have the bottle.

who used the red oil.

of Merle Taylor, Norton, used Tiger

Rose until the day he died. The lady

that gets the gold star is Arlene Hix.

Not only did she know what Deb

was looking for but she actually still

had a partial bottle of it. Arlene is a

local resident and called to tell Deb

that if she would stop by, Deb could

Arlene is actually a distant rela-

tive of Deb's. She is related to

Almena, who was also the husband

of Deb's grandmother, Hattie Scott,

Museum Tid-Bits

wonderful pictures of William J.

Bell and Martha E. (Shirley) Bell

and William R. Dowling and Alice

E. Brown Dowling. The pictures

are her grandparents. Grace also

donated a friendship quilt, hand

quilted by the Sunshine Club and

some Norcatur Dispatchers. This

quilt was made in the basement of

the old City Hall. Lots of ladies'

names are on this quilt. All of the

items are a great addition to the Nor-

Norcatur Christian Church. William

died in 1907 and Martha in 1943.

Both are buried at the Bell/Shirley

cemetery. W.R. Dowling served on

the Norcatur Rural High School

board during the construction of

the new high school building. W.R.

died in 1926 and Alice in 1934. Wil-

liam and Martha are buried at the

Norcatur Cemetery. Both pictures

are extremely old and are in ornate

William Bell helped organize the

catur Museum. Thanks so much.

Thanks to Grace Eckhart for the

The Norcatur United Methodist Church will be celebrating its 125th anniversary on Sunday. Pastor Larry Danforth will conduct church service beginning at 10 a.m. and then a pot luck dinner at noon. Meat and table service will be provided. We have heard that some past ministers are coming – Rev. Bob Loomis, who served at our church some 40 years ago, Charles Keller, Pastor Ray Gilstrap, and many more friends and neighbors. Please come and help us celebrate.

Beth Sebaugh, Mary Lesle, Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson were again at the Hidden Dragon for Sunday dinner, July 25. Others at our table were Keith Anthony and

Ron and Gerry Temple had supper with Terri Anderson, daughter of Myrna Kelley, in Colby, and later attended the Larry Gatlin and Brothers and the Ball Brothers concert.

Guests of Dave and Patty Stapp to celebrate an early birthday supper on Sunday, July 25, for Kaitlyn were Dewaine Stapp, Marian Dempewolf, Oberlin, Michael Schamberger, Hoxie, and Kaitlyn Stapp, Colby.

Happy birthday to Tyler Lange, Kaitlyn Stapp, July 28; and Carolyn Kelley Plotts, Aug. 1.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Wednesday, July 21, were Rusty Montgomery, first; C.W. Lyon, second; and Von Johnson, third.

Rea and Dee Magers received word on July 19, that her sister, Frances Sanza, Lakewood, Colo., died early Monday morning.

Virgil and Joyce Price were pleased to have Aaron Helm and friend, Robbie, West Point, N.Y., stop by to visit them on July 19.

Cathy Claussen and Beth Johnson attended the memorial services for Mel Harper in Norton on July 22. Those attending the Knutson-

Montgomery reunion Friday through Sunday, July 16, 17 and 18, at the motel in Grand Island, Neb., were Donna Knutson, Dennis, Jamie, Kelsey Knutson, Council Bluff, Iowa; David, Drew, Derek, Dru Knutson, Omaha; Jade Knutson, North Carolina; Dewaine, Denise, Vanessa Knutson, Palmyra, Neb; Sarah Knutson, Lincoln, Neb.; Bob nd Anita Montgomery, Oberlin; Bobbie Frakes, Trenton, Neb.; Brady Shuler, Lincoln, Neb.; Ron Branden McCheseny, Norton; Alyssa Montgomery, Valentine, Neb;

