

Carol Bailey Schepman, Bernie and Vern Bailey and spouses, descendants of Clarence Bailey and Lavina Flaska Bailey, were in Oberlin on June 23 and 24 to visit with cousins of their parents. They have parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts buried in Norcatour, Oberlin and Kanona cemeteries.

Jim and Trish Bell Cowles, descendants of Jiggs and Agnes Bailey Bell, also visited here recently. Agnes and Clarence Bailey were brother and sister. Clarence graduated with the Norcatour Rural High School class of 1937 and Agnes with the Class of 1934. On Sunday their cousins from the area met them at Sappa Valley Manor in Oberlin.

Those present were Dewaine (Stapp, Don and Goldie Stapp, Alice Shirley, Oberlin; and Tressie and Bud Rogers, and Gary and Shirley Emigh, Selden.

Cathy Claussen and Beth Johnson visited Atrice Moore and Jim Moore in Great Bend on July 5, en route to the 10th Claussen reunion in Oklahoma City, July 6-9. There were 61 present, with 10 states and the country of Brazil represented. Shirley Claussen Crammer of Central Point, Ore., is the only living member of the Lewis (Doc) and Nellie Claussen family. The youngest member there was a great-granddaughter, 10-month-old Nellie Edward of Arizona. Lewis' parents are buried at Bridgeport, Okla. On Friday morning they were able to find their graves. En route home, the women were Sunday brunch guests of Charlie and Brenda Glass in Oklahoma City,

along with Chuck and Joann Johnson of Oklahoma.

Birthdays: Renee Harman - July 12. There were 15 attending Senior Citizens on July 7. Winners were Kathy Van Meter, June Jolly and Gwynn Ward. The next Meeting will be at 7 p.m. this Friday at the Educational Building. Come join us!

Wava Reames spent the evening of July 6 visiting Mary O'Hare Morse in Beaver City, Neb. They watched the buffalo they raise, then toured her "secret garden," an area she reclaimed between rows of trees in a windbreak. She and Jack have a beautiful and serene place.

On Friday, Wava Reames and Marguerite Clark visited Betty Reed, Lula Hix, and Marie Ritter at Whispering Pines. The ladies were busy making flag pins to support the troops.

Marguerite Clark and Wava Reames entertained Bee Nelson and Dorothy Ward to dinner on July 8.

Bill Craig was in Norcatour last week. He was accompanied from Denver by his daughter, Robin Cabaret. The weekend of July 8 they attended a family reunion in Beatrice, Neb. Robin's husband, Jim, met her and they returned to their home in Salem, Mo. Bill's son, Clayton, met them and brought Bill to Norcatour, then on to Denver where he will begin treatments.

Rea and Dee Magers celebrated their 55th anniversary at Kearney, Neb., where they attended the 35th annual "Art in the Park," a display of all sorts of artistic talents of 120

artists. They also enjoyed going to the archway, monument which tells the story of Nebraska's role in the nation's transportation history, from covered wagons through railroads and Interstate 80, which it spans. While in Kearney, they visited Jay and Maryllin Lucy who recently moved there from Norcatour.

Guests at the Magers home for a barbecue on July 4 were Charlie and Judy Easton, Quinter; Richard and Janie Engelhardt, Norton; Jeff Magers and Joy Luoto, Cedar Bluffs; and Joy's nephews, Cole and Shiloh of Rapid City, S.D. Later the group went to the fireworks held at Sebelius Reservoir.

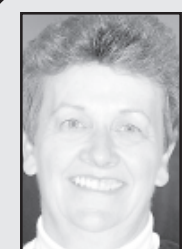
NORCATOUR MUSEUM

Bob and Leona Schoenrad brought an M.E. Church plate which says "Made in Germany for McCurdy Bros., Norcatour, KS" on the back. Does anyone know who the McCurdy brothers were? Was there a business here by that name? A James McCurdy was buried at the cemetery in May of 1910. He was the son of Betha Martha Torney and Janus McCurdy, half-sibling of Carrie Smith, Mrs. Will Hughes, Harry Smith and Kitty Temple, and brother of Charles. This information came from the Norcatour Cemetery book Olive Keener put together.

Virgil and Joyce Price have also donated a Keith's Market ice scraper. If anyone has additional pens, key chains, etc., from old or current Norcatour businesses, we would love to have them for the museum.

We are looking for a nice, sturdy curio cabinet to put knick-knacks in for the museum. We have received a lot of plates and other items that need to be displayed so they cannot be picked up and broken. Call Chris Dempewolf at (785) 693-4461.

Remember safety in canning



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

Soon, tomatoes will be ripening in home gardens. Many gardeners choose to preserve tomatoes by canning that fresh tomato flavor for winter meals. Here are some reminders about tomatoes and how to preserve them safely.

