

Von and Joy Johnson have moved from Colorado to Norcatur. They bought the Rodney New home and are joining several ex-Norcaturites who are moving back to their home town.

The ladies who work to put out the *Norcatur News* on Tuesdays include Bee Nelson, Veda Woods, Joyce Price, Dee Magers, Marguerite Clark, Norma McCallister, Wava Reames, Dorothy Ward and LaVerne Milner. Some days Virgil Price, Beth Johnson or Sheryl Patters assist. They make 329 copies and the paper goes out to 13 states.

Bee Nelson accompanied Marguerite Clark to Oberlin on business on Sept. 6 and when they ate lunch at the Pizza Hut they were pleasantly surprised to see Judge Barbara Stities from Hill City, a daughter of Gen Brunk, and also Laci Leichliter, a former Norcatur resident who lives and works in Colby.

Stan and Carol Miller went to Emporia on Sept. 6 to celebrate the birthday of their son, Joel, and visit with his friend, Elizabeth Smith. Stan and Carol spent a night in El Dorado with their daughter, Justine, and her fiancé, Casey Tuttle, then went to Topeka to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Curt DeDonder. They went to Kansas City on Sept. 7, to the Ameristar Casino to see the Beach Boys show.

They were joined by Bev Morris of Hoxie and Justine Miller of El Dorado on Friday in Topeka. On Saturday morning, Sept. 9, they went to Lawrence to visit Casey Morris and attend family day festivities at Kansas University and were able to meet some of Casey's engineering instructors, tour the campus, and sightsee in Lawrence. After lunch, Stan and Carol headed back to Norcatur to make karaoke night at the Cardinal Bar and Grill.

**Birthdays and anniversaries:** Laci Roe - Sept. 12; Elden Long - Sept. 14; Alice Barnett, Rodney O'Hare - Sept. 15; Lisa Rhodes, Robert and Leona Schoenrad - Sept. 16; Joel Miller - Sept. 17.

## ECKHART REUNION

The 26th Eckhart family reunion for descendants of Fay and Maxine Eckhart was held at the Ramada Inn in Kearney, Neb., over Labor Day weekend. All but one of Maxine's siblings were represented. They had a baby shower for a new member, Judy, on Saturday evening and many enjoyed bowling Saturday afternoon. On Sunday evening they celebrated 10 birthdays and 4 anniversaries.

Present were: Nebraska - Donna Eckhart, Amber and Coburn, Cheri Porter, Katy and Jessy Hart, Craig Eckhart, Kevin and Judi Eckhart, Holly, Nathan and Hannah, DeJay and Dana Monson and Deseray, Grace and Joseph Davidson, Shawn Hart, Jackie and Beau; Kansas - Denny Leichliter, Ruth Gill, Sharon, Trish and Lela Brooks, Robert and Karen Resser; Colorado - Vene and Phyllis Leichliter, Steve and Debbie Obrecht, Kyle and Kathleen Obrecht, Maverick and Mercy; Kent and Melissa Obrecht, Terry and Darcy Robbins and Jonis Dean, LeAnn Brooks and Tyler Coe, Jeff Davis and Audri Piper; Texas - Beverly Morgan; Montana - Jacob and Kathryn Leichliter.

Dennis Molzahn of Independence, Mo., and Cathy Claussen, Oberlin, visited Beth Johnson and Fred Molzahn Sunday afternoon, Sept. 10.

Joyce Price had a nice surprise weekend for her birthday. Her brother, Max and Doris Thielbar from Lincoln, Neb., came Sept. 7. On Sept. 8, they all went to McCook

where they met another brother, Melvin and Carlotta Thielbar, and their daughter, Pam Messinger, at a café for lunch. Max and Doris returned home on Sept. 10.

Labor Day weekend Darrel and Alice Barnett and their daughter, Marylyn, of Kearney, Neb., and Alice's sister, Mary and Tom Wright of Salina. They went to Colby for a surprise birthday party for Betty Miller, a relative of Alice's brother, Francis Britton at the Britton home.

Sunday evening, Sept. 3, guests of Darrel and Alice Barnett for a game of "You Might Be a Redneck," were their daughter, Marylyn; Tom and Mary Wright, Salina; Becky Britton, Kearney, Neb.; and Courtney Smith, Norton. Becky and Courtney are nieces of Alice and Mary. Bob and Kay Strevey joined the gathering also.

A large crowd attended the welcome potluck supper Sunday evening, Sept. 10, for the Rev. Ray Gilstrap and his wife, Jeanne. He is the new minister for the United Methodist churches in Norcatur, Clayton and Alma.

