

Bee Nelson attended a barbecue on Sunday, Sept. 3, at the Jay Griffith home in rural Clayton for his family and friends hosted by his two sons and their families. It was also in honor of Jay's 85th birthday.

There will be a potluck supper and program on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006, at the Lyle Community Building. Entertainment will include Carolyn and Jim Plotts' group and the "Prairie Dogs" out of McCook. Dwight Wood, formerly of Lyle and Norcatour, is a member of the latter group, which includes bluegrass and country music. Donations will go toward expenses and upkeep of the Lyle Community Building. Everyone is welcome, and anyone who will sing, play an instrument, or help in any way in the entertainment is urged to join in the fun.

R.D. Thornton was transferred from hospital in Kearney, Neb., to the hospital in Oberlin on Sept. 1. He is slowly improving, and is in room 108. Stop in and visit with him.

MUSEUM TIDBITS

Betsy Jakowski purchased some Norcatour items at a sale which she has brought to the museum. She found a red Norcatour bell, MGM Grain Co. magnet, K.G. Ward Agency calendar, Styrofoam softball from the Elden Auker Banquet of Jan 17, 1969, and a Farmer's Pocket Ledger, compliments of Reid Lumber Company. In the ledger J.H. Alexander noted that on April 29 and May 6 of 1937 he bought 30 steers that averaged 407

pounds for \$24.90 per head. Thanks to Jamie Wentz for the Styrofoam Elden Auker softball.

Betsy also helped acquire a small level from M.G.M. Grain Co., Bob Rapp, Manager; a photo postcard of Elden Auker, signed by him; a 1940-42 Elden Auker photo (St. Louis Browns); and an Elden Auker Tigers vintage Rowe postcard.

Darrel West has donated some wonderful Norcatour pictures and Norcatour Rural High School items, as well as a World War II ration book.

Does anyone have information about the Elden Auker Banquet held on Jan. 17, 1969?

Birthdays: Millie Matchett, Joyce Price, Alice Shirley - Sept. 7; Retta Hare - Sept. 8; Lula Hix, Louis Anderson, Dennis Leichliter, Wayne McCallister - Sept. 9.

There was a nice attendance at the Almena/Clayton/Norcatour United Methodist churches Healthy Congregation in Action program at the Norton United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Aug. 31. Dan Sturgill, psychologist, gave a very informative program on emotional health, "Time Management - Balancing Work and Family and Stress Management."

Sympathy is extended to the family of Glenn Alexander, Norcatour Rural High School Class of 1928, who died Sept. 4, in Syracuse, Ind. He had been hospitalized four days. Graveside services were held on Saturday morning in the Norcatour Cemetery.

Maryllin and Jay Locy are home

again in Kearney, Neb., as of Sunday, Sept. 3. Maryllin is able to get around in the living room with her walker and is able to eat. They are both glad to be home again. Mail will reach them at 1104 E. 56th St., No. 20, Kearney, Neb., 68847. Their phone is (308) 338-2099.

Virgil and Joyce Price attended the Lyle community dinner Sept. 3. There were only 12 in attendance but they enjoyed the dinner and visiting. It was nice to have Susan Bolek of Valparaiso, Ind., present with her parents, Lee and Lora Arnold of Clayton.

Norcatour Senior Citizens met Sept. 1 at the Educational Building with 16 card players present. Winners were Joyce Price, Veda Wood and Beth Johnson. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Educational Building. Come join in the fun.

Bob and Cheri Pomeroy, Denver, came to visit her parents, Rea and Dee Magers, during Labor Day weekend. On Saturday, Jeff Magers of Cedar Bluffs joined Bob and Rea to do some hunting while Cheri and Dee did some harvesting in Jeff's garden. That night, Bob barbecued some delicious ribeye steaks for the group. Cheri and Dee went to an auction on Sunday and the guys did some more hunting. The Pomeroy's returned home on Labor Day.

Oran and LaVerne Milner met J. Morgan Bishop of Houston at the Cardinal Bar and Grill Saturday for lunch. They spent the afternoon looking at family pictures and visiting.

Kenneth and Pansy Price attended a friends-and-family barbecue and 85th birthday gathering for Jay Griffith on Sept. 3, at his farm near Clayton.

You can deal with pandemic



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
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The public is beginning to hear more and more about a possible pandemic flu outbreak, a global epidemic of the disease.

A flu pandemic occurs when a new influenza virus emerges that people have little or no immunity to and for which there may be no vaccine.

