

# Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

The Norcatour United Methodist Church had a beautiful service on Sunday, May 23, with Holy Baptism for Kendal Laurine and Zane David Lange, children of Paul and Taeryn Lange.

Then there was Holy Baptism and Confirmation for Colt Dakota and Trent Calvin Gunter, sons of Elsa Schott, and Quentin James and Wyatt Emmett Wentz, sons of Jamie and Galen Wentz.

There was also Confirmation for Tyler James Lange, son of Paul and Taeryn Lange; and Rebecca Lynn Wentz, daughter of Lois and Darren Wentz.

The church had a full house for this event and the reception following church service was well attended. It is nice to have children back in the church!

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Sophia, Topeka, and returned home on Sunday, May 23.

Loyd and Mary Waldo, Oberlin, called Rea and Dee Magers last Tuesday morning and asked if they could bring pizza for lunch. They

had a great visit and some very good pizza!

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

LaVerne Milner was honored with a card shower for her 94th birthday on May 29. Her address is: P.O. Box 86, Norcatour, Kan., 67653.

Dewaine Stapp recently returned from an 11-day plane, bus and train tour, "Railroading Across Canada," including tours of Seattle, Vancouver, Victoria, Banff, Jasper, Toronto, and Niagara Falls and so much wildlife and beautiful scenery! Also traveling on the tour was Charlotte Meints, Oberlin.

Senior Citizens met Friday, May 21, with 11 players. Winners were Joyce Price, Margaret "Toots" Magers and Robert Schoenrad. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Educational Building.

Wava Reames and Lynn Ward headed south for Wava's granddaughter, Shawnda Hall's graduation. They met the Dover Senior class for breakfast at the Sunrise Café in Kingfisher; and then came

James' Little Olympics, which had to be held inside the school gym. Everyone came away with at least one ribbon.

Shawnda sang a special song for her class during commencement followed by a standing ovation from her class, then the rest of the audience.

There are 14 confirmed sellers for the Norcatour City-wide yard sale on Saturday, June 12. There is still time and room for more. Some are setting up in the all-purpose room at the school. For details, contact Deb Combs at (785) 693-4231, or 871-7381. Maps for buyers will be in the all-purpose room.

Lynn Streit, Chris Dempewolf and Sharee Dempewolf attended the Decatur Community High School alumni awards ceremony. Lynn helped hand out the R.D. Thornton Memorial/Decatur County Shriners Scholarships. Jerry Lohofener, Decatur County Shriner, presented the scholarships. The scholarships were given to Stephanie Brugge-man and Ashli Samson, who are both going to college for nursing.

Chris Dempewolf attended the graduation ceremonies for Jacob Streit in Larned on Saturday.

Norcatour Commercial Club will be offering scholarships for students from the Norcatour area. For further information or to submit an application, contact Patty Stapp at The Bank of Norcatour, or Linda Hunt after 6 p.m.

# Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

After the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial service in Herndon on Monday, Bob and Liane Martin went to Atwood to finish work on the Mini Sappa Antique Club tractor raffle, an Allis Chalmers WC. They then finished sewing down the binding on the red, white and blue raffle quilt at the home of Harvey and Maxine Wright.

The Herndon Ox-Roast is drawing near. Watch for the schedule in the paper the next couple of weeks. A meeting was held Wednesday evening to finalize all plans. All committee chairs gave reports. Volunteer help is needed in preparing the town on June 10 and 11 in the afternoon or evening. The pit will be dug Wednesday or Thursday with the Solko brothers in charge of the fire and meat preparation. Please lend a hand!

Dave and Judy Ketterl attended the McDonald alumni festivities on Sunday.

David and Bonnie Franke spent Memorial Day weekend with Dean, Carrie and Heidi Franke in Jefferson City, Mo. En route they stopped to visit Brenda Van Horn and family in Ottawa.

