

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

All three editors of the *Norcatour News Sheet* will be out of town over Labor Day weekend, therefore, the *News Sheet* will be typed and run off Wednesday, Sept. 9, and assembled and mailed out Sept. 10.

Senior Citizens met Aug. 21, in the Educational Building with 16 players present. Winners were Veda Wood and Jackie Porter tying for first place; June Jolly, second; and Bee Nelson and Lora Arnold tying for third.

Gerald and Judy Jackson; Gerry and Devonna New and John and Carol New traveled to Ludell, the weekend of Aug. 15, to help Harlan and Jackie Palmer celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Beth Sebaugh attended a family reunion of the Elmer Kintigh family who lived northeast of Norcatour. There were 12 first cousins and four second cousins with 27 attending. Relatives came from California, Colorado, Kansas, Illinois and Kentucky. The reunion was held at the home of Charles and Mary Jane Hadley in Norton.

Happy birthday and anniversary to Kortney Stapp Poire, Randy Allen, Jerry Hill, Jerry and Cheryl Hill, Aug. 26; Wava Reames, Aug. 27; Estella Harold, Jeff Roe, Aug. 28; Carl Lyon, Aug. 29; Bob Strevey, Jerry Brinkley, Aug. 31.

Rodney and Margaret New visited his cousin, Janice Underwood

in Denver over the weekend of Aug. 15, having a good visit before the News moved to McPherson. Their new address will be 902 Clubhouse Drive, McPherson, Kan., 67460-5267; phone (620) 504-6189.

A late, but important event, happened in Oberlin, June 3, 2007... J. Steven Molstad, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Kansas, in token of its appreciation, honored Brother Rodney New, Past Master, for 50 years of service to the Masonic Fraternity.

Brother New twice served as worshipful Master of the Norcatour Lodge prior to its closing in 1978. He was also honored for his knowledge and proficiency in all aspects of the Blue Lodge and Funeral Rituals. The presentation ceremony was held following a banquet style luncheon served by the Oberlin Chapter of the Eastern Star.

The Decatur County Health Department will be giving flu shot this year at Norcatour. The date and time will be announced later.

Jerry's Bar and Grill will be opening in the future. Time and date will be announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Barnett attended the 40th wedding anniversary celebration of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Britton at Colby. All of Richard's sisters, brother

and their spouses were there; also Catherine Hillebrand's brothers and spouses attended.

Bryce Thornton, son of Ray and Jen Thornton, was able to go home Monday of last week. He still has to go to the hospital daily to receive antibiotics.

The Norcatour Cemetery Board has offered to help in honoring the burials in the Bell-Shirley Cemetery. There are seven stones and over 30 graves that are unmarked. Through hours of research from the Decatur County Museum, Mrs. Wurm has spent many hours checking graves. These efforts have brought the idea that those buried there should be recognized. If you have information to share, please let the board know. A list will be made available in the future. Board members are Gary Anthony, 693-4431; Bee Nelson, 693-4569; Wayne McCallister, 693-4500; Troy Marshall, 693-4344; and Chuck Hixon, 693-8823.

Wava Reames and Linda Hunt had lunch at Coffee, Tea and Me in Oberlin, Tuesday, Aug. 18. Good food and ambience is to be enjoyed at that establishment. For supper, she joined her dad, Frank Ward, Steve McMurray, Ruby Pflieger, Keith Ward, Kaley Ward and Robert Daniel at Leslie and Lynn Ward, Steve and Ruby and Lynn prepared the delicious meal. Wava accompanied Rea and Dee Magers to Hay on Monday.

R.D. Thornton was taken to Hays Medical Center Tuesday of last week and returned home on Thursday. Visitors while he was there were Chris and M.J. Dempewolf, Lynn and Ralph Streit, Ray and Bryce Thornton, Lisa Lechlitter, and Dean and Eloise Thornton.

Gardening continues in fall

Home vegetable gardening rose from its long-time slump this year in a resounding resurgence of popularity that now can continue into fall.

Some vegetables are simply better suited for harvesting in fall, rather than summer. It's also a second chance for gardeners who missed some or all of spring's planting deadlines.

