# **Norcatur News**

By the Norcatur News Committee

The first annual After Harvest Fun Day will include games for the whole family from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday in Norcatur. Proceeds from the kids games will go to the pre-school and the Prairie Dog 4-H Club will hold a cake walk. Norcatur Grain will sponsor the coin and corn hunt. Momma Millie will serve a bull fry and barbecue at 6 p.m. and a dance with the music of Jam Session and karaoke will follow at 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Norcatur Preschool will be starting Sept. 6. It will operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30 a.m. Lois Wentz will teach and Deb Marshall will be the director. Enrollment is open all year. Contact Deb at 693-4344 or Lois at 693-4558.

Fern Mapes celebrated her 95th birthday on July 30. Mail will reach her at Good Samaritan Center, 108 E. Ash, Oberlin, Kan., 67749. Oran and Laverne Milner, Marguerite Clark and Dorothy Ward were late visitors to wish her a happy birthday that day.

Marguerite Clark, and David and Kathy Ankenman were Tuesday evening, July 26, visitors of Oran and Laverne Milner.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Claire Leslie - Aug. 2; Marguerite Clark - Aug. 3; Dwight and Mary Wentz - Aug. 6; Agnes Pruitt, Les Ward, Wyatt Wentz, Darren and Lois Wentz, Stan and Carol Miller, Bob and Kay Strevey - Aug. 7; Wayne and Norma McCallister -Aug. 9.

Jay Gallentine of Norton, celebrated his 90th birthday on Tuesday, Aug. 9. He was a long-time Norcatur area resident and farmer, graduating from Norcatur Rural High School in 1932. He retired from farming in 1977 and, with his toughed it out. Mr. and Mrs. Rod-

may be sent to 909 Quail Drive, parked their camper in the Millers' Norton, Kan., 67654.

Bids are being taken for the covering or painting of the windows of the Norcatur High School building. nis Leichliter, HC 1 Box 113, Clayton, Kan., 67629. The committee will meet Monday, Aug. 29, to review the bids.

Veda Wood accompanied Toots Magers, Kathy Van Meters and Jovce Sumner to Cedar Living Center for the July birthday party. They took salads, had a short program and enjoyed desserts with the residents. Later they visited Marguerite Fullerton, a resident, and drove Marlene Marie came to make her by St. Mark's Lutheran church at its new location. On Saturday, Veda Price. Each year they all do somevisited her newest great-grandbaby, Aubrey Jude High.

Ankenman of Yucaysa, Calif.

Beth Johnson visited Eva Marie Vacura at Cedar Living Center and Marguerite Fullerton at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin on July

Dave, Patty, Kaitlyn and Sam Stapp went to Emporia on Saturday to visit Kortney Stapp and Jerrod Poire, then went to Garnett to attend the "Outlaw" tractor pull. The Stapps and Kortney and Jerrod stayed with Dan and Debbie Poire. They all returned home Sunday, except Sam Stapp, who stayed in Emporia to visit Kortney and Jerrod a few days.

The Stan Miller family had a party to christen their new farm implement storage building. Close to 200 people came for the hog roast and prime rib meal. It was very hot at first but a lot of brave souls

## wife Vi, moved to Norton. Cards ney Tuttle and Drew, Quinter, yard and helped with everything, as well as Carol's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Mast, Emporia.

Houseguests of the Stan Millers For more information contact Den- at that time were Justine's fiance, Casey Tuttle, Salina; Mr. and Mrs. Chad Applebury and Eli, Colby; Bev Morris, Hoxie; Curt and Melissa DeDonder, Topeka; Joel Miller and Jerry Rule, Emporia. Casey Morris and three friends camped out in tents in the yard. After it cooled off several enjoyed the karaoke and dancing by Jam Session

Forty-four years ago, on July 27, home with Kenneth and Pansy thing special. This year Marlene and her family, Ron Wolf, Erica Recent guests of Marguerite Matthews and Craig, came up for Clark were Mr. and Mrs. Dane the day. All went to Oberlin for lunch, then spent the afternoon doing odd jobs. Following that they enjoyed eating muskmelon. Marlene and family took in the Norton fair on their way home.