Scott Harman and Tiff, Norton. Frank Ward has moved into his

I was thrilled to go to Norton with

Carol Moye, Kiley and Margaret

"Toots" Magers to hear the 312the

Army Band, which is touring this

part of the midwest. Grandson,

Tobias (Toby) Wood is playing with

them, and was briefly recognized

by the leader. Some of the band

members were music teachers and

Toby conducted one number. Other

family members who attended the

concert were Toby's wife, Jenny,

of Marysville, her mother and

cousin and Toby's sister, Cari and

Steve Riffle, of Stockton. Jenny's

daughter, Katelyn Lindsey, also is a

member of the band. While Toby's

instrument of choice is the cornet,

he is playing a French horn on this

tour, and Katie played a trumpet,

or cornet – I don't know the dif-

Toots Magers and I went to Ober-

lin to hear the music by the members

of Vic Mowry's band. Vic passed

away recently and is missed. His

group plays every now and then at

Cedar Living Center, and the other

members are doing a good job of

Wade Bader and Vicky of Kath-

erine brought new daughter, Carley

Marie, to visit her grandparents over

the weekend. Carley Marie was

born May 24, 2010, and weighed 7

pounds, 15 ounces. Emily, Mariah

and Garrett Bader also visited.

continuing on.

beautiful also.

Lyle News

and Lynn Ward, Keith Ward, and those who arrived after the move, Kaley Ward and Wava Reames. His new address is 114 Whispering Pines, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Seven months ago, Randy Allen was diagnosed with stage IV liver cancer. The doctors, at that time, said his prognosis was not good. He has been going to Denver for very aggressive chemotherapy and tests last week showed that he is in Deb's grandfather, Elmer Scott of remission.

Thanks to Bob Strevey, Norcatur is registered as one of the places to stop for the U.S. Highway 36 Treasure Hunt on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17, 18 and 19. There is no charge to hold a sale. All you need to do is sign the registration sheet on the community bulletin board at the post office or call Deb at (785) 871-7381 or 693-4231.

There is a burn ban within the city limits of Norcatur. In order to burn on your property you must contact Carl Lyon or Scott Hartzog to get

Jeff Roe will become a new council member at the Aug. 16 meeting, when he will be sworn in. Thanks Jeff for volunteering for the vacant council position. His term will run until April 2013.

The Norcatur Public Library has added some new books. Stop by and check them out.

Dewaine Stapp and Charlotte Meints left July 16 for Branson, Mo. They met Charlotte's granddaughter, Tara Stecklein of Kansas City, in Hays to visit, and then they met Dewaine's granddaughter and husband, Kortney and Jerrod Poire of Erie, at Iola for supper. They met Dewaines' daughter, Elaine Kinsley, and friend and co-worker, Gracie Hunter, in Branson. The group enjoyed several shows. iOn the trip home, Dewaine and Charlotte met Charlotte's daughter, Marcia Stecklein of Hutchinson, and great-granddaughter in Hays for supper.

The following was taken from 'Clothing projects judged," by Carolyn Plotts of The Norton Tele-

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller left July 22, for El Dorado to visit Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle, then went to Topeka to visit Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Sophia. On Saturday, they went to Prairie Village to visit Mr. and Mrs. Mike Miller then ran into William Hix in a restaurant in Kansas City. He was also going to the Paul McCartney concert at the Sprint Center where the Millers went to celebrate Stan's birthday.

Eleanor Janousek has moved into her new apartment at 4851 Harvard, Apt. 208, Lawrence, Kan., 66049.

Last week Deb Combs asked the question about the red oil that her grandma used on her dust mop. Deb and Gina Montgomery, Jennings; needed to know if anyone remem-Shane and Crystal Montgomery, bered it and what it was, exactly. Beth Johnson knew what Deb was talking about and that it was furniture polish. Deb had a very nice conversation with Frank Ward about new apartment at Whispering Pines. Tiger Rose hair oil. My step-dad, He provided pizza to helpers Leslie Dean Taylor, the youngest brother

signing the book. They came from

Kansas, Nebraska and California.

