

Happy birthday and anniversary to Lois Wentz, Aug. 19; Anetta Knapp, Rodney New, Aug. 20; Dorothy Woods, Albert and Mary Sedlmayer, Aug. 21; Lora Arnold, Aug. 22; Kristi Gallentine, Aug. 23; and Mark Bailey, Aug. 24.

The weekend of Aug. 7 and 8, visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Barnett were their children Marylyn Perry and Darren and Julie Barnett, Alex and Megan. They spent Saturday afternoon at the Sebelius Lake swimming and enjoying the Decatur County fair rides that night. The entire family attended the 125th anniversary of the Norcat United Methodist Church. Marylyn had to leave for Kearney before dinner, but the rest were able to stay and enjoy visiting. Alex, Megan and Grandma Alice had to get wet one more time before Darren's family had to leave for home in Haysville.

Grandmother Dorothy Ward was glad to talk to Lisa Leichter on Sunday afternoon and learned that she is still doing treatment. Just recently she had an e-mail from Lila Freshment.

Leonard and Dorothy Cochran, Oberlin, were Saturday afternoon visitors of Virgil and Joyce Price. They enjoyed catching up on some family history and the sent some older family pictures home with them.

Cathy Claussen and Beth Johnson made a business trip to Hastings, Neb., on Aug. 13. They visited the Ronald Molzahns at Kensington and Connie Gordan in Agra.

Jackson Robert Wade was born Aug. 13, 2010, to Chrystal Chappa and Nick Wade in Austin, Texas. His grandmother is Lynn (Sissy) McFarland, Killeen, Texas. Great-granddad is Keith Anthony, Norcat.

Bea Nelson accompanied Dorothy Ward to Hays early Wednesday morning where Dorothy had her pacemaker replaced. On Saturday,

Mrs. Nelson took Gary Anthony to McCook for is dialysis, and Sunday afternoon she to Wava Reames to Kearney to consult her doctors, with perhaps coming home in a day or so. Thanks Bee!

Justin and Hollie Ricke and family of Andover came to the Bob and Kay Strevey home on Aug. 5, en route to Colorado. On Thursday morning all left except baby Grace and she spent a few days with Grandpa and Grandma.

Lorene and Wendy Tien and family of Andover, came home to Grandpa and Grandma Strevey's on Aug. 6. They all went to the Phillipsburg parade on Saturday and then the Tien family went on to the Decatur County Fair that evening. The whole clan was at church on Sunday to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the United Methodist Church.

Ron and Jerry Temple, Lisa and Jerry Rhodes, Darren Amos, and Scott and Tracey Hartzog traveled to Rawlins County on Sunday, Aug. 1, to the home of Larry and Suzanne Cahoj to eat Chinese food and view the pictures that their grandson, Marcus Cahoj, took while he was in China. His tour guide, friend and roommate for next year at K-State, Yang Bin, met him in the airport in Shanghai and the adventure began. The tour included visits to the Shanghai Expo, Yang's home near the city of Hangzhou, and the Putuo Mountains, one of the four major places of worship for Buddhists. From there Marcus and Yang traveled to Beijing and visited Tiananmen Square and the Great Wall.

This was also a farewell dinner for Ron and Jerry's granddaughter Simone Cahoj. Simone, a senior at KU, is spending a semester in Washington, D.C. as an intern for Congressman Jerry Moran. Simone will return back to Kansas in December. She will then finish her last semester at KU, graduating

in May with a degree in Business Management with an emphasis in Entrepreneurship.

Weekend guests of Dave and Patty Stapp were Jerrod and Kortney Poire, Kaitlyn Stapp, Colby; Michael Schamberger, Hoxie; Caren Thompson, Norton, and Sam Stapp.

Supper guests of Dewaine Stapp on Friday were Randy Stapp, Mount Vernon, Ind.; Christopher Stapp, Decatur, Ill.; Matt and Kim Tetric, Omaha, and Jerrod and Kortney Poire, Sam Stapp, Dave and Patty Stapp. Randy, Christopher, Matt, Jerrod and Kaitlyn golfed in the Decatur Health Systems benefit golf tourney Saturday. Dave, Patty, Sam and Kortney and Caren went fishing at the Norton lake. The group attended the benefit supper at the Legion Saturday evening.

### Museum Tid-Bits

Thanks to Carol Miller for the items that she donated to the Norcat Museum. They included her dad, John Rule's Navy uniform, his Navy whites, Navy duffle bag and other bags from the Navy, Clayton Evangelical United Brethren Church plate, a Citizens State bank pen and the Clayton High School Alumni book that was compiled in 1991. Thanks, Carol, for all the awesome items! They will look great in the museum.