Senior Citizens had 25 in attendance on July 29. Winners were Marguerite Magers, Kathy Van Meter, and Veda Wood.

On July 27, Rea and Dee Magers took pizza and a cake over to Jeff Magers at Cedar Bluffs to help him celebrate his birthday. Recent guests of Rea and Dee Magers were Dewayne McKewen, Norton, and Tara Nelson and Anita Volskay, Independence, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Muirhead went to Overland Park on Sunday, July 31, to help move their granddaughter, Kallista Schulze, into a different apartment. She will be a sophomore at Johnson County Community College. Their daughter Tamala, Salina, joined them to help with the move. Their grandson, Mizell, McCook; Todd, Harrison Kolten, accompanied them back to Salina after visiting his dad in Norton.

Guests of Mary and Tom Votapka Tuesday and Wednesday were Frances Montieth of Stockton, and her grandson, Andy and Tiffina Glaze and Josh of Provo, Utah. Dallas and Joyce Kolsky, Sedalia Mo., stopped by on Wednesday evening. Their daughter, Nancy, and husband, Steve, and family of Blue Gibbon, Neb.; Joe, Amy, Andrew, Springs, Mo., brought them out for a few days.

Katlyn Schiefen, Overland Park, is visiting her grandmother, Sue Long, this week.

Frances Bader had surgery Monday at Hays to patch her ear drum. She is home and doing OK.

Steve Hartzog, Dallas, son of Daryl and Marge Hartzog, is in the hospital there with severe headaches and a fever. Marge and Daryl are with him.

Lawrence Jennings is home after spending several days in the hospital.

**STRAMP REUNION** Descendants of William and

Josie (Cilek) Stramp held their 47th reunion on Sunday at the Sunflower Senior Center. Josie was the first white child born in Decatur County. A potluck dinner was enjoyed followed by a white elephant auction, pictures and social time.

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Those attending included: Elaine and Rachel Lofton, Lincoln, Neb.: Coleen and Dick Ellis, Alliance, Neb.; Sherry and Jerry Feagins, Omaha; Karen and Bill Mizell, Cotter, Ark.; Emma and Michaela Wallace, Almond, Wis.; Bob and Neoma Tacha, Jennings; Roger and Peggy Tacha, Oakley; Barbara Tacha, Mary Jo and Gale Montgomery, Norton; Lynn and Julie Tacha and guest, Tim Smalcomb, Alexis and Riley Anderson, Grainfield; Vance and Sharon Poage, Norton; Jerry and Sandi Kinser, Concordia; Darian and Elias Girard, Clyde; John and Linda

By Louise Cressler

Stanley, Oberlin; and Tom and Kay Reedy, Hoxie.

Jennings City Council met Thursday in the Senior Center with three council members, Bill Gawith, Rick Foster and Louise Cressler; Mayor Bob Jones; City Clerk Sue Long; and visitors Jay Kump, Neoma Tacha and Raymond Yahne present. The council voted not to close the alley south of Raymond's shop. They accepted the resignation of Jeff Rowlison who read meters and took care of the well. Jeff has taken a job at the Hoxie School. Council hired Justin Meitl of Dresden to read meters. Wayne and Louise have been taking care of the well. Norton Correctional men will be in Jennings on Thursday, Aug. 11, to help trim trees, clean curbs, etc.

A large crowd gathered at the Jennings cemetery on Thursday for the memorial service of Neva Jean (Vacura) Taylor.

# **Traer News**

By Maralyn Courange

Maralyn Courange attended the 31st Magers family reunion at the their family, including birthdays, United Methodist Church Educa- deaths, marriages, etc. The next retional Building in Norcatur on Sun- union will be at the same location day. There were 18 present. A potluck was enjoyed by all, followed 2006. by a meeting.

Each family member told about on the first Sunday in August of

## 'Wrestling with God' By Pastor Doug Hasty of the United Methodist churches of Oberlin and Prairie Chapel

You can find the story of Jacob wrestling with face." As dawn breaks, this mysterious adversary knocks Jacob's hip out of joint and insists that Jacob let him go. But Jacob refuses to let go until he receives the promise of a blessing. So the antagonist gives Jacob a new name, Israel, "the one who strives with God."

