

Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

Rea and Dee Magers went to Mass at New Almelo on April 25. Following the services, they joined parishioners for coffee and rolls, and then checked out the Township Hall and contents, which was to be sold at auction on May 2. The hall brought back memories, as it was where Rea and Dee's wedding dance was held in 1951. Later they enjoyed the Jennings American Legion ham and bean and cornbread dinner.

Ten Senior Citizens met April 30, for a potluck dinner at the Educational Building, followed by cards. Winners were Virgil Price, Margaret "Toots" Magers and Joyce Price.

Dewaine Stapp and Charlotte Meints attended the musical comedy, "Church Basement Ladies" at the Brown Grand Theater in Concordia on April 28, performed by Troupe America, Inc. from Minnesota.

Also attending the matinee were a large number of people from Norton on a tour sponsored by the First State Bank, Norton, including bridge friends, Myron Veh and his daughter, and Alberta Slaby.

Saturday, June 12, has been chosen as the date for the city-wide garage and yard sales in Norcatur. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Community Bulletin Board at the Post Office in Norcatur. Please sign up by Monday, May 24. A \$5 contribution to help with the advertising would be greatly appreciated. For details, contact Deb Combs at (785) 693-4231, or 871-7381.

Happy birthday to David Stapp, May 6; Ron Montgomery, May 10; and Evelyn Lyon, May 11.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on April 28, were Rusty Montgomery, first; Von Johnson, second; and Larry Lively, third. Results of darts were Alice Barnett, first; Kristi Gallentine, second; Patty Stapp, third; and Dolores Gallentine, fourth.

Keith Anthony's daughter, Sissy, left for her home in Texas on April 26. Norcatur Red Hatters Retta Hare,

Veda Wood and Bee Nelson accompanied Norma McCallister to Lenora on May 1, for the Red Hat Derby Day of the Chatty Hatters of the Red Hat Society. The Lenora ladies were hosts. The Oberlin Red Hatters were guests of the Chatty Hatters. Veda Wood was the lucky winner of the fleece Red Hat printed horse blanket.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller left April 29, and went north of Topeka to the Prairie Band Casino. After spending a night, they met Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Sophia, Topeka, at the Brookville Hotel near Abilene for fried chicken, then they all went to Salina and spent the night on Friday to start off a special third birthday weekend celebration for Sophia DeDonder.

Family members and friends joining them at the Rolling Hills Zoo on Saturday for cake and a fun-filled afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Oberlin; Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Delano, Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. Chad Applebury, Eli and Karyssa, Colby; Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle, El Dorado; Peggy Mast, Jerry Rule, Emporia; Amy Siple and Rachel, Wichita, and several of Sophia's friends from Topeka.

After touring the Rolling Hills Zoo the Millers, DeDonders and Tuttles headed for Wichita, where they attended a surprise 40th birthday party for Stan and Carol's niece, Amy Siple. From there the Millers, DeDonders and Justine Tuttle went to Topeka to spend the night at the DeDonder home so the girls, Carol, Melissa and Justine could attend a theatrical production, "Rent" on Sunday afternoon at Washburn University. The Millers went through El Dorado on Sunday evening to take Justine Tuttle home.

Throughout the months of March, April and May, the Leichlitzers and Obrechts, Vene, Phyllis, Debbie and Steve, certainly did a lot of traveling. In March, from Denny's farm to Denver, to Fremont, Neb., to attend an Eckhart funeral. In April, Vene, Phyllis, Debbie and Priscilla Lawn Duncan went to Denny's,

then to Hays to hear Steve Miller sing barbershop music. Richard and Venietta Miller came from Texas. Denny went with Bill LaSalle to Manhattan to bowl in the state bowling tournament. Craig Eckhart came from Fremont to participate with Denny.

On April 17, Vene, Phyllis, Debbie and Steve went to the Glenn Miller Concert in downtown Denver. On April 24, they all drove to Denny's and this included grandchildren Maverick and Marcy because their parents, Kyle and Kathleen and Aunt Kami went to Africa to pick up their new baby, Martial, being adopted from Ethiopia.

