

Chamber News

for one and 3 tickets for \$25. Also, it's almost time for the Picnic in the Park on Aug. 13. Come and join us for an evening of fun, food and entertainment. Anita Hirsch will be performing. Chamber, Oberlin Business Alliance, and Decatur Community High School will provide the meat, beans, and drink. Please bring a covered dish to complete this meal. Fair is right around the corner. Please consider giving a little of your time and talent. Now is the time to volunteer to work a booth or ride. Call Judy Scott at 475-8983 or Stephanie Blau at 475-3617 to reserve a time or spot to support the Home Grown Carnival. Also, stop at the Chamber entryway and sign up on the poster board carnival schedule. Schedule to be posted soon. The fair can always use more open class entries. Consider entering your favorite photo, craft project, wood-working project, etc. Lets make it the best fair ever! See Ya at the Gazebo!

Those who have broken limbs from the storms are asked to place them at the edge of the yards to be picked up. Thanks to the Helm kids for picking them up.

Guests at the Stan Miller farm last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle, El Dorado. They came back to attend the wedding of Justine's classmate, Tyler Witt, and Tiffany Robinson and also help Casey's dad celebrate his birthday in Quinter on Sunday.

Arlene Hix attended the 90th birthday celebration for Betty Reid on July 5 at Whispering Pines in Norton.

Tara Nelson and Anita Volskay and the dog, Wiggles, were back in Norcatour visiting Tara's mother, Bee Nelson. They attended the fireworks display at the Norton lake; attended Betty Reid's 90th birthday celebration; had a "big bucket" lunch with Rea and Dee Magers; supper with Wayne and Norma McCallister; steaks with Wava Reames, and attended Lois Eckhart's funeral. They returned to Independence, Mo. on July 8.

Jerry and Cheri Hill traveled to Jackson State Park in Colorado on July 2 to spend some camping time with family. There were 13 present.

Happy birthday to Brenda Arnold, July 18; Mildred Schwab, July 19; Don Hill, Oran Milner, Tara Nelson, Mary Wentz, Greg Long, July 20; Aaron Helm, Bonnie Westcott, July 21.

A call came from Kaye Anderson Smiley of Denton, Md., to tell us of her eighth grandchild, born three months early, on March 22, weighing only 3 pounds, 2 ounces. He has been in John Hopkins Hospital since he was born, and was released on July 7, now weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces. She is the daughter of Fairy Hughes Anderson and George Anderson.

Patty and Katlyn Stapp and Marian Thornton went to Marshall, Mo., July 10-11 to pre-register Katlyn at Missouri Valley University for the fall classes.

Sympathy is extended to the Robert Emahizer family. He was killed

in a skid loader accident at Ludell on July 9. He was a cousin of Patty Stapp and Doug Dempewolf.

Norma McCallister attended the 129th Annual Downs Celebration on July 11 and 12. There were over 210 classmates, guests and staff of Downs High School that attended the first dinner at the Memorial Hall. Norma visited the new Dragons Den that houses the old Downs Dragon's Memorabilia now. She met up with six of her former classmates and one that Norma had not seen since graduation, 1964. They would not have recognized each other without name tags. She visited the new local coffee house, which more called "The Gathering Grounds" and went to church on Sunday to catch up on the ones there too.

The Decatur County Fair is just around the corner. The Norcatour area community is in charge of getting people to run the basketball booth and big swings. There is a sign-up sheet located in the Norcatour post office. Please be sure to get signed up. Thank you all for volunteering your time for such a worthwhile cause.

A great group gathered to graze at the "Grill." Tillie (Alice) Shirley and Beth Sebaugh stayed in the area after church to eat Sunday buffet with Dorothy Ward, Bee Nelson, Marguerite Clark and Oran and LaVerne Milner.

Wava Reames has returned home after having knee replacement surgery last month and had a group of visitors Friday to see how she's getting along. Ruby Pfeleger, Lynn Ward, Steve McMurray, Keith Ward and M.J. Dempewolf were welcome company.