Herndon and rural area residents supporting the troops Memorial Day attended the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Memorial Day services on Monday. Commander Chris Niermeier introduced the speaker, Pastor Don White, who opened the

service with a prayer. Refreshments followed in the basement. The VFW Post and Auxiliary and Oberlin American Legion participated.

Bob and Julie Hafner ate Sunday dinner in Oberlin with their aunts, Hattie Toth, Joan Noble and Edie Pettera at Cedar Living. After dinner visitors were Shirley Williams, Janice and Jayme Sattler, Atwood, and Don Grafel. Jim and Judy Bliss, Grand Island, Neb., came to see their Aunt Hattie for the Memorial weekend and visit the local cemeteries.

Aaron, Sarah and Gideon White, Norton; Adam and Angela Ketterl, and Tom and Arlene Bliss, Atwood, and Dave and Judy Ketterl enjoyed pizza at Roger's Bar and Grill Friday evening.

The community is continuing to send prayers and good wishes to Alicia and Tim Rippe and Wyatt. Alicia is doing well and recuperating after surgery at the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Dana, Payton and Paycie Juene-mann, Hays, spent the weekend with Ron and Cindy Sattler while Chase enjoyed fishing with his brothers at Norton. Ron, Cindy, Dana, Payton and Paycie joined John and Ardythe Cederberg and Steve and Arian Arnold at the Swedish Cemetery to decorate family graves and learn about relatives and friends buried there.

Lauren Sattler of Norton celebrated her first birthday Saturday,

May 22, in Norton. Her parents, David and April, hosted the party for Dan, Gigi, Jackie and Kale Sattler, McCook; Megan, Lilly, Michaela and Allison Rippe, Tom and Myra Sattler, Leon and Marita Portschoy, Joe, Jean Ann and Jennifer Leitner, Charlotte Smith and grandson, Tate; Coley and Chelsey Hackney and Mia and other friends. Lauren and guests enjoyed the beautiful cake baked by Megan.

Dean, Deb, Marcus and Neil Porsch, spent the weekend of May 15 in Stockton. They attended the high school graduation of their nephew and cousin, Adam Murchie. After the graduation, a reception was held at the Murchie home with friends and family.

Rawlins County social studies class toured Herndon last Monday with Brenda Henry and Julie Hafner. Students learned about the history of the Evangelical Immanuel Church of Christ, Don Grafel; Herndon High, Judy Ketterl; St. Mary's Catholic Church, Julie Hafner; Decatur Co-op, Nadine Green; Herndon Pool Hall, Chris Wood; and at Roger's Bar and Grill, they toured the new addition and learned the history of the former Leinwetter Funeral and Furniture store. Students attending were Elizabeth Reuther, Malory Horinek, Lexy Leitner, James Peterson and Neil Portschoy.

# Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Erin May performed ballet, tap, and jazz routines in Ashley's Dance Recital held Sunday, May 23, in Colby.

Pam May and Hannah stayed in Preston on Friday evening and decorated graves and visited her father, Ben Jorns, in Pratt Saturday morning before driving on to Wichita to attend the State Track meet already in progress. Cassidy Shields and Zach May, Relay Team alternates, traveled with the Decatur Community High School track team. Pam and Hannah returned home Saturday evening.

Craig and Karen Larson attended high school graduation ceremonies in Laramie, Wyo., on Saturday for Rebecca Lubbers, daughter of longtime friends, Ginger and Todd Lubbers.

Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Wichita, and Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield, were Memorial Day weekend guests of Wayne and Lois Larson and Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory.

Rachelle (Unger) Gorrell (class of 1990), Bland, Mo., and Butch and Colleen (Unger) Rittmann (class of 1985), Christian and Rielly, Shawnee, were weekend guests of their parents, Ralph and Norma Unger. Rachelle attended her 20th high school reunion and Colleen attended her 25th reunion with their Decatur Community High School classmates.

Kelly Olson, a Memorial Day weekend guest of Gerald and Connie Olson, attended her 5th year alumni reunion with the Decatur Community High school class of 2005.

