

Norcatcur News

By the Norcatcur News Committee

Lula Hix underwent cataract surgery in Hays on Feb. 8 and is was a complete success. Her daughter, Linda Young of Conifer, Colo., and Bee Nelson took her to Hays. Linda Young visited her aunt and uncle, Arlene and Francis Hix, on Friday, Feb. 10. Bee Nelson joined Lula Hix and Linda Young for a pizza supper on Friday evening. Linda returned home on Feb. 11.

LaVerne Milner, Bee Nelson, Lula Hix and Dorothy Ward. attended the program by the Hi Plains Harmony Chorus and the Tumbleweed Chorus at Norton on Feb. 5. Carol Moye took Sheryl Patterson and Veda Wood to the performance, and they also visited Veda's daughter, Sandy McNames, who sings with Sweet Adelines. The program was sponsored by the Norton Arts Council.

The Barber Shoppers also had a quartet, "The Lasting Impressions," of which Bruce Bandy, formerly of Norcatcur, was a member.

Leone Billings celebrated her 103rd birthday on Nov. 19, 2005, at a party at the Little Chico Creek assisted living facility in Chico, Calif. Leone was married to Marvin "Lynx" Billings, formerly of rural Norcatcur. Her siblings were the late Robert Mapes, Art Mapes, Marguerite Temple and Pete Mapes. Her sister-in-law, Fern Mapes, lives in Oberlin. Her sister-in-law, Bertha Harmon, and brother-in-law, Ralph Billings, were well-known Norcatcurites. Her nieces and nephews are Leone Purton, Oberlin; Robert Mapes Jr., Norton; Mary Lee Aguilar, Las Cruces, N. M.;

Ronald Temple, Norcatcur; Don Temple, Carson City, Nev.; Donna Warren, Oberlin; Jon Mapes, Boulder Creek, Calif.; James Mapes, Livermore, Calif.; Walter Mapes, Redding, Calif.; Kathleen Mapes, Anderson, Calif.; Charlotte Frances, Chico, Calif.; Peter Mapes, Anchorage, Alaska; and Cadet Harmon.

Lora Linn Leichter is still hospitalized in Burlington, Colo. Mail will reach her c/o Rodney Leichter, Box 294, Seibert, Colo., 80834.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, Veda Wood attended the Seeds of Hope Telethon at The Gateway in Oberlin to watch the "New Harvesters" sing. This group was started by Ron Temple and includes Jim and Carolyn Plotts, Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson and daughter, Dwight and Teresa Wood, and Anita Hirsch. She also visited Carol and John Moye, Tielia Slater, Aubrey and Grant, and Adrienne Vacura and friend.

Wayne and Norma McCallister had beef stew and corn bread with Bee Nelson last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller went to El Dorado on Feb. 3 to visit their daughter, Justine Miller, and fiance, Casey Tuttle of Salina. They all attended the basketball game between Butler County and Cloud County community colleges hoping to see Egan Grafel, of Oberlin, play, but he was on the injured list.

On Sunday, Feb. 5, Stan and Carol Miller went to Emporia, picked up their son, Joel Miller, and took him to Topeka to visit his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs.

Curt DeDonder and Carol's sister, Peggy Mast. They all watched the Super Bowl and visited with Curt's folks, Bob and Becky DeDonder. On Monday Joel had an appointment with his doctor in Topeka. On Tuesday they visited Carol's brother, Jerry Rule, in Emporia and took Joel to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Tuttle and Drew of Quinter and Justine Miller and Casey Tuttle joined Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller for supper at Momma Millie's on Feb. 11.

Bev Morris was an overnight guest of the Stan Millers on Saturday night, Feb. 11.

Dorothy Ward and Marguerite Clark visited Veda Ward at the Decatur County Hospital on Feb. 13. Frank Ward has been transferred to Kearney where he is responding to treatment. They also talked with Lowell Sebaugh, who was visiting with Donald Stapp in the activity room at Cedar Living Center.

Birthdays: Judy Jackson, Leona Schoenrad - Feb. 16; Russell James - Feb. 17; Arlene Hix, Darren Wentz, Feb. 20.

MUSEUM TIDBITS
Thanks to everyone for supporting the Museum. It is a great asset to our community. The Norcatcur Museum is open from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. If you want to visit on a weekend, call Chris Dempewolf, (785) 693-4461, to set up a time. Our address is Norcatcur Museum, Box 89, Norcatcur, Kan., 67653.

Chamber looks at busy March

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

Greetings:

Brrrrr, it's cold outside. I guess February is supposed to be that way, but after such a nice January? This is the time of the year baby livestock arrive so we should be prepared. If the wind die down and the snow fall to stay we would be happy. I'm glad I'm not a weatherwoman.

