### **Norcatur News** By the Norcatur News Committee

Mrs. Boots "Barbara" Clark visited Bob and Bonnie Rapp in Manhattan on April 20. Barbara lives in Clay Center and was over visiting some of her children that live in Manhattan. They reminisced about the get-togethers we had several years ago with the Ralph Pool family, the Jim Nelsons, the Ray Farewells, the Bob Areharts and others.

Results of the Dart Tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Wednesday evening, April 16, were: First Game: Renee Harman, first; Patty Stapp, second; Kristi Gallentine, third. Second Game: Alice Barnett, first; Sam Stapp, second; Renee Harman, third.

Some of the flower planters on main street need to be replaced, some will need potting soil, and flowers are needed in all the planters. Donations for the project may be sent to: Norcatur Flower Fund, P. O. Box 89, Norcatur, Kan., 67653. If anyone would like to help with the planting and watering of the flowers, please contact Judy Jackson.

Lora Linn Leichliter remains in the Hays Medical Center, after being a victim of influenza and pneumonia.

### **MUSEUM TIDBITS** Taken from The Cardinal, March

23, 1951 Class News- "The Vocational Agriculture class is studying the different types of plants and weeds that grow in this area. We hear that the freshmen and junior boys are helping shingle Mr. West's house. New shop equipment consists of a ten inch power saw, saw file jig, set of pipe dies, tap and die set for bolts to 1/2 inch, both fine and course thread. When asking for General Science news, we received this reply, "We have studied electricity, and are now studying communications-telegraph, telephone and far, 15 people have signed up. The

students have learned how they beheaded people during the French Revolution. Better watch those folks pretty close for awhile."

Send your family history to the for locations. Norcatur Museum, P.O. Box 89, Norcatur, Kan., 67653. Don't forget the museum when making your donations. Your donations help bring Norcatur items home.

Birthday and anniversary greetings to Gary Anthony, Forrest Jackson, April 23; Greg Sumner, April 24; Yvonne Sumner, April 25; Gerald Jackson, Les and Lynn Ward, April 26.

Senior Citizens met April 18 in the Educational Building with 14 present. Winners were: Kathy Van Meter, Virgil Price and Joyce Sumner. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. Frida at the Educational Building. Come join the fun!

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller, Mission, Texas were in Norcatur on April 16. They had been in Hays Stephen Miller sing in the annual Barbershop Concert. They treated Dewaine Stapp, Dave and Patty Stapp, Gary Miller, Stan and Carol Miller, to dinner at the Cardinal Bar and Grill. They also visited in Oberlin before returning to Hays.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller left April 18 for Topeka to visit Mr. and Mrs. Curt Dedonder and Sophia. On Saturday they went to Kansas City where Stan bowled on Saturday night and Sunday morning in the State Bowling Tournament . The Millers returned to Topeka on Sunday afternoon and home on Monday afternoon.

Bee Nelson visited Lois Eckhart, a patient at the Decatur County Hos-

pital on April 16 and April 20. The Third Annual City Wide Garage sale will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 10. So telewoman." Our World History fee collected for advertising, etc.

> **Rexford News By VickiAllison**

Thursday evening the tornado siren sent a warning to the city of a tornado which was sighted north. At the time, a Middle and High School Music Concert had ended and the Sophomore Auction was in progress. The city was fortunate in not receiving any significant damage. The wind broke loose the Colorado/Main Street sign, but it has been recovered. Thank you to the county Sheriff's Office for calling and inquiring if the sirens did go off.

Our neighboring town, Selden, was hit by the hail, rain and wind, damaging vehicles and homes. The Golden Plains Elementary School roof was damaged causing school Study and 8 p.m., Men's Bible to be canceled for grades K-5 on the following day. The City Sidewalk Project has continued and work is being done along Kansas and Main.

Those celebrating a birthday this week include Kelton Jones on April 27.

The school year is approaching the end. Baccalaureate will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 5, at the Rexford Church. This event is for both seniors and eighth grade graduates. The High School choir will perform. The Class of 2008 will graduate at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 11; eighth grade graduation will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13. Kindergartners will graduate on Thursday, May 15.

Red Barn on-going activities: Monday, Barnswallows, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible Study, led by Pastor Lane Purcell; Come on Down, Thursdays, 2 p.m.; and Friday's Koffee Klatch at 9:30 a.m. Bingo is the second Saturday at 7 p.m. of each month.

is \$5. Also, any groups needing a fund-raiser, and people living in surrounding areas of Norcatur are welcome to bring their items. Call

Twila will be around to collect your \$5 after May 1. If anyone has any economical ideas of more we could do, please call Twila at (785) 693-4230 or Sherrie at (720) 838-0430.

