

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the *Norcatour News Sheet* will be typed and run off today and assembled and mailed out Thursday.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Aug. 19 were Stan Miller, first; Gerald Jackson, second; Kendal Fisher, third; and Bill Ellis, fourth.

Results of the pool tournament there on Aug. 26 were Bill Ellis, first; Jeff Roe, second; Larry Lively, third; Stan Miller, fourth.

The Norcatour Cemetery Board has offered to help in honoring the burials in the Bell-Shirley Cemetery. There are seven stones and over graves that are unmarked. Through hours of research from the Decatur Museum, Mrs. Wurm has spent many hours watching graves. These efforts have brought the idea that those buried there should be recognized. If you have information to share, let the board know. Board members are Gary Anthony, (785) 693-4431; Bee Nelson, 693-4569; Wayne McCallister, 693-4500; Troy Marshall, 693-4344; and Chuck Hixon, 693-8823.

Guests of Gerald and Judy Jackson for the past two weeks was Vonda Leichter Laird. She left for Fernley, Nev., to see her son Shane and Susan Laird and become reacquainted with her granddaughter, Stacy and meet her new grandson, Shane David. Other guests were Gerald's brothers Dallas and Brooks Jackson.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to Aurelia Jackson, Albert Sedlmayer, Sept. 2; Jerry and Carolyn Brinkley, Sept. 4; Joyce Price Alice Shirley, Sept. 7; Retta Hare, Sept. 8; Lula Hix, Louis Anderson, Dennis Leichter, and Wayne McCallister, Sept. 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller left on Aug. 20 for a trip to the Black Hills in South Dakota. They also spent

two days in El Dorado with Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle.

Larry Sumner and Glenna Alexander enjoyed the hospitality of the Bed and Breakfast at Strasburg, Colo., for two days.

Recent visitors of R.D. Thornton were Lisa Leichter, M.J. Dempewolf, Chris Dempewolf, Dean and Eloise Thornton. Lisa also visited Gerald and Judy Jackson.

Betty Reid visited recently with Minh and Wanda Nguyen at Lone Tree, Colo., and watched the landscapers tear down their wooden retaining wall and replace it with a brick retaining wall in their backyard. She had lunch with Wanda and Grace, their neighbor. On Friday evening they had dinner with Chanh and Lien, Minh's brother and sister-in-law, and Earl and Nu Holquist, niece and husband (Lt. Commander of the U.S. Navy) visiting from Okinawa and children, Hayden and Hugh.

The women of the community have been invited to a brunch at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church in Norton. The program feature will be "Music at the Table," by Luann and Gary Horcham. Luann is the daughter of Jack and Jane Kersenbrock.

The Prairie Land food turn-in date is Monday. Call Bee Nelson, (785) 693-4569, or see Patty Stapp at The Bank in Norcatour.

Monday, Aug. 24, a group of Red Hatters in "most of their finery" descended on the Cardinal Bar and Grill for an afternoon of fun and games. Judy Jackson and Devonna New were hostesses.

Attending were Iris Smith, Rita Carey, Lee Jones, Karen Carpenter, Lorena Taylor and Veda Heisel, Lenora; Judy Jackson, her sister Vonda Laird, Pansy Price, Norma McCallister, Bee Nelson, Devonna

New, Dorothy Ward and Carolyn Strevey, Norcatour.

Rea and Dee Magers are appreciative of their great friends and the caring people who have done so many things since she broke her legs.

Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson took Wava Reames to Selden, Wednesday, for a birthday dinner at the Southwind Café, and a tour of Koerperich Bookbinders and Pauls Furniture.

Scott Harman won first in Mound City and fourth overall in Bare Back riding. He took first in Tampa, Texas, but does not know how he finished overall. Chance Harman participated in Saddle Bronc and team roping in Ogallala, Neb., recently. Renee Harman, and Bob and Anita Montgomery spent the weekend with him. Both boys were in the rodeo at Stapleton, Neb.

