

Patty and Kaitlyn Stapp, Linda Dempewolf of McCook, and Sunnie Fredrickson of Selden helped move Kortney Stapp back to college in Iola on Aug. 14. En route home Sunday they met Lee and Amber Dempewolf of Topeka for lunch. They are a niece and nephew of Patty and Linda's.

A.W. and Evelyn Lyon celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Aug. 19. Mail will reach them at the Andbe Home, 201 W. Crane, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Dorothy Breiner accompanied her daughter, Jennifer McKenna and sons, Carson, Kaid McKenna, and Tyler Cook to Hutchinson for Dorothy's eye checkup. They also enjoyed a trip to the Cosmosphere. Jay and Vi Gallentine have moved into a duplex at 909 Quail Drive, Norton, Kan., 67654-1941.

Those attending the United Methodist Church Sunday morning had a pleasant surprise when the church was presented with a beautiful picture, "Guardian Angel," painted by Glenn Alexander. He is 97 years young, and paints with a steady hand and with excellent sight. Everyone is invited to come and see the painting. The new address for John

Rubendall is 803 12th Avenue, Franklin, Neb., 68939.

The Norcatour News crew wishes Lacey Roe good luck in school. She helped put out the newsletter during the summer.

Judy (Magers) Easton visited Rea and Dee Magers on Aug. 12.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Velda Ward - Aug. 18; Lois Wentz, A.W. and Evelyn Lyon - Aug. 19; Anetta Knapp, Rodney New - Aug. 20; Albert and Mary Sedlmayer - Aug. 21; Lora Arnold - Aug. 22; Kristi Gallentine - Aug. 23; Mark Bailey - Aug. 24.

Susan Bolek and Sara of Valparaiso, Ind., were recent visitors of her parents, Lee and Lora Arnold, and her brother and wife, John and Brenda Arnold.

Rea and Dee Magers attended the New Almelo Bazaar on Aug. 14.

The Norcatour library is in need of three to four new shelves. Cost for one shelf is about \$200, including lumber and labor. Anyone wishing to donate to the project may send donations to: Lois Wentz, Rt. 1, Box 88, Norcatour, Kan., 67653, or through the Citizens Alliance, c/o Dennis Lechlitter. Please denote that the money is for book shelves. The Norcatour Pre-school is look-

ing for kids to enroll for the 2004-05 school year. Contact Deb Marshall at (785) 693-4344.

Iva Lee McAllister Wilson of Westminster, Colo., has donated some great pictures and other information to the Norcatour Museum.

A belated 16th surprise birthday party for M.J. Dempewolf was held on Friday night, Aug. 13, at the County Line Café. Classmates and other friends helped her celebrate, enjoying playing pool, eating pizza and singing karaoke.

The funds raised for Dennis Kason at the benefit pancake feed held Aug. 12 were greatly appreciated. Any additional funds may be sent in their name to Box 10, Norcatour, Kan., 67653.

Bob Rapp wrote, in part: The Norcatour people have always been very considerate of other people, which makes it such a great town to live in. . . . I am gradually getting better. After an operation for spinal stenosis, I have graduated from a wheelchair to a walker and now am using a cane. I can walk around the house without the cane, by grabbing onto furniture, but it makes me feel independent and that I have progressed. He said their goal is to be home for the Alumni Banquet.

Farmers market is once a week

What wonderful weather we have been having. It needs to rain again but if not, the cool temperatures will help. This doesn't help the crops mature as fast as they need to before Jack Frost comes calling.

Farmers Market is every Wednesday a.m. when the producers get to town, which has been around 8 a.m.

Those who came to the picnic the other night had a great time, plenty of home cooking, and a chance to win either a Chamber membership or dinner for two at the LandMark. Gary and Maria Sanden won the year's membership and Dana Koerperich, the dinner for two.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

We also heard from the schools about the different events that are taking place, as well as met the coaches of all departments from athletics to music to academics. The kids had a wonderful time playing on the playground equipment. They are our future and very important. KFNF played some golden oldies for our listening pleasure.

The first football game will be Sept. 3. Where did the summer go?

Remember to support your favorite team as they start their season.

Oberlin Business Alliance meets Sept. 1 at the LandMark Inn at noon and the Chamber board meets Sept. 9 at the Hirsch & Pratt office. These meetings are open to anyone who wants to attend. Please feel free to come and express your thoughts and suggestions.

Remember that the pot is always on. Stop by and have a cup.

Radon information meeting set

Bruce Snead, Kansas State University extension specialist in residential energy, will give a program on radon, its dangers, how it occurs, and possible treatments for radon in the home at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, at the 4-H Building in Norton.

This program is part of the radon mini-grant received by Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan and Trego county extension offices from K-State.

The purpose is to get at least 50 radon test kits out into each of these five counties so that the state can begin to get a better idea of how common the problem of high radon levels is in the homes of northwest Kansas.

Those 50 families in each of the five counties who had their radon levels tested are encouraged to attend and learn more about what



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

their test readings might indicate. The readings might suggest that no action is necessary, or if the reading was above four pico curies per liter of oxygen in the home, definite action is indicated.

Mr. Snead will be able to give specific recommendations based on your readings. Bring along the report you received from the test if you still have it.

Tranda Watts is Kansas State

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 twatts@oznet.ksu.edu.

For more information, contact the county extension office, 475-8121.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

The Golden Plains Soap Scrimmage for volleyball and football will be Friday, in Rexford. Volleyball will start at 5 p.m., the barbecue will follow at 6 p.m., and football will be at 7 p.m.