Toots Magers said Sappa Creek was

running, which it hasn't for years,

and the young people had fun. They

played on the 'goat' swing and slid

down the bank, just like old times.

picnic, sponsored by the Liberty

Star Club will be held at the same

grounds, four and a half miles west

of Lyle. It is for everyone! The more

the merrier. It will be a community

Charles and Inez Keller of Ober-

lin visited Margaret Magers on

Monday. It's good to have them

Kathy Van Meter said she and

Lloyd Frandsen attended the out-

door wedding of his grandson, Jason

Houghtelling, and Marcie Kitt in

I called my son, David Wood, to

tell him we had seen Toby at Norton.

He and Sandra, his sister had done

a lot of work on her house, and al-

though he is supposed to be retired,

he is still busy. Tina's son, "Sugie"

is on dialysis. He rides a shuttle bus

potluck, so come and enjoy.

back in the country.

Cambridge, Neb.

On Aug. 15, the community

By Veda Wood

Chamber News

The week for the Decatur County Fair is here!! Actually, it has already started with the Style Revue last week and the horse show on Saturday. I was pleased to see more young riders come to the show. It was interesting to watch as they attempted to do as the judge asked. A few horses didn't want to accommodate their riders very well, but no one got hurt and the show went smoothly.

Sometime after the fair is over the Tripple Creek Riders horse club will have a meeting for anyone interested in horses. This club was started by several Oberlin residents about 10 years ago and worked together with the fair board to get an arena built so events could be held. There are some interested people that would like to help these young riders develop their skills in showing and competing in events.

Whatever your interest and horse activity is, Tripple Creek Riders would welcome you to come be a part of the horse club. When a date is set, I will put out advertising to

The Back-To-School picnic will be next Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the city park at 6 p.m. Meat and drink will be furnished by the school district, Oberlin Business Alliance, and the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce. Those attending are asked to bring a vegetable, fruit, salad, or dessert. Also bring your

on the carnival schedule for Sat- Jesse Mumm, Dave Zodrow. Aug.

urday night and a few on Friday night. Maybe guests that might be visiting you would be available. It is amazing who you see when you are in one spot!

The Highway "36" Treasure Hunt will be held Sept. 17, 18 and 19. If you want your garage sale listed through the Chamber, please bring in your information. This list will be available in various businesses along Highway 36 in Oberlin. There is a \$5 fee for this service to the Chamber.

Last week I attended an informational meeting with the Sappa Park committee out at the Shelter House to talk about the plans for fixing the old bathrooms and showers in the north part of the Shelter House. A design firm from McCook had been asked to look at the facility and come up with some ideas. A plan was agreed for the firm to make an estimated cost, which will be ready in about three weeks. There is a little money set aside in the Decatur Area Develop Fund that was donated by individuals in the past for Sappa Park development, and also the City of Oberlin has designated a certain amount, but the fund may still be a little short. If any other individuals would like to help this project, it would be greatly appreciated.

By Carolyn Hackney

Have a fun week at the fair!!

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Ann Hazlitt won high, Paulie Neff took second, Bernita Aumiller got low and Carl Mumm had the most tens. Other members present included Janice Kruse, Jeanie Spresser, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Matt Finnesy, Ralph Weis, Shirley Emigh, Edna Schiltz, Betty James, Gail Mumm, Helen Karls, Bob Wessel and Lois Neff.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Aug. 6 - Mike Beckman, Dick and Pat Stevenson, Robbie Koerperich. There are still some open spaces Aug. 7 - Laura Ritter, Cory Wurm,

8 - Clara Gillum, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Casey and Shannon Shaw. Aug. 9 - Nick and Elaine Koerperich, Robyn Wessel. Aug. 10 - Doug Wessel, Rechelle Kennedy, DaLaena Neff, Dallas Koerperich. Aug. 11 -Mike Ritter, Rhonda Sabatka, Ben Wessel, Gary and Clara Gillum. Aug. 12 - Mike Spresser, Charlene Werth, Kanisha Carman. Golden Plains Schools enroll-

ment dates have been set for Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 9 and 10. Both attendance centers will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Importance of Gathering

By Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler Faith Lutheran Church, Oberlin

This is a responsive phrase that I heard a few years ago at the annual convention of the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It comes from our brothers and sisters in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. I believe it is a simple but true statement; a faith statement that proclaims the truth that God is good all the time. Today so many in our society doubt that God is good, but I believe that this doubt is misplaced. God is faithful. The unfaithfulness is not God, but the sinfulness of humanity. The devil prowls at every opportunity.

This time of year, July and August, is county fair time across the Great Plains. Being raised on a family farm, the annual county fair was very important for my family as we were a 4-H family. Fair week was very busy. So busy, that you almost missed out on some aspects of community. The importance of the fair was the heightened sense of gathering together in community for rural life.

Throughout history, the importance of gathering together in community has been paramount for every culture around the world. In biblical times, would gather to celebrate one thing or another. These festivals were based on the calendar and were periods of celebration and thanksgiving accompanied by feasting in great joy. For example, ancient Israel had a one-day festival that was held 50 days after Passover. It was called the Feast of Weeks or the Day of First Fruits and Feast of Harvest. It was a harvest festival

"God is good all the time. All the time, God is celebrated at the time of the wheat harvest (June).

During the time of Christ, Jesus promised that he would send an advocate for his followers. Fifty days after the first Easter (the resurrection of our Lord Jesus), there was a harvest festival. As people gathered in Jerusalem, the Holy Spirit arrived at this festival.

Here in Decatur County it is fair week Aug. 3-7. This is the time we come together as a community to support our youth as they display their 4-H and open class entries; and to support adults who enter open class baked goods, garden produce, flowers, crafts, art and photography. This is the time we also focus on service to our community, as youth and adults help to run concessions, games and rides at our great home-owned carnival. It takes all of us working together to put on an outstanding fair and blessed time of celebrating rural life

The importance of gathering together to celebrate community is a key ingredient to hold together society. The cohesion of a village depends on its ability to celebrate life together. In the early church, Christian community was of utmost importance. Jesus brings together the faithful and sustains the community through a special meal. In festivals as we celebrate there were numerous festivals in which communities life together in community, there is always food. Personally, there is nothing better than "fair" food-corn dogs, pork burgers, funnel cakes, fried pickles, cotton candy (for those who like the sweet and sticky), etc. As you enjoy this year's county fair, be mindful of how important this is for the life of our community.

See you at the fair!



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION **CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE** MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, Fr. Mark Berland,

MASS: 10 a.m., Sunday 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. Linda Willey 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.

OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist) Pastor: Gene Gee

SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.,

OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST 102 North Cass — 785-475-3067 The Rev. Linda Willey

SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Choir practice,

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, 10 a.m. 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: Morning Worship, 10 a.m.

NORCATUR 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

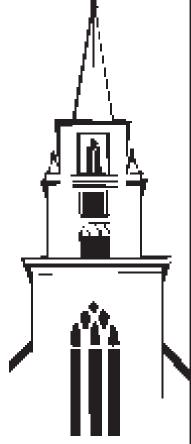
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible

> **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

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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The Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler

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Derek Riner Rick and Dori Pauls

gone on a garden tour, seeing four Her family and friends have been gardens in Oberlin. We told her she very concerned. should have entered hers, as it is The Powell picnic took place at

50 miles for his treatments, and they are considering starting peritoneal dialysis so it can be done at home. Gary Anthony is glad to have his dialysis hours cut down to three Mary Helm, who had surgery last When I called Carol, she had week, is able to sit up and talk now.

the Powell picnic grounds west of Lyle on Sunday July 25 with 30