

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson attended Norton's new Immanuel Lutheran Church building dedication service on Sunday, Aug. 1. A very impressive service and beautiful music from their choir and woodwind ensemble was enjoyed.

Thanks to Bob Strevey, Norcatour is registered as one of the places to stop for the U.S. Highway 36 treasure hunt, being held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17-19. 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.

Happy birthday to Agnes Pruitt, Aug. 6; Wyatt Wentz, Les Ward, Noah Baker, Aug. 7; and Helen McVay, Aug. 10.

Happy anniversary to Dwight and Mary Wentz, Aug. 6; Darren and Lois Wentz, Kay and Carol Miller, Bob and Stan Strevey, Aug. 7; and Wayne and Norma McCallister, Aug. 9.

Fifteen Senior Citizens met July 30 at the Educational Building with a potluck dinner followed by cards. Winners were Arlene Hix, Margaret "Toots" Magers and Lora Arnold. Results of the pool tournament at

the Cardinal Bar and Grill on July 28 were Bob Hoover, first; and Von Johnson, second place.

Ken and Connor McVay visited Helen McVay, and Dennis, Kathy, Max and Benn Bergkamp in San Antonio, Texas, over the weekend of July 24. They celebrated Ken's birthday with a visit to Red Lobster for dinner and an ice cream cake for dessert. The guys visited the Fiesta Texas Water Park and roller coasters on Sunday. Helen celebrated her birthday on Aug. 10. Her address is: Helen McVay, Emeritus at Woodbridge Estates, 9505 Fredericksburg Rd., Apt. 7, San Antonio, Texas, 78240.

Wava Reames took a quick trip on Sunday, Aug. 2, to see her daughter and grandkids after Shawnda enrolled in College at Weatherford, Okla. They ate lunch and visited for over an hour at Applebees then headed home with her grandkids, so they could attend the Oberlin fair, as it has been a tradition since Shawna was 1 1/2-years old when it started.

Mary Helm had a brain tumor removed. She is still in the hospital. Prayers certainly helped, as they almost lost her on the first surgery.

The doctors have put a shunt in her head to take care of the fluid that is there. Her sister, Kathy, has come home and Jim Helm has gone down there.

Recent visitors of Larry James were his son Sgt. Russell, daughter-in-law Karyn and grandson Benjamin, who spent two weeks. On the Fourth of July they all went to North Platte, Neb., to celebrate the holiday with Matt James and family. They enjoyed a family barbecue at Memorial Park in North Platte and watched the fireworks display. Benjamin celebrated his first birthday on July 2.

Russell is on leave from the Marine Corps. He recently returned from Afghanistan, his third tour of duty overseas. The family and a few friends held a private burial service for Terri James at the Oberlin Cemetery while the family was all here. On their return to North Carolina, they stopped and visited with his grandparents, Darrell and Willa Carlton in Hot Springs Village, Ark.

The Norcatour Public Library had added some new books. Don't forget we have puzzles for people to check out.

The Norcatour Public Library was invaded on Tuesday morning when Barbara McCool's six granddaughters decided they needed some books and movies. They were a welcome sight!

Museum Tid-Bits

Thanks to Tom and Betsy Jakowski for the donation made in memory of June Hixon.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Earnest Huff had surgery on Thursday of last week in which they removed some of his intestine. He came through the surgery well and expects to be in the hospital a week, then will go back to the rest home in McCook.

J.T. and Kendra Guy came to the Magers reunion in Norcatour on Sunday, Aug. 1, and sealed the deck on Grandma Toots' roof. They plan to shingle on Labor Day week when Kevin and Catherine will be here from Minnesota and Pam and Mike from Colorado. The Magers' yearly reunion was celebrated at the Educational Building. Twenty-four people attended from Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen took in the McCook fair two nights. His step-daughter, Jamie Elwood, took some medals in barrel racing and other events. Kathy, Margaret "Toots" Magers and Joyce Sumner played pinochle at Good Sam today, Monday.

Jane Jolly is making a 'bear quilt.' She played cards Friday night.

Aubrey High has spent a few afternoons with me, and always manages to keep busy. She brought a large moth in a fruit jar one day, and one day we made clothes for her dog, frog, rabbit and what not.

Whew! She will be in kindergarten in a few weeks.

Emily, Mariah and Garrett Bader and a friend are visiting this week. We played a game of "Sorry," and one with jumping frogs (not live ones this time!) Aug. 2 was Emily's birthday.

This was Dewayne Jackson's Sunday at church. We always appreciate him and his family. We learned that Dewayne and Aurelia are grandparents. Jeremy Allen Janssen was born July 20, 2010, at 6:19 p.m. He is 7 pounds, 4 ounces and 21 1/2 inches long. He was born to Jesse and Kelsey Janssen.

Denny Lechlitter and I took Gary Anthony to McCook on Saturday and had a good visit with Dwight Wood, and Gary took me to church and then dinner on Sunday.

