

Three Prairie Unit met on May 13 at the Norcatour Educational Building. Vice President Lula Hix presided. Present were Norma McCallister, Marguerite Clark, Helen McVay, Betty Reid, Maxine Brooks and Lula Hix. Roll call was answered with something about asthma. Members then took a quiz and an evaluation on asthma. The evaluation will be sent to the extension office. A thank you was received from the Veteran's Administration in Topeka for the Valentines and monetary gift. Helen McVay was hostess and Betty Reid won the hostess gift.

Family members who gathered at the home of Esther Miller on Sunday, May 16, to help her celebrate her 94th birthday, which was May 18, included: Gary and Annette Miller, Merle Shirley, Dennis and Judy Shirley, Oberlin; Mike and Jan Miller, Prairie Village; Stan, Carol, Justine and Joel Miller, Patrick Shirley, Norcatour; Curt and Melissa DeDonder, Rossville; Steve and Sammy Miller, Hays; Julie Olson and Doris Naab, Liberal; Casey Tuttle, Quinter; Bev Morris and Casey Morris, Hoxie, and Chad and Aimee Applebury and Eli, Colby. Stan barbecued hamburgers and Annette and Carol served cake and ice cream.

Overnight guests of Esther Miller were Mike and Jan Miller of Prairie Village.

R.D. Thornton was admitted to the Oberlin hospital with pneumonia on May 20.

The Decatur Community High School journalism department will be accepting used cell phones, toner cartridges and printer cartridges all summer. These may be dropped off at the Norcatour city office.

Francis and Arlene Hix visited her sister, Freida Van Der Wege, in the Norton Hospital. She fell on May 10 and broke her leg.

Gail, Denise and Lucas Bailey and Arlene Hix attended the graduation for Mark Bailey at the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland. Mark received his associate degree in Electrical Technology. He is the son of Gail and Denise Bailey and grandson of Francis and Arlene Hix. Congratulations, Mark!

Keith and Linda Jurey, Albuquerque, N.M., were guests of

Virgil and Joyce Price the weekend of May 22. They were visiting their sons and family in Kennard and planned to return to Norcatour for Memorial services.

Good luck to the Oberlin boys and girls track teams, who were to participate in the state meet in Wichita on Friday and Saturday. The Oberlin high school track teams both finished second at regionals. Kaitlyn Stapp is a member of the 4x100 team.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Loretta Carter - May 25; Larry and Jodi Lyon - May 26; Jodi Lyon, May 27; Laverne Milner, Ron and Renee Harman - May 29; Jamie Wentz - May 30; Tad and Rebecca Hartsough - May 31.

There were 15 in attendance at Senior Citizens May 21. Winners were June Jolly, Twila Henry, and Leona Schoenrad. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Rea and Dee Magers visited Marguerite Clark and Betty Reid at the Whispering Pines Apartments in Norton on Friday.

Wava Reames wrote in to say she looks forward to each issue of the *Norcatour News*, and just wishes more Norcatourites would include their news. Some of the "guys" where she works get a kick out of the old items from the *Dispatch*. Wava recently toured the Grosseuro Museum, a traveling exhibit which was at the Omniplex in Oklahoma City, with her granddaughter's elementary school.

Congratulations to Andrea Marshall for receiving both the vocal and band Arian Awards from Decatur Community High School. The vocal Arian Award was also received by Brent Smith of Oberlin. These awards are given to the outstanding senior or seniors in each department. Andrea has also received the Thespian of the Year Award, voted on by the high school drama club members and given to the most outstanding senior actor or actress each year. Additionally, she has received the J.R. and Loretta Betts Community Scholarship Award for her acts of community service. Andrea is the daughter of Troy and Deb Marshall, and granddaughter of Forrest and Inez Jackson and Neil Marshall. She will be attending the University of Nebraska in Kearney this fall with a double major in Music Education

and Performance.

Andrea Marshall and Amber Reynolds had their senior recital on Saturday, May 22, at The Gateway in Oberlin, sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities. It was an awesome performance and very well attended. Andrea and Amber shared their many talents and their love for God. The recital was composed of flute, saxophone, piano and vocal solos, as well as a duet with Andrea and her brother, Anthony; a trio consisting of Amber and her brother and sister; and another trio made up of Amber with her father and brother. Andrea and Rebekah Hasty performed their speech duet act. Andrea also performed an original piano solo, "Rain", which she composed as an assignment for music theory class. For the finale, the girls performed a duet entitled, "Friends."

Wilma Magers writes that she and her sister, Vera, enjoy seeing the names of friends from years gone by.

