

Norcatatur News

By the Norcatatur News Committee

It was almost a full house Sunday morning as the Norcatatur United Methodist Church celebrated its 125th anniversary. A very special service was conducted by previous pastor, the Rev. Larry Danforth. Past ministers attending were the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Loomis (1960-66), Pastor Charles Keller (2002-03), the Rev. and Mrs. Ray Gilstrap (2006-08), and the Rev. Larry Danforth (2008-10). Also attending was the District Superintendent Max Clayton, and our new minister, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Woods, who will start Sept. 1.

After services, a potluck dinner was served in the Educational Building. Special music was provided by Larry Henderson during the service and at the Educational Building. A DVD was shown, and available for sale, of the Norcatatur United Methodist Church. A very special thanks to Larry Danforth for creating it and all his hard work on organizing this celebration.

Some late news from Rea and Dee Magers. On Sunday, Aug. 1, 23 of the Magers clan met at the Educational Building in Norcatatur for their

36th reunion. Other than the usual ones there, they had people from Loveland and Louviers, Colo.

Terry Gade is back home from surgery in Denver. The surgery was July 27 and he was back home late Friday, July 30. He had a new hip (ball) and locking socket put in. This time he's up and about a lot sooner than before and only using a cane.

Happy birthday and anniversary to Frank Hillebrand, Aug. 15, and Troy and Deb Marshall, Aug. 11.

Weekend guests at the Stan Miller farm were Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Sophia, Topeka, and Mr. and Mrs. Chad Applebury, Eli and Karyssa, Colby. They took Cardinal Bar and Grill pizza to Oberlin and had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller before they all took in the fair on Friday night and then Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller joined them at the Miller farm on Saturday noon for lunch.

On Saturday, Aug. 7, Virgil and Joyce Price attended the annual Remington picnic in McCook. There were 24 present to enjoy the good food and lots of visiting.

Visitors of Wava Reames from

Monday through Friday were Shawna and Johnny Crum. They attended the Ankenman reunion in Norton and took Wava's grandkids back home to Dover, Okla. Also surprising Wava with a visit were Ken and Gerhild Clark. They had made a quick trip from Houston to visit family and friends for a couple of days. Ken was raised in Norton. They were going to visit Oran and LaVerne Milner in Norton and Janet Rippe in Indianola, Neb.

Sunday evening Lynn Ward hosted a combined birthday party for Les Ward, Johnny Crum and James Reames. Other guests were Frank Ward, Keith Ward, Shawna Crum, Shawnda Hall and Wava Reames. Scrumptious cake and ice cream was served.

Johnny Crum and Shawnda Hall visited Frank Ward at Whispering Pines Sunday and Monday.

Ray, Jen Bryce, Abbey and Isaac Thornton of Hays, and Laci Leichter, Sharee Dempewolf and friend, Trae, Colby, met Chris Dempewolf and they all went to the Decatur County Fair on Thursday night.

Sharee Dempewolf and her friend, Trae, came Sunday evening to stay with her dad, Doug Dempewolf and M.J. On Monday they worked and attended the benefit for Jason Thomas in Oberlin. The benefit was organized by Sharee, who was a classmate of Jason's.

Fifteen smiling faces were present for Senior Citizens on Aug. 6 and the winners were Virgil Price, June Jolly and Bee Nelson. The next meeting will be on Aug. 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the Educational Building in Norcatatur.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Rachelle Solko and Renae Solko were Thursday evening visitors of Aurelia Escher in Topeka. Rachelle, Renae and friends enjoyed the Tall Corn festivities in Rossville over the weekend. Rachelle concluded the weekend with a visit in Hays and proceeded to Ness City to visit Darla and Mike Lovelady and family.

Saturday evening, Greg, Rita and Joe Marintzer met Justin and Lori Marintzer and her parents, Bill and Sandy Rutschow, for steaks at Roger's Bar and Grill. Bill and Sandy are visiting Justin and Lori for a few days. They drove down from their home in Ettrick, Wis. On Sunday evening, Justin and Lori cooked dinner for Bill, Sandy, Greg, Rita, Joe, and Pete and Eileen Portschy.

Jerry Dunlap of Lowell, Ark., was a Monday visitor of Dave and Judy Ketter of Herndon.

Dean, Deb and Neil Portschy spent the weekend in Stockton visiting family and friends. They enjoyed attending the Rooks County Free Fair. Deb was in a tailgate cooking contest with her sister and three friends on Friday afternoon. Their team, "The Cream Caners," received third place for their cream can meal and presentation. On Saturday, they attended Deb's 25th class reunion lunch and later enjoyed watching their nephew and cousin in the pickup demolition derby where he took third place. They headed back home after brunch on Sunday with family.

