

# Norcatúr News

By the Norcatúr News Committee

# Biker rides through Oberlin

Dave and Patty Stapp and Sam attended the Dempewolf reunion on Saturday, June 28, at Oberlin. Hosts were Don and Laurene Dempewolf and family. There were over 75 attending the reunion from Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Texas and California. Dave and Patty went to the home of Marian Thornton in the evening and visited with Greg Dempewolf, Darcie Zuck and Jada; and Dave and Linda Schiepe, Spencer and Addison.

Sympathy is extended to the Lois M. Eckhart family.

David and Retta Hare attended a family reunion in Temple on July 3 and 4. Family from Kansas, Colorado, Louisiana, and Texas were there. David and Retta, Janice Ebner, Keith Baker, Joe, Trudy Hare and girls also traveled to San Antonio, Texas and visited the Alamo, Riverwalk, Buckhorn Saloon and Museum and Sea World.

Bee Nelson and Mary Leslie went to Kearney, Neb., on July 2, to get Wava Reames, who had been released from Good Samaritan Hospital that day. We are happy to report that Wava is doing very well.

Happy birthday and anniversary to Dickie Beachel, Rea and Dee Magers, July 9; John Baker, July 10; Renee Harmon, July 12.

The family of Donald Stapp requests a card shower for his 90th birthday on July 15. Cards can reach him at: 416 N. Martin, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Rea and Dee Magers had a barbecue on the Fourth of July. Guests were Margaret "Toots" Magers, Lyle; Charlie and Judy Easton, Quinter; and Jeff Magers and Joy Luoto from near Cedar Bluffs. Later, they went to the Norton

Lake and enjoyed the beautiful free fireworks.

Company of Rea and Dee Magers on Sunday evening were Tara and Anita from Independence, Mo., and Bee Nelson. They all enjoyed a "bucket lunch."

Marguerite Clark and Oran and LaVerne Milner accompanied Dorothy Ward to Betty Reid's 90th birthday celebration on Saturday afternoon, July 5, at Whispering Pines, Norton.

Visitors at the Bob and Kay Streve home for the Fourth of July holiday were Wendy, Loren, Ivalee and Andrew Tien. They celebrated the Fourth by attending the fireworks display at the Norton Lake. On Saturday, they celebrated Andrew's second birthday with a party at the Elmwood Park in Norton.

Lynn and Ralph Streit were Saturday visitors of Doug and Chris Dempewolf. The Streits stopped in Oberlin to visit with R.D. Thornton. They rode up on their new Harley Davidson motorcycle. Later in the evening visitors were Keith Ward, Sunnie Fredrickson, Sharee Dempewolf and Teryn Grafel.

Mid-week guests of Dorothy Ward were her grandson, David Ward, and great-grandson, T.J., who had been to church camp in Rocky Mountain National Park. His dad was returning him home. They live in Naperville, a suburb of Chicago. After a week at home, T.J. will be going to Berkeley, Calif., for two weeks of leadership training.

### MUSEUM TIDBITS

Thanks to Rea and Dee Magers for the Prairie Chapel Church plate and for the newspaper articles.

Thanks to Pat Chard for the Norcatúr business pens and for the

album of Lela Huff's. Some of the pens were from the Recreation Parlor — George Anderson owner, Rubendall Agency and Grocery and Peerless Mills Elevator.

Thanks to Bob and Bonnie Rapp for the obituaries, and to Deborah Combs for the Post Office open house pamphlets from 1979.

Here's some Norcatúr Post Office history for you, taken from the pamphlet for the open house in August of 1979, for the new building:

The postal records in the National Archives show that the post office at Norcatúr, Decatur County, Kansas was established on Oct. 30, 1885, with Jonathan D. Riggs appointed postmaster on that date.

The first post office was located just south of the grocery store. For a number of years it was north of the Cardinal Cafe. In the early 1940's, it moved to the location just vacated.

We now serve 102 families and businesses with postal boxes and 101 families on the route.

Postmasters for Norcatúr: Johnathan D. Riggs, J. Summit, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Roney, F. Castle, C.C. Andrews, Ralph New, Gary Miller, Velda Ward, Dorothy Breiner, Alice Barnett (officer in charge), Deborah Combs.

We would love to have your Norcatúr memorabilia and childhood memories. Please send to P.O. Box 89, Norcatúr, Kan., 67653.

A New York preacher plans to pass through Oberlin this month as he bicycles from California to Maine to raise money for the Christian and Missionary Alliance Koutiala Hospital for Women and Children in Mali, West Africa.

The trip, about 4,000 miles, began June 2 at Clam Beach, Calif. The sixth week of the journey next week will take him from Cope, Colo., to Glenwood, Iowa. His ultimate destination is Old Orchard Beach, Maine.

Bruce Overstreet, is a pastor at the North Country Alliance Church in Plattsburgh, N.Y.

"The Republic of Mali is considered one of the most difficult places in the world for mothers and

babies," he said.

According to a survey by the Malian government, one out of every four children will never reach age 5, and one out of every 10 women will die in childbirth.

"This is changing, thanks in great part to the Koutiala Hospital," he said.

Since 1958, the Alliance had established six clinics in Koutiala, but the closest hospital able to provide specialized care was 250 miles away. As a result, many mothers died before they could obtain emergency medical treatment.

Alliance medical missionaries and the group's workers in Mali joined to build the hospital.

In addition to medical care, pa-

tients hear a witness of Christ's love.

Overstreet said he hopes to raise at least \$1 million to expand and better equip the hospital, where the number of women and children seeking medical attention continues to grow each month.

Plans are under way to build, equip, and staff a third maternity building and a pediatric clinic, he said.