Bob and Anita Montgomery, Renee Harman and Brenda Ploussard spent the weekend of Aug. 22-23, in Grand Island, Neb., where they attended the sprint car races in Doniphan. The Johnson car, of which Rusty Montgomery is on the crew, was there.

Scott Harman rode recently in Ellsworth and Scott City, Aug. 28-30 and Chance Harman was at the Trenton Rodeo Labor Day weekend.

Alyssa Montgomery played volleyball in Haviland on Aug. 29.

On Friday, Frank Ward treated Wava Reames to a birthday lunch at the Hidden Dragon, and on Aug. 31, he hosted a pizza party in her honor. Others attending were Les and Lynn Ward, Keith Ward, Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson, Norcatour; Ruby Ward and Robert Daniels, Norton.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

The City of Herndon is asking residents to conserve water on Sunday and Monday. The water tower will be flushed on Monday, so thank you in advance for cooperating.

Sympathy is extended to Tom and Lexie Basgall and family of Herndon in the death of his mother, Elizabeth Ann Basgall, on Aug. 30 in Colby. She was born Feb. 18, 1932, to Joseph and Bertha (Scheve) Bockwinkel in Hays. Funeral and burial were held in Grinnell.

Marlene Cook, Parker, Colo., is spending a few days with her sisters, Janice Sattler, Atwood, and Julie and Bob Hafner, Herndon. Janice and Marlene were Friday evening dinner guests of Julie and Bob. Saturday the gals took in garage sales in Atwood and visited their cousin, Roger Hutfles. Sunday afternoon they visited Edie Pettera, Joan Noble and Chaz Janousek at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

David and Bonnie Franke attended the funeral of Tom Basgall's mother, Elizabeth Basgall, on Wednesday in Grinnell.

After attending the Basgall funeral, the David Frankes visited the five-acre Mushroom Rock State Park in Marquette to see the amazing rock formations. From there, they drove to Topeka where they met with Heath and Katie Franke and boys for a short visit. On Thursday they researched family history at the State Archives in Topeka, then traveled to Boone's Lick State Historical Park near Booneville, Mo., to see the presence of saltwater springs and then to Jefferson City, Mo to spend the weekend with Dean and Carrie Franke. Carrie's parents, Bill and Sharon Romans of Durham, Mo., were also guests.

Lyle Ecker and friend, Eleanor, of

Aurora, Co visited Sharon Ecker on Sunday afternoon. Lyle and Eleanor were traveling to Missouri for a reunion and will visit Troy, Brandi and Bart Ecker in Hays

On Saturday afternoon the High Plain Drifters Motorcycle Club graced the main street of Herndon at Roger's Bar and Grill for some good food. These riders, from all over the country, meet at Cedar Bluffs yearly on Labor Day weekend.

Kathy Larkin, Aurora, Colo., and Ardis Ibarra, Denver, arrived Tuesday to visit Patsy and John Pettera. Kathy and Patsy visited Edie Pettera and Wilma Bobinmyer at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin on Friday.

A Pettera reunion was held in McCook at the Republican Valley Event Center on Saturday. All of Patsy's children and their spouses, 10 grandchildren and spouses and four great-grandsons attended. They came from Montana, Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas. On Sunday, they all attended the reunion in Trenton, Neb., with nearly 70 members of the Drain family present. Sunday evening family visited the Pettera farm, enjoying dinner and reminiscing.

A pre-wedding pizza party was held Friday night at Roger's Bar and

Grill in Herndon for Solko family guests which included Darla and Mike Lovelady and family, Ness City; Cindy and Kirsten Fuqua, Denver; Jane and Nicole Dewey, McCook; Dena and Delaney Dewey, Trenton; RayeAnn Solko and family, Stratton, Neb.; Rachelle Solko, Ceanne and Abbie Schroeder, and Pat and Charles Solko, Herndon; Kendra Solko, Kearney, Neb.; Janelle Solko, Hays; Renae Solko, Topeka; and Lance Jording, Herndon.

