

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Sympathy is extended to the family of Marguerite Clark, 94, who died May 4, at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

Donations are being accepted for repairs to the roof and replacing siding, which was last done in the 60s, on the Norcatour United Methodist Church, and also for a new roof on the Educational building. If anyone would like to donate to the Norcatour Church building fund, send them to the Citizens Alliance in Norcatour, or send to Building Fund, c/o Norcatour Church Trustees, c/o Alice Barnett, 14871 Rd. W 15 Ln, Clayton, KS, 67629.

Overnight guests at the Howard Sumner farm Sunday, May 3, were Art and Winifred Schram of Pasadena, Texas. Art was operations officer when Howard joined the 345th fighter squadron in Italy and led the first fighter bomber mission that he flew. Winifred, who Art met in Italy, was an army nurse who was with the landing on Anzio Beach. Her accounts of the suffering of

the wounded there should make us grateful for the freedom we enjoy today.

Dewaine Stapp visited his grandson, Christopher Stapp, in Decatur, Ill., May 2 and 3. Also visiting were Randy and Karen Stapp and Christopher's sister and brother-in-law, Kimberly and Matthew Tetrick, of Omaha, Neb. Christopher participated in the Tri The Illini Triathlon in Champaign, Ill., at the University of Illinois. The triathlon consists of swimming, biking and running. His time was one hour and 10 minutes. He placed 108 out of 310. The family also enjoyed Christopher's new home and seeing Archer-Daniels-Midland (ADM) Company where he is employed.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to Carolyn Strevey, May 16; Jeannie Pelkey, Janice O'Hare, and M.J. Dempewolf, May 18; Virgil and Joyce Price, May 19.

Results of the pool tournament on April 29, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were Larry Lively, first

place; Chuck Forbes, second; Dean Forbes, third; John New, fourth.

Results of the Cardinal Bar and Grill dart tournament on May 6, were: Game 1: Alice Barnett, first place; Patty Stapp, second; Kristi Gallentine, third. Game 2: Kristi Gallentine, first; Renee Harman, second; Alice Barnett, third.

Norman Roger Beachel is anxiously awaiting his trip to Norcatour and will arrive May 22, for a visit from his home in California.

Dennis Molzahn, Independence, Mo., and Cathy Claussen, Oberlin, spent May 9 with their mother, Beth Johnson.

Jeff Magers of near Cedar Bluffs, fixed Mother's Day dinner for Joy Luoto and his folks, Rea and Dee Magers.

Again this year the Norcatour United Methodist Church will have tea, coffee and cookies for everyone to enjoy after the Memorial services on Sunday, May 24, at the Educational Building. If you are able to furnish some cookies, it would be very much appreciated. If you have any questions, call Alice Barnett or Kay Strevey.

Mary Lesle accompanied Bee Nelson to Oberlin to pick up Beth Sebaugh and then the ladies traveled on to McCook to eat their Mother's Day dinner at a restaurant.

Dorothy Ward spent the past weekend in Hugo, Colo., with Mark and Debby Ward and Brandon. Debby came for Dorothy on Thursday and they went to Hugo on Friday. Saturday evening they all went to Denver to meet with daughter-in-law, Paula Ward and granddaughter, Diana Ward at the Texas de Brazil Restaurant as a Mother's Day celebration. Mark returned his mother on Sunday afternoon and returned home on Monday.

Events set for alumni week

Hello from the Chamber!

The Chamber is happy to report that the annual Professional Assistants Day at the Bohemian Hall on April 22 was a huge success, with 80 of our local "couldn't do it without them" women in attendance.

It was a wonderful meal and the 4J's entertainment was the topping on the cake. We extend a huge thank-you to them. Isn't it amazing the caliber of talent we are blessed with in our community?

Chamber had Cinco de Mayo supper at Centennial Park on May 5, with the money raised going toward the new sound system for downtown.

With several other events taking place that evening, it was not as well attended as hoped, but it is not too late to help out with the sound system project. Donations will be accepted a gladly t the Chamber.

Friday presents a full schedule of events for Alumni Weekend, with a Coffee Hour at the Home Planning Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For lunch, the Oberlin Business Alliance plans a burger and brat fry in the driveway south of the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the proceeds going toward the new sound system downtown. Come join the fun.

On that day as well, we will be welcoming Decatur Community High School alumni with a hospitality room in the lobby of the center from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

More Alumni events will be Saturday, including the banquet that night at The Gateway.

Everyone is looking forward to Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6, for the Eighth Annual Summerfest Car and Vintage Sports show.

There are lots of activities planned

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from Friday evening through Saturday. With the addition of the Vintage Sports Vehicles, there will definitely be something for everyone.

Get all your "stuff" together for the annual City-Wide Garage Sale on June 12-13. Get your name on the list for \$7 by June 10.

Maps and a listing of all participants will be available. Here's your chance to clean out that closet!

Finally, get your calendars marked for the Fourth Annual U.S. Highway 36 "Treasure Hunt" yard and garage sale, a 400-mile sale" from border to border" on Sept. 18, 19 and 20.