Larry Bremer, Laguna Hills, Calif., arrived Friday afternoon at

the John Bremer home and returned home Tuesday morning. He attended his 50th alumni reunion with the DCHS class of 1960.

Larry Bremer, John Bremer, and Jessica Bremer were Saturday visitors of their uncle and aunt, Max and Marlene Miller, of Gold Canyon, Ariz. Max and Marlene attended Max's 65th alumni reunion with the class of 1945 and they were weekend guests of his sister, Mildred Holmdahl, who celebrated her 70th alumni with the class of 1940.

Kristen Bremer and Dwayne Bray were Saturday visitors at the John Bremer home. Kristen attended her 10th alumni reunion with the class of 2000 Saturday afternoon in Oberlin.

Other Decatur Community High School alumni in our neighborhood celebrating reunions were Don Mines, class of 1945; Mirla (Moore) Coleman, class of 1975; Chris May, class of 1990; Carl Larson, class of 2000; and Mollie Coleman, class of 2005.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica, and Larry Bremer attended a party Sunday afternoon for Matt and Mollie Coleman, hosted by Mike and Mirla Coleman at their home. Both Mollie and Matt have graduated from college and have accepted jobs that begin this week.

Esther Ready and David Chomowicz, New York City, were weekend visitors of the John Bremer family and Larry Bremer over the Memorial Day weekend. Esther and Dianne celebrated their 40th high school reunion with the class of 1970.

Larry Bremer and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica were Monday supper guests of Herschel and Jody Betts.

# Teach Your Children Well

By Pastor Judith Stricker, United Church of Oberlin

Another Memorial Weekend has passed and the Memorial Day celebrations were a little more poignant than some years, as we have young men and women still on battle fronts. Peace has not come to the world yet.

The Memorial Day holiday was designed to remember the great sacrifices made by men and women who gave their lives for our freedoms. Yet, in all the remembering, we need to be aware that the many ceremonies will not just naturally take place in the future, no, when we are gone, we must have taught the next generation well, or much will be forgotten.

Psalm 78, tells the story well. Verse one says, "Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth." Then verse 5, "He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments; and that they should not be like their ancestors, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God."

In my opinion, and in the opinion of not just a few of my friends and my generation, we have failed the generations that have come after us. We had faithful teachers, Sunday School teachers, and just elders in the community who saw that we remembered what had been done for us. That is not so today.

We have for the most part, allowed legislation to change our future, and not for the better. Our children

are no longer allowed to pray in school, even to give thanks for the abundance of food they enjoy every day, not allowed to quietly ask for guidance in their every day learning. The Bible is no longer allowed to be read, or even quoted as a way to instill morality and ethics in the lives of little ones, who grow to adulthood, not knowing how the many stories and leading from the previous generation builds character.

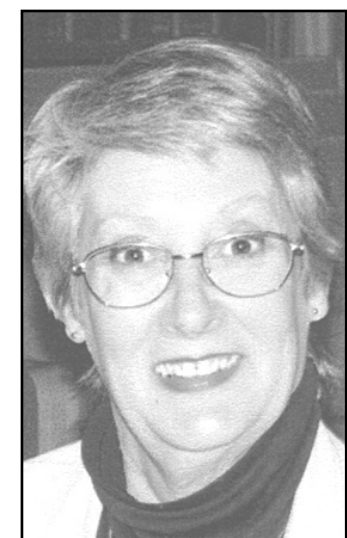
In order that the remembering, and gratitude for the many sacrifices of our grandparents and the generations beyond can be realized in the future, we MUST teach our children well.

Christians, I ask you, why have we left our future to politics without rising up, and making it clear that we want our children "taught well" in our schools, homes and churches.

Though I was unable to teach Bible School this year due to other commitments, I give great thanks for those who "stepped up to the plate." So few children attend Sunday educational opportunities, that the summer Bible School, though only 5 days long, offers some of the only Christian education that some children EVER get.