Susan Bolek of Valparaiso, Ind., daughter of Lee and Lora Arnold, came Sept. 3 for a visit. A family get-together was held Friday evening at the Cardinal Bar and Grill in Norcatur with Susan as the honored guest. Attending were Mark, Julianna, Nathan, Marissa and Jordan Baker, Dennis Leichliter, Ruth Gill, Vene and Phyllis Leichliter of Denver, Bill LaSalle, Estella Harold, Gary and Susan Hillebrand and Mary Arnold, and Lee and Lora Arnold.

Vene and Phyllis Leichliter, Denver, came Sept. 8, to spend the weekend to remind their son, Dennis Leichliter, that he is one year older.

# Fall festivities begin next week

## Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

I have heard that there will be fresh cinnamon rolls there about 7:30 to go with your morning coffee.

Homecoming candidates have been chosen; the classes are planning their floats and the crowning of the queen in the auditorium. The queen and her court will parade down Main Street after the crowning, followed by the floats, the 10-year king and queen, and many more entries.

Before the football game at Smick Field between Oberlin and Atwood, the Chamber of Commerce will be doing a hamburger/Polish sausage tailgate, starting at 5:30 p.m. and lasting until kick off.

The proceeds will go toward the many projects they sponsor during the year.

Friday, Oct. 6, will see Oberlin Business Alliance firing up the grill once again for a pork burger/Polish sausage fry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Once again, the proceeds will go toward the Christmas fund.

Saturday, Oct. 7, is Mini Sappa Day at the Museum with lots of activities planned.

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7 and 8, will be the Mini-Sappa Antique Thresher Show at the fairgrounds. Plan to attend these two events.

Stop by the office and have a cup of coffee.

# Accident prevention is needed

National Farm Safety and Health Week, an annual promotion sponsored by the National Safety Council, recognizes the hard work, diligence, and sacrifices of our nation's farmers and ranchers.

The 2006 event, Sept. 17-23, marks the 63rd consecutive signing of a proclamation by a U.S. president, beginning with Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1944.

Prevention is the best way to eliminate farm accidents, experts say. These safety tips will help everyone "Prepare to Prevent."

- Frequently inspect the farm - buildings, yards, equipment - to identify dangerous areas and make changes where needed.
- Store all chemicals in secure storage cabinets that are child- and theft-proofed.
- Keep a well-stocked first-aid kit in all vehicles, including farm implements, and in all outbuildings. Check contents at least once a year and restock as necessary.
- Have fire extinguishers of the appropriate size and type close at



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts

Multi-county Extension Agent

hand. Make sure all farm family members, employees, and visitors know the location of fire extinguishers and how to use them.

- Remove keys from farm vehicles when not in use.
- Enforce an absolute "no riders" policy for all farm equipment.
- Use personal protective equipment, including eye protection, respirators, hearing protection, gloves, sturdy footwear and sun protection (sunscreen, long sleeves, wide-brimmed hats).
- Wear your safety belt in all vehicles. Equip tractors with a Roll-over Protection Structure.
- If you use all-terrain vehicles, take the whole family to a safety

training course. Always wear an approved safety helmet, eye protection, gloves, and protective clothing to cover arms, legs and feet when operating an ATV.

Practice safety and set a good example for employees, children, and the neighbors.

Farming is a dangerous yet rewarding occupation. Preparing to prevent accidents is one way to help get rid of some of the dangers.

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## Jennings News

By Louise Cresslet

Chris and Eric Green are the proud parents of twins born Monday, Sept. 11, at Hays. Madilyn Joan weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and Maddix Lauren weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces. Malila and Mason welcomed them home on Thursday.

A babies shower will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, at the United Methodist Church for the twins.

Guests of Vendla Tacha this past week were Donna Hampton and Marilyn Linn, Wichita. Additional supper guests on Wednesday were Cheryl Roberts and Don McClelland of Norton, Arch Harman, and Warren and Lynn Tacha. On Thursday, Donna, Marilyn and Vendla made the following relatives for lunch at the Frontier Cafe in Oberlin: Fern Borsheim, Green Cove Springs, Fla.; Linda Diamond, Pueblo, Colo.; Cecil Hess, Mary Lou Olson, Marianna Bendon, Karla Jones and Ivis Hanson, Oberlin.

Vendla Tacha visited Elmo and Marguerite Bailey at the Wheat Ridge Terrace Apartments in Oberlin. It was also nice to see their daughter, Marcia Hejney of Grand Junction, Colo. Marcia had come to help her parents move to Oberlin.