This story might seem strange to us, yet it's not that difficult to relate to when we plug in our own experiences. How many of us have had a sleepless night struggling with our conscience or trying to justify ourselves for some hurt we inflicted? How many of us have suspected God was calling us to something we weren't keen on and found sleep elusive? And how many of us have sought God's blessing, and been given it, but left without a clear sense of what do next?

God the adversary, even picturing God as the aggressor, isn't that hard to comprehend. Haven't we sometimes experienced God as one who prods us to change, who provokes us to try harder, who bulcommitment, who hounds us to surrender to him? face figure who confronts us through our con- What is your name?" science, through other people, through Scripture, through worship, through situations that force us also the best answer. to deal with God.

For me, the point of the story is not that Jacob went God in Genesis 32:22-31. The text calls the unex- looking for trouble, but rather when it found him, when pected opponent a "man," but when the nocturnal he was faced with the most formidable of foes, he brawl ended, Jacob said he had "seen God face to stayed with the struggle until he received God's blessing.

> When we encounter God, we undergo a perspective change, an attitude adjustment. Jacob could've said, "Well, I got whupped." Or he could say, "Hey, I got a new name.'

> If we were to speak of Jacob's struggle as a midlife crisis, let's remember that a crisis is a turning point. Crisis in this sense signifies that moment in which we realize all our defenses, all our familiar maneuvers have come to naught, when we are forced to take a long hard look at ourselves—"warts and all"—at all our success and all our failures and for the first time really confront the question: "Who are you, really? What are you about?" And then, you have to make a decision about that, to actually choose between alternative paths. Then we are close to the spiritual meaning of the term "midlife crisis."

That is precisely what is happening to Jacob at this critical moment in his life. Left all alone in the dark, and facing what he believes will probably be the fight lies his way through our defenses to demand our of his life, he is addressed from a surprising and unexpected source while his guard is down. And it confronts When it suits the Lord's purposes, God is an in-our- him with the central question of his life: "Who are you?



**Cedar Living News** 

Cedar Living Center will have a display of craft items made by the residents in the Open Class building of the Decatur County Fair

We will show our projects, but not enter them for ribbons or prize money.

Residents and guests joining in a game of penny cards Monday included Nettie Britton, Alice Fiala, Freda Gamblin, Tressie Samson, Don Shaw, Eva Marie Vacura, Bea and Hank Wolfram, Paul Sass, Clarence Sattler, Lyle Gamblin, and Jamie Samson.

Fern Moore helped take residents outside on Tuesday morning. Eva Vacura won the first game at Bingo on Tuesday and Hank Wolfram won the blackout game.

day to finish up projects for the fair, gan, Colo.: Jason and Dawn Tuller. Wednesday with Don Shaw and Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Thursday afternoon.

The family of former resident Harold Frickey met for social hour on the patio following his funeral.

St. John's Lutheran Church was in charge of the Sunday service on Aug. 7.

Larry and Kyle Wolfram, Liberal, visited on Sunday. They took Hank and Bea Wolfram to McCook to attend the Grafel family reunion. Rick and Tammy Shaw, Carol Shaw, and Paulie Neff visited on Sunday evening and played pinochle with a group of residents.

Recent visitors: Rose and Shakia Domsch, Atwood; Julie Harold, Hays; Frank Cox, Tom and Myra Sattler, Don and Joan Grafel, Herndon; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Merlin and Lola Diederich, The craft group met on Wednes- McCook; Nola Carlson, Fort Mor-Barb Solko played pinochle on and family, Curtis, Neb.; Norton Frickey, Denver; Jason and Jen Shanks, Judy Martin, Hutchinson; Aaron, Bonnie, and Zackary Maske, Russell; Doris Helmkamp, Kevin Helmkamp, Littleton, Colo.; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby; Janice Doyle, Lincoln, Neb.; Alan Vavroch, Manhattan; Kevin Vavroch, Kansas City; Cindy Mines, Wichita; Keith Mines, McPherson; Dale, Avis, and Diana Hazuka, McDonald; Jamie Samson, Lindsborg. Dorothy Cochran, Doris Gilbert, Merle Shirley, Lyle Gamblin, Dolores and Jacob Koerperich, Helena Bruggeman, Walt and Rosella Meitl, Alice Shirley, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray, Elaine Bryan, Marie Jean Vavroch, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Earl Brown, Vernon Diederich, Dana Winstead, Oberlin.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson Wednesday afternoon.