Perennial favorites for fall are cabbage, broccoli and cauliflower. These cole crops are short-lived in spring. They quit producing as soon as summertime temperatures arrive. They bolt — go to seed. In contrast, planting cole crops in summer gets them off to a quick start. Then fall's cool weather promotes a long harvest of high-quality produce.

Other good planting options for fall gardens are snap beans, beets, Brussels sprouts, carrots, Chinese cabbage, Swiss chard, collards, bush-type cucumbers, endive, kale, kohlrabi, leaf lettuce, Bibb lettuce, mustard, snow peas, Irish potatoes, radishes, spinach, summer squash and turnips.

Lettuce, snow pea and spinach seeds won't germinate well if soil temperatures are 85 degrees or



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

above. So, you may want to plant more of them, slightly deeper than you would in spring.

After planting, you also can shade the seed row with a light layer of mulch. That should help, too.

The following are other tricks that can foster fall gardening success:

Prepare by removing weeds and garden residues and then tilling or spading at least 6 to 8 inches deep. Consider incorporating 1 to 2 pounds of general analysis fertilizer (e.g., 12-12-12) per 100 square feet.

If you won't have time to maintain a consistent water supply, start with transplants, rather than seeds.

Seeded areas can form a hard crust that interferes with sprouting. Prevent crust's forming by applying a light layer of a vermiculite,

compost or peat moss mulch over the seed row.

Seed potatoes showing the greatest tendency to sprout are best for fall. If you don't have some on hand, buy them from an organic grower. (Supermarket potatoes won't do. They're treated to inhibit sprouting.)

If you have further questions contact your local K-State Research and Extension Office or e-mail twatts@ksu.edu.

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Lyle News

By Veda Wood

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Richard Engelhardt, husband of Jane, and son-in-law of Margaret "Toots" Magers. Sympathy and prayers go out to the family.

On Saturday, someone knocked on Toots' door, and when she answered it, a stranger said, "Hello, I'm James Powell." James Powell was Toots' brother, who died several years ago. It turned out that this James Powell is a distant cousin, a great-grandson of Toots' grandfather. They had a good visit, and he was interested in the old "home place."

Gary Anthony was taken to the hospital at Oberlin on Saturday and to Hays on Sunday.

Lloyd Frandsen and Kathy Van Meter went to Hill City's Cowboy Junction to help musician "Rambler Andy" celebrate his 80th birthday.

When I got home from Senior Citizens on Friday, I had a call from a cousin from California. She was calling from Colorado and planned to come to Norcatour. There was a mix-up in the phone number so I

called my sister, Twila Vernon in Arvada. Good timing, the cousin, Beverly was at Twila's and said they would be here Saturday. Carol Moye and Kylie came Saturday, and in late afternoon we had another call that Beverly would be here Monday.

June Jolly played pinochle at her KT club at the Eagles in McCook on Thursday. She went to Hill City for her window Friday morning, had dinner in Norton, then came to Norcatour for Senior Citizens in the p.m. She and Kathy Van Meter brought the Prairie Land food down from Oberlin Saturday morning, and she spent most of the day in Jennings, where she won dinners from the Cardinal Cafe in the Bingo game.

A.J. and Tielia High and Aubrey visited Veda Wood Sunday evening. Aubrey and the pups played on the lawn until the dogs were ready for a nap, but Aubrey was still going strong. Ah, to have that kind of energy!

Tielia has the stitches out of her knee, but still can't walk on her injured leg.

When God Gives Us Leftovers

By Fr. Mark Berland, Sacred Heart Catholic Churches of Oberlin and Selden; and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Leoville

Matthew 15:37 - They all ate and were satisfied, and they collected what was left of the scraps, seven baskets full.

Here is a question to ponder. If this was a real miracle and Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, why didn't He give the twelve disciples the exact amount of food for the crowd? Why was there bread left over? Did Jesus think that the disciples might get hungry later? Did Jesus anticipate that more people might show up later? Probably not. Most likely Jesus wanted to teach us something.