Thanks to Keith Anthony for the UMC 125th anniversary program and invitation.

If anyone has items that they would like to have put in the museum, please drop them off at the Norcat City Office.

Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton, and Ramona Shaw attended a barbecue Saturday evening at the home of Katie and Zach Golemboski and Lexy of Colby to honor Katie on her birthday.

Martin and Darlene LaRue attended a beautiful outdoor wedding of Daniel Kaspar and Janelle Cochran Saturday, Aug. 21, at Ogallala, Neb. Daniel is the son of Raymond and Betty Kaspar of Colorado, but formerly of Jennings. Raymond worked for LaRue Tank service at the time.

City of Jennings is getting some more of residents' water meters put outside houses so they can be more easily read. We appreciate the cooperation of everyone where we have worked in their yard.

Firemen's Fun Day is Saturday, Aug. 28. Come join in the activities.

The Jennings American Legion Auxiliary met at the Royal Neighbor Hall of the Czech Museum on Aug. 7. President Neoma Tacha led the group in the flag salute. Present were Mary Wahlmeier, Rachel Carter, Lila Jennings, Alice Wagoner and Alice Mizer. Guest was Ann Szeistis. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given. 2011 dues have been raised by the State to \$17.50.

A prayer was given in memory of Marjorie Tacha, who passed away on July 30. She was a 42-year member of the Auxiliary.

We will support the American

Legion Bake Sale at Firemen's Fun Day by taking sale items to the Legion Hall for this. At our November meeting, we will be preparing the evergreen wreaths for the cemeteries. The meeting closed with our chaplain, Rachel Carter, reading a prayer.

The Czech Museum Board of Directors met Aug. 5. No July meeting was held due to members harvesting wheat. President Neoma Tacha called the meeting to order with Mary Wahlmeier, Lawrence and Lila Jennings, Bob Tacha, Larry

Mizer and Dean Gawith present. Mary Wahlmeier donated information about Pearl Harbor and the Arizona battleship. Other donations were received from Mike Tacha, Ethel Taylor, Darlene LaRue, Doyle Browns, Vaile Rohan, Pat Foster and Roberta Petracek. We appreciate all of these.

We will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday for Firemen's Fun Day. Our next meeting is Thursday, Sept. 2, and the public is invited to attend.

## Help Wanted Head Start Aide

The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center is accepting applications for Decatur, Thomas and Norton County Head Start Aide for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Qualifications:** High School Diploma or equivalent. This will be an 8 hour per day position, Monday through Friday assisting the teacher in completing duties.

**Contact Person:** Keva Scheib, Head Start Director, 785-672-3125 extension 160. To receive an application, contact Rose Langley, 785-672-3125.

**Application Deadline:** Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

## Back To Routines

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 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 prowling at every corner with opportunity to spread misery and doubt upon us.

Yes, we are settling in to those routines of the school year. The calendars on the wall are filling up with school activities and other activities of the community that fall into place around the new year. We are creatures of habit and we like to have routines that we can follow. These routines order our days and our deeds. As the new school year is still very young, we may have felt like we are really in January and are working on keeping good habits or may have already fallen into bad habits. It may be helpful if we are aware that we live as if we have just begun a new year. Perhaps, on the first day of school we should have wished each other a "Happy New Year!"

With this new year of routines back in place, we may feel confident that we are in familiar territory. If

we have fallen into bad habits, we may want to say to ourselves, "It is still early in the new year, let's make a new New Year's Resolution and start over on September 1st!" It's not too late to begin anew. As Christians, we believe, that we are able to confess our sins and receive forgiveness. We can experience being a new creation through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

In our New Year, we can experience new things, if we want to do so. We are free to make decisions that set us on a different course than last year. The greatest gift that God gave us in creation is the gift of choice. We are decision-makers. God does not mess with our free will. In our new school year, let us enjoy the comfort of routines, but let us, also, realize that if we need to change — we can. The opportunity to change is in our power to choose. Let us use the power of our choices wisely. Let us choose to love others with compassion and mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Let us pray, "Loving God, help us to realize the importance of our community in life together, as we gather for important festivals, as we re-create, rest, reflect, and renew for coming back to routines of a new year. Help us to make the most of the blessings of life you gift us with so that we might connect deeply with you. Amen."

Remember: God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good!



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.

## 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, LEOVILLE**  
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.

