, nutrition, health and safety for Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan, and Trego counties. Call her at (785)443-3663 or e-mail twwatts@ ksu.edu. For information, contact Creeks Extension, 475-8121.

By Dianne Bremer

the cast were Garrett Scott as Lord Warhammer, Alexandra Waterman

as Archuduchess Arsenica, and

Lizzy Nedland, portraying author

Mary Shelly, as one of the narra-

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Funeral services for Jay Kump

were held at Goodland on Monday.

Graveside services were at the Jen-

nings Cemetery. Mr. Kump was

a former Jennings resident. The en-

tire community extends sympathy

Dresden, were involved in a head-

on-collision last Wednesday on a

Sheridan County Road. Philip is at

home. Deb is in the Hays hospital

but recuperating well and may be

moved to Hoxie today.

Deb Bowie and son Philip, rural

Don't forget the Jennings Cleanup Day beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday. Lunch will be a potluck at the Broken Wheel Bar and Grill. Dave and Donna New will provide hot dogs, table service and drinks. Please bring salads, desserts, etc. Contact Marge Hartzog, 678-

3010, if you have items to be picked up or if you need help with a cleanup project. Large equipment (tractors, loaders, skid steers, mowers, trucks, chain saws) and hand tools will be

We are also asking for suggestions for projects or ways to improve the look of our town. Your participation is very important to us. All help is appreciated. Come join us for a day of work and fun.

United Methodist Women met April 3, in the Fellowship Hall at the church. Kay Brown, president called the meeting to order. Angie Wilson, our Connecting Link, gave a book review on the book, "One Simple Act," by Debbie McComber. Angie is from the Prairie Chapel Church. It was an interesting review. Patty Foster gave devotions from a Women's Prayer Book. Kathy Nauer served refreshments.

Children's Storytime at the Jenday. Helen Rhodes and Bob Jones helped Carla Latimer, librarian, attended. with the children. If you had gone by

Rayna, Abe and Quinnley Taylor; Monday, May 14. Arianna Gillespie; Jasmine Mills and Myah Lucas.

Keith and Helen Muirhead, Dresden, went to Las Vegas for a week with their family to celebrate their 60th anniversary. They saw some good shows and a few of the group visited the Boulder Dam. The Muirheads went there for their honeymoon 60 years ago.

Dawn Langley, Cambridge, Neb., visited Sunday with her grandmother, Dorothy Jones, and Bob Jones and Carla Latimer.

Ask any card player if they had a good time at the Sunflower Senior Center Wednesday afternoon. Many laughs were had as someone brought chocolates with liquor centers to share. The chocolates came from Germany. Card players were: Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter, Scott Taylor, Wayne and Louise Cressler, Eleanor Morel and Diane

Stan and Ramona Shaw attended the birthday party honoring their 3-year old great-granddaughter, Tenley Bollars on Saturday. The party was held at the home of her parents and brother, Kyle and Lisa Bollars and Tyce in Strasburg, Colo. nings City Library was held Satur- Grandparents Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs, also

At the City Council meeting the library that morning, you would Thursday evening, we voted to have seen kites flying. Children change meeting time to the second attending were: Tanya and Jordyn Monday evening of the month. The Fleckenstein; Candice, Sidney, May meeting will be at 7:30 p.m.,

Birth is not synonymous with life

Last week I wrote about the necessity of the new birth. As Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3, we need to be reborn spiritually.

Sometimes we evangelicals have emphasized that folks must remember the date and the time that they were reborn. What about those who've trusted in Jesus as long as they can remember?

Sometimes we value the dramatic turn-around story more than the quiet I-grew-up-in-church-and-havestayed-faithful story. If you think about it, this can get pretty ridiculous.

It's not important that our rebirth be dramatic or even that we remember it. None of us remember our natural birthdays, yet here we are, with hearts pumping and lungs filling with air. Even if we had no birth certificate and no parents to testify that we indeed were born, we could figure it out based on the evidence of our live bodies.

And so it is with the spiritual life. If you don't remember being reborn, ask yourself, "Am I alive spiritually?" Is there evidence of the life of Jesus in you? On the other hand, we can't assume that we are alive and well spiritually just because we had a conversion experience 30 years ago. Arden Almquist, medical missionary to Africa and father of Oberlin's Kathy Almquist, wrote a poem soon after his son died at birth.

"Listen to me, don't kid yourself! Birth and life are not synonymous. Our child was born, but he is not alive. Listen to me. Listen to me! You who claim the New Birth Birth and Life are not synonymous If you would claim the New Birth Show it by New Life."

The Apostle Paul makes the same point in some of his letters. He says to the Colossian church, "God made you alive with Christ," (2:13), so "continue to live in him," (2:6). In his letter to the Romans, Paul claims that when we were paptized, we died with Christ and were raised to new life with him (6:3-7). Paul asks, "Shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase? (6:1)" Of course the answer is, "By no means! (6:2)" Paul urges us, "Count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. (6:11)" If indeed you have been made alive, then live a new life!

More from Almquist's poem:

"Too many the stillborn among you. You are "born again" but there's no breath In you. Your cells are not alert to pain, To human need and hunger, to sorrow, and to The weight of suffering that the masses bear... These needs could be met if love were real,

Sharon Nelson Oberlin Covenant Church

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THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study second

Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

Midway News By Mary Lou Olson

p.m. Friday at the Herndon Covenant Church. Amovie and pizza are planned and all women are invited. Call Cindi Grafel at (785) 322-5621 if you plan to attend.

Esther Noren spent the weekend Olson. of April 6 and 7 with Ken and Alice Robson in Ellsworth. On Sunday, they attended services at the Community Church in Bennington, during which their grandson and greatgrandson, Silas Wesley Robson, son last week. of Andy and Dayna Robson, was

Bob and Connie Smith of Chippawa Falls, Wis., came Saturday to visit her mother, Eulaine Benda, and help her celebrate her birthday. Joining them on Sunday for a

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Girls Night Out will begin at 6 party were Gerald and Patti Benda, Ludell; Shirley Maresch, Nekoma; Bev Messerly, Sublette; and Mark and Barbara Olson, Hoxie.

> Scott Olson of Celina, Texas, is visiting his grandfather, Bob

> Dick and Donna Kelley were houseguests of Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica, of Fredricksburg, Colo., while they were in Denver for appointments

Keith and Mary Lou Olson attended a party in Minden, Neb., on Saturday which honored their greatgranddaughter, Julie Beth Wilson, daughter of Chris and Keely Wilson, on her seventh birthday.

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DRESDEN SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.

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HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor: Dennis Brown

OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST 102 North Cass - 785-475-3067 The Rev. Nancy Proffitt SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery

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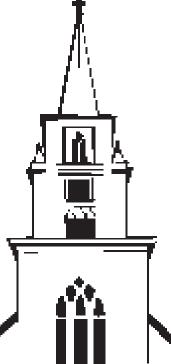
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provided.) WEDNESDAY: Praise team

UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN Pastor: Judi Stricker

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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**

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