

Memorial service for Lee Eckhart, Class of 1940, will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday at the United Methodist Church. Inurnment will follow at the Norcatour Cemetery. Memorials were established to the Norcatour Citizens Alliance.

Elden Aufer wrote in to the *Norcatour News* to request a 2-year renewal. He says, "The Norcatour News is my lifeline to my 'childhood.' I look forward to receiving each issue. Give my best wishes to all and to the volunteers, 'keep up the good work!'"

Erin Ankenman, Aurora, Ind., and friend, Caroline Wright, Cincinnati, Ohio, were overnight guests of the Oran Milners on May 13. They were en route to Salt Lake City, where they will both complete a two-month internship to receive their degrees in physical therapy. They will both graduate in August.

ALUMNI UPDATE

The schoolhouse will be open all day Friday with refreshments served at 7 p.m. in the all-purpose room.

Saturday, schoolhouse open 12 noon to 8 p.m.

At 2 p.m., at the museum, Verle Francis and friend will demonstrate the telegraph he has donated.

Refreshments served at 2:30 p.m. in the all-purpose room at the schoolhouse and tickets for the banquet may be picked there at that time. As of May 17, there were 291 reservations.

At 3 p.m., Norcatour history discussion, led by Ron Temple at schoolhouse. Bring your pictures and stories to share.

Banquet begins at 7 p.m. Free dance, 8 p.m.-12 midnight, at the high school gym, sponsored by Norcatour Commercial Club. JAM Session will provide the music. Donations accepted for the club's scholarship fund.

Those with campers are allowed to park their vehicles behind the school building if it is not muddy. There are no electricity or water hookups.

Volunteers are needed for Norcatour Rural High School alumni officers for the year 2010, especially the secretary-treasurer's office. Call Bev Miller at Norton, (785) 877-3746.

The Norcatour summer reading program theme will be "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds." Get ready to set off on an adventure in fantasy, and "Just Read!"

It will run from 10 to 11:30 a.m. from May 31 to June 3. Cookies are needed each day. Those who would

like to help may let Chris Dempewolf know.

CONGRATULATIONS

Area Decatur Community High School graduates for 2005 are salutatorian Anthony Marshall, Justine Miller, and Kelsey Gallentine.

Cathy Claussen graduated from the Colby Community College registered nurse program and was pinned on Saturday, May 14.

Megan Rhodes, daughter of Jerry and Lisa Rhodes, graduated Saturday, May 14, from Fort Hays State University. Those attending were Jerry and Lisa Rhodes, Ron and Jerry Temple, Tracey Hartzog, Norcatour; Jessica Rhodes and Caden, Colby; Bud and Helen Rhodes, Jennings; Ryan and Corey and Noah Graie, Wamego; and Chris Cullinson, Hays. A reception followed.

Wayne McCallister helped Bill Nelson get his planter ready for milo planting on May 13 and 14. Norma and Bee were called in for helpers. They all had pizza Friday evening from the Cardinal Bar and Grill. Saturday Bee fixed supper for them.

Guests of Dewaine Stapp for the week of May 8-14 were his grandchildren, Chris and Kim Stapp, and Matt, a friend of Kim's. The Stapp children are son and daughter of Randy and Karen Stapp, Mount Vernon, Ind. Supper guests on May 12 were David and Patty Stapp, Sam and Kaitlyn Stapp, and Leone Purton, Donald Stapp and Alice Shirley also stopped by for a visit.

Pat and Shelley McKenna attended a supper on May 13 in Wichita for the graduating physician's assistants class at Wichita State University. Their daughter, Sarah, was a member of the class.

On May 14, they attended Fort Hays State University graduation. Their daughter, Jackie, received a Bachelor's Degree. Julie Carter received a Masters Degree from Fort Hays. A reception followed.

Rachel and William Carter and Margaret Stanley, Colby, went to Overland Park on Friday, May 13, to spend the night with Allan and Sherry Carter. On Saturday, they all went to Bethany, Mo., to attend the retirement party for Ann Graner, daughter of William and Rachel. On Sunday they attended the Bethany High School commencement, where Ann was the guest speaker. En route home on Monday, they stopped at Phillipsburg to visit Jane and Amanda Wahlmeier.

Word was received Sunday that Bonnie Hoard, Teague, Texas, formerly of Jennings, had died. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today (Wednesday) in Teague. Rick Bower Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Wednesday evening and overnight guest of Doyle and Kay Brown was Beth Jenkins of Olathe. Beth earned an internship for the summer at Lockheed Marietta in the NASA Department in Denver. She is the daughter of former Jennings

teachers, Jeff and Jan Jenkins, who now live at Olathe. Thursday overnight guests were Kent Brown and Darren Lee, Estes Park, Colo. Their band, "Night Owl," played at the Atwood Rod Run.