You can be listed on the official Vendor's Guide for \$12.50 if you have your name in by July 1.

See you on the brick streets!

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Margaret "Toots" Magers, Kathy Van Meter and Joyce Summer played pinocle at the Good Samaritan Home on May 4. They sewed on Tuesday, and Joyce and Kathy took a load of quilts to Garden City on Friday, May 8.

On May 9, Joyce and Deanna Summer went to Olathe, to the home of Michelle Honelka, to help Summer celebrate his second birthday. The rest of the family joined them on Sunday for the party.

June sewed at Lyle on Tuesday, and on Thursday she went to KT club. On Mother's Day, Linda McFarland hosted June, Louie and LaVeda McFarland, Butch and Barbara Jolly, Dean and Rhonda Jolly, Jennifer and Jack. They brought her a hanging basket of flowers from her son, Carroll.

Jim Plotts was the minister at Lyle on Sunday. On Monday they were taking homemade ice cream to the

long term care facility for a birthday party for Jim's dad, James.

Toots Magers' daughters, Jane and Richard Engelhardt, and Judy and Charlie Easton brought dinner and visited on Mother's Day. Toots had a call from Delpha Blees Whale. She told Toots that she enjoys the news.

My husband's brother, Mervin Wood, died on Tuesday after a long illness. Carol Moye took her Mom and great-granddaughter to Newton, Iowa, to his funeral. We had a good trip and a pleasant visit with his wife's relatives.

Elvin, Mervin's other brother in Canadian, Okla., was not physically able to be there. They also have a sister, Rosalie Bowe, in Portland, who was not able to attend.

He had a very nice funeral, participated in by the Masons, Hospice Chaplain and the American Legion.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Pam May, Sue May, and Norma Unger hosted a bridal shower for Carie Nichols Saturday morning, May 9, at the St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. She and Shannon Schurr will be married on Saturday, May 23, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

Jerry and Connie Olson attended commencement ceremonies Saturday morning at Bramlage Coliseum where their daughter, Kelly Olson, graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education, Magna Cum Laude.

Karen Larson, Laura Bryan, Monica Larson, and Missy Uehlin hosted a baby shower/brunch for Janene Holtz of Cambridge, Neb., on Saturday morning at The Gateway in Oberlin.

Ali Shields received her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree during the University of Nebraska Medical School graduation ceremonies on May 8 in Lincoln. Among those attending were Bret Shields and Sam, Mike and Nancy Shields and Corinne, and Gaylord and Shirley Shields. Gaylord and Shirley visited over the weekend with their grandson and family, Bret and Ali Shields and Sam of Lincoln, but were weekend guests of the Mike Shields family, Omaha.

Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly, Shawnee, were weekend guests of Ralph and Norma Unger and attended Decatur Community High School graduation ceremonies for Jacob Fortin Sunday afternoon, as well as his graduation reception Saturday evening.

Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, Cameron, Hunter, and Elizabeth hosted a high school graduation party at their home for Cole May Sunday afternoon.

Richard and Delayne May, Danica and Nolan, Lawrence, attended Decatur Community High School graduation ceremonies for Cole May Sunday afternoon and a reception held in his honor at the Nedland home following graduation.

Nanette Philbrick, Casper, Wyo., was a weekend guest of her mother, Joan and Don Grafel, Herndon. They attended the graduation of their niece and granddaughter, Makenzie Nelson, at Decatur Community High School Sunday afternoon as well as Makenzie's senior recital held at The Gateway Saturday afternoon.

Joan Grafel and Nanette Philbrick were weekend visitors of their sister and aunt, Violet and Ralph Shaw.

Ralph and Violet Shaw attended Makenzie Nelson and Jacob Fortin's high school graduation receptions Saturday afternoon and evening.

Ralph and Norma Unger, Colleen Rittmann, Rhonda May, Elizabeth Nedland, and Dianne Bremer and Jessica were among those attending the Decatur Community High School senior recital and reception Saturday afternoon at The Gateway featuring Alyssa Rippe, Jacinta Carter, Annamarie Larue, Makenzie Nelson, and Ethan Merrill.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica attended Jacob Fortin's high school graduation reception Saturday evening on his birthday at the Bohemian Hall.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Visitors at the St. Mary's Cemetery in Herndon last week were Donald Pitner, Dorothy and Doug Roth and Kelly Roth Amidei. Donald is the son of Raymond Pitner and lives in Woodland, Wash. Dorothy, daughter of Donald, and husband live in Ridgefield, Wash. Kelly, granddaughter of Donald, currently lives in Olathe, but upon graduation will move back to Ridgefield in about two weeks.

Julie and Bob Hafner and Del Solko had a nice visit with the travelers on Herndon history and our ancestry while up at the cemetery. The family will be traveling in the area tracing Don's younger years in Herndon.

A meeting was held Wednesday evening, May 13, with a group of community individuals discussing the Herndon School building. A couple from Colorado toured the building about two weeks ago. They possibly would use the facility for living quarters for their entire family and mentioned sharing the building with the community for other uses.

