

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

The Cardinal Bar and Grill will be closed for the Fourth of July.

Larry Sumner and Glenna Alexander attended the 40th annual memorial service for the Vietnam Veterans at the Eagle Nest in New Mexico State Park.

Chris Dempewolf took R.D. Thornton to the McDonald/Best reunion on Saturday at the Sappa Manor in Oberlin.

Chris, Sharee and M.J. Dempewolf attended Isaac Thornton's third birthday party at his home in Hays on Sunday.

Due to the Fourth of July holiday and harvesting, Senior Citizens will not meet again until 1:30 p.m., July 18, at the Methodist Educational Building.

Senior Citizens met on Friday afternoon, June 20. Winners were Virgil Price, Joyce Sumner and Paul Welsh. There were 19 players present from Lyle, Oberlin, Norton and Norcatour.

A big thank you to the guys who are spraying for mosquitos. It helps a lot and their "rig" is really working.

Happy Birthday to Laci Leichter, Larry James, June 29; Betty Reid, Ronald Temple, July 1.

The family of Betty Reid will honor her on her 90th birthday on Saturday afternoon at Whispering Pines in Norton. Her address is: 103

Whispering Pines, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Ralph Strayer, Atwood, is a patient at Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital in Denver. His wife, Evelyn, is staying with their daughter, Janice, who takes her to the hospital every day. Mail will reach them in care of Janice Strayer, 1340 Pontiac, Denver, Colo., 80220.

Weekend houseguests at the Stan Miller farm were: Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Sophia, Topeka; Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle, El Dorado; Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Delano, Wichita; Casey Morris, Lubbock, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Chad Applebury, Eli and Karyssa, Colby. Other visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Been, Marilyn Been and Terri Hart, Gruver, Texas; Janine and Morgan Baehler and friend, Sharon Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Tuttle, Quinter; Ken McVay and Connor, Norton; and Derrick Bolliger. They were here to attend the McDonald-Been-Thornton family reunion at the Sappa Valley Manor in Oberlin Saturday afternoon and for Bev DeLano's 50th birthday party at the Cardinal Bar and Grill Saturday night.

Beth Sebaugh returned home Wednesday, June 18, from Baltimore, Md., after attending her granddaughter, Jill Bunney's wedding to Major Sean Day, San Jose,

Calif. Her parents are Jim and Tamara Bunney, Garden City, Kan. The military wedding was held in the U.S. Academy Chapel in Annapolis, Md. They will live in San Jose, Calif.

MUSEUM TIDBITS

Thanks to Veda Wood for the copy of her stories about growing up. It is very interesting. We would love to have your stories in the museum also. If you don't write them down now, they could be lost forever.

If you or your group would like to tour the museum after hours, please call Chris to set up a time.

We would love to have your Norcatour memorabilia. Please send to P.O. Box 89, Norcatour, Kan., 67653.

The planters for Main Street have been ordered. Thanks to all those for donating money for the planters and flowers. The planters are self watering and will cut down on Judy and Gerald Jackson having to water them every day. Thanks to Gerald and Judy for all their volunteer hours that they have done through out the years. The planters always look nice!

Last Wednesday night the storm shelter (old school building) was used by about 17 people.

The Norcatour City building will be closed July 3 and 4.

Fuel costs put kink in plans

It's definitely summer time, and with that come hot days, warm nights and thoughts of what we can do. Well, keep your eyes and ears open and look toward Centennial Park. Coming for an evening of ????

Also coming up is Rocking R's big National Day of the Cowboy Celebration from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday, July 26. There's just too many things going on for me to mention all of them, but it sounds like a great time.

I can't believe I'm saying this, but the Picnic in the Park is not that far away. Wednesday, Aug. 13, to be exact, and that's only two, yes two, days before school starts.

And after that is the U.S. 36 Highway Treasure Hunt on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19-21. You can pick up information at the office.

Chamber News

By Jo Henderson

I am sure we all have big summer visions, vacations, trips of all kinds planned, but with the price of gas shooting up before we finish filling the tank, it puts a real kink in our plans.

Maybe we need to look a little closer to home. Seems there is always something on if we just look. There's always the movies; nothing like a good movie in a cool theater on a hot day.

And, of course, the big one, the Decatur County Fair in August. From the little I saw last year, it seems like it is a great thing for Decatur County.

Well, there's a short list of things

going on this summer, and there's lots more in the works.