Senior citizens enjoying potluck supper Tuesday evening, Sept. 12, were: Ruth and Merle Chance, Jim and Wilma Mader, William and Rachel Carter, Keith and Helen Muirhead, Stan and Ramona Shaw, Vendla Tacha, Arch Harman, Eleanor Morel, Emma Sanford, Jay Kump, Mary Votapka, Agnes Wahmeier, Bob and Neoma Tacha and Louise Cresslet, also Marilyn Linn and Donna Hampton, Wichita.

The City of Jennings has been replacing water meters and putting them outside homes. Water meters will be read Saturday, Sept. 23.

Norton Correctional men came Thursday and Friday to paint the City Shop building. Looks really sharp. We thank them for doing this. They will be painting the community hall door and the bulletin board next time they work in Jennings.

Stan and Ramona Shaw attended the wedding of Tawny Rice and Cody Shaw in Medicine Lodge on Saturday. En route home on Sunday they visited Mary Anna Dinkel in Hays.

The September meeting of the Czech Museum board of directors was held Sept. 7 with President Neoma Tacha presiding. Directors present were: Roger Shimek, Larry Mizer, Steve Hirsch, Lila and Lawrence Jennings, Bob Tacha, and Dean Gawith.

Good progress has been made on the museum addition. It is now ready for the carpet as most all of the inside work is finished. Volunteers are welcome to come and help polish the trophies as the cases will soon be put in place. If you can help at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26, please call Neoma Tacha at (785) 678-2470.

We want to thank all those who helped us with the museum on Fireman's Fun Day. We had at least 125 visitors sign our guest book that day from New Mexico, Texas, Nebraska, and from 18 Kansas towns. The brochures were made and distributed by Rachel Lamm and Curtis Fulwinder. We thank them for doing this and also Dalene Gawith for taking the pictures that are on the brochure. The raffle of U.S. state quarters was won by Lila Jennings.

Elmer Zerr is working on determining our property lines so we can replace the fence and line the machinery up along it to the north. We had donations from Norman Davis and the Merle Chances of Jennings yearbooks. Does anyone remember if any yearbooks were printed during World War II years? We still need books from 1941-1949, 1954-57, 1960, and 1978. If anyone would like to share with us we would greatly appreciate it. We now have a copy of the new Clayton Alumni yearbook. It has a lot of pictures and news items about Clayton along with information about the graduates.

Our next regular meeting is at 2

p.m. on Oct. 5. The public is invited to attend. Our "trophy polishing" meeting will be Sept. 26.

## 'Why Me, Lord?'

By Bill Duncan of Oberlin Church of Christ

The title of that song by Kris Kristofferson speaks volumes. It goes like this:

"Why me, Lord? What have I ever done to deserve even one of the pleasures I've known?  
Tell me, Lord, what did I ever do that was worth lovin' you for the kindness you've shown?  
Lord help me, Jesus, I've wasted it so, help me Jesus, I know what I am.  
And now that I know that I've needed you so, help me, Jesus, my soul's in your hand.  
Try me, Lord, if you think there's a way

I can try to repay all I've taken from you.  
Maybe, Lord, I can show someone else what I've been through myself, on my way back to you . . ."

This song is as good a sermon as can be stated. We men need to know that we can't unravel our wasted ways by ourselves, even for the few who even try to do so. Promise Keepers groups are a big help for men.

Jesus knows us, and we all face the same temptations and sins. But thank God, Jesus came to seek and save those who are lost.  
"While we were yet sinners, He died for the us." Romans 5:8



## 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: 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.

**NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Ray Gilstrap  
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 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.

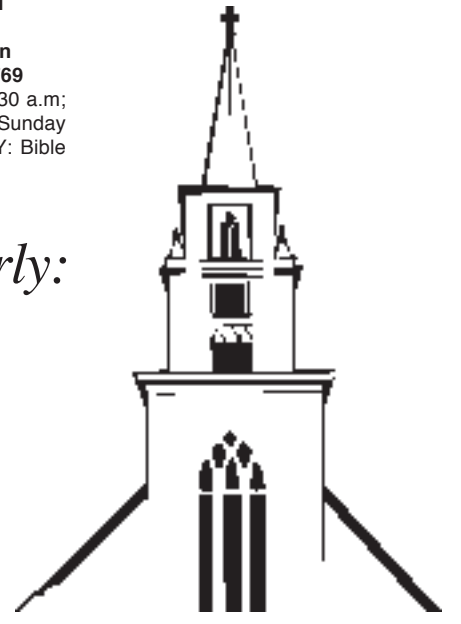
**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
404 North York Avenue  
Oberlin, Kansas  
Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler  
Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053  
SUNDAY: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship and Educational Hour, 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays. THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

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