

ALMENA NEWS

By FLETA HANLON

Virginia McMillin, Delia, sister of Fleta and Debra Bryant, Topeka, were visitors of Fleta Hanlon May 12 and 13.

They made an early Memorial Day visit to refresh vases at the Almena and Norton cemeteries. They also celebrated Debra's birthday with Mark McMillin and family, Almena, Cindy Brown, Norton, and Fleta Hanlon. Mark and Cindy are children of Virginia and cousins of Debra. They all enjoyed a cook-out at Mark's for Debra's birthday on May 2. Of course, there was time for a few games of cards. Virginia spent Friday night with Cindy and her family in Norton.

The Almena Community Junior PRIDE met April 31 at the Northern Valley School. During the meeting officers were elected for the coming year. Hutch Gerhke is president; Skyler Harris, vice president; Mike Callaway, treasurer; and Tyler Montgomery, secretary. They all take office June 1.

The audio recorder is ready to put in the jail. It has been a five-year project, but it is finally ready to be mounted. PRIDE researched past events; the Northern Valley High School Leadership Class

made the tape and Murrison TV had it recorded. This has been a community project because of the number of people who had a hand in getting it to this point. It was originally planned to be a tourist attraction. Hopefully it won't be abused.

May 12 was Clean-Up Day for PRIDE and Jr. PRIDE volunteers. Eldo Graham, along with helpers, Matt Dole, and Skyler Harris accomplished a lot. They started on weeds in the island north of City Hall and worked south to Bantam Park. Weeds, wild grass and a broken swing waere next. They put weather seal on the jail and picked up trash on the walking trail.

Vandals have been busy busting up the stool at the restroom, removing the covers from the vents on the roof of the historic jail, putting bricks down through the holes, egging the north side of the jail and messing up the bed and the "old man" in the jail.

The PRIDE ladies and Junior PRIDE girls, Amanda Turman, Jessica Largent and Hanna Hawks were also busy cleaning the jail, pulling weeds and putting weather seal on the murals on the south side of the Prairie Dog Press building. They also painted around them and started on the wall.

LYLE NEWS

By VEDA WOOD

Keith Anthony left for Texas recently to attend the wedding of another granddaughter.

The American Legion of Lebanon, Neb., gave the Memorial program at Lyle on Sunday with Mike Helm as speaker.

Richard Huff stopped by to visit Earnest and Donna Huff on his way to visit his parents, Elden and Charissa Huff.

Brooke and Brady Sumner are out of school for the summer and have gone to their grandmother Vonne's for a visit with cousins. Todd, Deanna and family went to Grand Island and to Pioneer Village, then came home to lots of water in their yard and terraces.

Sheryl Patterson brought Alta May VanGundy to her home on June 10.

It seems to be a dark, dreary day,

but my mother-in-law never failed to say, "This is a day the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it". That is good advice, and I am sure that in this country, there is always something good, if we open our eyes.

Joyce Sumner and Kathy Van Meter spent a week in Chicago, sightseeing and meeting friends from New Jersey.

Kris and Kathy Van Meter, Lincoln, Neb., announce the birth of Pallmer Rose on May 15. Steve and Julia Van Meter are grandparents. The late Dale Van Meter was great-grandfather and Kathy Van Meter, Lyle, is the great-grandmother.

Carol Moye spent part of Saturday with Veda Wood, coming armed with beautiful iris and tulips. She then planted them, and did other yard work.

Worship With Us THIS SUNDAY



NORTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Rev. Lew Van Der Wege, Pastor
804 W. Wilberforce, Norton
SUNDAY — 8 a.m. Early Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
2:30 p.m. Disciple Bible Study
6 p.m. Bridge Service
MONDAY — 5 p.m. TOPS in Fellowship Hall
WEDNESDAY — 8 a.m. Prayer Group
9:30 a.m. Thrift Shop
FRIDAY — 5 p.m. Washburn/Vogt Wedding Rehearsal
SATURDAY — 7 p.m. Washburn/Vogt Wedding

EDMOND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
The Rev. Lew Van Der Wege
SUNDAY — 9 a.m. Worship Service

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Georgia Briery, Senior Warden
102 E. Waverly, Norton
SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Christian Education
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer; Lay Reader, Steve Horney
11:30 Coffee Hour Host, L. Krauss
3-4 p.m. God's Pantry, Elaine Mann

CROSSROADS CHURCH
313 West Lincoln Street
Pastor Terry Laughlin
Phone: 877-2416
e-mail: crossroads@ruraltel.net
www.standatthecrossroads.com