By the way, if you read last week's paper, you saw the ad for the "8 Wonders of Decatur County." Be sure and fill it out and mail it in. What do you think is unique about Decatur County? Maybe it will get us noticed and bring travelers our way.

Also, I just got the new Decatur-Rawlins county directory in, and if you want one, just stop by and pick one up.

So have a great weekend. See you on the sidewalk.

And if you have any questions or need anything, just stop by.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Historic Building Preservation Committee met Thursday evening at the Ambulance barn. Items of discussion were raising funds to refurbish the former Masonic Hall. There are many repairs needed such as the foundation, the windows, furnace and air conditioning and painting siding or put on new. Fund-raisers mentioned were a raffle on Fireman's Fun Day and a dinner at another time.

Those attending were: Dorothy Vacura, Marge Hartzog, Darlene LaRue, Betty Cressler, Kay Brown, Neoma Tacha, Sue Long and Louise Cressler. This organization's name was incorrectly printed in last week's as Home Based Primary Care.

A birthday coffee will be held at "Mom's Lil Market" Friday morning, July 4 for Rachel Carter on her 85th birthday. Coffee and rolls will be served from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The Jennings City Library will be having Children's Summer Reading at the Library from 9 to 10 a.m. each time on Wednesday, July 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Sunflower Senior Center will

have potluck supper at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8 at the Center. Everyone is welcome.

The Book Club enjoyed the evening of June 25 at the home of Sue Long. She gave them a tour of her beautiful flower gardens and her home. The book, "Astrid and Veronica" was reviewed.

Attending were: Carla Latimer, Helen Rhodes, Lynn Tacha, Ruth Chance, Kathy Nauer, Kay Brown, Mary Arnold, Patty Foster, Lila Jennings and Joan McKenna.

Mary and Don Love and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Love, Watsonville, Calif., visited Eleanor Morel, and Dave and Diane Carter and family Saturday. Mary Love is a niece of Eleanor.

Stan and Ramona Shaw and grandson, Logan Black, Carlsbad, N.M., and Carol Shaw, Selden, visited at the home of Aaron and Tara Gillespie in Hays on Saturday.

Additional guests were Mary Ahlmeyer, Logan; Tamara Bratt and Alex; Elliott Gillespie and Emma, Belton, Mo.; Chris Gillespie and Tom Neff, Downs; Mary Anna Dinkel, Hays, and Jaclynn Ward,

Erie, Colo. Have a safe Fourth of July!

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Joe Keating, grandson of Ed and Irene Kaus, will be hosting a fireworks display at the ball park in Selden. This will be open to the public and will begin around dark. Due to harvest and the fields near the ball park, the Fire Department will determine that day (wind conditions and any fields in the vicinity) if the display will be allowed to proceed. No one other than Joe Keating will be allowed to shoot off fireworks at the ball park (if you have fireworks you want to shoot off---please take

them home to do so). No one wants a fire to get out of hand and destroy a home or someone's crop. Anyone wanting to contribute/donate fireworks for the display may do so when they arrive at the ballpark.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Carol Shaw won high, Betty James took second, Lola Cook got low and Paulie Neff had the most Kings. Other members and guests present included: Helen Karls, Leone Porsch, Marilyn Meyer, Shirley Emigh, Jeanie Spresser, Alfred

Albers and Tammy Shaw. Birthdays and anniversaries: July 4 - Curt Spresser, Rick Hickert, Scott Boultinghouse, Troy and Nicole Moore. July 5 - Cathy Broeckelman, Jesse Miller. July 6 - Carol Hill, Jason Rogers. July 7 - Joey Lobato, Shane Carpenter. July 8 - Danielle Spresser Brown, Gabrielle Schiltz. July 10 - Jeremy and Nicole Schiltz, Landee McKenna.



Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Steve and Arian Arnold have opened "Times Past Antiques" in the quonset on their farm 1/4 mile south of the intersection of Highway 36 and K-117. Mrs. Arnold, the former Arian Olson, has been in the antique business for about 20 years.

They are open by chance or by appointment and their phone number is (785) 322-5221. They owned a store in Oberlin for several years before selling the building.

Those who enjoyed an Erickson cousins picnic on Sunday evening at Lake Atwood were Tony and Trish Henningsen, Phil Erickson, Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, Frank and Margaret McEvoy, Oberlin; Delores Talbert, Stockton; Delbert and Joan Erickson, Rex Erickson, Atwood; Ron and Marlene Erickson, Rexford; and Alan and Pat Erickson, Colby, along with their aunt, Elma Lee Erickson.