Don and Joan Grafel were hosts to a steak supper on Saturday at Roger's Bar and Grill. Guests were Steve, Susan and Makenzie Nelson,

Oberlin, Matt Buesch, Wichita, and Todd Nelson, Colby. Following the meal, they enjoyed birthday cake at Don and Joan's in honor of Steve and Makenzie's birthdays.

Jerry Niemeth gave Francis Niemeth a call last week. Francis is in a nursing home in Cottonbloom, N.M. He reports doing fine and sends greetings to everyone in Herndon.

Pickles, pickles, pickles. The Marintzer family recently met at the home of Joe and Chris Halling in Thornton, Colo. This pickling-canning weekend may well turn into an annual tradition in the family. The recipe was handed down from Grandma Lydia Janousek to daughter, Doris Marintzer. What excitement in the household when opening the first jar and who got to test that first pickle? Those attending this first canning weekend of Doris's family were Joe and Chris; Bud and Vicky Mumm, Gem; Steve and Lydia Bryan, Arvada, Colo.; Damian Marintzer, Westminster, Colo.; Anita Mumm, Denver, and Judy Smith, Greeley, Colo. They say the secret lies in scrubbing the right size pickle and tweaking the spices to taste.

The dedication of the stone in St. Mary's Cemetery, a memorial from the Richard and Theresa Solko family, took place Sunday, Aug. 15, before the Feast Day Mass and picnic celebration. Family and friends joined Fr. Nick at the blessing. Alan Solko grilled hamburgers, polish sausage and hot dogs, and Destiny Schroeder baked a welcome cake for Fr. Nick while parish women

provided baked beans, creamy cucumbers and fresh tomatoes, chips and lemonade.

Julie's Memory Joggers
Herndon Nonpareil, Thursday, March 14, 1918: To the People of Herndon and Surrounding County:

It gives us much pleasure to announce that the First State Bank of Herndon, Kan., will open its doors for business next Monday morning, March 18, 1918, at nine o'clock in the new brick building erected by B.H. Scheve.

The stockholders are all composed of bankers and businessmen, old timers in this part of the state. The bank in the future will, as is the record of the men behind it in the past, be conducted upon a liberal, yet conservative policy. Small as well as large accounts are welcomed. Courteous and accommodating methods throughout are guaranteed.

Francis Drath, who for many years has been in the banking business at Herndon, has been elected cashier and will be in active charge of the business. In dealing with him, you will have no new acquaintances to form.

All are invited to call upon this new institution next Monday and shake hands with your old cashier, Francis Drath, and other officers: Otis L. Benton, president; R.C. Drath, vice president; Francis Drath, cashier; H.O. Douglas, G.H. Lippelmann, Art S. Steele, George W. Dull., Grant C. Cox, Walter Smith.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Sunflower Senior Citizens potluck supper and program was enjoyed by Agnes Wahlmeier, Ramona and Stan Shaw, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Eleanor Morel, Kenneth and Vi Krizek, Louise Cressler, and Dan and Shelley Wahlmeier, Joaquin and Jazzmin.

Reminder: Firemen's Funday will be held Saturday, Aug. 28, with all day activities. Cakes for the cake walk would be appreciated. Contact Mary Wahlmeier or leave at the City Hall Saturday morning. Also, donated items, including clothing, for the garage sale and bake sale can be given to Terri Hanke or dropped off at the American Legion building prior to Saturday. A schedule of events will be printed in the paper. Kolaches will be baked Friday, Aug. 27, at the former Masonic Hall. All help is appreciated. Convection ovens, the large mixer, pans, racks and air conditioners have been purchased by the Historical Building Preservation Committee from Bus and Coach International (former schoolhouse) and installed in the Masonic Hall.

Water meters will be read Saturday, Aug. 21. If your meter is inside, please post your reading on

the front door.

Sharon Gaston, Ames, Iowa, and Cody Clark, Boone, Iowa, came on Tuesday to visit her parents, Wayne and Louise Cressler. Wednesday morning Sharon received word the town of Ames was flooding. Fortunately for them they live in the north part of town on higher ground. Seven water lines burst and they were without water for several days. By Sunday when they went home, the water had receded. Russell Cressler from Bison came to visit on Thursday.

Megan Faris, Manhattan and Gwen Anderson, Council Grove, drove up on Friday. Manhattan had 93-mile-an-hour winds and rain on Friday. Megan and Gwen had a difficult time finding a road open to leave town. There were downed tree limbs and no electrical power.

Violet Foster has returned home from Kearney hospital. She is doing well.

