

Chamber News

By Jo Henderson

some places hail every day I was there. So I came home, thinking I had left it there. Wrong. So I guess I'll just keep my flashlights close, listen to the Weather Channel and radio, watch the skies and keep in mind that one of these days, we'll be wishing for rain.

Well, it won't be long until July, and the Good Samaritan Center is planning an ice cream social on the

Fourth of July, plus a parade for kids. They just need to decorate their bikes, wagons, scooters, tricycle or themselves, and come to Good Sam for an evening of fun, music, prizes for best decoration and of course — ice cream! So, see you there.

Have a great week.

See you on the sidewalk.

For questions, call 475-3441 or just stop by.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Well, I went on vacation, went to Florida, figured I'd just get away from the storms, which can be quite exhausting night after night.

Because I had to fly out of Wichita, I left Thursday, planning on staying there, get a good night's sleep after a long drive before my flight Friday morning. Good plan, or so I thought. Storms followed me all the way, not only to Wichita, keeping me up half the night, but all the way to Florida.

My sister informed me they hadn't had any rain in at least two or three months and needed it badly. And they got it. We had rain, wind,

Neighbor's tea. Margaret "Toots" Magers and Carolyn Plotts had lunch at the Cardinal Bar and Grill for club and then attended the tea at the Norcatour City Hall Building.

Toots Magers had a call from Ona Malleck, daughter of Tena Rohnke, saying she wanted to come to the fundraiser for Judy and Charlie Easton. Ona is a long-time friend of Judy's and was able to attend.

Gary Anthony saw his doctor and received a good report.

June Jolly, Joyce Sumner, Eleanor Jensen and Jackie Porter drove to Eustis, Neb., on Saturday to a "Four-

point pitch' tournament. A large crowd gathered at the Norcatour school cafeteria for the supper for the Eastons. It was planned by Ceanne Rinehart and the Helm family, and attended by all of Norcatour, Lyle and surrounding communities. It was good to see all the friendly faces, and enough food for a good-sized army!

Lyle church was pastored by John Paulson on Sunday, June 15. He is starting to hold meetings at Oberlin for fellow workers and anyone interested.

— Internet tonight 475-2206 —

Prairie Land Food pick up day will be at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Methodist Church Educational Building.

Bob Montgomery and Scott Harman left Friday, June 6, for Garden City, but didn't have a good night. Saturday found them going to Strong City, where again not good, then Sunday, June 8 to Wilsonville, Neb., where he took first place.

The Montgomerys and Harmans attended the Bailey-Bromn wedding, Saturday, June 14 in Oberlin.

Donations that were put in the basket on Sunday, May 25 at the Methodist Church Educational Building will be used to help purchase a new refrigerator for the building. The old one quit freezing! Donations were \$46.00.

June 7 and 8 visitors of Darrel and Alice Barnett were Tom and Mary Wright, Alice's sister, of Salina; and Alice's great-niece, McKenzie Wright, Blue Springs, Mo. They were here for the McKenna reunion held on Sunday, June 8 at New Almelo.

Mary Lesli, Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson attended the supper fundraiser for Charlie and Judy Easton of Quinter at the Norcatour School, June 15. The Eastons lost their belongings during a tornado on May 23.

Happy birthday and anniversary to Bev Miller DeLano, June 21; Jeni Henningson, David and Patty Stapp, June 23.

The results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Wednesday, June 11 were: John New, first; Dave Stapp, second; Carl Lyon, third; Stan Miller, fourth.

Mary Lesli and Dorothy Ward accompanied Bee Nelson to McCook Friday, June 13 where Bee had an eye appointment.

Virgil and Joyce Price enjoyed the weekend of June 7-10. Saturday, Richard Jurey, Edmond, Ok., stopped on his way home from a family vacation in Moab, Utah. Sunday, Jason, Kathy, Connor and MacKinze Jurey, Kennard, Neb., came to visit until Tuesday when they returned home.

Sunday, June 7 Virgil and Joyce Price and Richard Jurey attended the 65th anniversary party for Kenneth and Pansy Price at Whispering Pines in Norton.

Adalynn Grace Wilcox, born Wednesday, June 11, 2008 in Wichita. She weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces and was 17 inches long. Parents are Allison and David Wilcox, Derby; grandparents are Todd and Denise Nelson, Bel Aire; and great-grand-

mother is Bee Nelson, Norcatour.

Lora Arnold entertained in honor of Jordan Baker's birthday and for Father's Day. Those present were: Mark, Julianna, Nathan, Marissa and Noah Baker; Gary and Susan Hillebrand and Dana; Bill LaSalle and John and Brenda Arnold.

On Sunday, June 15 there was much excitement at the Norcatour School. Many people showed up to extend their support to Judy and Charlie Easton. The Eastons lost their home outside of Quinter during one of our many tornados this month.

Everyone at the benefit enjoyed sloppy joes and salads as well as the many delicious desserts made by people in the community.