On May 1, the same six drove back to surprise Julie Gallentine for her 80th birthday party at Gary Gallentine's hunting lodge. Denny drove to Debbie's in Pueblo, Colo., to celebrate Mother's Day and celebrate five birthdays. They will all be back for the Alumni Banquet!

Wava Reames and her dad, Frank Ward, have been enjoying Wii golf.

Ruby Pfeiffer hosted her annual Run for the Roses party for the Kentucky Derby with all four of her children and their families were there along with other guests.

Lynn Streit was a guest at Rod and Lisa Leichliter from April 18-21. She went out to help Lisa after her surgery. and Laci Leichliter went out later to take her mom to the doctor in Denver on Thursday. Lisa is improving daily and begins chemo on May 10.

Applications are available for the Norcatur Commercial Club Scholarship Fund by calling Patty Stapp at The Bank in Norcatur, or Linda Hunt after 6 p.m.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Edla Olson will be honored with a card shower and open house from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 15 (corrected date) at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in observance of her 95th birthday. Mail will reach her at 108 E. Ash, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Congratulations to Susannah Jones, daughter of Greg and Gwen Jones of Atwood, who was confirmed on Sunday, May 2, at the Herndon Covenant Church. Officiating was Pastor Keith Reuther.

Elma Lee Erickson and Em Threlkel joined Marcella and Ronny Morris, Sarah and Montana Limper of Arvada, Colo., for lunch with Donnie and Shelly Threlkel of Lebanon, Kan., on Saturday, May 2. The afternoon was spent riding horses and buggy rides. Plans are progressing for a reunion in June at Lebanon.

Congratulations to Britta Noren, daughter of Steve and Connie Noren, who graduated from high school at Oakley on Saturday afternoon with other home schooled seniors. Other relatives attending were Larry and Judy Thelander, Salina; Ken and Alice Robson, Ellsworth; Doyle Seaman, Abilene; Lori Seaman, Salina; and Esther Noren, and Steve and Connie Noren, David and Michael, Oberlin. Britta plans to enroll in a massage therapy school in Omaha in November.

Covenant Women Ministries officers who were elected during the Mother's Day luncheon on Saturday held at the LandMark Inn in Oberlin were Beth Holle, chairman; Cindi Grafel, vice chairman; Patti Benda, secretary; and Melinda Carlson, treasurer.

Dick and Donna Kelley attended the wedding of their grandson, Seth and Chelsea Kelley on Saturday afternoon in Topeka. Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica of Frederick, Colo., and Kirk Kelley of Davenport, Iowa, were also among those who attended. The Sheldon Kelleys returned here and visited at the Dick Kelley home until Monday.

Kurt and Kathy Frisbie of Monument, Colo., spent Mother's Day weekend with their parents, Bud and Helen Frisbie at Bird City, and Daisy Schmidt. Mrs. Frisbie and her mother visited Doris Sloan in Oberlin on Saturday to help her celebrate her 90th birthday.

Justin and Kendra Brown, McKenna and Hunter of Collinsville,

Okla., spent Mother's Day weekend with Tony and Trish Henningsen.

Emma Threlkel and Elma Lee Erickson visited on Saturday at the home of Jerry and Montine Alstrom in Oberlin to see Jessica Luck, Corbin, Cyler and Camden, who were visiting from Hays.

Dave and Vicki Hampton of Lakewood, Colo., visited from Wednesday to Saturday with Steve and Arian Arnold. Jerry Hill of Norcatur was an additional Friday supper guest at their home.

Eulaine Benda, Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Gerald and Patti Benda and Mark and Barbara Olson enjoyed Mother's Day dinner at the Oberlin American Legion on Sunday.

Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

The Oberlin Royal Neighbors donated teddy bears to be distributed to children who need to visit the emergency room or who have to be admitted to a hospital stay.

