

The Senior Citizens met Aug. 20 at the Educational Building with 12 players. Winners were Jackie Porter, Gary Anthony and Margaret "Toots" Magers. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday.

Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson were guests of Betty Reid for the Whispering Pines monthly coffee on Aug. 19. It was fun seeing everyone again, but missed the former Norcatour people, Lula Hix, Pansy Price, Helen McVay and Oran and LaVerne Milner. They did see Frank Ward. Norcatour is still represented by Betty Reid, Merle Cozad, Frank Ward and Lila Rule of Clayton. This was a coffee to exchange puzzles.

Bee Nelson was accompanied by Dorothy Ward to McCook on Friday, Aug. 20, for her eye appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller went to Kearney, Neb., on Saturday, Aug. 21, to attend a wedding in the park

of friends, Miranda Thayer and Ross Spencer.

Norcatour postmaster Deb Combs, along with her sister, Linda Clark of Emporia and Jean Daniels of Norcatour, recently returned from a two-week vacation visiting several family members in New Mexico and Colorado. Jean Daniels stopped for 10-day visit with her daughter, Vickie and Kevin Alexander of Bosque Farms, N.M. Deb and Linda continued on to San Rafael, N.M., where they spent the night with their mother, Shirley Taylor. The following morning the three women went to Belgrade, Mont. to visit brother Robert Taylor. On their trip, the trio visited Shiprock, Mont.; Hole in the Wall, Utah; and the salt lake around Antelope Island, Utah. Linda's youngest daughter, Whitney Clark, Manhattan, and friend also made the trip to Montana. The group visited Old Faithful in Yellowstone

National Park, Virginia City, took a boat ride on the Missouri River near Helena, Mont., and enjoyed horse back riding in Bozeman, Mont. En route home, the three stopped at the Teton Mountains and then went on to Colorado, where they stopped at Climax, Leadville and Buena Vista. They picked up Jean in New Mexico, then returned to Kansas.

Happy birthday and anniversary to Kortney Stapp Poire, Randy Allen, Gerry Hill, Gerry and Cheryl Hill, Paul and Teryn Lange, Aug. 26; Wava Reames, Aug. 27; Estella Harold, Jeff Roe, Aug. 28; Carl Lyon, Aug. 29; and Bob Strevey, Aug. 31.

Lloyd and Sharon Stanton of Salina visited his mother, Arlene Hix, on Aug. 11 and 12. They were en route to Colorado on business.

Lynn Jeffries went Ashland, Ore., at the beginning of summer to see six shows at the Oregon Shakespeare festival, including "Hamlet," directed by Bill Rauch, and "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," directed by Christopher Moore. Chris is also performing the part of Malvolio in "Twelfth Night."

Rea and Dee Magers and their son, Jeff, and Joy Luoto, Cedar Bluffs, attended the hospital benefit at the American Legion in Oberlin.

Don DeMonte, who is riding his Tennessee walking horse, Rico, was in town over the weekend, and I took him to the Frontier for food and let him use my pickup for hauling feed to his horse. Don is riding from Kentucky to California. His mission is child abuse and suicide prevention awareness. Rico developed some problems last week, so had to take a rest. A friend he met along the way offered the use of one of his horses, but this horse turned out to be a little too green broke to tackle this project, so hopefully by the time you read this Don and Rico will be on their way to the Colorado border. He will then take a break to fly back to Kentucky for a couple weeks, then return to Kansas and continue his ride toward California.

We are in need of some new music on Main Street. If you have any CD's you would like to donate to the cause, we would greatly appreciate it.

I will be getting information lined up for the "Table Tents" for the last quarter of 2010, which would be for October, November, and December. I have to have the information in my office by Wednesday, Sept. 15 (no later).

Remember our "Colorado Guest Ranch" gift certificate give-away drawing will be Friday, Oct. 2, at the Museum during lunch. I have tickets here in the office and each board member also has tickets. This ranch is in a quiet location between Loveland and Estes Park. If you win, the certificate is good for six months from when you receive it.

The Highway "36" Treasure Hunt Garage Sales are coming up quickly:

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17, 18 and 19. Some choose to do all three days, but some only part of that time. If you wish to put your garage sale on our Chamber list and map, I need the information to the Chamber office by Monday noon, Sept. 13. I will then have them available on Wednesday here in the Chamber office. Happy Hunting! Have a great week!!

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

On Tuesday morning, Joyce Sumner came by and I rode to Lyle with her and Eleanor Jensen. It had rained some, but Joyce made it OK. The gravel on the Lyle road was a great help. Her pickup was filled with small quilts made by Jackie Porter. There was also a full-size quilt top that Joyce thought was from Jackie, but later found that it wasn't from her. So "thank you" to whoever brought it. We got it finished that afternoon.