SATURDAY — 8 a.m. Men's Fellowship and Prayer
SUNDAY — 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
WEDNESDAY — 6:45 p.m. Christian Fellowship
7:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Vincent Thu Laing
877-2234
stfranci@ruraltel.net
108 S. Wabash, Norton
Mass Schedule
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass
Wednesday — 7:15 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.
Thursday 7:30 a.m.
Friday 7:30 a.m.
Saturday 7 p.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation
4 p.m. Saturday, 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment
TUESDAY — 7 p.m. Bingo
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. SYF (K-8)
First Friday of the Month — Adoration following Morning Mass
First Saturday of the Month — 8 a.m. Marian Devotions
K of C Third Monday of Month at 7:30 p.m.

NORTON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

Hospital Chaplain, Monday through Sunday, Rick Rostek
Andbe Home Services, 2 p.m. and Norton Manor Services 3 p.m., Kirk Kasson
The Alliance will meet at noon, Thursday, June 19 at Town and Country Kitchen.

PRAIRIE VIEW REFORMED CHURCH
The Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele
410 Holland, Prairie View
973-2794
SUNDAY — 9 a.m. Morning Worship

LUCTOR CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
2 miles east and 3 miles north of Prairie View
The Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele
973-2794
SUNDAY — 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

REDEEMER EVANGELICAL

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Timm O. Meyer
SATURDAY — 1 p.m. NCF Worship Service
SUNDAY — 7 a.m. Time of Grace on FOX-TV
9:05 a.m. "Goodness From the Good Shepherd" Radio Broadcast, KQNK 106.7 FM & 1530 AM or www.kqnk.com
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study
Noon Worship at Norton Correctional Facility
TUESDAY — 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Bible Studies at NCF
SATURDAY — 1 p.m. NCF, Wirsguo

NORTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Jeff Nielsen, Minister
Mike Sander, Youth Minister
e-mail: ncc_office@sbcglobal.net
208 N. Kansas, 877-2871

SUNDAY — 8 a.m. Early worship service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Worship
Noon Junior High Mission Trip Meeting
3 p.m. Leave for First Chance Camp
MONDAY — Meals on Wheels, June 16-22
TUESDAY — 7 p.m. Grief Support Group
3 p.m. Leave for Junior High Camp, June 17-20
WEDNESDAY — 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast at Pure Prairie
9 a.m. Prayer and Fellowship
6:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
7 p.m. Junior/Senior High Youth Football Game/Ice Cream Feed
THURSDAY — 9 a.m. Cabinet Meeting at the Church
Meals on Wheels, June 16 to 22 — Sign up on office window

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
Pastor Terrill Worthington
1010 Churchill Dr.
877-2181
SUNDAY — 9:15 a.m. Time of Prayer (Adults)
9:30 a.m. Time of Prayer (Children in kitchen)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
6 p.m. Choir Practice
7 p.m. Evening Service
MONDAY through WEDNESDAY — Vacation Bible School, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pre-school through sixth grade. Free lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY — 6 p.m. 3D at Parsonage
7 p.m. Adult Bible Study, King's Kids, Jr. High and High School Worship
8 p.m. Committee Meetings, Team Practice
2nd THURSDAY of each month — 7 p.m. Women of the Church of God
3rd SATURDAY of each month — 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast

NORTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Charles Ross
112 S. Archer, 877-5214
SUNDAY — 11 a.m. Worship Service
6 p.m. Evening Service
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

LIVING HOPE FELLOWSHIP
One mile south of Norton at corner of PDRA road
Pastor Jerry Cummings
877-2426
SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Worship and Praise Service
TUESDAY — 10 a.m. Prayer Meeting
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Youth and Children's Programs
7 p.m. Adult Home Bible Study

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
Phillipsburg Ward
Tom Arnett, Bishop
SUNDAY — Regular services
TUESDAY — 7 p.m. Co-Ed Volleyball
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Primary Activity Night. All children invited.

LOGAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
The Rev. Dean Gilbert
303 W. Church, 689-4350
SUNDAY — 9:15 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Fifth Sunday song service
FIRST & THIRD WEDNES-

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Rev. Rick Rostek
814 N. Second, Norton
877-2430
SUNDAY — 9 a.m. Sunday School, Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
MONDAY — 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting
WEDNESDAY — 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
2 p.m. Andbe Home

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ALMENA
Kirk Kasson, Pastor
e-mail: congo@ruraltel.net
SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Church Services
6 p.m. Bible Study at Kim and Kirk's
7 p.m. Teens For Christ
TUESDAY — 7:15 a.m. Teen Women's Discipleship
THURSDAY — 7:15 a.m. Teen Men's Discipleship

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, LOGAN
Father Ben Saw
SUNDAY — 8:30 a.m. Mass
MONDAY — 5:30 p.m. Mass

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LOGAN

Pastor Troy Buss
SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Church services
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Ray Gilstrap
669-2554
SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Church School
11 a.m. Worship Service, Choir

LENORA CHURCH OF GOD

Pastor Maurita Lymer
785-567-4459
SUNDAY — 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
THURSDAY — 7 p.m. Evening Bible Study

NORTON SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

105 S. Case Street
Pastor Marion Miller
SATURDAY SERVICES — 9:45 a.m. Church Services
10:45 a.m. Sabbath School

LONG ISLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Rev. Dean Gilbert
554 Washington, 854-7626
SUNDAY — 11 a.m. Morning Worship
FIRST SUNDAY — 12 noon Fellowship Dinner
1 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting
FIRST WEDNESDAY — 2 p.m. United Methodist Women's Meeting in Fall, Winter and Spring

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MONDAY — 5:30 p.m. Mass

DAYS — 6:30 p.m. UMYF
SECOND WEDNESDAY — 1:30 p.m. United Methodist Women
THIRD WEDNESDAY — 7:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

UNITED PARISH OF LENORA

The Rev. Gary Dudder
140 E. Iowa, 567-4420
SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Social Hour
The Rev. Dudder will present a series of sermons for June entitled: "Good News for Bad Times".
10:30 a.m. Worship Services.
June 8 sermon title: "Burn-Out"

LYLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Guest Speakers Each Sunday
SUNDAY — 8 a.m. Worship Service
TUESDAY — Sewing at the Community Building

MAPLE GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Kyle Douglas
9 miles west
4 1/2 miles north of Norton
SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship Service
4th Tuesday, Women's Fellowship
3rd Sunday, Noon, carry-in dinner

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW ALMELO

stjoseph@ruraltel.net
Father Vincent Thu Laing
SUNDAY — 8:30 a.m. Mass
FRIDAY and MONDAY — 8 a.m. Scripture Communion Service
Weekday Mass Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

ALMENA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Ray Gilstrap
669-2554
SUNDAY — 8:30 a.m. Worship
WEDNESDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
TUESDAY and THURSDAY — 9 a.m. Vita Band Exercise Class, Everyone Welcome
7 p.m. Bible Study at Grace Reeves

HENDLEY/WILSONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

The Rev. R.L. Malchow
10 a.m. Sunday Worship Hour
1st and 3rd Sundays, Hendley
2nd and 4th Sundays, Wilsonville
Coffee Fellowship after service
3rd Thursday U.M.W.

WILSONVILLE UNITED BAPTIST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Minister, Keith Theobald
SUNDAY — 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship and Communion
1st Thursday, B.C.W. 9 a.m.

NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Ray Gilstrap
693-4519
SUNDAY — 10 a.m. Worship Service
MONDAY — 7 p.m. Bible Study at Fellowship Hall



Cross Roads

"Medicine for America"

"Peculiar People"

Titus 2:14 says, "[Christ] ...gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good." The King James Bible says the Lord will purify unto Himself a "peculiar people."

"Peculiar people" (periousios) are God's chosen people in whom He has a special interest. The phrase can be translated as "His treasured people." (The Complete Word Study of the Bible) The Holy Spirit so powerfully expounds this truth in 1 Peter 2:9-10, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

The term "chosen people" which used to apply only to Israel now in this dispensation of grace is applied to all both Christian Jews and Christian Gentiles. The term "belonging to God" is literally "obtaining or preserving" a people called to do service unto the King of kings. The ultimate price paid upon the Cross of Calvary by Jesus Christ purchased for God a people who will give praise to Him, do good works for the glory of Christ and enables Christians to offer their bodies as living sacrifices that are holy and pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:15-16, Romans 12:1)

These "peculiar people" are obedient to the exhortation of the Apostle Paul, "I urge... that prayer, intercession ...be made for kings and all those in authority..." (1 Timothy 2:14) True Christians are a chosen people, called by the Name of the Lord that have authority in Christ's name to stand before the throne of grace and petition the Lord to bring a spiritual healing for America, but they must petition the Lord on the basis of confession and with a heart of repentance. All true servants of the Lord in their relationship with God and Christ Jesus are to be consecrated to the Lord's work of prayer. Medicine for America begins with a peculiar people, Christians who will intercede on behalf of the glory of Christ and God's will to be done in this nation.

"Are you one of God's Peculiar People?"