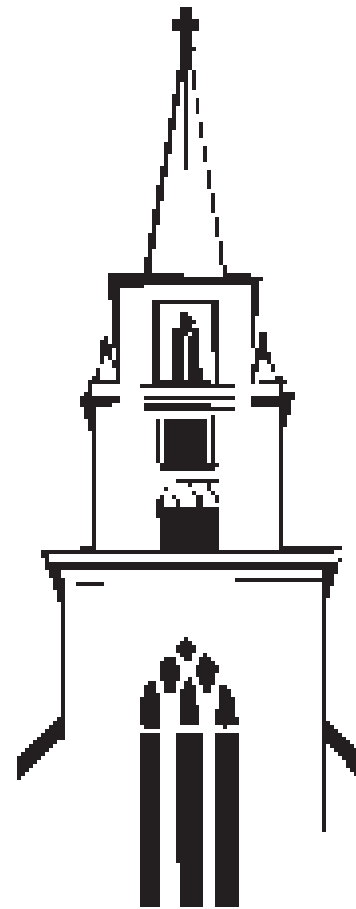
**NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Larry Danforth  
Almena  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

**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 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..



## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Brooke Sumner and Gracie Mae Archer made a nice addition to the sewing group at Lyle on Tuesday. Their grandmother, Joyce, was pleasantly surprised at their know-how and industriousness — they got so much done. Besides, it is fun to have young people around. Thank you, girls!

Brady Sumner and Aubrey High were also visitors. They will be in school this week. The quilt Margaret "Toots" Magers worked on so long is done and now they are working on one pieced by Gary and Keith Anthony's grandmother.

June Jolly attended the Old Settlers picnic in Indianola on Saturday. Barbara Jolly and Myrna Haag won the rolling pin toss.

Toots Magers had fully planned to go to the Lyle community picnic on Sunday but had a quick change of plans when Judy asked her if she wanted to go to Abilene. To see the grandkids. Now, all grandmas know the answer to that one. We missed her at the picnic but were all glad she could go. She went to Quinter on Saturday and Judy Easton took her to Abilene. She returned home Sunday afternoon.

As to the picnic, it sprinkled some Sunday morning, making us wonder about the picnic grounds, but it cleared up and was a wonderful day. It was cool enough to feel great and we were not bothered by flies and mosquitoes. And a good time was had by all (I think). I know I did, in-

cluding the slippery slide. Some of the younger people went on the goat swing, ignoring the mud at the bottom of the creek. Some old timers who used to go to that picnic might be surprised to know that there is usually no water there now. Thanks to all that attended. Tell your friends and all to come next year.

Carol Moye returned from Douglas, Wyo., where she had gone to be with her daughter, Tracey Pershing, who had surgery for a torn achilles tendon. She is recuperating at home.

Aubrey likes to get a blank page on Word pad and write letters, then asked me what she had written. I finally told her she could make words, and started with the easy ones — cat, dog, pig, kitten, etc. I would print it and she would copy it after me. She started asking for all the animal names she could think of, printing larger and larger. She said, "Write hippo." I asked if she wanted to write hippopotamus, but she thought hippo should be enough. She is ready for school!

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen, her son, Tim Nejd and his wife, Jolene, and son, Clint, were at the community picnic. Kathy and Lloyd went to the Trego County fair where they had the 100th year celebration on Aug. 6. They attended the 80th birthday party for Leroy Pierce at WaKeeney on Sunday where they ate, danced and visited friends she hadn't seen in a long time.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

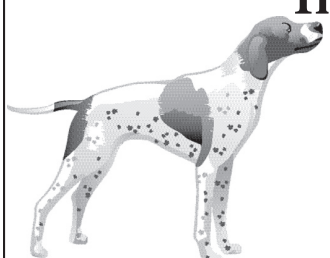
The second annual "Tipis on the Sappa" celebration will be held Saturday and Sunday at the farm of J.R. and Carol Ginther west of Achilles. Call them at (785) 322-5343, or email blaine@surefireag.com for more information. Half of the proceeds will go to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

The congregations of the Herndon, Oberlin and Lund Covenant Churches will meet for worship services at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at

the Oberlin City Park. A potluck dinner will follow. Pastor Doug Mason will have the sermon, and Adam and Andrea Spanier will lead the music.

Bob and Annette Frenzl of Salina visited her father, Bob Olson, over the weekend. Sally Olson is still undergoing therapy. Her corrected address is Derby Health and Rehab Center, 731 Klein Circle #4, Derby, Kan., 67037.

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