Carol Woodmansee's parents came to the dinner and reported that Carol is doing pretty well. We had a good lunch, as usual. I was glad Larry Sumner brought beans, as I had brought a dish I wasn't very proud of, and Larry's saved the day. We were also especially glad to see Lora Arnold and her daughter, Susan.

The Liberty Star ladies sat at the 4-H building last Thursday at the Decatur County Fair.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Dean, Deb, Marcus and Neil Portschy arrived home on Friday after spending the week on vacation in Nebraska. They enjoyed golfing at Prairie Hills course in Kearney before driving to Ord to Riverview Cabin for a few days. There they enjoyed fishing and golfing at Ord Golf Club and Calamus Golf course.

They really enjoyed a tanking trip down the Calamus River in a stock tank. The week of relaxation ended in North Platte, where they golfed the Lake Maloney course.

Joan Noble, Oberlin, and Julie Hafner visited Esther Pennington, Herndon, and Rita Eckherdt, Loveland, Colo., on Tuesday morning. Rita spent a few days with her sisters before going home on Wednesday.

Aaron, Brenda, Candaesa and J.D. VanHorn of Ottawa spent Wednesday to Sunday with David and Bonnie Franke. While here, they visited the Last Indian Raid Museum in Oberlin, attended the Decatur County Fair, rode horses with Rachel Grafel and enjoyed pizza and steaks at Roger's Bar and Grill.

Godparents Eric Sattler, Atwood, and Jesse Juenemann, Hutchinson, presented Paycie Nichole Jueneemann to Father Nick Parker for baptism on Sunday at St. Mary's during Mass. Paycie, daughter of Chase and Dana Juenemann, of Hays, and sister to Payton, was dressed in a white christening gown. Family joining the celebration were Chase, Dana and Payton Juenemann, Hays; Ron and Cindy Sattler; Dave, Joyce and Lucas Juenemann, Selden; Janice and Jayme Sattler, Atwood; John and Ardythe Cederberg, Oberlin; Brian, Mary and Collin Clark, Atwood, and Bob and Julie Hafner.

Following the ceremony, a brunch was held at the Ron Sattler farm home. Myra Sattler, Vicky Mumm, Sharon Ecker and Julie Hafner

volunteered at Good Samaritan on Friday morning in the beauty salon. New hairstyles are nice but the real enjoyment comes from visiting with the residents on memories from younger years. Many have fond memories of Herndon.

Saturday evening, Voni Sattler, Brad, Deanna, Kassidi and Piper Williams attended Mass in Oberlin and then took in the fair. On Sunday, Voni, Deanna and Kassidi picked up Cathy Leitner in Atwood and traveled to Haigler, Neb., for the 9th annual Bluegrass Festival. Melody Sattler of Denver met them in Haigler for the day.

Todd Nelson, Colby, was a guest of Don and Joan Grafel on Saturday.

Bart Ecker, Troy and Brandi Ecker of Hays visited Sharon Ecker, Carla Marintzer, and Marlin and Dana Marintzer and attended the Decatur County Fair Saturday evening.

Abe, Alex and Addisyn Marintzer of Emporia, came for a long weekend visit. A barbecue was held on Friday evening and Sunday noon. Uncle Justin, Aunt Lori, Uncle Isaac and Great-grandma Leen and Great-grandpa Pete all spoiled Addisyn. Abe, Alex and Joe went to the movie Saturday evening and swimming on Monday afternoon. They left Tuesday morning.

St. Mary's Mass will be at 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, in honor of the Feast of the Assumption. A picnic will follow at the hall with food and drink provided. All are invited to attend the celebration and welcome Father Nick.

Carol Kompus and Susan Rich of Asheville, N.C. ate dinner in Oberlin Sunday and visited Wilma Bobinmyer, Hattie Toth and Edie Pettera. After visiting, the gals unpacked more boxes at Carol's new home in Oberlin. Susan left for home on Tuesday.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Did you have a good time at the fair? This is the first year that I had people ask if they could work my shift that I had signed up to do. I still worked a couple spots including the Chamber booth and it was enjoyable, but I was sort of relieved to let someone else do part of it.

I like to look at the cattle exhibits to try and pick the Grand Champion, and I usually get really close, but this year I guessed the exact animal. I just had to brag a bit.

I am behind on the "business of the week," but will try and get started again in a week or two. No excuse, just many things going on.

A few things coming up are the Back-To-School Picnic today at the City Park starting at 6:30 p.m. by the band shell. The Chamber, Oberlin Business Alliance and the school district will provide barbecued beef and drinks.

Everyone is asked to bring a vegetable, fruit, salad or dessert, table service and a lawn chair, as the city park tables may not accommodate everyone.

Also this Saturday, Aug. 14, is the Annual Decatur County Hospital Golf Tournament at Sappa Park and the Dinner Benefit at the American Legion.