Cheri (Magers) Pomeroy, daughter of Rea and Dee, has recently participated in the Avon Walk for breast cancer, which took place in the Keystone, Frisco and Breckenridge, Colo. area. There were 1,500 people registered and committed to the required fund of \$1800 each. A total of 1270 started the walk on Saturday. At midpoint, 700 went on to finish the 26 miles. On Sunday, 1120 people started the last 13 miles. The group walked two 13 mile laps on

Saturday and a finish lap of 13 miles on Sunday. There are 10 Avon walks at different locations each year. We are proud that Cheri completed all 39 miles.

Jeff Magers and Joy Luoto, Cedar Bluffs, fixed a great anniversary dinner on Sunday at their home, for Jeff's folks, Rea and Dee Magers. They enjoyed the day and ended it by having some hilarious games of Password.

Sympathy goes out to the family of Ralph and Lynn Strieit. Ralph's sister, Patti Streit Gilman was killed in a motorcycle accident in Wichita on Saturday. Patti's husband, Greg, was seriously injured and has undergone several surgeries.

MUSEUM TIDBITS

Thanks to Carol New for the large metal thermometer that has A.E. Mapes Co., Norcatour, KS on the back.

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

Bindweed and musk thistle spraying will be done after the first frost. There is a sign-up sheet at the city office. There is a minimal charge for the county to spray your yard. Remember, it is a state law to have all noxious weeds sprayed.

Hey kids, don't forget to come check out some books for the Summer Reading program. Last day to get your books checked in will be Aug. 1, with the fun day on Aug. 4, from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Congratulations to Rebecca Helm, Scotty Harman and Justine Tuttle, who have been awarded the Norcatour Commercial Scholarships for 2008.

Well, it's time for the Farmers Market in front of the Chamber office. If you would like to bring produce down and set up, please do. Most vendors are here from 7 to 9 a.m., Wednesdays. Mona's Market was here last week with lovely plants. She will be back this week at 8 a.m. so if you missed her last week, be sure to check her out this week.

The United Methodist Praise Band will be doing a free concert in the downtown Gazebo at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 27. The Chamber will be serving homemade pie, brownies, and ice cream for a free will donation. Look for flyers down town for other upcoming performances.

The Chamber has a fun money raiser planned. We are raffling off a brand new blue scooter. Tickets are available at the Chamber and at other events. This is a great deal. \$10

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Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The county 4-H Club members are gathering up their past years' projects and making preparations to display some fantastic projects for public viewing during the Thomas County Free Fair beginning next week, July 28 - Aug. 2. There are also organizations and businesses preparing personalized booths informing patrons of new products, their business and new ideas.

Golden Plains Community Outreach (GPCO) will have a booth informing the public about the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The goal is to make available free books mailed to children ages infancy to 5 years of age in all of Thomas County. Be sure to visit the booth with your young children and sign up for a book give-away each evening. A Story Time will also be held several times throughout the evening hours.

For those who have dogs within

the City of Rexford and have not yet purchased a dog tag, you need to do so prior to Aug. 1 to avoid paying a double fee. The fee is \$3.50 per tag until July 31. There is a drop off box outside the city building for your convenience and a tag will be mailed to you. The city also needs a current rabies certificate for their files.

A Happy Birthday to Desiree Wark who celebrated Sunday.

Red Barn on-going activities: Monday, Barnswallows, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m.; Ladies Bible Study, 8 p.m.; Men's Bible Study, led by Pastor Lane Purcell; Come on Down, Thursdays, 2:00 p.m.; and Friday's Koffee Klatch at 9:30 a.m. Bingo has ended for the summer and will continue in the fall as well as the Pinochle Tournaments.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Selden News

By Jacqu Boultinhouse

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Edna Schiltz won high, Lola Cook took second, Helen Karls got low and Jeanie Spreser had the most mines. Other members present included: Carol Shaw, Leone Porsch, Betty James, Alfred Albers, Shirley Emigh and Tammy Shaw.