Those attending the meeting brought other subjects to light that would benefit the area. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 17, in the music room of the Herndon School at 8 p.m. All those interested in the use of the building or have any ideas are welcome to attend.

Julie Hafner spent a few days visiting Jason Hafner and Raquel Frierichs in Lexington, Neb. Saturday, brief visitors of Julie and Bob were Linda and Doug Carey of Republican City, Neb. Linda and Doug borrowed garden tools to do a little weeding at St. Mary's cemetery where her parents, Louis and Stella Leitner and grandparents, Joe and

Mary Leitner are buried.

Tom and Celeste Noble of Hot Springs, Ark., came Saturday evening to visit their mother, Joan Noble at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin, before traveling on to Denver to be with family.

Sarah, Aaron and Gideon White spent Friday night and Saturday with Dave and Judy Ketterl. Dave spent Saturday afternoon attending the Rod Run in Atwood where Adam Ketterl displayed his '57 Chevy and participated in the drag races.

Sharon Ecker attended the graduation reception of Nathan Stoney on Sunday at the Herndon Villa and also joined in the fun of the bridal shower for Chelsey Schissler at the Senior Center in the afternoon. Chelsey will marry Coley Hackney on June 6.

Ron and Cindy Sattler, Herndon, and Dana and Payton Juenemann, Hays, attended the graduation of Margo Sattler in Scott City, Saturday afternoon.

Congratulations to our 2009 Rawlins County High School Herndon graduates, Elijah Kastens, Drew Basgall, Renee Sagel, Nathan Stoney, Sarah Grafel, Jackson Grafel and Greg Solko. The Christian Mother's Altar Society honored the graduates after Sunday mass at the hall.

Herndon's 90th Annual Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, May 23, at St. Mary's Hall beginning at 6 p.m. Dinner will be provided by the Christian Mother's Altar Society.

Renee Solko graduated on Saturday from Washburn University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forensic Chemistry. Attendees included Don, Diane, Rachelle and Janelle Solko, Destiny Schroeder, Darla Lovelady of Ness City, and Vern Begley of Atwood.

The Ascension of Our Lord

By Pastor Sharon Nelson

Evangelical Covenant Church, Oberlin

Read Acts 1:1-11

The beginning of Acts tells us that Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of 40 days after his resurrection. He surprised his disciples more than once, and he talked with them about the kingdom of God. The Church has a tradition of marking the end of the 40 days with Ascension Day, when we recall that Jesus ascended into heaven. This Thursday is the day!

Both Luke and Acts tell us that Jesus was taken up into heaven as the disciples watched. This can be confusing, since heaven isn't necessarily "up." In the ancient world, people believed that heaven was just a few thousand feet above a flat earth. We now know that the earth is round and that the universe is huge.

There are several different ways for contemporary Christians to deal with the ascension, but I find N.T. Wright's approach is the most helpful. He makes a distinction between heaven and outer space. Jesus did not go flying through the atmosphere like the Space Shuttle Atlantis. Nor did he ascend into heaven only in a spiritual sense. Jesus made it clear that his resur-

rection was bodily; his ascension was also bodily. Wright claims that heaven is God's dimension. It is not outer space or any other location we can pinpoint in the universe. Therefore, Jesus ascended bodily into heaven, God's dimension.

Does your brain hurt yet? It should, because our God is very, very big. He is the Creator of the whole universe. Even more, he is not limited by space or by time. He is even bigger than everything he has created.

When Jesus came to earth, he entered our space and our time. He lived in Judea and he was there for just over 30 years. One of the most marvelous, awesome aspects of the ascension is that the risen Jesus is no longer bound by space or by time. Is it any wonder that after Jesus ascended, the disciples worshiped him and praised God (Luke 24:52-53)? We cannot begin to comprehend the greatness of our God. However, when we get glimpses of his glory, our response is to worship and to praise him!



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
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: Gene Gee
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.

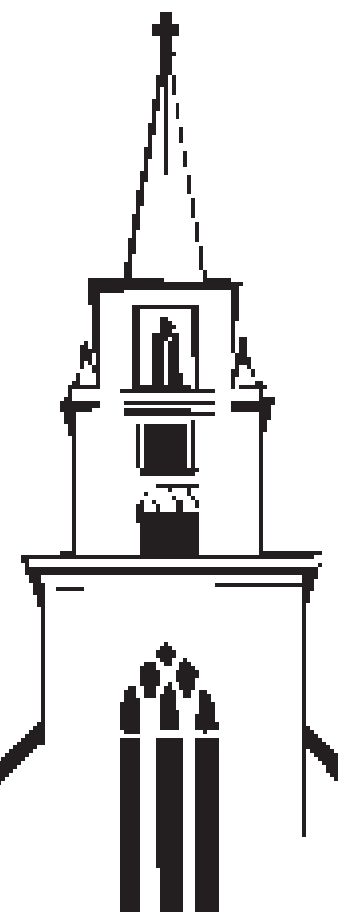
EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN
Pastors: Chris and Sharon Nelson
810 West Cedar, Oberlin
Office Phone 785-475-2769
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 8 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. 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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