Several alumni classes of Jennings High School will be having reunions on Saturday, May 28. Class of 1950 will gather in the conference room at the school at 2 p.m. Friends and classmates are invited to drop in to chat. The alumni banquet will be at 6:30 Saturday evening.

Wayne and Louise Cressler visited Walter Cressler Sunday at the Long Term Care in Hoxie. They visited briefly with Twila Pearson, former Jennings resident, who is also at the Long Term Care.

United Methodist Women will meet June 1 for a 12 noon luncheon. Special guests will be Prairie Chapel United Methodist Women. Lesson leader will be Mary Jane Swihart of Quinter. Topic of the lesson will be "Serving the orphans of Rumania."

Jennings City Council will meet June 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sunflower Senior Center.

Doyle and Kay Brown attended the graduation Friday evening of the Hays Clifton Middle School eighth graders, of which their granddaughter, Katherine Kuntz, was a member.

I will need your news by Friday morning this week as some papers will be printed early because of Memorial Day.



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Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On May 19 at Senior Citizens, Betty James won high, Cecelia Ottley took second, Catherine Campbell got low and Carol Shaw had the most jacks. Other members present included Jeannie Spesser, Julie Pope, Alfred Albers, Anna Albers, Lola Cook, Clara Schieferecke and Dorothy Richards.

David Becker will have a poem published in a book, "A Celebration of Young Poets." The title of his poem is "The Boots That I See."

Birthdays and anniversaries: May 27 - Drew Stevenson, Gary and Jerrie Robinson; May 28 - Scott Bruggeman, Kendra Spesser, Andrea Mitchell, Steve and Helen Carman; May 30 - Dick Stevenson, Devin Spesser; June 1 - Gary Gillum; June 2 - Charles Focke.

The following books, which should arrive soon, have been ordered for the Selden Public Library:

regular print — "Big Hair and Flying Cows" by Delores J. Wilson, "The Orange Blossom Special" by Betsy Carter junior fiction — "Eleven on Top" by Janet Evanovich; "Jigsaw Jones" box set, books 1-5, by James Preller; large print — "True Believer" by Nicholas Sparks, "No Place Like Home" by Mary Higgins Clark, "Velocity" by Dean Koontz, "Marriage Most Scandalous" by Johanna Lindsay; "Always Time to Die" by Elizabeth Lowell, "Devil's Corner" by Lisa Scottoline, "Sullivan's Justice" by Nancy Taylor Rosenberg, "Fourth of July" by James Patterson, "The Closers" by Michael Connelly, and "A Good Yarn" by Debbie Macomber.

The annual Antique Tractor and Car Show will be June 5 in all of downtown Selden. Come join the fun.

Good Samaritan News

On Monday, May 15, morning devotions was entitled, "Discipline in Love," brought by Jan Badsy. Folding Fellowship gathered including Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson and Jan Conway. Don Farr led morning exercises. Afternoon music was provided by volunteer Myrna Jones.

A brain teaser game was played later Monday afternoon by Elsie Macy, Eva Bryan, Fern Anderson, Leo Mooty, Ruth Laidig, and Ruby Shuler. Social hour was served. The Card Sharks, Garrah Gaumer, Jan Conway, and Hildegard Euhus, gathered with volunteer Mildred Holmdahl for an afternoon of playing cards.

Phil Erickson led Tuesday morning devotions. Gladys Geis, volunteer, spent one-to-one time with Kathryn Post, Eva Cuthbertson, Fern Mapes, and Everett Fisher. During Garden Club, Jan Conway, Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, Ruby Shuler, Elsie Macy, Everett Fisher, Marguerite Fullerton, and others were assisted by Lisa Stacy and Jan Badsy in creating beautiful silk flower arrangements and decorations for walkers, canes, tables, and wheelchairs.

On Tuesday afternoon, Residents' Council met with Coleen Rippe, as well as staff members Mary Sramek of dietary, Lavern Burtis from maintenance, and Jan Badsy from the activities department.

Social hour was party time, with strawberry shortcake provided by Dennis Brown. Nathan Smith, volunteer, assisted with serving. Reading with Fern Moore was attended by Ruby Shuler, Eva Bryan, Dena Gillespie, and Ruth Laidig.

Anita Hirsch led Wednesday morning song service, with Cheryl Miller accompanying on the piano. Mert McEvoy led Bible study for Eva Bryan, Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, Lucy Schissler, Elsie Macy, and Marilyn St. Clair. Don Farr led morning exercises.