Father George of Sacred Heart Catholic Church was here Thursday morning for Mass.

Thursday afternoon the bowling group met.

Don and Marie Thomas hosted a party at noon on Thursday in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary. They provided cake and ice cream for residents and staff. Don also celebrated his birthday on Sunday. They were guests of their son, Dennis Thomas and family, for a supper in their honor on July 31.

The baking group met on Thursday tomake nacho cheese and chips.

# **Mount Pleasant News**

## **By Dianne Bremer**

and Breanna, were Wednesday supper guests of Ken and Jan Badsky. Brad Larson hosted a barbecue for family and friends Saturday evening at his farm home. Guests were Steve and Connie Noren, Britta, David, and Michael, Lori Seaman, Tim Stallman and Brent, Colleen Geihsler, Kathy Almquist, Gary and Maria Sanden, Wayne and Lois Larson, Craig Larson, Carl Wendelin, Greta and Rory, Brandon and Laura Bryan, and Beth Sliter, Oberlin, and Ellen and Marian Schroer, Baldwin.

Ralph and Norma Unger, Ryan Unger, Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly, Bob and Rachelle Gorrell, Connor and Logan, Rolla, Mo., returned home July 30 after enjoying a weeklong family vacation. They flew into Dulles International Airport, Washington, D.C., and spent the week at the Massanutten Resort, two hours southwest of Washingin Oxen Hills, M.D. who also took dinner guest at the Gaede home.

Tim and Kimberly Davis, Kari them to tour Andrews Air Force Base. Among sites the group enjoyed seeing while on vacation were the Revolutionary and Civil War battlegrounds and spending a day in Washington, D.C., seeing the White House, touring the Capitol grounds, Mount Vernon, and the World War II Memorial. They also visited with Congressman Jerry Moran while in Washington, D.C. Mike and Gail Harvey and Zeb,

Larson, Norman and Joanne Lamar, Colo., visited Stuart Euhus on Saturday. Mike and Gail returned home but Zeb remained here with his grandfather to spend this week enjoying the Decatur County Fair.

> Jessie Grace Tate was honored on her first birthday with a party at the home of her great-grandmother, Lois Carlson, on Saturday. Others present were Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota and Mollie Marie, and John and Edith Tate.

Duane and Lois Unger, Colby; Bob and Shirley Gaede, and Ralph and Norma Unger visited their ton, D.C. While there, they met with mother, Alvina Unger, on Sunday. Col. Delbert Townsend at his home Alvina was also a Sunday evening

God may be the source of your crisis, but the Lord is Grace and peace.

## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

**OBERLIN SACRED HEART** CATHOLIC CHURCH 785-475-3103 The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

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

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN

The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam MASS: 7:30 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. SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Wor-

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 Pastor: Dennis Brown SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN 109 North Griffith-American Baptist, **Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA** SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Choir practice every Wed. at 6:30 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 4-6 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

ship 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.

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, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m; Bible study, 7 p.m

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

LYLE UNITED METHODIST Carol Woodmaneee, Almena Lyle Lay Speaker 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 **Co-Pastors: Doug Mason** & Tom Smith 10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. ; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study and prayer, 7:30 p.m.; SATUR-DAY: Men's breakfast & Bible Study, 7 a.m.

#### ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 510 North Wilson Pastor: Rev. Rick Langness Secretary: Norma Unger 785-475-2333

SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; KICK, 3:45-5:30 p.m. each Wednesday.

### 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.

These sponsors urge you to attend church regularly:

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