

Norcatatur News

By the Norcatatur News Committee

Guests at the Stan Miller farm on Memorial weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder, Topeka, who came to get their daughter Sophia, who has stayed with her grandparents for a week, and Casey Morris, Lubbock, Texas. Additional visitors were Lila Rule, Norton; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Oberlin; and their grandson Vaughn Rupp, Castle Rock, Colo.

Sam Stapp competed in the regional track meet at Meade on Friday, May 22. He competed in the shot put and earned a spot to compete in the state track meet in Wichita.

Memorial weekend proved to be another busy weekend at the Bee Nelson residence. Daughter, Tara Nelson, Anita Volsky, and "Wiggles" spent the weekend visiting friends, eating, and doing chores. After getting the tomato plants planted, they left for Independence, Mo., just in the nick of time — before all that rain came!

Happy Birthday to Jodi Lyon, Chance Harman, May 27; LaVerne Milner, May 29; and Jamie Wentz, May 30.

At the United Methodist Annual Conference this past week, Bob Streyve visited with several former pastors. We feel very fortunate that Rev. Larry Danforth was recognized as a probationary elder and is returning for another year at Norcatatur. Pastor Kathy Aeillo has completed the course of study required of local pastors and is returning to Courtland-Scandia. Pastor Dale Thiele and his wife Connie are moving from Lucas-Luray to Medicine Lodge. Pastor Bruce Ferguson and his wife Sandy will continue to serve at Elkhart and other churches in southwest Kansas.

Bob Streyve also had a good visit with Jay Mavity, Cunningham, who reports his mother, Edyth still enjoys playing cards.

Results of the pool tournament on May 20, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were: Stan Miller, first place; John new, second; Gerry

New, third. Guests at the Dennis Leichter residence Memorial weekend were parents, Vene and Phyllis Leichter; son Capt. Jake and Kathryn Leichter and twins James and Nathan; daughter Stacey Leichter; sister Debby and Steve Obrecht and their son Kyle and Kathleen Obrecht with kids Maverick and Mercy. Guests for a Sunday afternoon, May 24, cookout were Trish, Leela and Gary Brooks; Sharon Anderson, and Karen and Robert Resser.

Bee Nelson, Dorothy Ward and Wava Reames had an interesting day last Tuesday. The morning consisted of assembling news sheets, then to lunch at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin, with the "Black Hat Ladies." Afterward, they went to McCook, where Dorothy had a doctor's appointment.

Saturday evening guests of Wava Reames for a cookout were Bee Nelson, Dorothy Ward, Anita Volsky and Tara Nelson. The same group met at Bee's Sunday evening for Anita's famous smoked chicken and beef.

On Friday, Rea and Dee Magers met with friends from Norcatatur and Kansas City for a meal at the Cardinal Cafe. On Saturday, they joined Rea's classmates from 1947, at the ReLoad in Oberlin, for visiting and lunch. They attended the Alumni in Oberlin that night. On Sunday, they went to church services in New Almelo, and then back to Lyle for Memorial services and lunch. That afternoon they were back in Norcatatur for the "Avenue of Flags" and Memorial services at the Norcatatur Cemetery. On Monday, they met their son, Jeff and Joy Luoto at the Memorial services in Lebanon, Neb., and then enjoyed a good lunch furnished by the Veterans of Foreign War members.

Dorothy Ward has a newer barn/garage window broken by a b-b gun. These are double-pane windows. Parents, please supervise your children with b-b guns. Sunday afternoon, May 24,

grandson Ronald Leichter of Colorado Springs, came to visit Dorothy Ward. Rodney and Lisa Leichter were in Hays to be with R.D. Thornton.

R.D. Thornton fell early Tuesday morning and broke his hip. He was taken to the hospital in Hays where he underwent surgery. After surgery he had a couple of heart attacks. He seems to be doing better and will hopefully be transferred to Oberlin sometime this week.