Family and friends gathered in celebration of the marriage of Katie Jo Snodgrass and Mark Solko on Saturday afternoon at Sacred Heart Church in Atwood. The reception and dance followed at the Columbian Hall.

Dana and Payton Juenemann, Hays, and Cindy Sattler visited Grandma Janice, Marlene Cook and Julie Hafner in Herndon Monday morning.

Sympathy is extended to Kevin and Megan Rippe and family. Megan's father, Jim Stienert, 64, died on Sunday from a massive heart attack suffered a week earlier. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning in Lyons.

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Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Among the descendants of Robert and Jane (Thom) Cathcart who attended the Cathcart family reunion Sunday noon at the Bohemian Hall were Ralph and Violet Shaw and Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante. Robert Cathcart passed away in 1847. Ralph is a Cathcart descendent.

Edith and John Tate hosted an 87th birthday party for her mother, Lois Carlson, at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center Sunday afternoon. Also attending were Jaron and Tara Tate and Abigail, Hot Springs, Ark.; Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Grace, Esther Noren, Steven Noren; Alice May, and John and Dianne Bremer

and Jessica.

Karen Larson returned home Sunday evening from Council Bluffs, Iowa, where she spent the weekend visiting her daughter and family, Jeff and Kimberly Wickersham and Calvin.

Alfred Euhus, Centennial, Colo., was a Labor Day weekend guest at the home of his brother, Dennis Euhus.

Stean Olson, Hays, and Kelly Olson, Manhattan, were guests of Jerry and Connie Olson over the Labor Day weekend.

Jessica Bremer, Topeka, was a Labor Day weekend guest at the John Bremer home, returning to campus Monday afternoon.

Working in God's Vineyard

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

"Go out and work in the vineyard today" — the parable of the two sons. Matt 21:28-32

When Jesus preaches to us in the Gospels, He teaches us about our relationship with God, His Father. He told us we are God's family. We are all children of God. We are bound to God like a father to his children. While this imagery is very helpful to us, it is important to remember that we often act more like an all-knowing teenager rather than an all-dependent innocent five-year old. So, let us look at our relationship with God in a little different way.

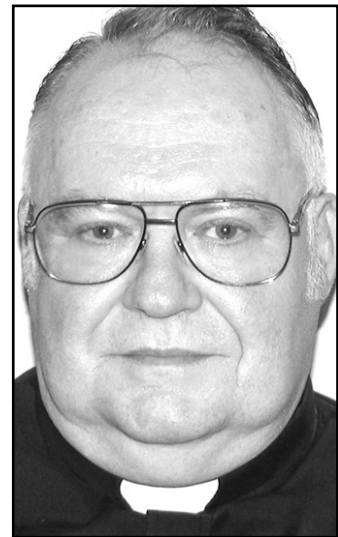
Taking our cue from Matthew's parable of the two sons, put yourself in the situation of an independent young adult who works at the family business. Your father is the owner and you are working with your brothers and sisters in the vineyard to ensure the success of your family business. It is the father's business, and at the end of the day, he is the one who has to take responsibility for the business' ups and downs. But in reality the company's future is in your hands as well. If you don't do your part, the whole family will be affected and the family business will not thrive.

This approach to Christian life can help us understand Jesus' attitude in dealing with the Pharisees and the other religious leaders who opposed him and

his teachings. Theirs was a higher call of helping the people of God to stay faithful to the covenant that God had made with them. The ordinary Jew in the street looked for them for an example for guidance in their daily life. The Rabbis deferred to their knowledge of the Law of Moses. They even held some power over Herod's court. So it must have pained Jesus to see these leaders taking their calling lightly and abuse their authority. (The son that said he would go — but didn't). Not only were they hurting themselves, but also those who relied on them.