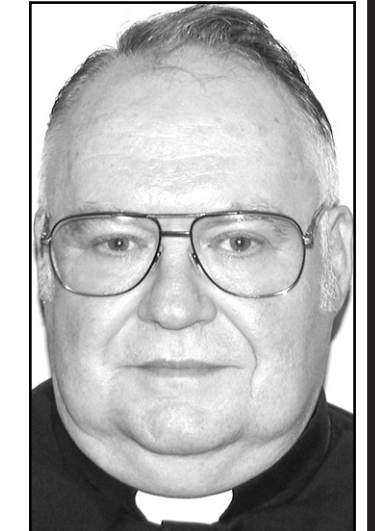
The number of seven baskets can give us a clue. The number seven in Jewish thought was an expression of perfection. It was the kind of perfection found only in God. The Almighty created the cosmos in six days and He rested on the seventh day. It was a day that the Almighty was satisfied with His work, a day of plenty. It was the day He enjoyed His creation, for it was good and complete, and could not be improved upon. In other words, it was perfect. Likewise, the multiplication of the bread and fish by Jesus was a satisfying meal for the crowd. It was perfect, with leftovers.

The number seven also show us God's limitless

generosity. For example, Jesus told Peter to forgive seventy-seven times. In other words, forgive always. Jesus knew that Peter could be so forgiving because God who created us is always forgiving. God's mercy is boundless.

We also must note that the twelve apostles stated with five little baskets and two little fish and they ended up with seven baskets of leftovers. It was Jesus' way of saying that whenever we give to someone, as we rely on God's resources, we will never run out.

What do all these points mean to us? The first point that Jesus teaches us through this special meal, is that He is really concerned with us and our need. Secondly, we learn that our Heavenly Father provides for us through Jesus and if we respond to Jesus' teaching in how we are to live with one another, there is more than enough. We also learn that with our Heavenly Father, there is boundless forgiveness and mercy. When we surrender our hearts to Jesus He fills us with everything we need. He satisfies our hearts' desires and He gives us plenty of "leftover" graces and blessings to share with others. How generous our loving God is.



Fr. Mark Berland

Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
Fr. Mark Berland,
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., WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m., FRIDAY: Celebrate Recovery 6-10 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 Fr. Stephen Folorunso
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 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.

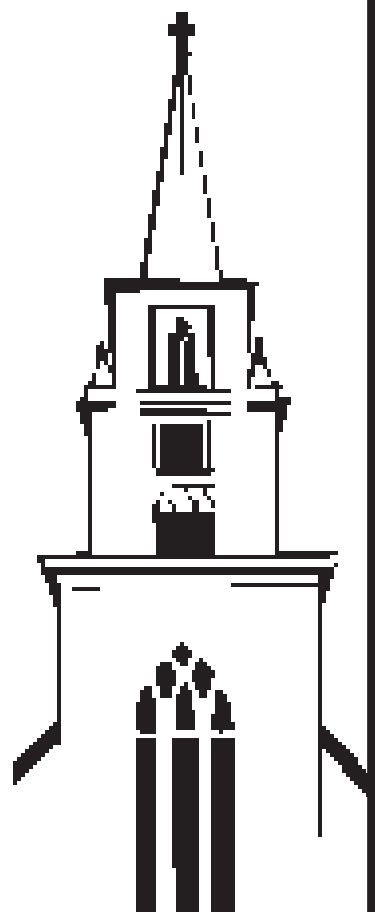
LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Guest Speakers every Sunday
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.

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.



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Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

I heard someone comment over the weekend that they had never seen a time when it felt like fall and looked like spring. The country just looks beautiful! I noticed the pasture grasses starting to turn colors, and the fall colors will probably be equally beautiful.

If you want to get your Highway 36 sale items on our list and map, be sure to come in the office and leave me your information. It is starting to look like a very busy time. Several people have said they will be doing a garage sale, but are not ready yet. The time is coming up fast.

I have been putting together welcome packets. If any business would like to put a flyer or some small item in for their advertising, I would be happy to add it to the packet.

School is underway and the city

is in a routine again. Even though I don't have any kids in school, it just seems normal to me as I try and keep up on the grandkids' activities. They are growing up so fast.

It was nice to see a good crowd at the football scrimmage last week. I hope the weather is as nice for all the games as it was on that night. I saw several people there who don't have kids playing anymore, but still like to watch. I think that is great. If I were a football player out there on the field, or a student participating in any other sport, it would give me more enthusiasm to do my best knowing that they cared enough to come cheer on our team. So if you want something special to do in the evenings, get out of the house and come cheer our teams.

Enjoy the fall weather, and have a great week!!

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