Deb Combs had company from San Rafael, N.M., for the Memorial weekend. Her mother, Shirley Taylor and nephew, Chase Taylor, arrived Thursday evening. On Saturday, Deb's sister, Serina Lake of Phillipsburg, joined the group and spent the day exploring Pioneer Village in Minden, Neb. On Sunday, the three were joined by Deb's sister, Linda and Roger Clark, of Emporia. A trip was made to the Mt. Hope cemetery in Almena, where grandparents and great-grandparents on the Scott side of the family are buried. On Monday the three drove to Russell for a root beer float and lunch at A&W. After lunch, a short trip was taken to Victoria to see the Cathedral of the Plains. A driving tour of the Fort Hays college campus in Hays, wrapped up the day. Chase is a journalism major in Portales, N.M., and was interested in getting a feel for the Hays campus.

New manager survives tasks

Greetings! I believe I survived my first week. It's amazing what all comes through this office. I find it interesting and a little mind boggling, but I think I will get it figured out shortly.

One of the events coming up soon is the Community-wide Garage Sale Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13. If you are having a garage sale and you want your items and address listed on our map, please have your information to the Chamber office by noon on Wednesday, June 10.

The maps and list will be available in the Chamber office on Thursday, June 11, and Friday, June 12. They will also be available at the Museum on June 11, 12, and 13. The fee this year is \$7 to be on the map.

I have had several calls about the dates. There are some pretty avid shoppers out there just waiting for the day.

The Cruise-In will be Friday for the museum's Summerfest Car and Vintage Sports Show on Saturday. This is always a fun time to see what is here and meet friends, and find some good food in downtown Oberlin.

With all this nice rain, I'm sure the vegetables are growing for the Farmers' Market. The Chamber has decided to hold the Farmers' Market on the street in front of the gazebo this year on Wednesday mornings.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

June is here and if anyone has a product for sale, it would be a good time to start. Hope to see you out enjoying these events.

GAS ENGINE AND SHOP EQUIPMENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009 9:00 AM
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Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

The Herndon community extends sympathy to the family of Marjorie Berger Kompus Howland, Thornton, Colo., who passed way Thursday, May 28. Marjorie was born in Herndon on June 10, 1920. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday with burial following at St. Mary's Cemetery. Rosary will be at St. Mary's at 7 p.m. Friday evening. The Christian Mothers Altar Society will serve a lunch following the service.

Bob and Julie Hafner spent the week with their son, Jason at University Medical Center in Omaha. Jason and Raquel Frerichs returned home to Lexington on Saturday and Julie and Bob traveled to Herndon Saturday evening.

On May 22, Ray and Sylvia Wallace and daughter, Marie, of Calgary Alberta, Canada, came to visit relatives in the area. Their first stop was to see Wilma Bobinmyer at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin, then on to Atwood to visit with Tillie Pitner, Alvina Riepl Smith, Allen Riepl and Laverne Sattler Calhoun and son, Bob.

Laverne came from her home in Clear Lake, Iowa, to attend the Herndon alumni banquet with the class of 1939. Sylvia Wallace's mother, Mary Sattler, was a sister to Otto Sattler, Carrie Kleidosty and Bertha Hafner.

Paul, Michelle, Melissa and Ryan Prewo of Logan, spent graduation weekend with Larry and Deb Stoney and family. They came to attend the graduation of Nathan Stoney, class of 2009, from Rawlins County High School, and visit Grandma Roseanne Stoney.

Janice Sattler, Atwood, and Julie and Bob Hafner enjoyed Sunday dinner with their Aunt Edie Pettera at Cedar Living Center. Last week Lorraine Pittman Knott stopped at the Hafner home for a short visit before the Herndon Alumni banquet where she was celebrating her 70th class reunion. Lorraine now lives in Eugene, Ore., but has always called Herndon home and talks of fond memories growing up in town. Her father, Strayer Pittman, was town Marshal and Lorraine remembers her father helping the individual "while sleeping it off in the jail" with a cup or two of coffee before sending them out the door. She loved the railroad "Round House" and the Chicken Shows. Those were the "good ol' days," Lorraine!

Ron and Cindy Sattler spent Sunday in Hays with Chase, Dana and Payton Juennemann, visiting, shopping and enjoying their granddaughter.

Julie's Memory Joggers
Oct. 22, 1914

The Nonpareil, Local Happenings Helen Toth has been working for her sister, Mrs. John Kompus, for the past several weeks.