The Mowry-Brewster reunion will be held at the Sunflower Senior Center in Jennings on Sunday, Sept. 5, with a potluck dinner at 12:30 p.m. In past years, it has been held at Hoxie.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Dewayne Jackson killed a rattlesnake on the way to church Aug. 1. People still call these hot weeks "dog days" when the snakes are shedding their skins and will strike without warning. Out of curiosity, I looked up "dog days." I don't have the internet's help so have to go to my trusty old encyclopedia. It says that the bright star, Sirius, the dog star, in the constellation, Canis Major, rises at dawn in midsummer. The ancient mythologists thought the stars were in the shape of dogs accompanying the Greek hunter, Orion. You probably already knew that.

Three young people, grandchildren of Joyce Sumner, Brooke, Brady and Gracie Mae, joined the quilters on Tuesday. They were fun to have and very helpful.

Members of the Liberty Star Club "fair sat" Thursday evening at the 4-H building at Oberlin. Some of the members ran rides also. There were so many good paintings, photography, cooking, gardening, wood-crafts and sewing, not to mention

the animals, train and other rides. Of course, it wouldn't be a fair without the cotton candy, funnel cakes and lots of food. Homemade, home run fun is hard to beat.

Darrel Rippe and his girl friend, Peggy, stopped at Margaret "Toots" Magers on Friday.

The Lyle group dismissed church Sunday in order to attend the Norcatatur Methodist Church's celebration of its 125th anniversary. There was a good service with special music followed by a dinner and fellowship at the Educational Building. It was good to see past pastors and friends. One past minister, Charles Keller, was there but his wife was in the hospital from a reaction to medication.

Earnest Huff developed pneumonia but Donna thought they caught it in time and he was better.

June Jolly quilted Tuesday, played cards Friday at Norcatatur and was going to a picnic in McCook. She said she won the pot at cards three times. She is such a winner.

Back-To-School

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

In just the last couple weeks we have enjoyed the fair, perhaps taken a quick getaway vacation from routine and now, we find it's time to settle in to the routine of a new school year. We know that this affects the students because most of them have had three months away from routine. The adjustments are enormous, such as getting up early, spending the day in school, (band and/or vocal ensemble practice even before the regular school day begins), sports after school and homework until sleep and the next morning, when the cycle repeats all over again. Also, some high school students may be working a part-time job as well. The parents are making adjustments as well. In fact, the entire community, by and large, adjusts to this routine. It is a routine that is set up, basically, the same way each year and so everyone knows what to expect. Occasionally, a modification may be in order and the routine continues on until when school ends in May.

When we think of going back to the routine of Back-To-School and how it affects the whole community, we know that this routine makes living in community

understandable and stable. We know what to expect and it feels good and safe for us. The fabric of the community, and identity as well, is sewn up in the routines that school and the school calendar of events offer us. It would be difficult to imagine it otherwise.

In the midst of our comfort in the familiar setting of this routine, we need to realize that it is possible for all of us of any age to learn something new from one another. Certainly as Christians it is possible to see our faith journey with Jesus as a life long learning opportunity. For instance, we learn what it is like to lose a loved one along the way. We may need to learn to cope with life alone, after a spouse of decades passes away. The need to learn and grow in faith never stops. We are all Back-In-School in life in one way or another.

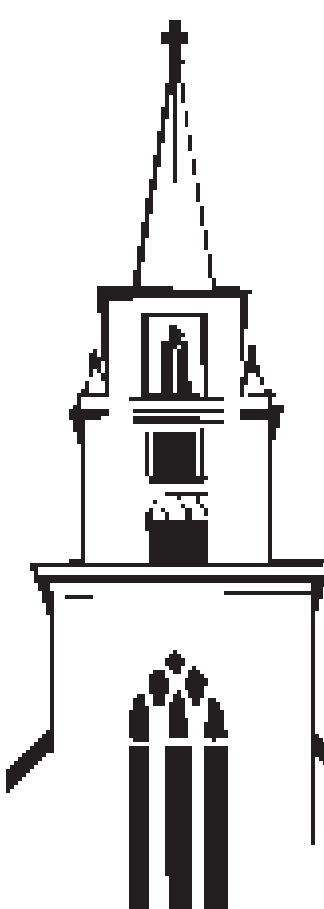
Let us pray. "Lord God, help us to follow you as we journey in this life that we might live our lives for you in all that we do. Help us to see your love and your guidance for us as we walk in this life by faith until we see you face to face in heaven. Amen."



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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| <p>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday</p> <p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</p> <p>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 10 a.m., Sunday</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. Linda Willey
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. Linda Willey
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, 10 a.m. 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: Morning Worship, 10 a.m.</p> <p>NORCATATUR 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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