

Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

A spaghetti supper benefit, sponsored by the Decatur County Chamber of Commerce, will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday to benefit the Norcatur pre-school, library, highway fund and museum. Everyone is welcome.

Alta May Van Gundy hopes to come home soon from Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital in Hastings, Neb.

Donations for the Hurricane Katrina refugees are being collected. Bottled water, food, personal health care items, and clothing are being gathered, as well as cash to pay for shipping by the St. Francis Catholic Church in Norton. To meet the truck schedule, items need to be collected by Sept. 30. Call Jessica at the Cardinal Bar and Grill, (785) 693-4499, or (785) 202-0456 (cell) for details.

Clason Rupp, Springfield, Mo., visited Beth Johnson and Fred Molzahn recently.

A first-place prize of \$100 will be awarded in a karaoke competition, with Karaoke Explosion, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill beginning at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Elden Long - Sept. 14; Alice Barnett, Rodney O'Hare - Sept. 15; Lisa Rhodes, Robert and Leona Schoenrad - Sept. 16; Joel Miller - Sept. 17; Doug Dempewolf - Sept. 20. Mail will reach Dwight Wood at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, Room 235, 5401 South Street, Lincoln, Neb., 68506. His phone number is (402) 486-8235.

Weekend guests Sept. 9-11 of Bee Nelson were classmate Janet Aitken of Commerce City, Colo.,

and her daughter, Teri Fouts of Littleton, Colo. Janet and Bee were attending their 55th high school class reunion at Norton.

Marvin and Millie Matchett went to Hays on Sept. 11, to visit and enjoy a barbecue with their daughter and son-in-law, Martina and Rafael Ruiz. Rafael's family lives in New Orleans.

Cathy Claussen, Oberlin, and David Johnson, Fall Church, Va., were dinner guests of Beth Johnson and Fred Molzahn on Sept. 8.

Labor Day guests of Rea and Dee Magers were Bob and Cheri Pomeroy, Lakewood, Colo., and Jeff and Joy Magers, Cedar Bluffs. The guys went hunting and the gals attended an auction at Hoxie on Sunday. On Monday, the group went over to the Jeff Magers home and enjoyed a tour of their great gardens. They even had planted broom corn for a fun crop and it did well.

Bill Kamm of Belleville, Ill., was at the Norcatur Museum in early September doing research on the McCue family. The obituaries which Olive Keener put together were most helpful.

The Norcatur Alumni Maintenance Committee met on Sept. 9 and reviewed bids received for repair and/or covering and replacing windows in the Norcatur High School building. In the meantime, the committee filed an application to pursue getting the building on the State and National Historic Register. This might help get some funds to help defray the window maintenance expense. After they find out if it is eligible, they plan to meet and proceed with the next step.

Guests of Virgil and Joyce Price on Sept. 2 were their grandsons, Richard Jurey, Edmond, Okla., and Jason Jurey, Kennard, Neb. They were en route to Utah for a week of 4-wheeling. They returned on Sept. 9 and spent the weekend. Kathy, Connor and MacKinzey Jurey came from Kennard to meet Jason and spent the weekend. Additional guests for dinner on Sept. 10 were Jack and Anne Kelley, Junction City, and Kenneth and Pansy Price, Clayton.

A surprise birthday party was given for Nan Cook on Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill. Friends and family present were Ron and Geraldine Temple, Bee Nelson, Hop Lockhart, Mike and Ruby Cook and family, Whitey and Nit Cook, Brian and Tami Cook and family, Terry Cook and family, Topper and Nikki Cook and family, Steve and Kathy Wasson and family, and Becky Podie.

Patty Stapp, Bill Brooks, Melissa Chambers, Charles Doeden, Mary Long and Dave Stapp won door prizes at the dinner and karaoke held at Momma Millie's on Sept. 10.

Rodney and Lora Linn Leichter returned from the Mayo Clinic on Sept. 10, where Lora Linn had gone for a return checkup. She had the misfortune of having her hip go out of place again, and will need to wear a brace for 10 days.

Laci Roe, who helped with the Norcatur News all summer, has gone off to school for another term. We appreciated her and will miss her.

This weekend full of activities

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

Greetings:

These cool evenings have been wonderful, but we still need some moisture. This could come nice and slow but guess we will take whatever.

Thanks to all who attended the football game against Quinter and stopped by to have a burger or some homemade ice cream or both. It all tasted so-o-o good. The boys did a nice job and Mr. Haag, you are going to have to work hard to lose that weight. He challenged the football boys that for every game they won he would lose 10 pounds; let's win more games.

There are many things coming up this weekend and next.

To begin the day on Saturday, the chamber will have a ribbon cutting for the Blue Sky Auto Wash on the north end of Penn Avenue. This will take place at 10:30 a.m. and will be followed by lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. During this time they will demonstrate how the new car wash works and give away some items. Join us to wish them well.

