

Best wishes are extended to Patrick Shirley and Cindy McKenna on their marriage on June 9.

Dana Paxton, matron of honor, and Patty Rowh, maid of honor, both of Norton, and Mathew Sloan, best man and a cousin of the bridegroom, of Grainfield, and Cody Richards, groomsmen, of Kearney, Neb., stood up with the couple.

Shelby Barlow, niece of P.T. Shirley and daughter of Becky and Cash Barlow of Florida, stayed to visit, then returned home on June 15.

Bee Nelson took Marguerite Clark to Hastings, Neb., for an eye doctor appointment Wednesday, July 11.

Bob Strevey has a new column in the Norton Telegram, on the Opinion Page.

Cassandra Schindler and Bri Cook held a bridal shower on July 4 for Brandy Cook. Present were Bee Nelson, LaVerne Milner, Reva Marshall, Penny Fringer, Sarah Fringer, Maxine Wright, Geraldine Temple, Ruby Cook, Niki Cook, Samantha Cook, Kayla Cook, Beverly Warren, Dorothy Hunt and Raye Kuhlman.

The Norcatour Commercial Club and Cardinal Bar and Grill received eight applications for the annual scholarship. It was decided to give each applicant a \$300 scholarship, and recipients are Katrina Wentz, Aaron Helm, Luke Bailey, Laci Roe, M.J. Dempewolf, Kaitlin Stapp, Cassandra (Cook) Schindler

and Scott O'Hare. The 10th annual Gallentine Fourth of July Picnic was held with barbecue at Plum Creek Ranch, northwest of Clayton, on the farm owned by Jerry and Shirley Gallentine of Rapid City, S.D., on Saturday evening, July 7.

Pansy Price accompanied her daughter, Marlene Wolf, and Erica to Colby recently. Among visitors of Kenneth and Pansy Price have been Virgil and Joyce Price and Gerald Minkler and Adam.

Katherine Severns wrote to say that her brother, Pete Hoppes, is very ill. He would appreciate hearing from folks, as Norcatour has always been his home town.

July 14 visitors of Frank and Velda Ward were Mr. and Mrs. David Albin and Judy Smith of Estes Park and Denver. They also visited Wava Reames in Norcatour.

Houseguests of the Dennis Shirleys from June 27-July 5 were their granddaughter, Lauren Waldron, and her friend, Elaine Smickle of Bangor, Pa. They came to help P.T. with the harvest. Other guests for a cookout on July 4 were P.T. and Cindy Shirley of Norcatour, Hannes Geyser, Waldo DeKock, Merle Mae VanGundy.

Ron and Gerry Temple entertained with a taco supper on Friday, July 13. Guests were Charles and Rena Griffith, Ozark, Ark.; Von and Joy Johnson, Norcatour; and their son-in-law Rick Wyrens, Ceresco, Neb.

Lynn and Ralph Streit and Laci Leichter were recent visitors of Doug and Chris Dempewolf. They came to attend the funeral of Joel Miller on July 13.

MUSEUM TIDBITS

The museum has acquired a postcard that was mailed from Norcatour on Aug. 18, 1909 at 6 p.m. It is addressed to Miss Emma Eckhart, St. Luke Hospital, Chicago, Ill. It is signed, "your cousin, Mary R." The price on the postage stamp is 1 cent.

Birthdays: Brenda Arnold - July 18; Don Hill, Greg Long, Mary

Wentz, Oran Milner, Aaron Helm, Bonnie Wescott - July 20; Carol New - July 23.

Adda (Bell) England wrote: "Oh, what a delight when reading the Norcatour News! I was able to recall places and names I had forgotten. I contacted Maryllin Locy and we had a nice visit. Seems both of us are limited in our activities. Small world to find people we know in the very town we live in."

Kaitlyn Stapp is a member of the Colby Community College Women's indoor track and field team, which recently received the National Junior College Athletic Association Academic Team of the Year award.

On July 10, Larry Hix of Maryland and Lula Hix of Norton were guests at the morning session of the Norcatour News while the volunteers were busy putting the paper out. At noon some of the workers gathered at the Cardinal Bar and Grill to eat pan-fried chicken and more visiting, including R.D. Thornton of Oberlin, Larry Hix of Maryland, Lula Hix of Norton, Oran and LaVerne Milner, Bee Nelson, Marguerite Clark, Robert and Julie Clark of Maryland, Norma McCallister, Wava Ward, Wesley New and John New.

Dwight and Teresa Wood went to Lincoln, Neb., earlier this month, and Dwight was admitted to the hospital. He was to have another vein transplant on July 14 and hoped to be home soon after.

Bee Nelson, Mary Lesle and Dorothy Ward enjoyed lunch together at the Frontier Restaurant in Oberlin on Sunday, July 15.

Take care and enjoy the fairs

Fair season is in full swing and along with the excitement of carnivals, concerts, and 4-H projects are all the tasty fair foods and all the animals.

County and state fairs offer opportunities for families to enjoy animals and many other fun events. Children as well as adults enjoy petting zoos, and many participate in fair activities by showing livestock.

Everyone should wash their hands with soap and water after being around animals of any kind. This is especially important before handling or eating food.