Monday morning a whole group invaded the Cardinal Bar and Grill. Larry and Penny Bishop arrived in Norcatour Sunday evening and stayed with Oran and LaVerne Milner. Joining them Monday morning for a "visiting breakfast" were Marguerite Clark, Wava Reames and grandson, James, Leslie Ward, Bee Nelson, and Dorothy Ward. Larry and Penny also visited Frank and Velda Ward in Oberlin.

Delphyn Biggs and Beth Johnson had doctor's appointments in Hays, Tuesday, June 10, then met Claire and Norma Rupp of Wilson for lunch at the Golden Coral.

MUSEUM TIDBITS

Thanks to Betsy Jakowski for getting items for the museum at a sale last week. She picked up former Norcatour business calendars, JC Frewen plate, Peerless Grain Elevator memo holder, MGM Grain memo holder, a quilt made by Norcatour Ladies Aid and lots more. Thanks, Betsy!

Please send museum donations to P.O. Box 89, Norcatour, Kan., 67653.

Anyone or any business that has sustained damage from the storms needs to contact the Decatur County Emergency Director, Patty Skubal at 785-475-8100, with your damage. This is from the dates of May 22 to June 13, 2008. You need to provide information on the damage, where it occurred and cost of repairs. Assistance may be provided.

Sharee Dempewolf was an overnight guest of her parents on Saturday. She came home to spend time with her Dad and to make lunch for him on Father's Day.

Doug and Chris Dempewolf attended the wedding of Chandra Braun and Jason McKenna on Saturday.

Willadean (Wright) Blackmore

will be 90 on Saturday. Mail will reach her at Golden Living Center, 612 Walnut St., Cottonwood Falls, Kan., 66845.

Thanksgiving Royal Neighbors of America Camp held its third annual Mother's Day Tea on June 11 at the Norcatour City Hall cafeteria. There were 34 ladies registered from McCook, Jennings, Lyle, Norton, Oberlin, Norcatour and Clayton.

Winners win the door prize drawing were: Donna Lincoln, Oberlin; June Jolly, Lyle; LaVerne Milner, Norcatour; Marie McKisson, Oberlin; Amy Behm, McCook; Margaret Magers, Lyle; and Carolyn Plotts and Carolyn Strevey, Norcatour. A donation was received for the Decatur Food Bank and presented to Melanie Anderson for \$61.

Charlie and Judy (Magers) Easton expressed appreciation to the "Helm Kids" and their families for the benefit supper on June 15 at the Norcatour City Hall, along with all who made desserts. They said that it was so great to see friends and family and extended thanks to all from the bottom of their hearts.

Guests last week of Marguerite Clark were David and Kathy Ankenman of California.

Marguerite Clark enjoyed a trip with Wava Reames and grandson, James on Saturday to Norton, Hoxie and Castle Rock at Quinter. James climbed about every rock available.

Saturday evening surprise visitors of Mrs. Clark were Gale and Janet Rippe, Allison and Nate.

Wava Reames and James joined Frank and Velda Ward for dinner Sunday to celebrate Father's Day.

Freedom of choice in our lives

By Pastor Judi Stricker, United Church of Oberlin

Lately, there has been the joke going around Hill City, that Thursday is a cursed day. It seems that for a couple of months this spring, the storms have come each Thursday evening. However, that string seems to be now broken as we got an early a.m. storm on Wednesday this week. It was the usual doozy, with wind, hail and driving rain that was not good for the crops — those that are still standing after hail and gale winds, that is.

When we come to think of it, right now things are pretty depressing all the way around. On the country music show of the 70's, Hee Haw, it was sung each show, "If it weren't for bad news, we'd have no news at all," and I think that is probably pretty true at the moment.

Let's see, gasoline is at an all time high, food prices are rising at an alarming pace, and in some parts of the world, there is a frightening food shortage, the housing market has tanked, and the stock market is in the worst shape it has been for some time. Even though the prices for farm crops are high, the weather has certainly cut production. Yet, we must be aware that as Christians, even in the face of all of this, we must not be moved from the resolve that "All things work together for the good to those who love Him."

I got to thinking about this as I watched the interviews on CNN this week, with those affected by the flooding along the rivers in Iowa especially. One woman said that she just didn't understand why God was doing this to her. Folks, when I hear this sort of talk, I know that my blood pressure just must shoot

right through the ceiling! God does not DO these things TO US! I know life is hard right now all over the world and God is certainly aware of it, but to claim that he is doing it TO us is just not knowing the God of whom the scripture tells us. Storms that really whack us....often are caused by the cooling of the sea waters or change in the temperature of the earth.

Flooding? Well, you get too much water in one spot and it has to go someplace. If you are lower than the river, it's gonna go there. Sadly, we live on a very volatile planet and God allows us to live within its confines. He loved us so much, his creation, that He allows us to have freedom of choice in our lives. We are not puppets on a string that the puppet master protects from all harm. I praise God for giving us choice, but being there to comfort us when we choose the wrong one.