Pat Whetzel and Dorothy Alstrom provided nail care Wednesday afternoon. Social hour was a special treat with Cheryl Miller sharing her musical talent, playing many songs from the past. Enjoying this event were Virginia Ilke, Ruby Shuler, Allen Addleman,

and Fern Anderson. Serving social hour was Ellen Horn. Afternoon canasta was played by Lucy Schissler, Edla Olson, Jan Conway and Hildegard Euhus. Bingo concluded the day's events.

Dennis Brown led Thursday morning devotions. Birthday greetings were extended to Eryline Nichols. Catholic services were held, attended by Bonnie Weskamp, Lois Buchholz, and Pooch Portschy. Kathryn Post, Elsie Macy, Everett Fisher, Jeanette Conway, Marilyn St. Clair, and Fern Mapes enjoyed special visits from Lisa Stacy.

Thursday afternoon the Garden Club discussed ground preparation, worms, and farm buildings, enjoyed by Eva Bryan, Fern Anderson, Jan Conway, Edla Olson, Elsie Macy and Garrah Gaumer. After social hour a round-table discussion continued with "Farmer's Almanac" tales. Joining in were Leo Mooty, Garrah Gaumer, and Ruby Shuler.

Jan Badsy led Friday morning devotions and Edla Olson accompanied on the piano. Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, and Jan Conway met for Folding Fellowship. Everett Fisher enjoyed going out for a ride, and Bonnie Weskamp strolled down to the city library. Current Events gave residents a chance to hear the *Oberlin Herald's* latest edition, read by volunteer Carol Duncan.

A spelling bee, social hour and a ladies' Bible study were held in the afternoon.

Volunteer Phil Erickson shared Saturday morning devotions with the residents.

The United Church of Oberlin led Sunday church services. Volunteer Florence Vavroch served social hour in the afternoon.

Recent guests: Hazel Flaska - Arlee Williams, Westminster, Colo.; Myrna Lacinia, Jan Collins, Wanda and Phil Schuhs; Marilyn St. Clair, Kathryn Post - Wanda and Phil Schuhs; Florence Jones - Shirley and Don Carlisle; Lucy Schissler - Margaret Fikan; Eva Bryan, Edla Olson - Samantha, Chris, and Gabe Anderson; Dena Gillespie - June Vavroch, Daryl and Marge Hartzog; Alvin Unger - Bob and Shirley Gaede.

'Caring for Creation as Consumer'

By Pastor of Charlotte Strecker-Baseler
Faith Lutheran Church, Oberlin

When we enjoy the beauty of God's creation on a pretty spring day, we should marvel at His doing. God has splashed together plants and trees and flowers in a rainbow of colors for us to enjoy.

We often think that the environment has to be at odds with jobs and the business world. It does not have to be one or the other, yet that is what we are told as consumers of the earth's resources. It is true that certain man-made decisions can harm what God has created, but it does not have to be that way. It is always risk-taking to drill for oil, clear cut forests, or pour poisons into the ground, air or water.

Sometimes it is difficult for us living in rural areas and away from large cities to understand that air pollution truly is a problem. It is difficult to know who to believe about the debate on global warming when some "scientists" say one thing and others say just the opposite. Research has become quite dubious these days, and I always say, "You might just want to find out who is funding the study!"

For instance, we've heard that pasta is good for you in a diet, then several months later we learn that it is bad for you. I think that consumers should be skeptical about any new product, supposedly tested and safe for marketing, whether it be a new prescription drug or a genetically modified organism/GMO used in the hybridization of seed from which crops are grown.

I believe it is much too early to know the effects

of these new products on the human body and on the environment. There is too much "shady" business practice and dubious research out there to do anything but be skeptical for the sake of one's health.

For some it is obvious that our ravenous hunger for oil as U.S. consumers requires more drilling for oil. For others it is quite obvious that vehicles getting 30 miles to the gallon will take you twice as far on the same amount of gasoline than a vehicle that gets 15 miles per gallon.

Why aren't more people upset with the auto makers for going backwards by producing more vehicles with poorer gas mileage, thus consuming more of a non-renewable energy source, which makes us more dependent on Middle East oil? Reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and focusing on renewable energy will improve not only the environment, but also our economy and the security of our nation as well.

The need for recycling seems to be a difficult concept to grasp in the rural areas because space does not seem to be a problem. The metropolitan areas produce a lot of trash and cities have limited space to deal with it, so recycling becomes necessary. I encourage you to become a recycler.

All of these issues that I've mentioned are pressing and important; and we, who believe in being responsible, are concerned. God's creation is not a gift to throw away — it's just too important to take for granted. Choose today to make a difference in caring for God's creation.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam,
MASS: 7:30 p.m., Saturday

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The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday

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The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 5:30 p.m. Saturday

OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
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.
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.

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.

LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Carol Woodmanee, Almena
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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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