

Norcatour will observe its 114th Memorial Day service on Sunday. It will be the 31st consecutive year that the "Avenue of Flags" will be displayed. All veterans in uniform, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and school children are requested to meet at the bank corner at 1 p.m. to form the parade for the march to the cemetery. The parade will start at 1:30 p.m. with services to follow at 2 p.m. and will include formation at Tomb of Unknown Soldier; The Star Spangled Banner by the volunteer band; opening prayer; "Taps" and echo; decorating and salute over Tomb of Unknown Soldier; and salute fired over last buried veteran, Jerry Rayburn Brooks.

At present, there are 121 veterans buried there, including 34 from the Civil War, 22 from WWI, 52 from WWII, 5 from the Korean War, 6 from the Vietnam War and 4 non-combat veterans. Willis Bowman served in WWI, Korea and Vietnam.

When a veteran dies, the U.S. Government presents an American flag to the remaining family, and it is requested by the Norcatour Memorial Day participants that they furnish that flag to be flown in the Avenue of Flags during Memorial Day. Burial must be in the Norcatour Cemetery to have their flag flown. Those who wish to keep the presentation flag may talk to a cemetery board member about purchasing a flag to be flown. The Avenue of Flags was started by Alice (Rubendall) Anderson in 1972.

Word has been received of the death of George L. Bell of Monument, Colo., on April 7. He was born in Norcatour on Aug. 12, 1923, one of nine children of O.G. and Nellie Bell. He was reared on a farm. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and retired in 1985 from the Colorado State Highway Department as a highway engineer.

Survivors include two daughters, Karen L. Macbain and Kay L. Stone of Monument; two sisters, Helen and Grace; a brother, J.D. Bell; 11 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. His wife, Irene, preceded him in death on July 29, 2001.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Destiny Chastain, May 16; Jeannie Pelkey, Esther Miller, Janice O'Hare, M.J. Dempewolf - May 18; Virgil and Joyce Price - May 19.

Josh Jackson, a junior, presented a voice recital May 9 in Presser Hall Auditorium on the campus of Bethany College in Lindsborg. He is the son of Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson of Norcatour. His parents and grandparents, Forrest and Inez Jackson, attended the recital.

Dorothy Breiner returned home May 5 from a trip to Arkansas, where she had minor eye surgery. En route she visited her daughter, Jacque and Jeff Ekland, in Hutchinson.

The Norton Telegrams sponsored

a tea for area country correspondents at the Brick House in Norton on May 9. Those attending from the *Norcatour News Sheet* were Bea Nelson, Marguerite Clark, LaVerne Milner and Dee Magers. It was a very nice "get acquainted" gathering.

Word has been received from Ted Hansen that he will be unable to attend the Memorial Day services this year, as he underwent extensive surgery this past year. He is hoping to see everyone next year.

THREE PRAIRIE UNIT

Five Three-Prairie Family, Community and Education Unit members traveled to Hoxie on May 6 for District Recognition Day. Those going were Lora Arnold, Norma McCallister, Lula Hix, Marguerite Clark and Bee Nelson. Norma and Bee won door prizes. Norton County issued an invitation for the 2004 District Recognition Day. Hays will host the state meeting Oct. 21 and 22. Heloise will be a guest speaker on Oct. 21.

Visitors at the Rea and Dee Magers home on Mother's Day were J.T. Guy, Katie, Kori, Kirsten and Kendra, of Abilene.

Betty Reid arrived home May 11, after spending time in Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital and then recuperating at the home of her daughter, Wanda and Minh Nguyens in Lone Tree, Colo.

Luncheon guests of Beth Johnson and Fred Molzahn on Saturday, May 10, were Barry Molzahn; Dennis and Melaine Molzahn of Independence, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Branden Molzahn and Morgan, Blue Springs, Mo.; LaNae Molzahn, Kaela, Katelyn and Madisen of Holt, Mo., and Cathy Clausen. Mrs. Johnson had lunch with a cousin, Lloyd Rupp, in McCook on May 7.

Virgil and Joyce Price enjoyed Mother's Day dinner at a café in McCook, then visited her brother and wife, Melvin and Carlotta Thielbar.

Mother's Day lunch and dinner guests of Donna Warren in Oberlin were Fern Mapes, Goldie Brewer and Mike Mapes.

Kenneth Ward took his wife, Dorothy, and daughter, Lora Linn Leichtler, to McCook for Mother's Day dinner.

Recent houseguests of Marguerite Clark were David and Cathy Ankenman, Yucaipa, Calif.

Oran and LaVerne Milner met George and Wilma Bishop and Ralph and Evelyn Strayer at a café in Norton for lunch on May 5. The Georges were returning from a six-week stay in their home in Fairbury, Neb., to their home in Golden, Colo.

Darrel and Alice Barnett went to Wichita on May 11 to help celebrate the first birthday of their grandson, Alex Barnett, son of Darren and Julie Barnett.

Congratulations to the Norcatour area seniors who graduated over the weekend: Scott Harman, Kortney

Stapp, Kelsey Jackson, Megan Hillebrand and Melissa Hillebrand. Marian (Van Meter) Pachner is celebrating her 80th birthday this month. Mail will reach her at: 221 W. 57th #A 1, Loveland, Colo., 80538.

