

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller took guests John Rule Jr., Hays, and Lila Rule, Norton, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Oberlin, to the Cardinal Bar and Grill on May 10 for a wonderful buffet to celebrate Mother's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller went to Pratt on May 15, to attend the reception for Lacey Roe who graduated from Pratt Community College. From there they went on to El Dorado and were joined by friends and family to help daughter Justine Tuttle graduate from Emporia State University on Saturday, May 16. They all returned to El Dorado for a dinner and reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle. On Sunday, the Millers and granddaughter Sophia went to Hays to attend a graduation for great-nephew, Kellon Rule, from Hays High School before returning home. Sophia DeDonder, 2, is going to spend a week with her grandparents on the farm. Grandma Carol is dusting off her track shoes.

Happy birthday and anniversary to Shelbi McKenna, May 20; Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson, May 23; and Inez Jackson, May 24.

Results of the pool tournament on Wednesday, May 13, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were Bill Ellis, first place; Von Johnson, second; Rusty Montgomery, third; John New, fourth.

The traveling trio was traipsing Thursday, May 14. Wava Reames had a doctor's appointment in Kearney, Neb., and was accompanied by Bee Nelson and Dorothy Ward. They also visited Paul Welch, who

had neck and shoulder surgery last Wednesday. We also visited Terri James, who was to have surgery that afternoon.

Ron and Jerry Temple went to Atwood on Sunday, May 17, for the graduation of their grandson Marcus Cahoj, from Rawlins County High School. He is the son of Larry and Suzanne Cahoj.

Beth Sebaugh, Bee Nelson and Dorothy Ward ate dinner together at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Sunday after church.

Thanksgiving Camp held its annual Mother's Tea on Wednesday, May 13, at the Norcatour City Hall with 43 ladies attending. After a finger food sampling of cookies, cakes and cream puffs, they played Bingo. Prizes were geraniums and other gifts as they made their choice. The door prize was won by Dorothy Ward.

Lora Arnold accompanied her granddaughter Julianna Baker to the spring band concert at Norton, on May 12, to hear her great-granddaughter Marissa Baker play. She is a member of the Norton Community High School concert band.

Terri James has been transferred from the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., to the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin. Friends can send cards to her at 810 W. Columbia, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Rev. Barney Gordon, Belleville, was a dinner guest of Ron and Jerry Temple at the Cardinal Bar and Grill Sunday, May 17. After lunch Ron and took him on a farm land tour looking at the crops. Rev. Gordon is connected with the Kansas State

Research Department of Agronomy. He is also the Norton Trinity Episcopal Church pastor.

Dave and Patty Stapp, Dewaine Stapp, Kaitlyn Stapp, Marian Dempewolf, Rose Riffle and Bob Dempewolf went to Emporia, on May 16 to attend a reception for Kortney Poire. On Saturday, they were joined by Rick and Lynn Doeden and attended the graduation of Kortney from Emporia State, where she received her Master's degree in Science, Mental Health Counseling. They all returned home Saturday evening and attended the graduation of Sam Stapp from Decatur Community High School on Sunday, May 17. A reception and barbecue were held for Sam. Kortney and Jerrad Poire and Kaitlyn Stapp returned to their homes Sunday evening. Kortney and Jerrad will be moving to Chanute, where Kortney will be employed by TFI Family Services.

Bob Crabill will be celebrating his 87th birthday on May 26th. His address is: P.O. Box 423, Jetmore, Kan., 67854.

M.J. Dempewolf graduated from Colby Community College on Saturday, with a degree in Nursing. She participated in the pinning ceremonies. Family members that attended were Doug and Chris Dempewolf, Sharee Dempewolf, Laci Lechlitter, Lisa and Rodney Lechlitter, Lynn and Ralph Streit, R.D. Thornton, Jeannie and Gary Gawith, Keith Ward, Kaley Ward, Lynn Ward, and Aaron Mann. To celebrate, they ate at the China Buffet, then Sharee had everyone over for cake at her house.

A reminder to please keep your lawn and weeds mowed down. The City of Norcatour does have an ordinance on the height.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Nanette Philbrick of Casper, Wyo., visited Don and Joan Grafel last week. She and her mother, Joan, attended the graduation of Mrs. Grafel's granddaughter, Makenzie Nelson, from Decatur Community High School on Sunday, May 17. Don and Joan went to baccalaureate for the Oberlin graduates on Wednesday evening and Don, Joan and Nanette attended the recital and reception Saturday for the seniors.

Herndon senior citizens held their potluck dinner Wednesday, May 20, at the senior center with 14 signing in. A business meeting was held. Rental rate is now \$50 for the center and please contact Sharon Frick, 322-5375, to reserve the center. Darlene Cole and Sue Frick shared the blackout prize and Jo Harris won the door prize.

A whopping number of volunteers turned out to help with mowing St. Mary's cemetery last Monday evening in preparation for Memorial Day weekend and the Blessings of the Graves held this week. All the help was greatly appreciated.