Home-canned tomatoes may be prepared in crushed form, left whole or halved. The latter choices can be processed in a variety of ways, also. Whole or halved tomatoes may be canned with water to cover, in tomato juice, or with no added liquid. Crushed tomatoes must be preserved by the hot-pack only method, while the no-added-liquid version of canned tomatoes is raw-pack only. It is important to use a canning process time that matches the preparation directions for filling your jars.

Tomato products offer many options for home canning: spaghetti sauce with or without meat, ketchup, tomato and vegetable blends, among other things.

No matter how you choose to can your tomatoes, all steps in preparing and cooking need to be followed for the process time(s) printed with them. Process times are different for tomatoes packed in water compared to tomato juice or tomatoes without added liquid. For any of these tomato products, there are canning options for both boiling water and pressure canning.

With either option, pressure processing tomato products still requires acidification. Although pressure is used to decrease the process time, this canning process will not destroy spores of Clostridium botulinum, as needed for low-acid foods. The pressure options provide only the same amount of heat to the product as the boiling water processes.

Tomatoes are borderline in pH

between acid and low-acid foods, so Department of Agriculture preparation directions call for acidification to allow a less severe heat treatment. To ensure safe acidity in whole, crushed or juiced tomatoes, add two tablespoons of bottled lemon juice or 1/2 teaspoon of citric acid per quart of tomatoes. For pints, use one tablespoon bottled lemon juice or 1/4 teaspoon citric acid. Add acid directly to jars before filling. Sugar may be added to offset any acid taste, if desired, but the acid cannot be decreased to taste.

Canning tomatoes need not be complicated. Use reliable, research-based directions for preparing and processing your food.

If you would like to have your dial-gauge pressure canner tested for accuracy, contact your K-State Research and Extension Office. Some of them can test gauges on-site. If not, I will be glad to test them when I travel to your county. E-mail me at the address below if you would like to set up a time to test your dial-gauge canner.

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Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to Frank and Margaret McEvoy and family following the death of his sister, Rosemary Sauvage, of Havensville on Saturday. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning.

A baptismal service was held Sunday at the farm home of Kyle and Cindi Grafel with Pastor Keith Reuther officiating. Those baptized were Benjamin, Sarah and Rachel, son and daughters of the Kyle Grafels, and Noah and Mariah Jones, son and daughter of Greg and

Gwen Jones. A hot dog roast followed for the congregation.

Recent visitors of Dolores Benda and the Don and Sarah Benda family were Dave and Marsha Benda of North Richland Hills, Texas.

DeWayne Jackson, Norcatour, will speak at the 9:30 a.m. services Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church.

Nione Rhodin of Loveland, Colo., was a Thursday-Sunday guest of Steve and Arian Arnold, and visited her mother, Edla Olson.

Good Samaritan Center

Planes, trains and cruise ships seem to be the mode of transportation used for our traveling adventures. This week we were off to Hawaii and Alaska. Quite a contrast, huh?

Tuesday the STAR Ministry sponsored "Hawaiian Tuesday" complete with leis, grass skirts, and pineapples.

Carol Duncan and Kevin Farr came to take us on vacation with them, bringing a home video. We were able to see some incredible dancing, beautiful scenery and even a stop at Pearl Harbor.

For lunch the buffet table was decorated with a teakwood tower with tropical flowers adorning it, a perfect centerpiece for the array of Polynesian treats the kitchen had prepared.

The menu included Hawaiian bread made by Lynetta Ketterl, fruit salads, and sweet and sour pork over rice. There was American fare for those not up to the Hawaiian adventure.

Lawrence Welk's "Island Paradise" album played in the background. Residents who actually have been to Hawaii are John Ready, Edla Olson, Swede Unger and Irel Lohofener.

To end this delightful day, the Swinging Seniors came to play for us. Everyone enjoyed the toe-tapping music and several residents got up to dance.

On Thursday we had another busy day. Susan Nelson brought her vocal students, Molly and Morgan Jansonius, Micki Dorshorst, Jordyn Wasson, Cassidy Shields, Amanda Marshall and Serena Stacy, to perform.

They sang to a large audience of residents and family who had come to hear their sweet voices, and they did a great job.

Later during Social Hour, more singing could be heard. The P.E.O. members came to help celebrate the July birthdays.

Honorees were Eva Cuthbertson, July 1; Ruth Laidig, July 13; Harold Demmer, July 15; and Nadine Anderson, July 19. Homemade pies were served. Additional family celebrations for Ruth and Harold took place on Saturday.

On Friday morning Janice and Ken Shobe began preparing for our cruise to Alaska, only to be inter-

rupted by Lisa Stacy donning all the winter garb necessary for an Alaskan vacation — boots, gloves, mittens, scarves and a fur-lined hooded coat. (Remember what the temperature was here? It was 101!) Before Lisa passed out from the heat, Ruth Laidig informed her it wasn't that cold in Alaska and she wouldn't be needing the scarves or mittens. Janice told her even the coat could go, but the boots might come in handy walking on a glacier.

A wonderful and informative slide presentation of Alaska was enjoyed by all.