God loves us, of that we can be sure. Because God gave us his Son, to insure that we could draw close to him, to live in his presence, we can rejoice in our sufferings, as Paul tells us in *Romans 5:3-5*, "because we know that suffering produces perseverance, perseverance, character, and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, BECAUSE God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us."

So please, as brothers and sisters in Christ, counsel with those who lash out against God in these hard times, and show them through your confident lives, that God is with us, not against us, EVEN when we make all the wrong choices that bring us harm.



Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Herndon High School graduates who attended their 30th reunion of the Class of 1978 at the alumni banquet included: Jan Cederberg Olson, Diane Slatt Ruppert, Sheri Prose Irwin, John Sattler, Brenda Harris Guss, Roma Berger Sattler, Dan Sattler and Kevin Berger.

Louis J. Riepl will be 90 on July 5. He is a 1936 graduate of St. Mary's High School in Herndon and lives at 8441 Faraday St., Denver, Colo., 80229.

Chris Wood hosted a birthday party at the Herndon Pool Hall on Wednesday, June 18, for Ann Solko and Carol Kompus. Those attending were Chris, Ann, Carol, Mary Rushing, Julie Hafner and Voni Sattler.

Dick Hoover, Lawrence and Richard Hoover, Northport, Mich.; Don Lortscher, National City, Calif.; Raymond Thieme, Sabetha, were Monday supper guests of Dave and Judy Ketterl. Don and Raymond were overnight guests Monday of Sarah, Aaron and Gideon White, Norton. Dick and Richard were overnight guests of David and Judy on Monday. Dick and Richard were en route to Breckenridge, Colo. to attend the wedding of their granddaughter and niece.

Don and Raymond stayed Tuesday and Wednesday nights with Dave and Judy. While in the area the men visited with Sarah, Aaron and Gideon White in Norton, Doug and Rita Howard, Michael Howard, Todd Howard, and Kenneth and Phyllis Howard in McDonald.

Brad, Deanna, Brandi and Kas-

sidi Williams hosted a barbecue at their farm Sunday. Guests were Zachary Williams, Denise, Jeremy, Chase and Chance Graham, Ludell; Maurice, Deena, Ray, Lara and Lucas Zodrow, Oberlin; Brittani Swart and Voni Sattler, Herndon.

John Kleidosty, North Platte, Neb., was a visitor of Kent and Chris Wood on Sunday.

Dick and Betty Martin of Wilsonville, Neb., visited his mother, Ann Martin, on Sunday. That evening Bob and Liane Martin joined them at Roger's Bar and Grill.

Don and Joan Grafel went to Atwood on Thursday to watch their grandson, Saeger Grafel of Oberlin, play basketball.

On Friday, Don and Joan Grafel went to the home of Leon and Marita Portschy to a farewell party for Keith and Roma Grafel of Oberlin, who are moving to Council Grove. Others attending were Dave and Bonnie Franke, Keith and Candy Ketterl, Traer; Kyle, Cindi, Benjamin and Rachel Grafel, Herndon; and Kent Grafel, Culbertson.

Deanna Williams and Voni Sattler spent Thursday with Kathy Leitner in Atwood. Roma, Benjamin and Michael Sattler, Wellington, Colo. were also visiting Kathy.

Nine people attended the potluck dinner on Wednesday at the Herndon Senior Center. Beth Hraha won blackout bingo and Frank Hraha won the door prize.

New rental prices for the Herndon Senior Center are: \$10 for 2-3 hours and \$50 for all day.

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: 10 a.m., Sunday

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 (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.

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: Worship Service, 10 a.m. at various locations during the summer. Call for details.

NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ray Gilstrap
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

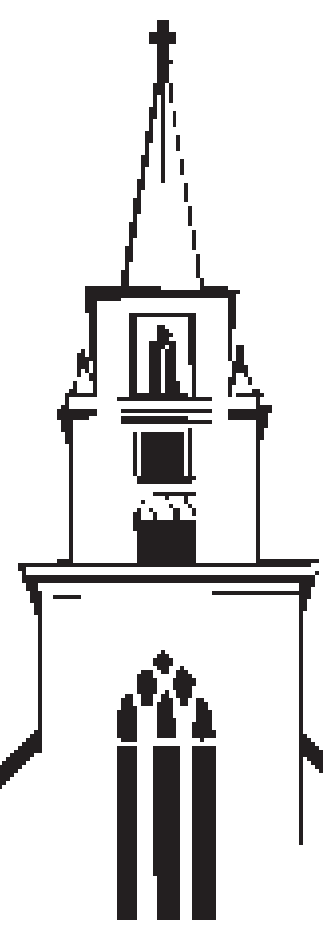
LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Carol Woodmanee, Almena
Lyle Lay Speaker
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN
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
Interim Pastor: Kevin Schnakenberg
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 11 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.
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