Thank you to all the Norcatur, fLenora, Jennings and Oberlin firemen who responded to fthe ire south and west of Clayton when possibly a power line caught the dry grassland on fire. Approximately 600 acres burned because of the fierce winds. Norcatur firemen include: Carl Lyon, Scott Hartzog, Darren Wentz, Galen Wentz, Gail Bailey, Mark Bailey, Luke Bailey, Jeff Roe, Doug Dempewolf, Rex Knapp, Tad Hartsough, Troy Wentz, and Don Cressler.

Dave and Patty Stapp went to to visit family and especially to see Fort Collins, Colo., on Saturday, April 19 to watch Kaitlyn Stapp compete in the Colorado State University Ram's Open Track Meet. She competed in five events for the Colby Community College Track Program.

> After church, Sunday, Bee Nelson, Beth Sebaugh and Dorothy Ward ate dinner together at the Cardinal Bar and Grill.

# Lightning can ruin activities

Spring is the season when thunderstorms and outdoor fun are most likely to intersect.

So, spring is a good time for adults to remind each other and teach children about the 30-30 Rule.

The rule was devised by the National Weather Service to help people determine when to seek shelter.

The first step in following the rule is one that many children learn to do: As soon as you see a lightning flash, start counting the seconds until you hear thunder ("one onethousand, two one-thousand, three one-thousand ...").

The part people often forget is what to do after that. If the time between the flash and its resulting thunder is 30 seconds or less, take cover. Then, wait at least 30 minutes after the storm's last lightning strike before leaving your shelter. That's all there is to following the 30-30.

The rule has just two real exceptions

If you hear thunder but didn't see a flash, the lightning is close enough to be dangerous. You need immediate protection. Or, if the flash and thunder almost arrive together, don't wait to count. Seek shelter.

If you have further safety and /or weather related questions, please feel free to contact your local K-State Research and Extension Office or you may e-mail twwatts@



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University extension specialist in oznet.ksu.edu. For more informafood, nutrition, health and safety for Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan, office, 475-8121.

and Trego counties. Call her at Tranda Watts is Kansas State 785-443-3663 or e-mail twwatts@ tion, contact the county extension

### **Decatur Tomorrow** By Mary Jo Lohoefener

In 2006, the Decatur Tomorrow Intergenerational Action Team was organized to promote leadership and community ownership between our youth and other Decatur County residents.

Clubs and organizations were contacted and encouraged to include students, young adults and senior citizens in their organization.

Our next goal was to collect data showing what percentage of our youth was involved in the four public squares, education, business, government and health and human services. From the informa- or Carol Dixson.

tion gathered, we determined our youth needed more exposure to the governmental sector. To meet our two-year goal of 50 percent of the graduating class having exposure and interaction with all four sectors of the public square, the team is planning a County Government Day in October. This event will be the beginning of an annual activity to encourage community leadership for our youth.

The action team invites anyone interested in being involved with this event to contact Abby Hissong

## **Old Friends Can Be Our Mirrors** By the Rev. Ray Gilstrap, Almena, Clayton and Norcatur United Methodist churches

Grace and peace to you in the name of Christ. My and support I needed to finally accept God's call to prayer for you today is that whenever you need to look in the mirror, you will have lots of old friends.

In his book, "Jesus Drives Me Crazy," Leonard Sweet quotes an old Japanese proverb that says, There is no better mirror than an old friend."

Let me focus my last Sermonette on the church; which of course is the purpose of Dr. Sweet's book.

About 30 years ago, I attended my first "Church Growth" series as a layperson in a small church. Our discussion was based on a book entitled, 10 Steps To Church Growth. After our 10 week series we continued doing church the same way we'd always done church; except that we added a drummer to our special music. He never played loudly yet he varied the volume as he used brushes, soft mallets, and other percussion instruments along with sticks, drums and cymbals. It was always very tasteful. And every time we had special music he was part of the accompaniment.

You may laugh, but that's really the only change I remember. Still, during the next couple of years that church grew. In spite of that one change, there were also several old friends that I remember from that church, Sunday School for all ages, Old Hymns, Biblical Sermons, Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting, and Lola Belle. Lola Belle loved the first and greatest commandment: "Love the Lord your children, all of them. Every Sunday she gave them God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with candy or gum if they stayed for church. And regardless of their age, if they were readers, song leaders, or doing some special thing, anyone who was on stage feeling nervous could look out and almost miraculously lock eyes with Lola Belle, who always had a beautiful smile of encouragement. Pastor Frank, his wife Anna Mae, my own family, Lola Belle and all the other wonderful "old friends" in that church family provided the encouragement

ministry. And whenever I've needed to look at myself in a mirror some of those "old friends," along with similar groups from all the places we've lived, have helped me remember who I am.