Sharon and Jim Vogel went to Horton on Memorial Day weekend to attend Sharon's 50th class reunion. They stayed at the lake with her brother, Randy and Denise Fassnacht. Mitchell and Christina Fassnacht of Kansas City; Jeramie Fassnacht of Horton; Glen and Linda Obbcuds and James and Judy Smith of Wamego, all enjoyed a family gathering. Jim, Sharon, and family visited cemeteries at Horton, Muscotah and Atchison. They stopped to see Mrs. Marlene Watts and the Marty Ellner family and also Maurice and Darlene Atland, all of Hiawatha.

Don Grafel attended a recep-

tion for Sarah Grafel on Saturday, May 16, at the home of Kyle and Cindi Grafel. Sarah is a graduate of Rawlins County High School, class of 2009.

Gene and Marcella Leitner, Oberlin, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Mass at St. Mary's, Herndon surrounded by family and parish friends, Sunday, May 24. They were married at St. Mary's, starting their life together and today Father Dan Scheetz bestowed an anniversary blessing for the many years to come. Congratulations!

Kayla Grafel graduated from Healy High School on Sunday, May 17 and Don Grafel attended the graduation and reception for his granddaughter.

Bob and Julie Hafner enjoyed dinner Sunday with their Aunt Edie Pettea at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. Afternoon visitors were cousins, Bob and Janice Arkle of York, Neb.

Weekend guests of Jim and Sha-

ron Vogel for the Rod Run activities in Atwood were Jennifer Adams, Tucker and Katilyn of Castle Rock, Colo.; Janine and Steno Campbell, Salina; Sheri and Levi Daveport, Wyatt and Mavick, Midland, Texas; and Stacey and Lewis Dawson, Kay Lynn and Jordan Paylor, Atwood.

Kurt and Kris Grafel, Kayla and Kortney of Utica, and Keith and Roma Grafel, Sydney, Saeger and Chad Williams of Council Grove were weekend visitors of Don and Joan Grafel. They attended the Herndon alumni banquet on Saturday evening where Keith was a 40th year graduate and Kurt was celebrating his 25th year.

Congratulations to David and April Sattler of Norton, on the arrival of Lauren Faith on Wednesday, May 20. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Leon and Marita Portschy and Tom and Myra Sattler of Herndon.

Man Hurls Polecat 63 ft.

BEXAR COUNTY - After using Thera-Gesic® on his sore shoulder, Tom W. was able to rid his property of the varmint last Thursday.



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Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Carie Nichols and Shannon Schurr were married Saturday evening at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin, with Pastor Kevin Schnakenberg officiating. Among those attending were Robert and Sally May, Cole May and Alyssa Rippe, Walter and Betty May, the Roland May family, the Rhonda May and Dan Nedland family, Ralph and Norma Unger, John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica, and Randy Rutsch, Boulder, Colo.

Ralph and Violet (Spiers) Shaw hosted a dinner party at their home Friday evening. Attending were ladies and their spouses in Violet's Decatur Community High School class of 1949 who have kept a Round Robin correspondence active through the past 60 years: Lillian (May) and Art Rutsch, Vista, Calif.; Juanita (Tally) Relp, Hutchinson; Marie (Tally) and Don Aschwege, Mesa, Ariz.; Maxine (Smalberger) Walker, Phillipsburg; and Fern (Diehl) and Loyd Moore, Oberlin. Other classmates attending were Gaylord (class of '49) and Shirley Shields, and Royce Rasmussen, Lansdale, Pa. Another Round Robin classmate, Romajeane (Unger) Hahn, was unable to attend.

Memorial weekend guests of Karen and Craig Larson enjoying family dinners and visiting were her children, Ryan and Stacey Duysen, Madison, Ashley, and Taylor, Boyne Island, Australia; Jeff and Kimberly (Duysen) Wickersham and Calvin, Council Bluffs, Iowa; and Zane and Gladys Geis. The Wickershams arrived Friday and were houseguests of Zane and Gladys. The Duysens, houseguests at the Larson home, arrived Saturday and will spend a week in Oberlin visiting family before returning home.

Weekend guests at the home of Gaylord and Shirley (Euhus) Shields for an Euhus cousins reunion were her sisters, Forrest and Pat (Euhus) Junod, Sacramento, Calif.; and Stan and Deanie (Euhus) Moore, Florissant, Colo.; Keris Shields, Tucson; Milton and Jeanene Euhus, Yuma, Ariz.; and Mike and Nancy Shields, Omaha, Neb.

Additional Sunday dinner and supper guests were Alfred Euhus, Centennial, Colo.; Stuart Euhus, Dennis Euhus, Kent Euhus, and Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin. Among additional afternoon visitors were Kenneth and Mona (Euhus) Hoehner and Mark and Marla Moffitt, Wheatridge, Colo.