Birthdays and anniversaries include: Aug. 26 - Ivonn Vargas, Kathy Holsman, Dusty Spresler, Valarie Broeckelman; Aug. 27 - Jimmy Kruse, Bob and Elaine Koerperich, Kelly Goeken; Aug. 28 - Lisa Stoll, Andrew Broeckelman; Aug. 29 - Fritz Mumm, Jerry and Chrys Rall, Karen Adelman, Russ Emigh, Jyle Adelman; Sept. 1 - Bart Karls, Dan Wessel, Barry Quanz, Emily Rogers.

On Aug. 19 at Senior Citizens, Betty James won high, Alfred Albers took second, Cecelia Ottley got low and Irene Kruse had the most queens. Other members

present included: Lola Cook, Dorothy Lovin, Carol Shaw, Don Smith, Anna Albers, Leone Porsch, Gene Rogers, Edna Schiltz, Paulie Neff and Don Shaw.

The Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association Conference was held this past weekend in Wichita. Members of the Sheridan County Emergency Medical Services attending the conference included Tammy Shaw and Jacque Boultinghouse. At the awards banquet, held on Saturday evening, Sheridan County received the "Basic Life Support Service Award" for the most outstanding service for 2004. David Stithem, Eileen Murphy, Tammy Shaw and Jacque Boultinghouse attended to accept the award.

Sheridan County Emergency Medical Services will be hosting an

open house on from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sept. 12 at the new center in Hoxie. The public is invited to attend and see the new facility.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Wilma Tongish is a patient at Bryan Lincoln General Hospital, 16005 48th Street, Lincoln, Neb., 68506, and would appreciate cards and letters.

Cecilia Lehman of Tribune spent several days with her mother, Ann Martin.

Pat Marrs and Julie Solko of Hays were Wednesday afternoon visitors of their mother, Monica Solko. Ron and Rodney Solko of Oberlin were Saturday dinner guests and Tom Solko was a caller during the week.

Recent weekend guests of Bob and Julie Hafner were Dave, Jackie, Caitie, Allie, Caleb, Elijah and Seth Foxhoven of Parker, Colo. Joe Hafner, Keleigh, Noah and Abraham of Scottsbluff, Neb., also spent a few days. Wednesday evening visitors were Edie Pettera, and Les and Myrna Pettera of Loveland, Colo.

Goldie Oldies met at the Down Home Cafe on Aug. 12 and helped

Ann Martin celebrate her birthday. Others present were Helen Marintzer, Lillian Wahrman, Bernie Fred, Wilma Bobinmyer, Anna Mae Ketterl, Edie Pettera, Carol Kompus, and a guest, Cecilia Lehman of Tribune.

Jason and Tasha Allen were honored with the Yard of the Month for June by Herndon PRIDE.

Kayla Grafel, 12, participated in the AAU Junior Olympics for the sixth straight year. It was held in Des Moines, Iowa, this year and she finished second in the high jump and 12th in long jump.

Her sister, Kourtney Grafel, 7, advanced to the national level for the first time and placed ninth in shot put with a throw of 13'8.5".

They are the daughters of Kurt and Kris Grafel of Utica. Their grandparents are Don and Joan Grafel, and Dalbert and Karen Bruning, all of Herndon.

'Are following the rules more important than helping others?'

By Pastor Kathy Aeillo of Almena, Clayton and Norcatour United Methodist churches

In Luke 13, there is a story of Jesus healing a woman who had been bent over for 18 years. For Jesus it was just a simple matter of telling her she'd been freed from her ailment. For the woman it must have been a wonderful relief from pain and rejection. In those days if a person suffered from illness or deformity, it was considered to be punishment for sin.

The problem presented in the story obviously is not that Jesus brought healing to the woman, it's that Jesus healed her on the Sabbath. The leader of the synagogue got the crowd all stirred up because Jesus was working on the Sabbath and, just as bad, apparently, that people were coming to be healed on that holy day.

Hypocrites again! Jesus asks the complainers who among them wouldn't untie his work animal and lead them to water on the Sabbath. And then he asks if the woman isn't a great deal more important than an ox or donkey.

In the eyes of the leaders of the synagogue, Jesus has done two terrible things — first, he cured the woman on the day of rest and, second, he made them look like fools. If we try to look at Jesus' ministry through the eyes of the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders, it's not too hard to understand why they came to hate him and wanted to get rid of him. We rarely do look through the eyes of the Phari-

sees, though, probably because they're not made out to be very sympathetic characters in the gospels. Surely, there were men among them who were good men and who worked hard to serve God as best they could. Those who wrote the gospels didn't often tell us about the good ones though. I think they felt compelled to point out the blatant flaws in the Law that made following the rules more important than helping people.

Jesus' whole ministry centered on love — love of God, love of our neighbors, and love of ourselves. The people of Jesus' time had gotten too wrapped up in observing all the laws, hundreds of them. No one could keep them all but some of the Pharisees spent their lives checking up on folks to make sure they were observant, and punished them if they weren't.

That's not the way God works at all. God established rules by which we are to live and God sent Jesus to teach us and show us how to live. God also knows that not one of us is perfect and that we can't get through our lives without sin. The difference is that the Holy Spirit, living in us, shows us our sins and helps us to accept God's grace, to ask forgiveness and repent. When we follow that path, God smiles on us and erases our sins from memory, as though they never happened.

Is that the God you know? If not, pray for someone to help you find the way to God and allow Him to heal you and make you well — no matter what day it is.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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785-475-3103
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday

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Jim Martin
120 South East, Oberlin
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.
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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.

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.

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., AWANA Club 4-7 p.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: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

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
South Beaver Street - Oberlin
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. Junior Worship, grade 3 & down. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.

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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.

NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

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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
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.

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.

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