Also that day the Kansas Masonic Foundation/Outreach Center is sponsoring a program on cancer prevention along with free screening of breast, prostate and skin cancer. This is a free program, open to the public from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. at the Masonic Temple, 109 W. Commercial. There is an elevator to the second floor. There is no obligation; the results will be sent to you and you may contact your own physician.

That evening, take your family

out on the town and travel to Norcatur for the chamber benefit spaghetti supper to be held in the Norcatur School building. This will be held 6-8 p.m. and is a freewill donation. The proceeds will go to the pre-school, museum, library and highway funds.

The next weekend will be Mini Sapa Day at the museum, and the Antique Thresher and Engine Show at the fairgrounds. These are two fun-packed days. To start the week-

end off on Friday, Sept. 30, the Oberlin Business Alliance will be having a burger-Polish sausage fry in the old Farmers National Bank drive-through from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This week the chamber hours will be changed to 10 a.m.-3 p.m. the week of Sept. 19-23. Leave a message and your call will be returned.

Remember that the pot is on so stop by and have a cup.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Herndon Senior Citizens met on Sept. 7 at the Senior Center for a business meeting. Bingo followed and Helen Marintzer won blackout. Frank Cox won the door prize.

The next potluck will be today with Anna Martin and Dorothy Engleman on kitchen duty. The next business meeting will be Oct.

5 with Mrs. Engleman as hostess. Ron Solko of Oberlin was a last Saturday dinner guest of his mother, Monica Solko. Kimberly Solko of Oberlin, Diana Solko, and Tom and Patrick Solko were Saturday visitors. Mrs. Solko was a last Sunday dinner guest of Mildred Kleidosty.

Traer News

By Maralyn Courange

Maralyn and Rocky Courange, and Kelly Brown, Lakin, Kaitlin and Taylor attended the baptism of Dominic Michael Wheelbarger, infant son of Desiree Morgan and Shawn Wheelbarger, at the Memo-

rial United Methodist Church in McCook on Sunday.

Dominic is the grandson of Kelly Brown and a great-grandson of Maralyn Courange.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Sept. 15 - Larry Miller; Sept. 16 - Janet Ritter, Doug Neff, Susan Juenemann, Pam Wessel, Ron and Lois Neff; Sept. 17 - Wilbur Miller, Kevin Wurm, Mark Hill; Sept. 18 - Bobbi Koerperich; Sept. 20 - Borgie Mendiola, Catlin Braun; Sept. 23 - Kelsey Spresser Rhodes, Kacie Rogers Evans; Sept. 24 - Amelia Juenemann, Matt Finnesy; Sept. 25 - JayDe Adleman, Kent Ashley, John Lobato, Kenny Bastin, Tasha Belair, Andrea Trembley, Jade Mosier, Nolan Ritter, Noel Ritter; Sept. 26 - Alvin Shaw, Dan and Delores Juenemann; Sept. 27 - Aimee Truetken, Borgie and Robyn Mendiola, Ashley Stoll, Brooke Stoll; Sept. 28 - Steve Juenemann, Tara and Cole Ingram, Michelle Becker.

On Sept. 8 at Senior Citizens, Paulie Neff won high, Shirley Emigh took second, Irene Kruse got low and Jeanie Spresser had the most tens. Other members present were Carol Shaw, Lola Cook, Alfred Albers, Anna Albers, Betty James, Julie Pope, Ann Hazlitt, and Cecelia Ottley.

School Calendar: Sept. 22 - Junior high volleyball and football at Rexford with Brewster; Sept. 23 - High school football at Rexford with Grinnell; Sept. 24 - High school junior varsity volleyball tournament at Brewster; Sept. 27 - High school volleyball at Grinnell; Sept. 29 - Junior high volleyball and football at Grinnell; Sept. 30 - High school football at Rexford with Brewster.

The Selden Community Building

project has been moving along pretty fast. Workers now have the walls up and the roof on. Over the past couple of weeks anywhere from 10 to 20 people have showed up to help make the job easier on everyone. With the evenings getting shorter most of the work is being done on Saturdays. The project has its own website, thanks to the Kansas Rural Water Association, so when you have time check it out at <http://krwa.net/projects/selden.htm>. Pictures on the site were taken by Judy Rogers, Julie Pope and guys from Kansas Rural Water Association.

Members of the local Senior Citizens have been very involved in the project. On Saturdays they have provided meals for the workers so a big thanks to Betty James, Irene Kruse, Julie Pope, Ann Hazlitt, Shirley Emigh and Bernita Aumiller.

New books at the Selden Public Library include "Origin in Death" by Nora Roberts, and "Slow Burn" by Julie Garwood. Library hours are Monday and Saturday, 9-11 a.m., and Wednesday evening, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Keep in mind the library is only open when volunteers are available. Anyone wanting to volunteer may contact a board member.