Matthew's passage offers us a warning. We all bear some responsibility for the Kingdom of God (the family business). The Kingdom depends on our faithfulness to our Lord. What's more, people depend on us. We are all part of the biggest family business around. We all need to take responsibility for God's kingdom if we want to see it grow and thrive as Jesus has called us to do here on earth. This, of course, is our work and it can be hard work at times, but like any family business, if we don't do it, no one else will.

Let our prayer be: Father, here I am. I am ready to go into your vineyard. By your Spirit, give me the blessings to build up your kingdom today.



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 m 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.

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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
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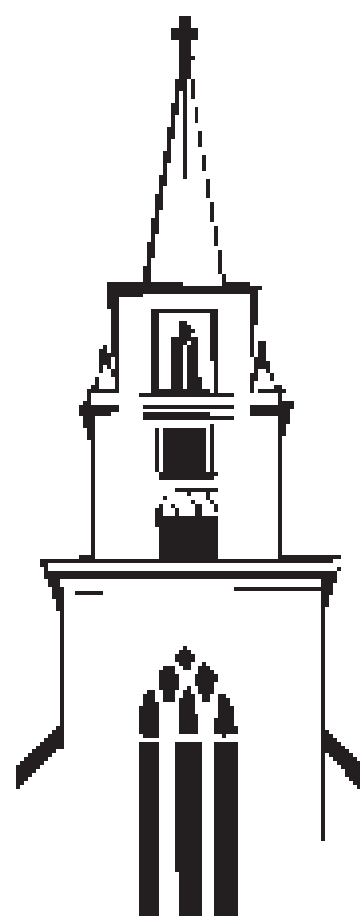
LUND COVENANT CHURCH
Pastor: Doug Mason
10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study and prayer, 7:30 p.m.

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

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
404 North York Avenue
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Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler
Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053
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Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

William and Betty June Kelly, Junction City, were recent guests of Keith and Helen Muirhead. Betty June and Helen are sisters. Chris Christensen, Sierra Vista, Ariz., was a guest of Keith and Helen Muirhead for a couple days. He is a brother-in-law of the Muirheads.

Steve Hartzog of Dallas, Texas, visited several weeks with his parents, Daryl and Marge Hartzog and other relatives in the Jennings and Norcatour area.

Daryl and Marge Hartzog, and Wayne and Louise Cressler enjoyed Sunday at the Mowry-Brewster family reunion at Hoxie.

Jennings City Council met Thursday evening at the Sunflower Senior

Center. Jan Ackerman, Hoxie, was a guest. We are working on nuisance properties and she gave us some useful information. There are several properties needing something done with them.

There is a dog ordinance in Jennings which states your dog must be on a leash or penned up at all times. Some owners are ignoring this. Please do not let your dog run loose.

The weather lab has been down for several weeks. A new cable is being sent to hopefully fix it.

The Community Hall has continued to leak when it rains. Roof Masters were here to try to figure out where the rain is getting in.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Keegan Peckham, who has entered basic cadet training at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs in preparation to enter the first academic year. He is the son of Charles and Connie (Peterson) Peckham, and grandson of Bessie Peterson, all of Atwood, and the late Clarence Peterson.

The Herndon Covenant Youth Group enjoyed a trail ride and camp out on Sunday at the Franke Springs east of Herndon.

Leanne Pike of Ashland, visited over the weekend with her parents, Wesley and Eulaine Benda. Gerald and Patti Benda, and Mark and Barbara Olson and Mary attended the K-State/University of Massachusetts football game in Manhattan and visited Kurt Olson.

Elma Lee Erickson was among relatives and friends who helped her brother-in-law, Don Threlkel, celebrate his birthday over the weekend. They also attended the presentation given by Ronnie and

Marcella (Threlkel) Morris of Denver at the Courts of Praise in Atwood on Sunday. They are leaders of Kings Kids, a youth ministry for young people.

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