The Chamber has a lot of things coming up in March. On Friday, March 3, we will do a ribbon cutting for Nex-tech/Ultimate Fertilizer. They will also be hosting the monthly coffee hour from 9-11 a.m. Plan on attending and have a cup of coffee, some cookies and see what all they have in the store.

The Chamber is sponsoring a Farmer/Rancher Appreciation evening March 11 at The Gateway starting at 6 p.m. The speaker is Thayne Cozart, also known as "Milo Yield," a humorist and writer for the Fence Post. There will be a cream can supper and drawings for door prizes, all followed by a dance.

The Farmer/Rancher Appreciation event is free. You just need to pick up your tickets at the Chamber office or call (785) 475-3441 to reserve. You need a ticket to be eligible for the door prizes, and we need a head count. This is open to all farmers and ranchers in the area. Just give me a call at the Chamber office or stop by. Reservations are due by March 8 at 4 p.m.

The Home and Garden Show is fast approaching. KFNF 101.1 is our co-sponsor for this show. Admission is free. We have about half of the booths filled and there will be

many new items featured. I saw some of the patio and lawn furniture the other day and it is neat. There will be a new grill cooking up free samples during the weekend.

The Gateway will have concessions for the Home and Garden Show, and they have always been great. There will be a barbecue trailer outside that will be serving samples of smoked food and also

have it for sale. If you would like to have a booth at the Home and Garden Show, let me know.

The Relay for Life committee is collecting clear 2-liter bottles. They have to be empty and clean. There will be a container at the Chamber office so you can leave them. Remember, clear and clean.

Stop by, pick up your tickets for the free events, and have a cup.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Guests last weekend of Mildred Kleidosty were her sons, John Kleidosty of North Platte, Neb.; Tony Kleidosty of Riverdale, Neb.; and grandsons, Nicholas Kleidosty of Elm Creek, Neb., and Brandon Anderson of Denver.

Ron and Rodney Solko of

Oberlin were Saturday dinner guests of Monica Solko. Tom Solko was a Sunday visitor.

Recent visitors of Edie Petteera were Julie and Bob Hafner, Ann Martin, and Wilma Bobinmyer and granddaughter.

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Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

A reception was held Saturday at the United Methodist Church for William Carter to honor him on his 90th birthday. Over 100 relatives and friends signed the book. All of their children: Ann and Dick Graner, Bethany, Mo.; Kenneth and Julie Carter, Jennings; Allan and Sherry Carter, Overland Park; and Jane and Dan Wahlmeier, Phillipsburg, attended. Most of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren also came.

Kay and Doyle Brown are happy to announce the arrival of a new grandson. Dachiell Kurtis was born Feb. 17 at Quinter to Kurt and Valerie Brown. They have a daughter Millicent, 3, to welcome him home.

Kay and Doyle Brown enjoyed a lovely two-week vacation in Hawaii. Their daughter, Keli and Phil Kleidosty, Wichita, spent some time in Hawaii also.

Sunflower Seniors potluck supper was held Valentine's Day at the center. Tables were decorated with candy and balloons. After the meal,

Don Ammons, Hoxie, and Rosie Hartman, Grainfield, entertained the group with music.

Those enjoying the evening were: Emma Sanford, Rachel and William Carter, June Vavroch, Agnes Wahlmeier, Eleanor Morel, Arch Harman, Jay Kump, Merl and Ruth Chance, Ramona and Stan Shaw, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Mary Votapka, Wilma and Jim Mader, Vendla Tacha and Louise Cressler.

Loren and Phyllis Harris, Salina, were Friday afternoon visitors of Lawrence and Lila Jennings. Brent and Brett Jennings were Sunday dinner guests at their home.

Mount Pleasant

By Dianne Bremer

Hunter Nedland received a I on his vocal solo at the Junior High Music Contest in Colby on Wednesday.

Good Samaritan News

Hearts, candy, cupids, and valentines were on the agenda for a week of love-centered activities! Residents had already made their valentines. Special sweet candy valentines were made to give to the little first graders as they came to read on Tuesday. My, how the residents enjoy and anticipate their coming!

More serious valentines were made for special friends and loved ones. Barbara Dehlinger came to inspire some witty prose and poetry to be added to their creations. What would Valentine's Day be without love songs? At Social Hour on Monday afternoon, Anita Hirsch played Name That Tune. Giving only four notes, the residents tried to guess love songs such as "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and "I Love You Truly." It was fun. After the song title was figured out everyone sang the song together, or sometimes they had to sing the song first to come up with the title.