These cuddly creatures are a real comfort to little ones encountering a stressful medical situation. Suzanne Ahlberg, chief nursing officer at the Decatur County Hospital, and Lynn Doeden, chief executive officer of Decatur Health Systems, accepted the donations from Lois Lamb and Phyllis Screen.

The Diabetic Support Group had a good turnout for the second session of the Diabetic Map being presented by Wini Schadel, a regis-

tered dietitian and diabetic educator. She is an interesting speaker. The public is invited to the next meeting, at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 6, in the Specialty Clinic area of the hospital. There is no cost to attend, but advance registrations are needed at (877) 532-4545.

This series of meetings is sponsored by Merck.



Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Earnest Huff got out of the hospital at McCook on Monday, then went to Hays on Tuesday to check on his infection, which seems to be improving.

June Jolly had cataract surgery on Friday. She was ill the next day but has felt better since. She says she just needed a good rest, which was probably true, although her friends think she should still be resting. She and Margaret "Toots" Magers played pitch at Norton Sunday evening and won third.

Gary Anthony had his dialysis time shortened 15 minutes per session, which helps.

Since people have never been known to admire me for my graceful coordination, they should not be surprised that I gave my forehead a tremendous blow, leaving a lump and some strange coloration, along with a little soreness. I said Iran into my car (the trunk lid). Oh, well, live and learn... I hope!

On Wednesday, the Lyle sewing ladies finally had Toots Magers' birthday dinner. We went to Hol-

brook, Neb., where Kathy knew we could get delicious fried chicken and also had a coupon. On the way home, Kathy showed us her home, and a pretty bow-tie quilt she had worked on through the winter. We had an interesting day and got back in time to sew a little while.

Margaret Magers had a doctor appointment on Friday, so didn't make it to the Senior Citizens potluck dinner, but was there to play cards. June Jolly had her cataract surgery that day, so we were thinking of her and hoping she got along well.

Sunday, May 2, was a busy, fun day for a certain 87-year-old lady. We had a very nice church service, a good potluck dinner at Lyle, and a birthday party when I got home. The ones celebrating were John and Carol Moye, Kylie and Skylar; Sandra and Larry McNames; Dwight and Teresa Wood; Denny Wood and myself. They brought and planted flowers, took pictures, and also brought ice cream and cake. About 15 phone calls add up to a very good day.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Correction to previous column: Cassidy Shields received a I on her vocal solo at State Music in Concordia, not a II as previously reported. Cassidy Shields, Miki Dorshorst, and Megan Wentz also received a I on their vocal trio.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields visited the weekend of May 1 and 2 at the home of Mike and Nancy Shields, Omaha. While there, they made the acquaintance of their new great-grandson, Levi Shields, who was born April 7. They also visited with Levi's parents, Brett and Ali Shields, and big brother, Sam, of Harlan, Iowa.

The Improvised Duet Acting duo of Cassidy Shields and Matthew Helm represented the Decatur Community High School speech team at State Forensics Festival in Wichita on Saturday, May 1, and received a I rating.

Gage Scott was honored at his

home Saturday evening with cake and ice cream for his seventh birthday. The combination birthday party and Mother's Day celebration was hosted by Wendy and Justin Scott and Garrett and guests were Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Stean Olson, Hays; Wilma May; Evelyn Olson, and Jerry and Connie Olson.

Hannah May, Elizabeth Nedland, Mollie and Dakota Tate, and Erin May were among the students of Cheryl Metcalf who presented a spring piano recital at the Oberlin Gateway Sunday afternoon.

Martin and Evelyn May were Mother's Day lunch guests of Janice and Greg Cundiff at an area restaurant.

John and Dianne Bremer were Saturday evening dinner guests of Kristen Bremer and Dwayne Bray at an area restaurant for Mother's Day.