A reunion was held in Oberlin over the weekend for the descendants of "Homestead" Henry and Dorothea (Stier) May. Kenneth and Mona Hoehner and Mark and Marla (Hoehner) Moffitt of Wheatridge, Colo., represented the Henry May (Jr) family and Sharon (Beery) Wright, Manhattan, represented the Emma May Orthmann family. Representing the Ernest May family were Arthur May, John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica; Kristen Bremer, Colby; Martin and Evelyn May; Ernest May, Tonganoxie; Wilma May, Jerry and Connie Olson; Stean

Olson, Hays; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Jack Fortin and Charles Fortin. Representing the Ted May family were Art and Lillian (May) Rutsch, Vista, Calif.; Randy Rutsch, Boulder, Colo.; Walter and Betty May; Richard May and Nolan, Lawrence; Robert May; Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, Cameron, Hunter, and Elizabeth; Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah; and Roger and Sue May, Ryan and Erin.

Additional Decatur Community High School alumni in our community enjoying anniversary reunions with their classes were Ann (Lucy) Mines, class of 1949; Pat (Euhus) Junod, class of 1959; Connie (Mines) Goslar and John Bremer, class of 1964; Connie (May) Olson, Marvin May, and Richard Shaw, class of 1969; Robert May, Rhonda May, and David May, class of 1974; and Roger May, class of 1984.

Wauneta (Wurm) Jeffus was a weekend visitor of her sister, Wilma May.

Ladd Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb., was a weekend guest at the Norman Wendelin home. Greta Wendelin has been a guest at the Norman Wendelin home this past week and will be spending an additional week with her parents and sister visiting family and friends before returning to Lawrence.

Alfred Euhus, Centennial, Colo., was a weekend guest of his brother, Dennis Euhus.

Art and Lillian Rutsch and Randy Rutsch were weekend visitors of Arthur and Alice May.

Randy Rutsch, Boulder, Colo., and Sharon Wright, Manhattan, were weekend guests of the John Bremer family and attended the May reunion. Sharon also attended her Decatur Community High School reunion with the class of 1974.

Don and Ann Mines attended the eighth grade graduation of their granddaughter, Cori Mines, in McPherson Monday evening. They returned home Tuesday after enjoying a visit with the Joe Mines family.

Connie (Mines) Goslar and friend, Bob Domsch, Mesa, Ariz., were Sunday visitors of her uncle and aunt, Don and Ann Mines.

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Dry Bones

By Pastor Chris Nelson
Evangelical Covenant Church, Oberlin

This week, as the fifty days of resurrection season give way to Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit, one text is on my mind that brings the two of them together. Read *Ezekiel 37:1-14*.

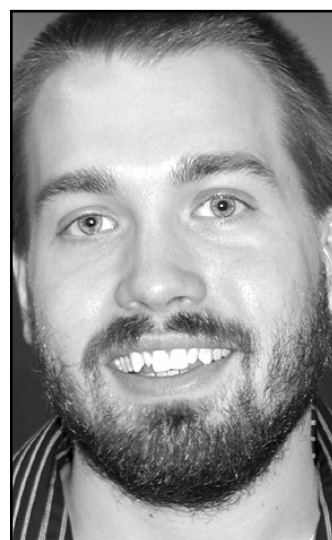
I have to confess that the pages of Ezekiel's book are not among the most worn in my Bible like the Psalms or the gospels or Paul's letters — parts of the book are certainly among the most bizarre and shocking in the Bible — but Ezekiel's vision of the valley of the dry bones is worth returning to again and again.

It all begins when the Spirit of the Lord carries Ezekiel far away to a forgotten battlefield littered with the bones of the dead. As the prophet takes in this horrendous sight, the Lord poses a question: "Can these bones live?" It's a seemingly ridiculous thing to ask. These skeletons are all that remain of lives that have long since passed beyond all memory, all hope. Their presence on the valley floor is a visible sign of despair, dead ends, and life that has ceased to

be worth living.

But that's before the Spirit of the Lord gets involved. At the Lord's word, bone comes together to bone, and flesh to sinew, and as spirit or breath enters into them those corpses turn once again into living, breathing human beings, complete with hopes and dreams for life.

Then the Lord teaches Ezekiel a lesson — about Israel and also about all of us who live in the world after Easter: There is no end to hope so long as the Spirit of the Lord is at work. There is no dead end in life, no life without meaning that cannot be restored through the resurrection power of Jesus and the gift of his Holy Spirit. Death and despair met their match when Jesus emerged from the tomb on Easter Sunday, and so we live in hope that there is nothing in this life that is without meaning, nothing in this life that cannot be redeemed by the God who made us and is remaking us in the image of his risen Son.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

<p>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH 785-475-3103 Fr. Henry Saw Lone, MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Larry Danforth Almena SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</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. THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.</p>
<p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEONVILLE Fr. Henry Saw Lone MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</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>LYLE UNITED METHODIST Guest Speakers every Sunday SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN Fr. Henry Saw Lone MASS: 10 a.m., Sunday</p>	<p>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Larry Danforth Almena SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p>	<p>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.</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>OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH Jerry Nowack 120 South East, Oberlin SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 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>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.</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>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>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Paul's FUNERAL HOMES A Trusted Name Since 1925. Phone: 785-475-3127 — Oberlin 785-386-4311 — Selden Derek Riner Rick and Dori Pauls</p> </div>	
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<p>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor: Dennis Brown SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.</p>	<p>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.</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>			