Curtis and Dawnelle Heim, Karli,

Kylie and Christopher of Tucson, Ariz., are visiting her parents, Chris and Sherri Schmidt.

Ron and Cindy White of Leavenworth, visited Thursday and Friday with Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary. They are the parents of Brandon White of Leawood, who will be married to Sarah Olson on Aug. 30.

The congregation of the Herndon Covenant Church enjoyed a picnic at the home of Gary and Mary Ann Erickson on Sunday following worship services at Cedar Living Center. Morning worship will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church with communion.

Jerry and Cheri Hill of Norcatour and Steve and Arian Arnold enjoyed a trip and a picnic in the Arikaree Breaks north of St. Francis on Wednesday. Edla Olson was a Thursday dinner guest at the Arnold home.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Veda and Dennis Wood visited Alta May VanGundy at the Andbe Home in Norton on June 18. After several possibilities were considered, including Sheryl's lovely home, Alta opted for Norton. She has always been close to the Applegate side of her family, and has friends there.

Kathy Van Meter attended the Hillman family reunion on June 7 at Hill City at the Shirley Hillburn residence with her four girls as hostesses. They had a great turnout of all seven Hillburn siblings and their children, spouses and their children from Kansas, Colorado, Minnesota and Texas. On Sunday, Kathy and Margaret Wilson accompanied Tim and Grace Harman to their home in

Shawnee. On Monday, Kathy and Margaret flew to Baltimore, Md., for a week's visit with Margaret's daughter and family. Their week was spent visiting, sightseeing around Washington D.C., Annapolis and crabbing.

On the next Monday, they flew back to Denver, and to Margaret's home in Loveland, Colo. Kathy caught the "Dash about Shuttle" to McCook and was home on Wednesday. It's good to have her back in the neighborhood.

There were 19 at Senior Citizens on Friday. We had a storm warning while there, but everyone decided it would be better to wait it out, rather than to scatter and perhaps be in more danger.

'God Bless America'

By Father Henry Saw Lone, Sacred Heart Catholic Churches of Oberlin and Selden; and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Leoville.

This month on the Fourth of July, Americans celebrate Independence Day, the 232nd anniversary of the day Americans asserted the independence from Great Britain. It always strikes me that while Americans celebrate their independence on the Fourth of July, Burmese (Myanmar) celebrate their independence on the Fourth of January, the same day but of course different month. Coincidence or on purpose? Who knows? Perhaps Great Britain wants to give its colonies the independence on that same fourth day, it must have some reason behind it. It's time to celebrate our nation's freedom and our freedom on the Fourth of July.

What does God have to say to us in America on this Independence Day? Is he inviting us to some new idea, some new way of thinking which we should make part of our lives? I believe he wants us to move from independence to interdependence.

We have one Spirit. Spirit is not just in the minds of philosophers or theologians. Spirit is life. The Spirit of Christ is the actual life of Christ. Think about the spirit, the life of Christ in us. What changes it makes. It is a good comparison Saint Paul makes, dead before and alive after the Spirit of Christ comes to us. And it is the same Spirit of Christ in each of us. It's one Spirit, one life. With one spirit we're really interdependent.

We are in the family of one Father. The prayer of Jesus, "Papa," "Father, Lord of heaven and earth, I give you praise, ... you have graciously willed it

so." These words are not just something said 2,000 years ago. We are the little ones who have received this revelation. They are to be our words today as we speak in the Spirit of Christ to the Father whose life Christ shares with the Father and with us. We have one Father, we're one family. Our interdependence lifts one another's burdens, lightens the yoke on the shoulders of one another, gives us rest.

On this interdependence day, on this weekend of family events and holiday relaxation, we have the Spirit of Christ, the life of Christ. It is not supposed to be bottled up and sealed away. Pop the tab on the can, open the lid on the bottle. Celebrate and have a good time. Share the joy that God gives you in Jesus. Take the spirit and the life of Christ with you to your family and friends. Come to Christ, and he will give you rest. That's what holidays are for.

Blessings on the United States of America today and every day!

May God bless all the men and women who have served our country and are serving it still.

May God bless all those who have died or who have borne wounds of body, soul and spirit for our country. May God bless all Americans and all people throughout the world who know and keep the gift of God's freedom in their heart! We pray that all may one day share the blessings of liberty.

Happy Fourth of July!
Happy Independence 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

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.

NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST

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

LYLE UNITED METHODIST

Carol Woodmaneee, 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.

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