Three local students attending Decatur Community High School made it to the state speech championships this year, and one attended the state speech festival. Anthony and Andrea Marshall participated at the state championships in Hutchinson with their humorous solos and their duet. Anthony's humorous placed sixth in finals, and their duet was one point from breaking into finals. Kelsey Jackson was also at state championships with her poetry. The Decatur Community High School speech team took third overall at state championships. Destry Jackson went to the state speech festival in Salina and received a II rating on her humorous solo.

The state music festival, held on April 26, was held in Concordia. Andrea and Anthony Marshall and Kelsey Jackson participated. Andrea and Anthony each received I's on their vocal and instrumental solos, and Kelsey received II's on hers. The three were also in ensembles, as well as DCHS Singers, which received mostly I ratings.

If you wish to buy a luminary for the Relay for Life, please contact Chris Dempewolf at (785) 693-4315 or 4461. These may be bought in memory of or in honor of someone, and the cost is \$10 each. There will be a special luminary ceremony around 9:30 p.m. on June 6, and at that time every luminary will be read. Any luminary orders received after May 31 will not appear in the luminary handout.

Chamber welcomes two businesses

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

On Friday, the Oberlin Business Alliance will be doing a pork burger and polish fry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will go to help purchase a new sign at The Gateway entrance to announce activities taking place there.

We have received more rain, and hope it is reaching everyone. The fierce storms have spared some of our area. The high winds and tornadoes haven't been too close but have touched the lives of many.

Remember to purchase your chances for the chamber vacation. I understand that it's not far from the Apache Casinos. It has a new swimming pool, the peace and quiet of

the mountains, no telephones, excellent food prepared for you and spacious cabins. One dollar buys you a chance for all the above. You may be the winner of a very cheap week away from home. All chamber board members have tickets, or they may be purchased here at the office. You need not be present to win.

The observation of Memorial Day will be on Monday at the cemetery starting at 10 a.m. The Avenue of Flags is a sight to behold. This is most impressive and pays respect to those who have served our country with honor.

Stop by and have a cup of coffee.

Congratulations to all seniors for the completion of your schooling, and welcome to all returning alumni.

The chamber just held a ribbon cutting at the D&M Sinclair Service to welcome Dwight and Mary Wentz to Oberlin, who have recently purchased the business. We then traveled down the street to welcome Bill Goscha at the Carpet Center. Best wishes to all.

The Alumni Hospitality Room is ready to welcome all who want to stop by. It sounds like there will be plenty to eat and drink both days. Bring your friends and visit with old acquaintances and make new ones. We had a lot of people stop by last year and everyone enjoyed the time spent there.

The hospitality room will be open will be Friday 1-4 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Could you identify a meth laboratory?



Extension Lines

By Byron Hale
Decatur County Extension Agent

With Kansas ranking in the top five states in the country for the number of methamphetamine labs seized, do you know how to spot a meth lab in your neighborhood?

Chances are high that a meth lab could be right next door. Meth labs have been found in user's home, rental properties, apartments, mobile homes, hotel/motel rooms, vehicles, vacant buildings and storage units. Labs have been seized in farm fields, wooded areas, trailers, outbuildings, barns and garages.

The materials needed to produce meth will fit inside a small suitcase and are often stored or transported that way. Indicators for spotting meth labs include unusual and strong odors, an unusual number of

chemical containers, bottles or jugs, windows that are blacked out or covered and people smoking outside. Additional signs include occupants who are secretive and protective, paranoid or odd, watching of cars suspiciously, lots of night traffic and the use of exhaust fans.

To report a suspected meth lab, record as much information as possible,

including times that odors occur, when traffic is heaviest, vehicle descriptions and tag numbers, description of occupants, and other details. Then contact police or the sheriff, or the Kansas Bureau of Investigation at (800) KS-Crime. Never confront those connected to the suspected lab. If you do, you are putting yourself at risk.

'Involved in the Good Life'

By Rev. Nolan Pierce of the United Church of Oberlin

On Wednesday evening, it was my privilege to be in attendance at the baccalaureate service held in the high school auditorium in Oberlin. It was a good mix of celebration in song, word and witness. Good planning and dedicated work came together in a wonderful way. Most of us sat, watched, and listened, but we felt a part of the action. The Good in life is pleasant to experience.

Many people, including me, wish those seniors continued success and good experiences. Much is said about happiness, fun and success concerning the future. As I view life, those three things are always important to any future. How they are achieved is the challenge for everyone.

Staying involved with that which has the potential for good is a must. Potential good is in every person. It got there by design. When God finished the beginning stage of creation, "God saw every-

thing that He made, and behold, it was very good." (Gen. 1:31a)

From that moment on, God has been involved in creation. It is a process that continued, with God leading the way, and with all creation given a part in its ongoing development.

Joy, happiness and success are experienced best when participation has been a mixture of hard work and pleasure. To the graduates, carry our good wishes and great joy with you. Add to them your talents, energy and joy, and success will be yours.