Growing Deeper Roots

By Pastor Sharon Nelson

Evangelical Covenant Church, Oberlin

Welcome to installation number two in this series about God and the growing season. Last week, we spoke of a seed as a symbol of the resurrection. Today, I want to focus on roots and our relationship with God. While hidden from view, the roots of a plant are crucial for its life. They draw in water and nutrients, and they anchor the plant against wind and storms.

The Apostle Paul encourages the Colossian church to continue to be rooted in Christ (Colossians 2:7). He also prays for the Ephesian church, that they may be rooted and grounded in love (Ephesians 3:17). Paul is urging and praying for these new Christians to go deeper in their relationship with Christ.

In the Evangelical Covenant Church, we have a mantra: "Deeper in Christ, Further in Mission." In other words, we want to pursue Christ, while also pursuing Christ's priorities in the world. If we try to be about Christ's priorities, while not pursuing a deeper relationship with Christ, we'll be like a plant without roots. We'll topple over with the first gust of wind. The slightest discouragement or challenge will prompt us to give up.

Most of us remember the Indian Ocean tsunami of December 2004, which led to the deaths of well

over 200,000 people. Over a year later, surviving farmer, Zainun Arif, said, "Take a look at the coconut trees. The coconut trees have strong roots. Many were pushed down, and some died. But many others are alive and healthy. The people here are like that, too."

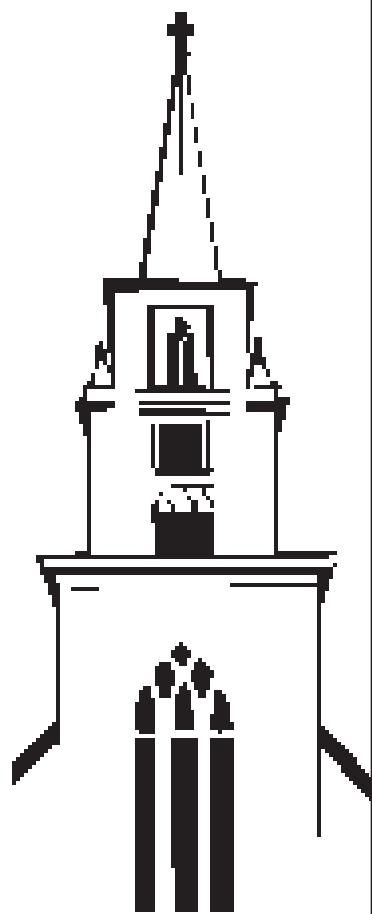
Coconut tree roots are only about as thick as a human finger. But one tree can have up to one hundred separate strands which weave deep and far into the ground. Even though the tsunami's forceful waves washed away much of the sand and soil, many coconut trees survived thanks to their strong root systems. Arif testified that the survivors are deeply rooted, as well. They have witnessed a terrifying natural disaster and suffered so many losses. However, they find the strength to rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

Sometimes we find out how strong our roots are when winds of chaos begin to blow. Otherwise, the roots are hidden from view. How deeply we are rooted in Christ depends largely on what happens when no one is looking. If we want to grow and reach out (next week!), we need to be ever-deepening our relationship in Christ.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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| <p>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday</p> <p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</p> <p>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday</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>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor: Barbara Patterson
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.</p> <p>DRESDEN
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor: Dennis Brown
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.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> | <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.,</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>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Larry Danforth
Almena
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 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>OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
South Beaver Street - Oberlin
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
SUNDAY: Fellowship and coffee time; 10:00 a.m. The "no sermon" worship hour with the Lord's Supper and Adventures With God open Bible Study; TUESDAY: Ladies Bible Study, 9 a.m.</p> <p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
Fr. Stephen Folorunso
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
Pastor: Keith Reuther
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Youth Group, 4 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>LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Guest Speakers every Sunday
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 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>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>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
404 North York Avenue
Oberlin, Kansas
The Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler
Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053
SUNDAY: Worship, 10:00 a.m.; Fellowship and Educational Hour, 11:15 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays. THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.</p> |
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