

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Bee Nelson accompanied Dorothy Ward to Norton on March 13, then after lunch at Destination Kitchen they spent time at the Norton Library to see their quilt display.

Results of the Cardinal Bar and Grill Dart Tournament on March 11, were Game One: Patty Stapp, first place; Renee Harman, second; Alice Barnett, third. Game Two: Alice Barnett, first; Renee Harman, second; Patty Stapp, third.

Bee Nelson took Oran and Laverne Milner to Hays on March 16 for his yearly checkup at the Veterans Clinic.

Marjorie Prince returned to her home in Liberty, Mo., on March 11, after being here for three weeks visiting her mother, Arlene Hix, and her brother, Gail Bailey's families. She visited Virgil and Joyce Price of Norcatour and her uncle, Veryl and Vi Van Der Wege in Norton.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to Rex Knapp, Joy Johnson, Teresa Reves Wood, Stan and Carolyn Applegate, March 27; Carolyn Applegate, March 28; Gail Bailey, Katrina Wentz, March 30; Shayla Bailey, March 31.

Results of the pool tournament on March 18 at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were Rusty Montgomery, first; Larry Smith, second; Jeff Roe, third; Larry Lively, fourth.

The Senior Citizens met March 20 with 16 players present. Winners of the Crazy Bridge game were Dorothy Woods, June Jolly, Eleanor Jensen, Donna Lincoln and Joyce Sumner. The next meeting will be Friday in the Educational Building for the regular game of pitch at 1:30 p.m.

Larry James, Doug Dempewolf and Carl Lyon will be write-in candidates for the Norcatour City Council in the April elections. a

Keith and Linda Jurey, Albuquerque, N.M., were weekend visitors of Virgil and Joyce Price. On Saturday evening, they visited Pansy Price at Whispering Pines in Norton. On Tuesday, March 17, they attended the corned beef and cabbage dinner at the Cardinal Bar and Grill.

David Johnson and daughter, Zoie, of Lenexa, spent the weekend with Beth Johnson and Fred Molzahn. They and Beth Johnson visited Agnes Pruitt at Cedar Living Center, Oberlin on Saturday, March 21.

The date of the fourth annual city-wide garage sale is fast approaching. We would like help for this spring sale. Please call Sherrie at (720) 838-0430 or Twila at (785) 693-4203.

Word comes from Jetmore that Bob Crabill is on the mend! He spent time in the Jetmore hospital, then in a Garden City hospital with pneumonia, but is back in familiar surroundings now. His address is Box 423, Jetmore, Kan., 67854. He has a birthday coming up on May 26, his 87th!! We appreciate hearing from his son, Bobby Crabill, who keeps us posted.

Weekend visitors at the Stan Miller farm were Bev DeLano, Wichita; and Mr. and Mrs. Chad Applebury, Eli and Karyssa, Colby. All joined Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Oberlin; Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Tuttle, Quinter; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks for supper and karaoke Saturday night at the Cardinal Bar and Grill.

On March 14, Scott Beachel and Dayna Lester brought newborn Justin Lee Beachel over to the Dempewolf home. Other visitors were Dickie Beachel, Chuck Forbes and Ryan Lester.

Those who helped Sharee Dempewolf celebrate her birthday on March 14 were Doug, Chris and M.J. Dempewolf, Keith Ward, Laci Lechlitter, Sunnie Fredrickson and Aaron and Hayden Mann.

Rea and Dee Magers took Veda Wood and Margaret "Toots" Magers with them to attend the Legion awards dinner at Lebanon, Neb., on Sunday evening.

A potluck dinner was held to go with the beef and potatoes furnished by the Legion. Several awards were given, with the longest record of 60 years being held by Neal Warner of Lebanon.

Marjorie Prince took her mother Arlene Hix to McCook for a doctor's appointment on March 10. They also visited Agnes Pruitt at the Cedar Living Center.

There were approximately 100 signatures in the guest book and over \$700 donated at the United Methodist Church annual pancake sausage supper on March 8. New help in the kitchen this year was Lucas Bailey. Boy, can he crack an egg.

Lora Arnold hosted a belated birthday supper for her great-grandson Nathan Baker on March 14 at the Cardinal Bar and Grill. Others present were Mark and Julianna, Marissa, Jordan and Noah Baker, John and Brenda Arnold, Mary Arnold, Olive Arnold, Bill LaSalle and Estella Harold.

Results from the March 18 dart tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were Game One: Tonya Porter, first; Alice Barnett, second; Kristi Gallentine, third. Game Two:

Alyssa Montgomery, first; Renee Harman, second; Justine Tuttle, third.

Justin Tuttle, El Dorado, was a visitor at the Stan Miller farm for a week while the school where she student teaches was on spring break.

Wava Reames went to Wichita last week to meet her daughter, Shawna Crum, Shawnda and James. They had dinner at Spangles and Wava's grandchildren came home with her. They visited Frank Ward for his world famous stew and Lynn Ward joined them for lunch.

James played with Brenden, Quentin and Wyatt Wentz. They met Leslie, Lynn and Keith Ward at the Cardinal Bar and Grill for Mexican Food night. Wava took her grandchildren back home last Friday.