To the community of Oberlin, keep up the good work; it pays off in lives that are young and those not so young. God is involved bringing good things to Oberlin and the world. Praise God! BE involved and experience the Good Life more often with joy. It puts greater meaning into what is success and happiness.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103

The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly,
The Rev. Mr. Stan Chapin,
MASS: 10 a.m. Sunday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE
The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly
MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly
MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday

OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Arlin Cochran, Minister
539 E. 2nd St., St. Francis
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.

JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS
Glenn Krebs, pastor
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. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.

HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
The Rev. Nolan and Barbara Pierce
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 10 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA
Rev. Barbara and/or Nolan Pierce
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Choir practice every Wed. at 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion, 1st Sun. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Wed. at 8 p.m.

OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)
Pastor: Bobby Cornelius
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m. Evening Service, 7 p.m.. WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.

OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST
102 North Cass — 785-475-3067
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Charles Keller
785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

PIONEER BAPTIST CHURCH
Meeting Temporarily at
119 S. Cass Ave., Oberlin
Pastor Steve Smith
Phone 785-475-3844
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Visit us on the web at www.pioneerbaptist.org

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. King's Kids, 6:30 p.m.; Youth, 8 p.m. Women's Group, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 2 p.m.

OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Beaver and Mill
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. Junior Worship, grade 3 & down; 2nd Sundays: All-church dinner. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Home Bible Studies, 7:30 p.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
The Rev. Damian Richards
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.

HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
Keith Reuther, Pastor
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.

NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Charles Keller
785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Charles Keller
785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN
The Rev. Heidi Wiebe
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, 7:30 p.m.

LUND COVENANT CHURCH
Pastor: Tom Smith

10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. SATURDAY: Men's breakfast & Bible Study, 7 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Interim Pastor: Don White
Secretary: Norma Unger
785-475-2333

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SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; Tuesday: Lenten Services: 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday: KICK- 3:45 p.m.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
404 North York Avenue
Oberlin, Kansas

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler
Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053
SUNDAY: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship and Educational Hour, 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays. Congregation Council, third Sunday, 10:45 a.m. Youth Group, first and third Sundays, 10:45 a.m.. WEDNESDAY: Confirmation class, 6:30 p.m.; Women's Bible Study second Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Cedar Living

Cedar Living Center is pleased to welcome new residents Rachel Gallatin, and A.W. and Evelyn Lyon. Velda Ward has returned to her home in Norcatour.

Don and Marie Thomas spent Mother's Day at the home of their son and family, Dennis and Kaylene Thomas.

Residents and staff enjoyed a fun week of activities in honor of National Nursing Home Week. A Mother's Day Tea was held on Monday afternoon. Volunteer Betty Jenik assisted with serving punch and cookies. The Monday music program with Carol Witt and Myrna Jones followed later.

Residents and staff were treated to root beer floats on Tuesday afternoon. Bingo volunteers Ann Martin, Ila Ray, Jerry Temple, and Eleanor Kircher assisted. Harold Frickey won the first bingo and Hank Wolfram and Gertie Fleckenstein tied for blackout.

A fish fry and potluck dinner was held at noon on Wednesday. Margee Wilson hosted the party. Fisherman Boyd Wilson donated the fish. Larry and Mary Smith of Norton assisted with the frying. Staff members and friends of Cedar Living Center donated the potluck food items.

Stan Chapin gave the Catholic communion service on Thursday morning. A "mocktail" party was held before supper on Thursday evening. Assorted soft drinks and hors d'oeuvres were served.

An ice cream social attended by residents, staff and visitors ended our busy week on Friday afternoon. Margee Wilson and Teresa Shaughnessy dished up ice cream sundaes with a variety of toppings.

Recent visitors: Paul Chaffin, Goodland; Larry, Mary, Adam and Brian Miller, Marie and Ryan Miller, Dresden; Julie and Morgan Kidder, Mead, Colo.; Don Ashley, Paulie Neff, Carl Mumm, Selden; Paul Nauer, Merl and Ruth Chance, Leonard and Doris Fleckenstein, Jennings; Larry Sumner, Jerry Temple, Glenn Alexander, Frank Ward, Leslie and Lynn Ward, Larry and Jody Lyon, Howard Sumner, Norcatour; Joseph Schmaderer, Ludell; Ann Martin, Herndon; Pastor Rick Rostek, Margaret Richards and Bonny Rapp, Norton; Suzanne Cahoj, Atwood; Patt Tuller, Karen Capps, Steve Martin and L.J., McCook; Phil Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Gordon and Juvy Matheny, Abilene, Texas;

Carol and Gary Allen, Kayla Sauvage, Eleanor Kircher, Barb Solko, Fern Jording, Elaine Bryan, Marie Jean Vavroch, Irene Fringer, Ann Mines, Esther Noren, Lyle Gamblin, Jim Gamblin, Dewaine Stapp, Goldie and Don Stapp, Ron and Patti Uehlin, Danny Uehlin, Callie Uehlin, Gary Fredrickson, Eula Juenemann, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Margaret McEvoy, Esther Lindquist, Donna Kent, Oberlin.

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