The disease spreads easily person-to-person and carries serious illness. It can sweep across the country and around the world. It is hard to predict when the next flu pandemic will occur or how bad it will be, but experts believe that it is just a matter of time.

It is only wise to give some consideration to this concern on behalf of your family. Here is what the U.S. Centers for Disease Control tell us.

You can prepare for an influenza pandemic now. You should know both the magnitude of what can happen during a pandemic and what you can do to help blunt the impact on you and your family:

- Store a two-week supply of water and food. During a pandemic, if you cannot get to a store or if stores are out of items, it will be important to have extra supplies on hand. This can be used in other emergencies, such as power outages and disasters.
- Ask your doctor and insurance company if you can get an extra supply of your regular prescription drugs.
- Have nonprescription drugs and other health supplies on hand, including pain relievers, stomach remedies, cough and cold medicines, fluids with electrolytes and vitamins.
- Talk with family members about how they would be cared for

if they got sick, or what would be needed to care for them in your home.

• Volunteer with local groups to prepare and assist with emergency response.

• Get involved in your community as it works to prepare for an influenza pandemic.

To limit the spread of germs and prevent infection:

• Teach your children to wash hands frequently with soap and water, and model the correct behavior.

• Teach your children to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues, and be sure to model that behavior.

• Teach your children to stay away from others as much as possible if they are sick. Stay home from work and school if you are sick.

You should have various items on hand for an extended stay at home.

Examples of food and non-perishables include: Ready-to-eat canned meats, fish, fruits, vegetables, beans, and soups; protein or fruit bars; dry cereal or granola, peanut butter or nuts; dried fruit; crackers; canned juices; bottled water; canned or jarred baby food and formula; and other nonperishable foods.

Examples of medical, health, and

emergency supplies: Prescribed medical supplies such as glucose and blood-pressure monitoring equipment; soap and water, or alcohol-based (60-95 percent) hand wash; medicines for fever, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen; thermometer; anti-diarrheal medication; vitamins; fluids with electrolytes; cleansing agent; soap; flashlight; batteries; portable radio; manual can opener; garbage bags; and tissues, toilet paper, and disposable diapers.

It's important not to get too flustered about this possibility. Just begin to collect some of the items each time you go to the store. Be sure to mark and date everything, and as needed replace these stored items with newer ones and use up the oldest.

If you have questions, you may want to contact your county health department or your extension office. You might also visit these websites: www.PandemicFlu.gov or www.AvianFlu.gov.

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Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Sharon Matthews, Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., visited her mother, Frances Bader, this past week. On Thursday they went to Hastings, Neb., to visit relatives and get acquainted with Mrs. Bader's great-grandson, Tyrese Maxwell Bader, son of Allison Bader.

Alan Hill of Dresden has started work on the Community Hall. A new door was put on, replacing the one damaged at the Alumni dance.

The bulletin board will be worked on, the threshold of the Senior Center door, and forms for a cement base to put the generator, propane tank and the library propane tank also being done.

Norton Correctional men will be working Thursday painting the old fire house now used for city shop.

City water meters will be read Saturday, Sept. 23. Please post your meter reading on your door that morning.

Jennings City Council met Thursday. Mayor Bob Jones, City Clerk Sue Long, and council members Bill Gawith, Stann Hartzog and Louise Cressler were present. Rick Foster and Don Bolt were absent. Guests were Ross Stover, Colby, Roofmasters Roofing; Abby Hissong, Oberlin, Fredrickson Insurance; Fred Washburn, Hoxie, city certified water and sewer operator, and Joseph Carter.

Abby explained to the council changes in the policy since adding the footfield and the new tractor and also answered questions the council had. Ross Stover showed material we might want to use on the roof of the Community Hall replacing Duro-Last roof. We would need to tear off four layers now on there. Council voted to have Roofmaster's do the work.

Fred Washburn spoke of the class he attended at Colby for water managers, the possibility of drilling a backup well a short distance from the present well and our water loss each month. He will contact Jim Zodrow. Joseph Carter asked about working for the city since Justin quit.

The council decided to wait until spring before hiring a part-time worker. Weather lab has not yet been installed on the community hall roof. Bill Heilman is working on this. Clearing trees at intersections was discussed. Dog tags will be sold in October. Date will be posted.

Paving on the highway from Jennings to Clayton is near completion. Dirt work is ongoing.

Elmo and Marguerite Bailey have moved to Wheat Ridge Apartments in Oberlin. Their daughter Marcia Hejny, Grand Junction, Colo., spent the week with them.