Bonnie Rapp reports that Bob Rapp is back in Manhattan at a rehab hospital, recovering from the spinal stenosis surgery he had at Stormont Vale Hospital in Topeka on April 20. The pinched nerve in the neck caused a paralysis of the left leg and arm, along with memory loss. He is getting stronger and can walk with a walker now, with someone at rehab hanging onto his belt. They have enjoyed hearing from friends.

John and Carol Cook are living in a mobile home park in West Richland, Wash. She gets to see her grandbaby most every day. They can be reached at (509) 967-7062, or mail may be sent to: P.O. Box 4672, West Richland, Wash., 99353. John's birthday is June 16.

Bill and Bee Nelson expect to be home for a 10-day period before returning to Kansas City so Bill can finish his chemotherapy series.

Weekend was busy around here

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

ties planned for in June.

The Chamber-sponsored Community Garage Sales are planned for the weekend of July 23 and 24. While you are cleaning out the outgrown clothes, don't throw anything out. Remember that one person's junk is another's treasure. The cost to be put on the map will be \$5 along with a short description of what you have. The maps will be ready from 3-5 p.m. on Thursday, July 22; all day Friday and from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday. All sales will be advertised as a group and the starting times will be your own. The ad will say that some will

start at noon on Friday and Saturday all day.

Fourth of July fireworks will be shot at dusk at the fairgrounds. The jars will be put out for donations this month. The more donations, the bigger display they will have.

Remember the American Cancer Society Relay for Life on June 18-19. You can buy a luminary for \$10 by calling Sarah Fredrickson or Peg Smith. This is a very good cause.

Thanks to Gail and Kay Marcuson for allowing us to display the quilt made in 1905 with the names of the Lund Covenant Church members over this past weekend.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Saturday dinner guests of Elma Lee Erickson were Mr. and Mrs. Paul McNall, Cindy and Zach, Leoti.

Memorial weekend guests at the Dick Kelley and Elden Anderson homes were Helen Jaderborg, Longmont, Colo.; Kevin Kelley, Silver Lake; Kirk Kelley, Davenport, Iowa; Janice Sauvage, Edwards, Colo.; Brenda Kelley and girls, Frederick, Colo.; and Wane and Cheryl Stull, Solomon.

They were joined for dinner on Sunday at the Anderson home by Nick Anderson and Stephanie Reed, Lawrence, who were weekend guests of the Richard Anderson family, Gary Anderson, and the Richard Anderson family. The same group enjoyed brunch on Monday at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin and were joined by Melodie Fish, Ar-

vada, Colo., and Ken Kelley, Englewood, Colo.

Sunday dinner guests of Dave and Sherrie Bergling to honor Alicia Bergling and Megan Bergling on their high school graduations were Richard and Susan Bergling, Megan and Cassidy, Larned; Quentin and Olive Bergling, and Jason and Alicia Bergling. They enjoyed wild turkey, prepared by Dave Bergling.

Brady Ginther of Atwood was a weekend guest of his grandparents, J. R. and Carrol Ginther, to celebrate his 11th birthday, which was Tuesday. Skyler McConville of Indianola, Neb., is spending this week with J. R. and Carrol Ginther.

Rex Olson, Seth, Sam and Abbie, and Dr. Beth Kinneavy, Boulder, Colo., were Memorial weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Keith Olson. Rex and Beth also enjoyed the 25th reunion of the Class of 1979 and the Alumni Banquet in Oberlin.

Sunday dinner guests of Elma Lee Erickson were Mr. and Mrs. Randy Erickson and family, LaMesa, Calif.; Holly Erickson, San Diego; Mr. and Mrs. Regan Erickson and family, Overbrook; Nora Bearley and Montine Alstrom, Oberlin; Judy Bearley, Oakley; and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allen, Littleton, Colo.

Weekend guests of Bob and Sally Olson, and Betty Marks were Larry and Debra Marks, Amalia, Joseph and Amber, Mulvane.

Jerry and Sherri Hill of Frederick, Colo., spent Sunday and Monday with his uncle and aunt, Steve and Arian Arnold.

Good Samaritan Center

Dennis Brown led morning devotions on Thursday. Little Sam's Kids made "potato bugs" with residents. Erma Holt, Eryline Nichols, Mamie Unger, Leo Mooty, Agnes Chambers, Fern Anderson, Elsie Macy and Ivah Alexander joined the fun.

Catholic services were held with Lois Buchholz, Bonnie Westcamp and Ruby McKenna attending. Residents who enjoyed identifying flowers in the courtyard included: Eryline Nichols, Ruby McKenna, Hazel Flaska, Bernice Brown, Eva Cuthbertson, Leo Mooty, Marilyn St. Clair, Agnes Chambers, Fern Anderson and Erma Holt.