At Senior Citizens on Sept. 15 Shirley Emigh won high, Jeanie Spresser took second and had the most jacks, and Ann Hazlitt got low. Other members present include Cecelia Ottley, Edna Schiltz, Carol Shaw, Lola Cook, Anna Albers, Leone Porsch and Alfred Albers.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Ann DuBois, Abby and Madi of Salina visited over the weekend with Ann's parents, Ken and Julie Carter, and other relatives. On Sunday, the Carter group went to the home of Jesse and Megan Carter, Oberlin, to help Clayton celebrate her birthday.

Jean Lee Halligan, Goodland, visited Friday night and Saturday with her mother, Mary Votapka; brother, Tom Votapka, and sister, Sue Long.

Sunflower Senior group enjoyed a potluck supper on Tuesday, Sept. 13, with entertainment by John Juenemann of Oberlin. Present were: Stan and Ramona Shaw, June Vavroch, Kenny Krizek, Jay Kump, Vendla Tacha, Arch Harman, Elmo and Marguerite Bailey, Mary Votapka, William and Rachel Carter, Emma Sanford, Edith Foster, Keith and Helen Muirhead, Eleanor Morel, Bob and

Neoma Tacha, Jim and Wilma Mader, Pat Hall, Violet Foster, Ruth and Merl Chance, Claudine Bennett, Agnes Wahlmeier and Louise Cressler. Anna and Clayton Carter, great-granddaughters of William and Rachel, joined them for supper.

Extended hours on Saturdays at Mom's Li'l Market are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with lunch served 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Keith Corbett, rural development manager, conducted a review and inspection of Friendship Village on Wednesday. Board members meeting with him were Stan Shaw, chairman; Louise Cressler, secretary; and Darlene LaRue, bookkeeper.

Thursday evening the Housing Board meeting was held with all board members present, including Stan Shaw, Alice Wagoner, Helen Rhodes, Betty Cressler and Louise Cressler.

'No Excuse is Acceptable'

By Pastor Doug Mason of Lund Covenant Church

Charley and Matt lived in a nice neighborhood where the people were friendly — except for one man, who lived at the end of the street in a big house with a gigantic swimming pool. His pool had the highest diving board they had ever seen, so high they could see it over the big fence that surrounded his property.

Every day Charley and Matt walked past the man's house wishing they could dive off that diving board. But the man didn't allow anyone on his property, especially kids. The "No Trespassing" sign made that very clear, but the prohibition only made the boys want to get inside all the more. They made a pact with each other that the next time their neighbor went out of town they would sneak over the fence late at night and dive off his incredible high dive.

Two weeks later they noticed the man load a couple of suitcases in his trunk. Peeking through the blinds in Matt's bedroom, they saw him drive away. Charley and Matt felt a rush. They knew that tonight they'd get to experience, the thrill they had been dreaming about.

Around 11 p.m., dressed in their swimsuits and wrapped in towels, they snuck out to meet at the old man's house. Although it was a moonless night, they didn't use flashlights in case someone might

see them. They definitely didn't want their parents finding out.

Climbing over the fence, they entered the man's yard. Even in the pitch-dark night they could make out the form of a second fence right next to the pool, which they immediately climbed over.

Inside the pool area they couldn't see a thing. Charley was feeling his way along, looking for a place to put his towel, when Matt bumped into the diving board. He immediately started climbing to the top of the ladder. "Last one in is a rotten egg!" he called to Charley, laughing.

"Be quiet!" Charley said as he felt his way to the edge of the pool. He wanted to check the temperature of the water. He sat down on the edge and tried to lower his foot in the water when he heard Matt spring off the board. And just about the time Charley made a discovery, he heard a thud and a blood-curdling scream.

What Charley discovered was that there was no water in the pool. The old man had drained it. Matt hit the bottom of the pool feet first and suffered a broken back and other serious injuries, which left him paralyzed the rest of his life.

Matt's choice directly impacted him. Our choices do the same. A judgment waits us. And that judgment will be based on our decisions. Excuses will not hold any weight.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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| <p>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p>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.; SATURDAY: Men's breakfast & Bible Study, 7 a.m.</p> |
| <p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</p> | <p>OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)
Pastor: Bobby Cornelius
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m., AWANA Club 4-6 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.</p> | <p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
The Rev. Damian Richards
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.</p> | <p>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. Foundations Bible Class, Thursday, 7-9 p.m.</p> |
| <p>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 7:30 p.m., Saturday</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>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.</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> |
| <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>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p> | <p>NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p> | <p>LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Carol Woodmanee, Almena
Lyle Lay Speaker
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.</p> |
| <p>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.</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>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>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
Pastor: Dennis Brown
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.</p> | | | |

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