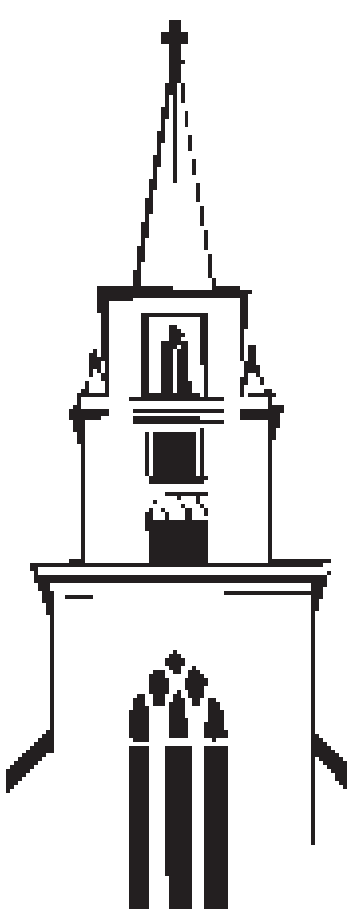
Young parents, if you are reading this, I ask you, no, I implore you, to rethink your Sundays. Go with your children to church, take them to Sunday school, for when the children come, you will see that churches are ready for them. We have the programs at ready, but can do little if there are no children.

Remembering doesn't just happen. It is up to us all and my prayer is that there will be a new ground swell for Christian Education programs. You can make it so!



# Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

- OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
785-475-3103  
Fr. Mark Berland,  
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE**  
Fr. Mark Berland,  
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.
- SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**  
Fr. Mark Berland,  
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday
- JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Pastor: Barbara Patterson  
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.,
- 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: 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.
- ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON**  
Fr. Stephen Folorunso  
Phone 785-322-5560  
MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.
- 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.
- 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 9 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  
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.



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# Lyle News

By Veda Wood

One misty-moisty morning last week I went to McCook and the first people I saw as I walked into Wal-Mart were Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen. They had gone to Rhode Island one weekend to attend a grandson's graduation from college in Keene, N.H. The next weekend they went to Tucson, Ariz., for another grandson's graduation from the University. This is the one who was on Wheel of Fortune, and who is now ready to take the trip he won on that game.

And the cat came back. She had a bad cold when she came; sore eyes, stopped-up nose, etc. June had been doctoring her, and I was trying to, but in spite of my efforts, she died. Well, I thought she did, so I wrapped her up and put her in her bed, but when I got up this morning,

there she was walking around! Do you suppose she knows what cat heaven is like?

Earnest Huff is living in the Hillcrest Nursing Home for a while, but is hospitalized now in McCook for surgery. We're hoping he will be better real soon.

Gary Anthony has more good news. His dialysis time has been cut back another 15 minutes on a trial basis, to three and a half hours.

The weekend of May 15 and 16, Joyce Sumner went with her son Ward's family to Olathe to the graduation of Melanie's husband, Stephen Massey. He graduated with a Doctorate in Education. Congratulations to him and all the graduates. Joyce says she always enjoys hitting the bookstores while there.

# Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Keli Kleidosty, Kehaha, Hawaii, is visiting a week with her parents, Doyle and Kay Brown.

Because of Bible School being held the week of June 1, the United Methodist Women will be going to visit Cedar Living Center on Tuesday, June 8, instead of June 2. Refreshments will be furnished by Kay Brown and Lila Jennings.

Matt Hall, Brighton, Colo., visited Sunday and Monday with his mother, Pat Hall and grandmother, Violet Foster.

The Alumni Banquet was enjoyed by many former graduates. A delicious meal was catered by Leanna Sloan and crew from Hoxie. Advance was held in the Community Hall following the banquet. The band "Clueless" played.

We had beautiful weather over the weekend for the Memorial services at the Big Timber and at the Jennings cemetery. A light breeze blowing the American flags was very impressive.