Several gathered in the Angel Lane dining room for Doug-Art. Leo Mooty, Bonnie Westcamp, Jeanette Conway and Marilyn St. Clair made several creations to be baked and painted. Leta Meitl from Lifetime Eye Care adjusted, repaired and cleaned eyeglasses for resident. Social Hour was served by Ellen Horn.

Lisa Stacy had morning devotions on Friday. Merry Mums met in the Town Square for some hand therapy. Those present were Leo Mooty, Eva Cuthbertson, Bernice Brown, Fern Anderson, Mamie

Unger, Eleanore Demmer, Florence Fisher and Ruby McKenna.

Carol Duncan read the Oberlin Herald to residents Ruth Laidig, Ivah Alexander, Ruby Shuler, Irene Waggoner, Fern Anderson, Dena Gillespie and Leo Mooty. Bethany Smith played the piano during Social Hour Irene Waggoner with her daughter, Edla, Ruth Laidig, Elsie Macy, Leo Mooty, Fern Anderson, Serena Stacy and Bethany Smith, took part for a lot of fun.

Visitors included: **Dena Gillespie** — June Waldo, Harold Hartzog. **Ruby McKenna** — Mike and Joan McKenna, Donna Chambers, Ed McKenna, Ed and Gloria McKenna; **Garrah Gaumer** — Mike and Joan McKenna; **Iris Wurm** — Eugene and Beverly Witt; **Hazel Flaska** — Olga Anderson, Ed and Becky Karnes; **Elfie Brown** — Clara Ann Hoffman, Melba and Martin Johnson; **Lee Arnold** — Jim and Carolyn Plotts; **Eva Bryan** — Donna Kelley, Detta and Elden Anderson; **Lora Zwickle** — Phyllis Nicholson, Estella Waldo. Other visitors were Ray, Susan, Maleia and Mindy Rome, Johnnie and Christine Richards, Darrel and Sue Flave, Lois Behrmann.

'Households and Hearts'

By Heidi M. Wiebe, pastor of Evangelical Covenant Church of Oberlin

One of the benefits of living in a small town is getting to know your neighbors. I spent much of my growing up years and early adulthood in large cities or suburban neighborhoods. In such places, you are lucky to know your next-door neighbor, let alone your whole neighborhood.

But in a small town, the possibility of knowing your neighbors takes on new meaning. Your neighbors are not just those who live next door, but those who live down the street or across town. Basically, everyone in a small town is potentially your neighbor.

In a small town it is easy to know who has had a baby, who has died, who is sick, who has lost a job, whose marriage is troubled, and whose kids are having problems. Unfortunately this kind of personal information often leads to gossip. Our gossiping nature makes us feel better about our own lives, but it does nothing to help those in need.

Instead, we could do something more positive and life affirming. Jesus gave us some pretty basic instructions on how to do this in the book of Matthew. Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself".

That sounds pretty easy, unless our neighbor is different from us, or lives a life that we don't approve of. Jesus is saying, don't overlook the needs on your own doorstep.

Welcome your neighbor, love them, open the door of your heart to them. Jesus' own life gave evidence that he lived by this command. He hung out with and gave attention to all people, even those who were different. Jesus spent time with those who were mentally ill, those with bad reputations, those who were sick, those without friends — all those that others did not think of as "their" neighbors.

Jesus welcomed all these people into his life. He ate with them, he talked to them, he learned all about their lives and still, even when he had all their personal information, he continued to love them. We need to follow Jesus' lead. Instead of gossiping, perhaps a better way is to bring food to those who are sick or have lost a loved one. Offer babysitting so a couple in trouble can spend time together. Offer financial or other help to those who have lost a job. In all these ways, we fling wide the "doors" of our "households" and hearts and welcome our neighbors in, no matter who they are.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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| <p>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
The Rev. George Kochuvellikkakam, MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday</p> <p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE
The Rev. George Kochuvellikkakam
MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday.</p> <p>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
The Rev. George Kochuvellikkakam
MASS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday</p> <p>OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Jim Martin
120 South East, Oberlin
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.</p> <p>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS
Glenn Krebs, pastor
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.</p> <p>DRESDEN
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
The Rev. Nolan and Barbara Pierce
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 10 a.m.</p> | <p>HIGH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
122 S. Penn Ave., Oberlin
Pastor Steve Smith
Phone 785-475-3844
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Service 7 p.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)
Pastor: Bobby Cornelius
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., AWANA Club 4-7 p.m.; Evening Service, 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
The Rev. Damian Richards
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
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SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>LYLE UNITED METHODIST
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SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
510 North Wilson
Interim Pastor: Don White
Secretary: Norma Unger
785-475-2333
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; Tuesday: Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p> |
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