Good Samaritan Center

Monday was Labor Day but that didn't stop the activities from happening around here, thanks to the volunteers. Barbara Dehlinger lead the morning devotions. Then during the afternoon Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter brought cards and goodies for a game of pinochle. Faye Miller, Eva Bryan, Lucy Schissler, Everett Fisher and Pooch Portschy are our "nochle heads" and love to play.

By the end of the week you could hear "School days, school days; Good ol' golden rule days," being hummed or sung by many residents. On Tuesday Betty Jones started off the School Days week with "The First Day of School." She instructed her "class" on the rules, the chores, literature and math. Class ended with a different rendition of "Jesus Loves Me" and hugs for all her students. She wrapped the morning in warmth and humor, a perfect beginning to our week of celebrating school days.

During Social Hour we continued the theme with "Penmanship." Everett Fisher, Irel Lohoefer, Thelma Spiers, Ruth Laidig, Elsie Macy and Fern Anderson came to practice their lettering. They copied various scripture verses and their own signatures.

On Thursday, we showed the "Remembering School Days Bi-Folkal" from Talking Books. This is usually a favorite activity, spurring lots of memories and conversation. This was no exception. Angel Lane was full. Residents en-

joyed ice cream bars and a sing-along before the slide show began. Math facts and fun stories were shared afterwards.

On Friday the day was pretty routine until 3:15 in the afternoon, when the Red Barn Gang showed up! They came with all their fancy instruments, washboards and kazoos. Their toe tappin' music brought Bonnie Weskamp to her feet to try a little polka! The residents were all clapping and singing along to the familiar tunes played in a most unique way. What a good time!

So many people of the community share their time and talent, giving freely to enhance the lives of our Good Sam Family.

Thanks to all of you who have shared the bounty from your gardens. The residents have thoroughly enjoyed the fresh produce.

Fred Bouts brought Colorado peaches for both staff and residents. That was a little taste of heaven!

The Decatur County Feed Yard brought beautiful flower arrangements for our tables.

The dill worms Roxie Erickson donated have turned to beautiful butterflies. We set them free Friday afternoon.

Teresa Gotchall, Sue Stoney's daughter, donated a life-size Santa for our Christmas decorating.

These things may seem small and insignificant to you, but to our residents, they are huge and wonderful! Thank you all for your love and generosity.

'Men: Important Promises'

By Bill Duncan, Oberlin Church of Christ

Last week I told about the Promise Keepers Conferences, with an average of 30,000 men attending a 2-day event in each of 16 cities. It is a great time for men to be together. The dynamics of the conference can move a man's heart to decide: "I don't want to go on like I have been ... being a poor or mediocre husband or father. I need the help of others to take this better turn in life."

Anyone knows that a one-shot conference has limited effectiveness on our habits and behaviors. (Remember those New Year's resolutions, how much we really want to keep them ... but in a few weeks we are slipping back into the old ways? Often we just give up.)

The Promise Keepers staff knows all of this, and have promoted regular sessions of small groups of men back home to meet, talk, share, study, pray and encourage one another. We have handy booklets for guidelines, which include the "Seven Promises of a Promise Keeper." They are:

1. A Promise Keeper is committed to honoring Jesus Christ through worship, prayer and obedience to God's Word in the power of the Holy Spirit.
2. A Promise Keeper is committed to pursuing vital relationships with a few other men, understanding that he needs brothers to help him keep his promises.
3. A Promise Keeper is committed to practicing

spiritual, moral, ethical and sexual purity.

4. A Promise Keeper is committed to building strong marriages and families through love, protection and biblical values.

5. A Promise Keeper is committed to supporting the mission of his church by honoring and praying for his pastor, and by actively giving his time and resources.

6. A Promise Keeper is committed to reaching beyond any racial and denominational barriers to demonstrate the power of Biblical unity.

7. A Promise Keeper is committed to influencing his world, being obedient to the Great Commandment (In Mark 12:30-31 Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind and all your strength. The second is this, Love your neighbor as yourself.") and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20: "Go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you always.")

Friends, this is within the ability of any of us to accomplish, with help from other men, the women and children in our lives, and with our gracious God.

You may call (785) 475-3259 to learn about small Promise Keepers groups meeting in our area. You will be glad you did, as will those important people close to you.

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, LEOVILLE
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: Ray Gilstrap
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: Ray Gilstrap
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Carol Woodmanee, Almema
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 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.

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