Dr. Sweet tells about consulting with an invigorating church leadership team, then at lunch time, wanting to get away and ducking out on a rainy day to find a small café someone had recommended. When he found it, a sign in the window said, "Out To Lunch, back at 1:30." Another sign in the window said, "Business for Sale."

Sweet says, "I am often asked how a church can better communicate its message to a "lost world." Yet ministry doesn't begin with being understood, but with understanding others." He asks, "Have we really tried to understand the spiritual quests of the people out on the street in this 21st century world? You tell me: Is your church talking at or talking to your culture? Is your church Open" Or is it Out to Lunch?'

He says the 21st Century church needs to give up some of its present mind set and become cross-cultural missionaries again. I'm not sure I agree with all his ideas. Perhaps all the church really needs is to go back to those old friends and add a drummer. But I do agree with how he closes that section of his book with the all your mind." (Matthew 22:37)



The community extends sympathy and prayer to Marjorie Leh on memorable. the loss of her sister.

Until next time, make your week

When I look at myself in the mirror and see all those "old friends," I do see a need for both change and mission. But I also see an awful lot of friends who really do "Love the Lord" and all his children.

So, with Dr. Sweet and the others above, I ask you to consider. . . How good is your mirror? May God bless you all.

# **Cedar Living Center**

Cedar Living Center is pleased to announce that April 27-May 3 is National Volunteer Week. Volunteers play a vital role in making life special at Cedar Living Center. Volunteers provide those special touches that money just cannot buy. There are volunteers who assist on a weekly basis with writing letters, playing the piano, helping with bingo and other games, and leading Bible study.

Other volunteers come less often to host a party or help wherever needed. Anyone wanting more information on volunteer opportunities may call the Center at 475-2276.

We will be honoring our volunteers at our annual appreciation tea, which will be held at a later date.

The Eastern Star hosted the April birthday party on Monday afternoon. The group served ice cream and cookies and Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the group sing-along as part of the entertainment.

Lloyd Beneda was recognized for having the only birthday in April and he received a birthday balloon.

Frank Ward won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and the blackout game ended in a three-way tie among Helena Bruggeman, Mildred Cochran, and Lyle Gamblin.

Helen Juenemann hosted social hour on Wednesday afternoon. She served a homemade apple cake with whipped cream on top.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father Henry Saw Lone brought Communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning

Elsie Goodnight attended the graveside services for Roxanne Pavlicek on Thursday afternoon.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Thursday afternoon. Those joining in on the game included Zola Brown, Helena Bruggeman, Mildred Cochran, Edie Pettera, John Schuhart, Frank Ward, and Delores Wheeler. Visitors Lyle Gamblin and Ann Martin also played.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon for some homemade cherry rhubarb sauce served on ice cream or bread.

The poker players met with Sam Mack on Tuesday and Friday evening

Darlene Fisher attended the graveside services for her son. Tom Fisher on Saturday afternoon. Several family members visited her at Cedar Living Center over the weekend.

Rick and Tammy Shaw visited on Sunday evening. They played pinochle with several residents.

Recent visitors: Rick and Tammy Shaw, Steve and Barb Brown, Selden; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings; Ann Martin, Julie Hafner, Herndon; Betty Rall, Mike and Kevin Rall, Colorado Springs; Marilyn Fisher, Julee Fisher, Topeka; Jim Brown, Holdrege, Neb.; Lemilla Counter and Lilianna, McCook; Kent Brown, Estes Park, Colo.

Marguerite Bailey, Jon and Karina Fisher, Miriam Fisher, Regina Stanley, Sandra Young, Ira Kolsky, Sandy Counter, Opal Huntley, Ila Ray and Jeanne Isbell, Oberlin.

# Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

**OBERLIN SACRED HEART** CATHOLIC CHURCH 785-475-3103 Fr. Henry Saw Lone, MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC. LEOVILLE Fr. Henry Saw Lone MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SELDEN Fr. Henry Saw Lone MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

**OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY** ADVENTIST CHURCH Mike Larson 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 Sun. at 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Sun. following Worship

OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST (Southern Baptist) Pastor: Fred Dycus Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., AWANA Church School, 10:30 a.m. 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.; Wor-

ship 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

**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. Galen Long Phone 785-322-5560 MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m

HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH Keith Reuther, Pastor Phone 785-322-5316 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Youth Group, 4 p.m.

Pastor: Ray Gilstrap Almena SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.;

> LYLE UNITED METHODIST Carol Woodmaneee, 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 Secretary: Norma Unger 785-475-2333

SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays.



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.