Another interesting event that was started a couple years ago is the trail ride and tribes of Indians that visit the J.R. Ginther farm southwest of Oberlin just over the line into Rawlins County. This will take place the last weekend of August 28 and 29. The advertising flyers should come out this week, so I will have more information next week.

I attended the Oberlin Business

Alliance meeting last Wednesday where the fall planning session was discussed. They usually meet in September to set the fall and holiday events for the last quarter of the year. A date for that meeting will be set at the regular September meeting Wednesday, Sept. 1, at noon at the LandMark Inn. All input from OBA members are appreciated.

Something I heard about the other day that I thought was interesting: "Ten things to do before sum-

mer ends" are: visit a beach, eat a popsicle, get a natural tan, catch fireflies, have a water balloon fight, ride a tandem bike, go to camp, host a bonfire, make arts and crafts, and fall in love.

They sound like some stress-free things to do. I'm sure I won't make it to a beach or ride a tandem bike, but I might get some of the others done. We can have a little fun trying.

Have a great week!!

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Congratulations to Don and Ann Mines who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday, Aug. 7. Arriving Friday to help them celebrate were their children Patrick and Sheri (Mines) Coon, Todd Coon and friend, and Nathan and Carlen Coon, Georgetown, Texas; Pat and Lynette (Mines) Salvo, Tucson, Ariz.; and Joe and Chris Mines, Cori and Jared, McPherson. Additional guests joining Don and Ann and their children and families for supper Saturday evening at the Landmark Inn were Ron and Nancy (Mines) Baumfalk, Aurora, Colo.; Connie (Mines) Goslar, Mesa, Ariz.; and Bob Domsch, St. Francis. While the family was together over the weekend, they also celebrated Jared's 10th birthday with pizza, birthday cake, and ice cream. The Joe Mines family and the Coon families returned home Sunday and Pat and Lynette returned home Monday morning.

Guests of Craig and Karen Larson this past week were Jeff and Kimberly Wickersham, Calvin and Cason, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Since Kimberly and the children spent the entire week at the Larson home, they also visited her grandparents, Zane and Gladys Geis, and enjoyed the Decatur County Fair.

Jeff joined them on Thursday after he and Karen's brothers, Keith and Kevin Geis, rode in the third annual "Ride the Range" 450-mile bicycle ride across Wyoming and into South Dakota including 11,000 feet of climbing. The Wickersham family returned home on Saturday.

Karen and Craig Larson hosted a birthday party at their home Thursday evening for Jeff Wickersham, Carl Larson and Janene Larson. Also helping them celebrate were Kimberly Wickersham, Calvin and Cason, Elsie Larson and Colby Larson.

Last Chance Getaways

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

"God is good all the time. All the time, God is good."

This responsive phrase heard often in congregations of the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America comes from our sisters and brothers in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. A simple, yet true statement that proclaims the truth that God is good all the time. Many in our society may doubt this, but I believe that God is faithful. Where doubt and unfaithfulness enter in is not God, but the sinfulness of humanity and the devil prowls at every opportunity to spread misery and doubt upon us.

This week I want to talk about vacations. Vacations are an important part of the yearly cycle, just as sleep is an important part of a 24-hour cycle. It is a healthy part of how God created us. It is a natural part of life that we sleep for as much as 33 percent of our lives! We, usually, don't think twice about this occurrence. Yet, if we stop to consider it we can learn much from it. God created all of creation in six days. On the seventh day God rested and reflected on what God had done. God said, "It is good." When we try to work without rest, or stay awake without sleep, or not take a break from routine (such as a vacation), then we are setting ourselves up for an unhealthy fall. God models for us that it is healthy to take a break from our work and rest. It is healthy to take a break from our every day routines to reflect upon what is important to us in life. It is difficult to gain perspective in reflection, unless

we step away from that which we are reflecting on, as we do in rest.

For many of us, this part of the year is that "last chance" to remove ourselves from routine and be on vacation. The wheat harvest is finished, the summer ball games are done, the many camps for our youth are over, the county fair is wrapped up for another year, and planting time begins in September. Now is the time to take a break and get away. School is the center of activity in our rural communities. Life becomes scheduled around the school calendar. It is almost as if a new year begins with a new school year. For many of us, through our work or as a family with school children, the end of the year is upon us and it is that last chance to slip away and to recreate or reflect on vacation. The British like to call it "Holiday." When we are on holiday it is a break from routine and may involve actual travel away from routine as well.

If you are taking vacation this week, as part of the last chance before the new year, may you be able to sit back and say of your life, "It is good," or to make necessary plans to make it good in the year to come.

My prayer for you is this: *"Lord God, keep us safe as we travel. Keep us mindful of your many blessings for us. Thank you for creating us to require a portion of our year to be about rest and to re-create our lives in ways that will be healthy and helpful. All of this we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen."*



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, LEVILLOE**
Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.
- SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**
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. 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. Linda Willey
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, 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.
- 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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