For details, he may be contacted through Doug Wicks, the Christian and Missionary Alliance, 8595 Explorer Drive, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80920, phone (719) 265-2006, or email wicksd@cmailiance.org

## Livestock grazing will be allowed

Conservation Reserve Program acres have been released for livestock grazing by Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer in Decatur and other counties in Kansas.

Diane Barrett, chief executive officer of the Farm Service Agency in Decatur County, said other counties that will permit grazing include Norton, Phillips, Rawlins and Smith.

"We have a crisis situation in the Midwest and other parts of the country that calls for drastic action," said

Secretary Schafer. "Our CRP land is vital to the balance we promote at USDA between production and preservation. I commit this resource knowing that we must redouble our conservation effort at every future opportunity."

To be approved for grazing, Mrs. Barrett said, participants must write their county Farm Service Agency office, obtain a modified conservation plan and receive county office approval before beginning to graze. Rental payments will be reduced by

one quarter.

For details, stop by the office at 410 S. Buffalo or call (785) 475-3131.

Internet  
Tonight  
475-2206

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Sunflower Senior Citizens met July 8 for a potluck supper. A business meeting followed. Those attending were: Ruth and Merl Chance, Neoma and Bob Tacha, Wilma and Jim Mader, Ramona and Stan Shaw, Rachel and William Carter, Helen Rhodes, Agnes Wahlmeier and Louise Cressler.

Doug Ray and Cory Urban hosted a Carlton reunion at the Doug Ray home in Norton on Saturday. Those attending were: Mary Smith, Sharon Springs; Sarah Alt, Ann DuBois, Abby and Madison, Salina; Jane and Jim Wahlmeier, Concordia; Ken and Julie Carter, William and Rachel Carter and many of the Glen Carlton family.

Keith and Helen Muirhead enjoyed a visit from their daughters, Michelle Zodrow and Austin, of Grapevine, Texas; Tefani Zadeh, Natalia and Dylan, Chicago, Illinois; and Tamala Schulze, Salina.

Weekend visitors of Ruth and Merl Chance were their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Helen and Steve Broadbrooks, Lexington, Okla.; Cale Broadbrooks and Lane, Casie and Laramie Morrison and Gage, Carie Broadbrooks,

Kathy and Jim Guilfoyle, Colby; Brandie Wark, Tucker and Talon; Lee Albers; Cortney Albers and Ken McCarty and Kaedon.

The City Council meeting held Thursday evening scheduled to meet with Steve Hirsch to go over and approve budget was attended by one council member. It will be rescheduled at later date.

Fourth of July week company of Lawrence and Lila Jennings were Glenda Harris, Grand Junction, Colo.; Eldon and Cruz Mrstik, Lancaster, Calif.; Brian Jennings, Solomon; Brent and Brendan Jennings, Topeka; and Eric Musgrave, Ong, Neb. Brian and Eric helped Brett with the harvest.

Many properties in Jennings have been cleaned up and mowed by local citizens. This makes our town look a lot nicer.

Morning coffee and social time is being held at the Senior Center starting today. Mom's Lil Market closed with her last day being Saturday.

Those attending United Methodist Church Sunday enjoyed the sermon given by Roger Kingsley, Hays.

## Summer and Spirituality

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

As we are in the season of summer, I would like to share a few thoughts with you on a subject that should be implemented during every day of our summer season.

Is the United States of America a Christian nation? To answer this question today, maybe one simply has to raise his shoulders. Many people in America have lost their faith in God or anything spiritual. People can lose their faith because of materialism, paganism, or indifference and complacency - just going on every day of one's life without any great attention being paid to God or the teachings of Christ. When we talk about summer spirituality, we have to make sure that what has happened in most of the United States does not happen here in Western Kansas.

During the course of the year, when you hear all sorts of statistics, for example, if you have never experienced the danger of battle, natural disasters, or the pangs of starvation, you are doing better than five million people in the world. If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75 percent of the people in this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet or spare change at home in some dish, you are among the top eight percent of the world's wealthy. If you can read a newspaper, you are doubly blessed because there are two billion people in this world who cannot read at all. Yet, we can hear these statistics year after year and, oftentimes, we almost ignore or become complacent about the gifts we have compared to others who lack so much.

Why do we need a summer spirituality? A summer spirituality teaches us three qualities: to develop a closer relationship with God and with others and a

closer appreciation for ourselves.

All of us slack off during the summer holidays. We don't have to go to Mass or Sunday services because we are on vacation and it is easier and God would understand. When you think of that kind of logic, you are just rationalizing, you are just intensifying your complacency. You are forgetting the great statement of St. Augustine when he said, "You have made us for yourself, O God, and our hearts will not rest until they rest in you."

Another aspect of a summer spirituality to avoid complacency is part of your own prayer life and part of your own life of meditation. Somewhere during the course of each summer day you have to wake up in the morning and recognize God has given you talents and abilities that he has given to no one else, and if your summer is to be spiritual, if your relationship with Christ is to become closer, then you have to reinforce yourself, spiritually, by developing a closer intimate relationship with Christ.

Part of your obligation is to get closer to Christ through your readings. You are responsible for your sense of accountability to almighty God, regardless of what is done outside your life. You are responsible for you alone in the sight of God. You cannot use all these excuses and feeble reasons for allowing yourself to become lukewarm or complacent. You have to have a relationship that is grounded in God, anchored in your relationship with others and deeply fostered with yourself by your own talents.

A relationship with God, with others and with yourself; these help us develop not just a summer spirituality, but a spirituality for life.



## 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.

NORCATÚR UNITED METHODIST  
Pastor: Ray Gilstrap

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

LYLE UNITED METHODIST  
Guest Speakers  
every Sunday

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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