There will be no kids ball until Aug. 6 due to the fair and Shirley being on vacation.

The Selden United Methodist Church will begin their services at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday morning starting Aug. 3. The Cross and Flame Parish includes three churches, Selden, McGraw and Hoxie. They are served by Glen and Barbara Patterson. Having two pastors makes the new time change possible. All are welcome to attend.

A quiet place with the Lord

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

Summer is in full swing, and I'm sure you've seen the signs for Vacation Bible School (VBS) on churches everywhere. Maybe you're even helping teach little ones at VBS this year.

May I suggest another important thing to implement during your summer season - some time away with the Lord - a summer retreat! Retreats are not only for priests and the religious. Jesus invites all of his disciples to go away with him to a quiet place. Retreat houses across our country offer wonderful and inexpensive opportunities for prayer and reflection.

A simple journal during retreat helps to recognize God's action in our hearts. Retreats send us back to our daily routines missioned in the fire of the Holy Spirit and enlivened in the startling belief that Jesus, God's only Son, is risen from the dead.

What is usually meant by a directed retreat? Basically, it is a type of retreat which focuses on the personal prayer of the individual. The focus is on the unique experience of God in the prayer of the individuals faith of God.

Although the entire day can, in a very true sense, be considered a time of prayer, the day itself is best divided into certain periods. First of all, there are distinct times of prayer during which one is directly

open to God. Secondly, the retreaters seek to become more aware of where God has touched them and led them by attempting to single out and become more conscious of the key movements, feelings, calls and attractions that have taken place in their prayer. And thirdly, there should be periods of relaxation and rest, for very little is accomplished in an atmosphere of strain and weariness.

Hopefully each person can find the right daily rhythm of prayer, reflection and relaxation in an atmosphere of peace and calm. The important thing is to be alone with God in a spirit of silence and simplicity; for it is in this climate that one can best experience the gentle promptings of the Holy Spirit. Retreaters often are pleasantly surprised at their own capacity to pray and the amount of time they can devote to prayer. In prayer, we do seek to become more aware of our inner selves and to become more sensitive to what God is communicating of himself and his love.

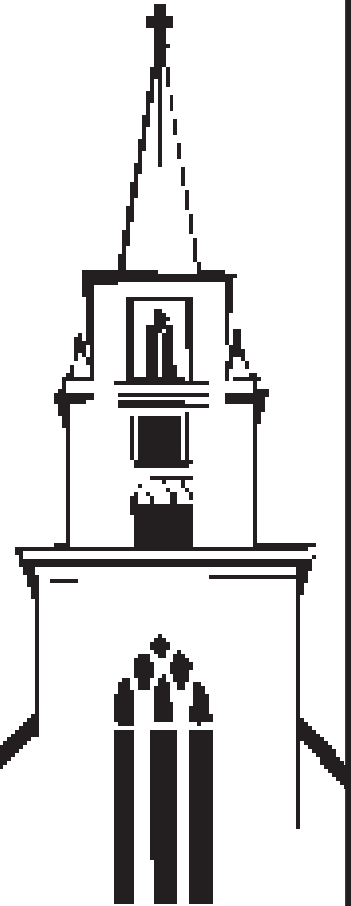
In brief, it involves the processes of seeking to clarify and to discern God's will, and then to seek to respond generously. It often happens that in trying to express to another our prayer experience of God, that experience becomes clearer in our own mind.

Go off to a quiet place with the Lord.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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| <p>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
Fr. Henry Saw Lone, MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday</p> <p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE
Fr. Henry Saw Lone
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday</p> <p>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
Fr. Henry Saw Lone
MASS: 10 a.m., Sunday</p> <p>OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Mike Larson
120 South East, Oberlin
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor: Dennis Brown
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.</p> <p>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</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ray Gilstrap
Almena
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
The Rev. Galen Long
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ray Gilstrap
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Guest Speakers every Sunday
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.</p> <p>EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN
Pastor Tom Smith
Interim Pastor
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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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..</p> | <p>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.</p> |
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