Matt Berger was over last Wednesday from the Cornell locality selling wheat on the best market in northwest Kansas. Matt advises us hereafter to send his Nonpareil to Cornell instead of Trenton.

A pleasant family dinner was had at Grandpa Kirchner's Monday at which the children and grandchildren were present; J.R. Kirchner and family, C.W. Kirchner and family, and Mrs. Kate Toohey and children of Sterling, Colo.

Bringing gifts to Church

By Pastor Judi Stricker, United Church of Oberlin

It is hard for me to wrap my mind around the fact that it is finally "The Good Old Summertime." This last week, I have been helping to paint the decorative wood that goes on the bell tower of the Presbyterian Church in Hill City. The church was built in 1890 and this is only the third time the bell tower has had extensive work done on it. I nearly forgot in all the furor of painting that I needed this article in before the first of June. So, here it is.

It seems like it was a long and depressing winter this year. I think it was more the economy and the worries that go with a poor economy that put us all in a "blue cloud." However, leave it to spring and flowers, graduations, vacations, and all that goes with the advent of summer, and the spirit of the nation just seems to be lifted.

However, for a pastor, summer is at times, depressing. People go out of town to family gatherings, on vacations, and just stay home to get those chores done that have been waiting through the winter, and church attendance drops. Of course, there are those heady times of Memorial Day, and the Fourth of July when there are visitors, but for the rest of the summer, Sundays can find pews emptier.

I read an article in the Salina Journal not long ago. It was written by Don Nofsinger, and it alluded to the value of going to church by using a couple of examples that I found interesting. One in particular was the story about trees, that Nofsinger said that he had read in Reader's Digest at one time. It told of the fact that when tree roots touch, a substance present prevents the trees from competing with each other. It is a type of fungus, and this fungus helps link roots of different trees, even when the trees are of different species. So, in essence, a whole forest may be linked

together. In this way, nutrients, water and the effects of sunlight are shared. Interesting, no?

Nofsinger went on to say Christians are like the trees, in that we need to support one another. We can bring our gifts that God has given each of us, yes, even you! That way, there is a balance between the strengths and weaknesses. That brings encouragement to each of us when it is needed.

When members are absent for lengths of time, they are missed. Not only for their presence in worship, but their gifts that they bring, and I am not speaking of monetary gifts, but those that the Spirit gives each of us. We are a little like logs in a fireplace that help to keep each other aflame. If one log is pulled away from the others, it will burn with less intensity without the flames of the others.

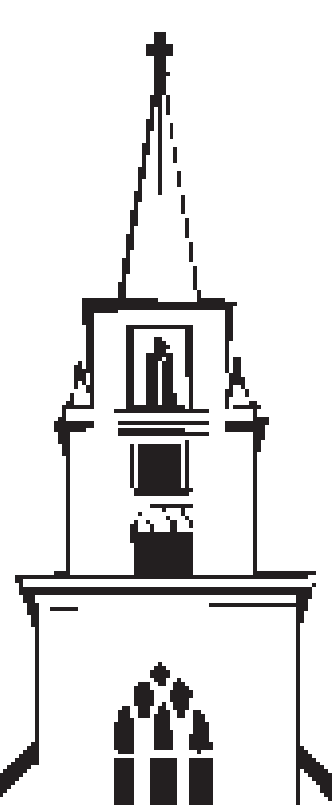
Yes, and the sermon is important, even though it might not be readily recalled, at some level it is remembered. It is there to be brought forth when answers to life's problems are needed. Nofsinger said that it is a little like the thousands of meals that our wives and mothers cook for us. We could never recall them all, even the very best of them, but they nourished us, and gave us strength. That is what a pastor hopes that his or her sermons will do for the spirit, like food for the body.

This summer, I want to challenge you to attend church, even when you are away from home. Go, worship with other Christians. When you attend, you bring your gifts to share. That way, we pastors feel a little less anxious about your absence and it is nice to share the different forms of worship and sermons that you experienced in a different congregation.

May God Bless you this week and may there be no ants at your next picnic.



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>OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)
Pastor: Gene Gee
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.; FRIDAY: Celebrate Recovery, 6-10 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>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor: Dennis Brown
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 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>HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
Keith Reuther, Pastor
Phone 785-322-5316
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