Since the Norcatour Bar and Grill was closed, the Lyle group took me to Cambridge, Neb., for a belated birthday dinner. The diners were Toots Magers, Joyce Sumner, Eleanor Jensen, June Jolly, Kathy Van Meter and me. June took her car, and Kathy met us in Cambridge. After our lunch we went to the local thrift store where we browsed for a while before heading back to Lyle. We made plans to take Kathy Van Meter to Oberlin for her birthday dinner on Friday.

The same group made it to Oberlin, with the exception of myself. The group then drove back to Norcatour to the Senior Citizens meeting.

Aubrey High gets off the school bus at my house until her mother

gets home from work. She loves school, and shows us her homework. She took a hair ornament out of her hair and I suggested she put it in her backpack. She emphatically said, "No, that's for kool." It's still cute the way she leaves the 's' off the front of some words.

Teresa Wood's father, Lester Goode of Lapeer, Mich., died on Wednesday, Aug. 18. The family members plan a memorial at a later date. Her sister, Diane, had knee replacement surgery on Monday.

Granddaughter, Tracey Pershing, has to wait a week before having stitches out of her foot. It is hard for her to be as inactive as she needs to.

Earnest Huff is some better. He is still in Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook.

Vonne Sumner visited Toots Magers Sunday afternoon, took over her weed work and had a long visit.

Gary Anthony reported that Carol Woodmansee is not feeling up to giving the message at Lyle Church as she usually does on the fifth Sunday of the month, so Jim Plotts offered to fill in. We appreciate them both.

## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The city's siren sounded off during the week not due to inclement weather but as a test. Several months ago the siren had quit working and after an evaluation, was told that the motor was "fried." Thomas County Emergency Management coordinator, Susan McMahan, presented to the Mayor and City Council the cost for a replacement would be \$16,339.42. Several options were presented: the siren would not be replaced, the city would be responsible for all costs in replacing the siren, and the Thomas County Community Foundation would donate \$500., the City to pay 7 percent (\$1,106.00) and the county making up the difference. Mayor Dennis Allison attended a county commissioner's meeting and though they hadn't made a final decision concerning the siren, they were proposing giving \$4,500 towards the siren with Rexford paying \$11,349.42.

The City Council did not like the idea of burdening residents with another cost increase in utilities and decided not to accept the county's proposal. Instead, Bill Scott, City Supervisor, decided to see if the motor was repairable and had taken it to Don's Electric and Rewind in Ellis. The motor was repaired for less than \$150 so Thomas County Community Foundation will have to be contacted as what to do with the grant money. Thank you, Mayor

Allison and City Council, for keeping the interests of your residents a top priority.

Golden Plains Schools began the 2010-1011 school year on Tuesday, Aug. 25, so the traffic in Rexford has increased. So, students driving to and from school, obey the standard traffic rules, and pedestrians, be aware of the increased traffic.

On Friday evening, Rexford Lions and Golden Plains Booster Club sponsored a Back to School Barbecue, serving close to 200 people after the volleyball and football scrimmages. A thank you and appreciation is extended to the members of these organizations for contributing their time to an evening of excitement as we all anticipate great things to happen during the school year.

I apologize for not having news items submitted for the past few months. Like different seasons are divided into the year, so are the seasons of life we sometimes need to endure. And a season of time needed to be spent on my own personal issues, which took away time for other activities, including the submission of Rexford news. So, Rexford residents, if you have news you would like to have mentioned in the column, please, get me the information by calling (785) 687-2525 and leave a message or at email to vallison56@yahoo.com.

## The Life-Saving Station

By Pastor Doug Mason, Lund Covenant Church, Oberlin

There's an old story that I shared with the Covenant church congregations last Sunday that I'd like to share with you today. It's known as "The Life-Saving Station."

On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur, there was once a little life-saving station.

The building was primitive, and there was just one boat, but the members of the life-saving station were committed and kept a constant watch over the sea. When a ship went down, they unselfishly went out day or night to save the lost. Because so many lives were saved by that station, it became famous. Consequently, many people wanted to be associated with the station to give their time, talent, and money to support its important work.

New boats were bought, new crews were recruited, a formal training session was offered.

As the membership in the life-saving station grew, some of the members became unhappy that the building was so primitive and that the equipment was so outdated. They wanted a better place to welcome the survivors pulled from the sea. So they replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in the enlarged and newly decorated building.

Now the life-saving station became a popular gathering place for its members. They met regularly and when they did, it was apparent how they loved one another.