Potentially harmful bacteria can survive on many surfaces such as fences, gates and walls for long periods of time, so even if you didn't handle animals, it is a good practice to always wash your hands before eating.

When soap and water are not available, instant hand sanitizers can be used. These are more effective when all visible dirt is removed first.

So what about all the tasty fair foods, after you have given your hands a good washing with soap and warm water? Many of our favorite fair foods are very high in calories. Here is a list of popular fair foods along with how many calories are in these tasty treats.

- Onion rings (3 rings) - 309 cal.
Corn dog (6 oz.) - 375 cal.
Funnell cake (8.3 oz.) - 760 cal.
Cheesecake on a stick (6 oz.) - 655 cal.
Cotton candy (1.5 oz.) - 171 cal.

Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent



- Fried Twinkie (2 oz.) - 420 cal.
Curly fries (7 oz.) - 620 cal.
Snow cone with 3 oz. syrup - 270 cal.
Fried Snickers (5 oz.) - 444 cal.
Kettle corn (7 cups) - 490 cal.
Smoked turkey leg (1 lb., 3.3 oz.) - 1136 cal.
Cheeseburger (6 oz.) - 551 cal.
Nachos with cheese (9" plate) - 861 cal.
Cheese fries (9.9 oz.) - 664 cal.
This list shows just a few of the many foods found at fairs. For the

turkey leg alone, it would take almost 5 1/2 hours to walk off the calories! So have fun at the fair, but take it easy on the fair food, and be sure to wash your hands often and well.
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To nominate a Decatur area producer, contact either office by August 3rd.

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'The Power behind the Whisper'

By the Rev. Rick Langness, St. John's Lutheran Church

The world we live in today is not that much different than the world in which Elijah lived. No, we may not have altars built for Baal or Asherah poles but we do have other gods to which we bow down. Martin Luther draws this point out when he says: "Many a person thinks he has God and everything he needs when he has money and property; in them he trusts and of them he boasts so stubbornly and securely that he cares for no one. Surely such a man also has a god — mammon by name, that is, money and possessions — on which he fixes his whole heart. It is the most common idol on earth. He who has money and property feels secure, happy, fearless, as if he were sitting in the midst of paradise.

On the other hand, he who has nothing doubts and despairs as if he never heard of God. Very few there are who are cheerful, who do not fret and complain, if they do not have mammon. This desire for wealth clings and cleaves to our nature all the way to the grave.

"So, too, if anyone boasts of great learning, wisdom, power, prestige, family, and honor, and trusts in them, he also has a god, but not the one, true God. Notice, again, how presumptuous, secure, and proud people become because of such possessions, and how despondent when they lack them or are deprived of them. Therefore, I repeat, to have a God

properly means to have something in which the heart trusts completely."

Our world is full of empty idols to which we cling. If you doubt me, ask yourself what things you cannot live without. If your answer is anything more than Jesus Christ you have an idol that needs to be broken. You have a false god in which you trust.

The good news, of course, is that the true God is well equipped to tear down the false gods of this world and preserve his people at the same time. He will not leave you without the faith to trust Him when He shatters the false gods in your life.

Elijah thought he was the only one left who had not bowed down to Baal (I Kings 19). But God knew otherwise. The God behind the whisper was a God capable of reserving seven thousand in Israel who remained faithful. Elijah was not alone. God was still the true God no matter what Elijah perceived.

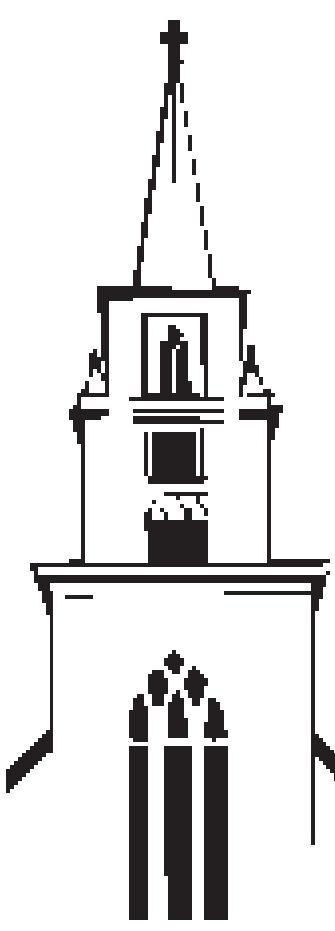
And God is still God today no matter what we perceive or how many false gods cry out for our worship. Jesus Christ is still Lord of the Church; and though He may speak in a gentle whisper He still has the power to preserve his Church from the hands of idolatrous men. He still has the power to redeem sinners and He still has the power to preserve them unto life everlasting.

In Jesus Christ you have something in which your heart can trust completely.



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Fr. Henry Saw Lone, MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday
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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN Fr. Henry Saw Lone MASS: 10 a.m., Sunday
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: Judi Stricker 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.
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HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH Keith Reuther, Pastor Phone 785-322-5316 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Ray Gilstrap Almena SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.
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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.
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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 510 North Wilson Pastor: Rev. Rick Langness Secretary: Norma Ungler 785-475-2333 SATURDAY: Worship, 7 p.m.; SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 10:45 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.
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