On Tuesday everyone was dressed in red or pink. Lunch was served as a buffet, the first of many. Staff members drew the names of residents, printed on hearts, then helped their "valentine friend" through the buffet line. This is another step for us in the Christian Communities of Care movement (culture change). Everyone enjoyed the assortment of salads and entree selections. Sometimes it was hard to choose, so a little of this and a little of that filled both plate and tummy.

The STAR Committee hosted Social Hour with a lovely Valentine Tea, boasting an assortment of cookies and flavored teas. The decorations were beautiful and included teapots, hearts and flowers. What a wonderful ending to a perfect day.

As you walk the halls, the resi-

dents' doors are decorated with heart-shaped Valentines with sweet messages from staff members. The hearts were sold by the STAR Committee as a fundraiser. You will also see valentines with smiling faces of the First Hand Friends who mailed their reading pals a Valentine. Everyone loves to get mail! Erin and Ryan May also brought valentines for each resident.

With all the fun and hoopla of Valentine's Day, it is important to remember the very source of love itself. I John 4:8 says, "God is love" and John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

On Friday we said goodbye to and celebrated the life of Sheri Horney. We celebrated because she had confessed her belief in Jesus, and in doing so has the promise of eternal life with Him. Praise the Lord!

Residents and their guests included: **Doris Miller** - Don and Ruth Pickering, Wichita; **Lucy Schissler** - Jeanette Diederich; **Eva Bryan** - Donna Kelley, Delta Anderson, Reilly, Paige, Reid and Elizabeth Fahrenholtz, Hastings, Neb.

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'We need to offer our help' By the Rev. Doug Hasty, Oberlin and Prairie Chapel United Methodist churches

It's hard for people to ask for help. Sometimes we have to step up and offer it.

In the summer of 2000 the Russian submarine Kursk went plunging to the bottom of the Barents Sea. Explosions in the forward torpedo room had left the submarine powerless and un-navigable. The fate of the 118 sailors aboard the sub was not known, though experts believed there would be survivors if a rescue were put together in a hurry.

Several countries including the United States, Great Britain and Norway lined up to offer Russia technological and manpower assistance toward a rescue operation. The Russian response? Nyet! "We have all the necessary technology to carry out the operation," said the Russian deputy prime minister.

By official accounts the Russians did not locate the Kursk, 354 feet below the Barents Sea, until nearly 16 hours after the accident and did not lower the first rescue vessel until an additional 15 hours after that.

A day later, the United States and Great Britain publicly offered to help in the Kursk rescue effort, but two more days passed before Russian leader Vladimir Putin ordered naval officials to accept any aid that was offered. Three more days went by before British and Norwegian rescue vessels arrived at the wreck site.

Meanwhile deep down in the dark sea some of the crewmembers had managed to seal themselves

into a rear compartment, trying in vain to get out but hoping for a rescue. An officer scrawled a message in the fading light of the cold compartment: "All the crew from the sixth, seventh and eighth compartments went over to the ninth. There are 23 people here. None of us can get to the surface. I am writing blindly."

The note was written at least four hours after the initial explosion and some experts believe the sailors would have had enough oxygen to sustain them for a week. No one knows how long those sailors may have survived, but all aboard perished. The note was found on the body of the dead officer.

Whatever the possibilities might have been the reality was that help came too late, even though it was offered and available. It wasn't a matter of the submarine being too deep, or not having the technology. It was all available.

It was a matter of pride, that human spirit that says, "I can do it myself!" "I will owe you something if you help me." "You might think less of me if you think I am weak."

There were four men who carried a paralytic up onto a rooftop. Then they dug a hole in the roof to lower their friend down so he would be right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he was moved with compassion and healed their friend.

Sometimes love compels us to do for others what they can't do for themselves. Why not think about it and listen to the Spirit of the Lord?

Grace and peace.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH 785-475-3103 The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday	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 CHURCH OF CHRIST 209 Beaver Street - Oberlin Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.	LUND COVENANT CHURCH Pastor: Doug Mason 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.
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.	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.	ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON The Rev. Damian Richards Phone 785-322-5560 MASS: SUNDAY, 8 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. Foundations Bible Class, Thursday, 7-9 p.m.
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday	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.	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.	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, first Sunday, 10:45 a.m. Youth Group, third 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.
OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH Jim Martin 120 South East, Oberlin SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.	CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Kathy Aeillo Almena SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.	NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Kathy Aeillo Almena SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.	
JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS Carrie Buhler, pastor SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. DRESDEN SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 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.	LYLE UNITED METHODIST Carol Woodmanee, Almena Lyle Lay Speaker SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.	
PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST The Rev. Doug Hasty SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 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.	
HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor: Dennis Brown SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.			

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