They greeted each other, hugged each other, and shared with one another the events that had been going on in their lives. But fewer members were now interested in going to sea on life-saving missions; so they hired lifeboat crews to do this for them.

About this time, a large ship was wrecked off of the coast, and the hired crews brought into the life-saving station boatloads of cold, wet, dirty, sick, and half-drowned people. Some of them had black skin, and some had yellow skin. Some could speak English well, and some could hardly speak it at all. Some were first-class cabin passengers of the ship, and some were the deck hands. The beautiful meeting place became

a place of chaos. The plush carpets got dirty. Some of the exquisite furniture got scratched. So the property committee immediately had a shower built outside the house where the victims of shipwreck could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting there was rift in the membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's life-saving activities, for they were unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal fellowship of the members. Other members insisted that life-saving was their primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a life-saving station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save the lives of all those various kinds of people who would be shipwrecked, they could begin their own life-saving station down the coast. And do you know what? That is what they did.

As the years passed, the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the old.

It evolved into a place to meet regularly for fellowship, for committee meetings, and for special training sessions about their mission, but few went out to the drowning people. The drowning people were no longer welcomed in that new life-saving station. So another life-saving station was founded further down the coast.

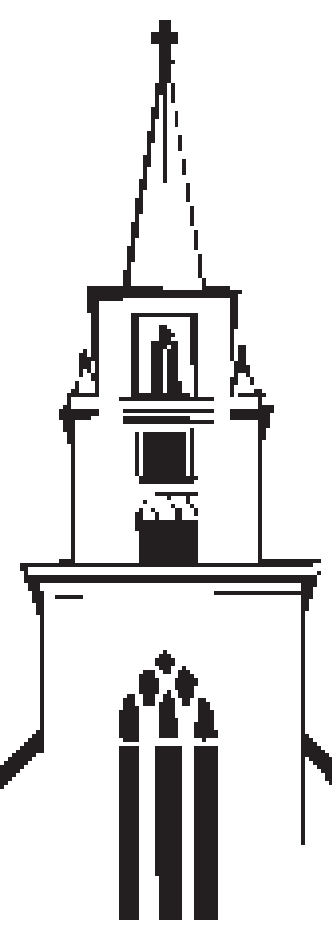
History continued to repeat itself. And if you visit that seacoast today, you will find a number of adequate meeting places with ample parking and plush carpeting. Shipwrecks are frequent in those waters, but most of the people drown.

If you haven't figured it out, this story is about churches. We are supposed to be about saving lives, about serving the needy, about caring for those in difficult circumstances, but we, instead, are more concerned about having pretty meeting places and being surrounded with people we are comfortable with. That's not the church that Jesus started. So why don't we, instead of building yet another church (down the coast), change our vision in existing churches and do as Jesus did.



## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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| <p><b>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH</b><br/>785-475-3103<br/>Fr. Mark Berland,<br/>MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday</p> <p><b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE</b><br/>Fr. Mark Berland,<br/>MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</p> <p><b>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN</b><br/>Fr. Mark Berland,<br/>MASS: 10 a.m., Sunday</p> <p><b>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>Pastor: Barbara Patterson<br/>SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>DRESDEN</b><br/>SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>The Rev. Linda Willey<br/>SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>Pastor: Dennis Brown<br/>SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN</b><br/>Pastor: Judi Stricker<br/>109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA<br/>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 &amp; 3rd Sundays. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Sun. following Worship</p> <p><b>OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)</b><br/>Pastor: Gene Gee<br/>SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.,</p> | <p><b>OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>102 North Cass — 785-475-3067<br/>The Rev. Linda Willey<br/>SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Praise team practice, 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>OBERLIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b><br/>The Rev. Royce Leitner<br/>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><b>OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>South Beaver Street - Oberlin<br/>Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259<br/>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><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON</b><br/>Fr. Nick Parker<br/>Phone 785-322-5560<br/>MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH</b><br/>Pastor: Keith Reuther<br/>Phone 785-322-5316<br/>SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Morning worship, 11 a.m., Youth group, 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p> | <p><b>LYLE UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>Guest Speakers every Sunday<br/>SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN</b><br/>Pastors: Chris and Sharon Nelson<br/>810 West Cedar, Oberlin<br/>Office Phone 785-475-2769<br/>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><b>LUND COVENANT CHURCH</b><br/>Pastor: Doug Mason<br/>10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin<br/>SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study and prayer, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br/>510 North Wilson<br/>Interim Pastor: Kevin Schnakenberg<br/>SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays..</p> | <p><b>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br/>404 North York Avenue<br/>Oberlin, Kansas<br/>The Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler<br/>Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053<br/>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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