During Social Hour we viewed a DVD postcard sent by Tracy Keeling who is in Alaska working right now.

This was about all the wildlife that can be found there. Residents who have actually been to Alaska are Pooch Portschy, Ruth Laidig and Alan Addleman. Our world map has filled up with some interesting places that have been visited and even more interesting stories have been shared.

Sunday services were presented by the United Church of Oberlin, and the Gospel Singers came to practice later in the afternoon.

We wish you many blessings as you journey through life this summer.

Come join us if you aren't taking a real vacation ... we're going to Japan next!

Recent guests: **June Saum** - Mary Landau, of Garden Grove, Calif.; Marie Zimmerman, Shirley Ward; **Dave and Hilda McGee** - Mary Landau; **Mae Guy** - Maggie Cunningham and Harmah Looney of Duncan, Okla.; **Edla Olson** - Mary Landau; Nione Rhodin, Loveland, Colo.; Arlene Glad, Vincent Carlson, Atwood; Gayle Anderson; **Doris Marintzer** - Marie Zimmerman, Bud and Vicky Mumm, Gem; **Lucille Davis** - Norma Richards, Carolyn Burtis, Connie and Tonya Campbell, St. Joseph, Mo.; **Hazel Flaska** - Charlene Karnes, Salina; Myrna Lacinia, Westminster, Colo.; **Ruth Laidig** - Ernie and Janice Mehl, North Platte, Neb.; **Eulaine Benda** - Arlene Glad; **Lucy Schissler** - Arlene Glad, Vincent Carlson, Gayle Anderson; Nola Carlson, Fort Morgan, Colo.; **Thelma Spiers** - Don and Joan Grafel, Herndon.

'School of Jesus is in Session'

By Pastor Doug Hasty,

Oberlin and Prairie Chapel United Methodist churches

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me..."
Matthew 11:29a

I recently was reading a book put out by The Voice of the Martyrs Newsletter and I would like to share Nijole's experience.

The mood was somber, almost harsh. The Lithuanian court was meeting to determine the sentence for Nijole Sadunaite. Her "crime" was simply being a Christian in a Communist nation.

Then the judge offered her a final chance to speak. He eagerly waited for the young woman to tearfully beg for mercy. Perhaps she would even renounce her ridiculous faith in God. Yet he was in for a surprise. There were no tears from Nijole. Her face shone, and a beautiful smile began to form. Her eyes held warmth, even for her accusers. "This is the happiest day of my life," said the condemned woman. "I am on trial for the cause of truth and love toward men."

Now every eye in the courtroom was on her. "I have an enviable fate, a glorious destiny. My con-

demnation here in this courtroom will be my ultimate triumph." The passion in her voice was unmistakable. "I regret only that I have done so little for men. Let us love each other, and we will all be happy. Only the one who has no love will be sad."

She turned her attention away from the judge and peered into the eyes of other believers who watched the trial. "We must condemn evil, but we must love the man, even the one in error. This you can learn only at the school of Jesus Christ."

I don't know what became of Nijole, but she left a powerful testimony. Class is in session. From the relative safety of our homes, we can read the stories of Christian martyrs. We may even shudder as we turn the pages; however, are we ready to enroll in the school of Jesus Christ? Are we ready to study side by side with those who have walked the lonely path of oppression? We must apply what we learn from them about faith, love, holiness, and endurance. We must open our hearts to see what Jesus would teach us, and then we must be willing to follow.

Grace and Peace.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

- OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**
785-475-3103
Fr. Henry Saw Lone,
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE**
Fr. Henry Saw Lone
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.
- SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**
Fr. Henry Saw Lone
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**
Carrie Buhler, 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**
Pastor: Dennis Brown
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.

- UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN**
Pastor: Judy Strucker
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA
SUNDAY: Adult Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee: 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Worship Service, 11 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: Fred Dycus
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
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. 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.
- 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
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**
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.
- 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.
- FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**
404 North York Avenue
Oberlin, Kansas
Rev. 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. THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

The next Selden Fire Department training, which is pump operations, will be held at 7 p.m. on July 31 in Rexford.

Birthdays and anniversaries: July 20 - Jean Bruggeman, Daniel Wilson, Sumner Schlenk; July 21 - Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sulzman; July 22 - Alvin Juenemann; July 23 - Karl Wessel, Matt Schrock, Clarence Becker; July 24 - Emily Goeken; July 25 - Lori Truetken, Crissy Spresser-Stanton; July 26 - Jennifer Spresser.

At Senior Citizens on July 13, Lola Cook won high, Ann Hazlitt took second, Leone Porsch got low and Shirley Emigh had the most kings. Other members present were Anna Albers, Alfred Albers, Carol Shaw, Cecelia Ottley, Edna Schiltz, Julie Pope, Jeanie Spresser and Betty James.

Kids softball is every Wednesday evening. The 4- through 6-year-olds play at 6:30; 7- through 9-year-olds play at 7:30, and those 10 years old and up play at 8:30.

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