Wava Reames had Sunday dinner with Dorothy Ward, Bee Nelson and Beth Sebaugh. They also had a nice visit with Ron and Gerry Temple.

Grand opening set at museum

Chamber News

By Tina Watson

Today will be a big day in Oberlin, the grand opening of the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum. Oh, and what a grand opening it will be.

Plan on coming out to the museum for a coffee hour from 9 a.m. to noon. Enjoy a cup of coffee and check out all the new and exciting rooms. They plan on being open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will see you there.

Not only does the Chamber board have events they are planning, but Oberlin Business Alliance has scheduled events coming up.

Oberlin Business Alliance has purchased banners for spring. They should be up by today.

The alliance is having a college championship basketball drawing. People will be trying to guess the total number of points scored and the winning team. You must be 12 or older to enter.

Boxes will go out to participating

business this week. The prizes are being collected and will be on display in Adleman Drug's window. The winner will be announced on Tuesday.

We have some great gifts in the prize basket that someone will win, so don't miss your chance. You can't win if you don't play!

The alliance also has a Fish and Burger Fry coming up on Friday, April 10, in the driveway south of the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center, between Bridges Group Insurance and Johnson Realty. We will be serving from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations will be designated to the downtown nativity scene lighting. Please come on out for that. We would love to see you.

New table tents will be coming out soon with the April, May and June events.

The Chamber has had a few more ribbon cuttings. Crop Production Services and RAS Cabinetry ribbon cuttings were held on Friday. Thank you to all who came out and endured the weather. It was a cold one!

The Chamber's new desk has arrived. Two of the cartons were heavily damaged, so they were refused. Delivery of the replacement order should be sometime before the end of March.

The new desk will give more working room and has locking drawers. It will also give the Chamber office a more inviting, professional atmosphere.

Acts of Love, Acts of God

By Rev. Larry Danforth,

United Methodist Churches, Clayton and Norcatour

Read Luke 7:36-50

"Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denari, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" - Luke 7:41-42 (NIV)

This story is both an old and familiar one. Many people who have read it think it is primarily a story about the difference between a self-righteous man and a penitent woman. Yet, it isn't simply just about these two people. This story illustrates a basic truth regarding confession, penance and forgiveness. In order to receive the love of God in forgiveness and express love in our penance, we have to acknowledge our sins! Simon, the Pharisee, couldn't see that he was a sinner. He was too self-righteous to see it. Therefore he didn't show any acts of love toward Jesus. However, the woman knew her sins and did all of these acts of love for Christ who was able to forgive her. The trap that we tend to fall into is that we don't see ourselves as sinful but righteous in our actions. Therefore, it is possible to commit a sin against God and one of God's children and be completely ignorant of it.

A person who truly experiences the grace of Jesus Christ in their lives is intimately aware of his or her sin. This realization doesn't come from the individual person, but from the grace of Jesus Christ himself. My mom used to tell me and my brother that the reason we have a terrible feeling within us when we had done something wrong was because the Holy Spirit within us was telling us that something was wrong. I have come to believe that my mother is right and that the act of confession is indeed a divine act of God.

Now, confession is only one step in the transforming power of God's grace. We know of the scars and injuries that we may have caused to suffer, and for those injuries that we have inflicted. We want to make things right! So, what can we do about it?

Let us look at Jesus' story about the money lender. What did the two people who owed money do to pay back moneylender? They did nothing. They couldn't pay the debt. Instead, the moneylender simply forgave them of their debts. That is a pretty gracious act on the part of the one who much was owed? I imagine it would be pretty hard for the people to make things right over that. Yet, Jesus doesn't mention anything about making it right. Instead he asks which of those

who were forgiven of their debt would love more. That is the key to penance. Penance is not about how to repay someone for the wrong done them. Instead it is about loving God and others through the grace and forgiveness God has given us. Penance is indeed a divine act of God.

But now what about forgiveness? We all know that a Christian is called to forgive. But you know, no one ever talks about how difficult it is. When we talk about forgiveness, we are talking about forgiving those who have sinned against us or even forgiving ourselves of our sins. Some of those scars that we have suffered are horrendous. How can one possibly forgive some of these sins?

Remember what was written in this scripture when Jesus forgave the woman of her sins: The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" They asked that question because in their beliefs, only God can forgive sins. And it is true. Only God can forgive sins. That should have told them something about Jesus Christ. Forgiveness is not a single act of our will, nor is it simply a choice that we make. Just as Jesus is the Word of God become flesh, the divine ability to forgive was given to us through the grace from Jesus. Forgiveness is indeed a divine act of God.

Will we ever forget that Jesus forgave us and the entire world from the cross? Never forget that by that act of grace, we have a way to return home to God. Likewise, God will give you the grace to forgive and will do something wonderful with that forgiveness. Indeed, the woman who anointed Jesus in this story received something wonderful. She had been saved, her life was being transformed, and she would have peace. All of this was possible by the grace of God revealed in Jesus Christ. It is a grace by which we are able to confess our sins, to repent and to forgive. This is why I am glad that we had this season of lent to prepare ourselves for Easter. We are not just preparing to celebrate the rising of the Lord and the hope of resurrection that he gives to us. But, we are also preparing for the transformation of our lives as we continue to journey towards perfection and home.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, let your grace fall upon me. Help me to see my sins, so I may confess. Help me to repent, so I may love. Help me to forgive, so I may be forgiven. Amen.



Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo., returned home Wednesday after spending time with their mother, Edie Pettera, who was a patient at the hospital in Oberlin.

Edie has been thankful for all the cards and prayers with encouragement while she is recuperating and working hard. She is so happy to be back home at Cedar Living.

Julie Hafner visited her aunts, Joan Noble and Edie Pettera, Friday in Oberlin. Heading downtown for lunch she wandered into Coffee, Tea and Me, where she was met with the smiling face of Barbara Mullen. Barbara and family are newcomers to Oberlin and will do well with the good food and pleasantness. The business will celebrate a year anniversary in May.

Voni Sattler visited her aunt Esther Pennington this week.

Among flags and patriotic songs, area citizens met at The Gateway in Oberlin Sunday afternoon in support of our United States of America, forming a "tea party."

Those at the podium raised awareness of the sad shape of our country and the direction we can expect if we all sit back and do nothing. Social situations or institutions that are contrary to divine law will never stand.

Reminders of calling, e-mailing or sending letters to our deaf and immortal politicians were suggested.

Gather family, friends and neighbors where all can chat and support the United States and the Constitution that our founding fathers formed for a more perfect union.

Stand up! Speak up! And do so quickly! Plan to attend the next "tea party."

Weekend visitors at the Rippes to help Theresa and Lilly Rippe celebrate their birthdays were Kevin, Megan, Michaela and Allison, Tim, Alicia, and Wyatt, Rodney, and Katelyn Clark.

On Saturday, Grandma Theresa helped Kevin and Megan entertain Lilly and friends at the bowling alley in Atwood. Lilly will be six on Monday.

Sharon Ecker celebrated her "big" birthday weekend with Bart, Troy and Brandi Ecker of Hays. Joining them at Roger's Bar and Grill on Sunday for chicken dinner were Marlin and Dana Marintzer of Oberlin and Carla Marintzer, Herndon.

Sunday dinner guests of Brad and Deanna Williams on the farm were friends, Maurice, Deena, Lara and Lucas Zodrow, Oberlin, and Voni Sattler, Chelsey, Brandi and Kassie.

Janice Sattler, Atwood, and Bob and Julie Hafner enjoyed Sunday dinner with their aunt, Edie Pettera at Cedar Living.

Dinner and beverages were served Wednesday, March 25, for friends gathering for an evening of celebration with Carol Kompus. Those guests were Voni Sattler, Emma Lou Sattler, Ruth Bullard, Sharon Vogel and Pam Stuczynski.

No April Fool's jokes here. You can believe every word of this!

Julie's Memory Joggers
Herndon Nonpareil
August 16, 1945

Call six for physicals Monday, Aug. 20.

The following Rawlins County boys have been called for pre-induction physical examination at Fort Logan, Colo., on Monday, August 20.

It was announced by the office of Selective Service this week: Elmer H. Holthus, Elmer W. Brown, Max A. Dixon, Richard E. Holub, Denis W. Tongish, Duane W. Smith.

Some reduction in draft calls is expected soon, but it is not known what affect this will have upon the standing of registrants — especially those in the lower age brackets, an official of the Selective Service Office stated over the radio Tuesday night.

He indicated that men under 26 would continue on the preferred list "to make up the Occupation Army and relieve men who have been in the Pacific area for long periods of time."

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, LEVILLE
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
Jerry Nowack
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: Larry Danforth
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: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Youth Group, 4 p.m.

NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Larry Danforth
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.

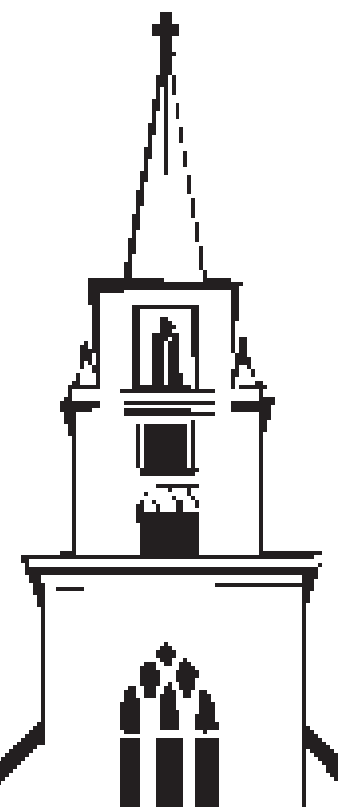
EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN
Pastor Tom Smith
Interim Pastor
810 West Cedar, Oberlin
Office Phone 785-475-2769
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
510 North Wilson
Interim Pastor: Kevin Schnakenberg
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays.

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.

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.

THE WORKING MAN'S CHURCH
C&H Power Line Building on Hwy 83 (North of the Airport) Oberlin, Kan.
Pastor John Paulson
SUNDAY: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Come as you are.



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