

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Sympathy is extended to the family of Agnes Pruitt, who died April 4 at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. She was a former resident of Norcatour.

Dwayne Jackson was honored at the Norcatour Post Office with a reception in observance of delivering mail at Norcatour for 30 years. He was preseted with a certificate signed by the district manager and a 30-year pin. Making the presentation were Postmaster Deb Combs and Alice Barnett, rural carrier assistant for Mrs. Jackson and also postmaster replacement at Norcatour.

The results of the pool tournament held at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on April 6 were Larry Lively, first; Don Relaford, second, and Rusty Montgomery, third.

Mike Helm, Jacob, Mathew and Timothy were accompanied by Bee Nelson to the Kansas Honor Program Wednesday, April 6, at the Gateway Civic Center in Oberlin where they met Mr. and Mrs Jim Helm of McCook for the evening festivities. Students from 15 Kansas high Schools were honored by the University of Kansas Alumni Association and KU Endowment. A total of 48 seniors from these 15 schools

were recognized for their academic achievements and named Kansas Honor Scholars at a dinner and program at The Gateway. Decatur Community High School had three scholars and two were students from Norcatour: Jacob Helm, son of Mike and Debra Helm, and Carissa Wentz daughter of Dwight and Mary Wentz, also Jacob Larue of Oberlin, son of Bruce and Marianne Larue. Each received an American Heritage Dictionary, in both hard back and electronic versions, presented by Don Steeples, McGee Distinguished Professor of Geophysics from the University of Kansas. Congratulations, students!

On Sunday, April 10 Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson drove to Oberlin and picked up Beth Sebaugh and they went to the Frontier Cafe for Sunday dinner. Later the ladies went to the DCHS Auditorium for the Drama Club presentation, "Meet the Maxwells." Two Norcatour students, Nolan Henningson and Amanda Marshall, were members of the cast, and the Play Director was Anthony Marshall, another Norcatourite. Congratulations for a job well done!

Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson were in Norton Saturday, April

9 to attend the open house at the Norton American Legion Building for the 80th Birthday Open House honoring Eleanor Jensen, given by her family.

Happy Birthday to Anthony Marshall, April 19, and Happy Anniversary to Brad and Shanna Long, April 16.

Wava Reames and Lynn Ward's brother, Steve McMurry, delivered flowers for Garden Gate Floral, Etc., last Tuesday was a busy day., then enjoyed lunch at the Norton Park on the bench dedicated to Russell Wolf. When Wava was a teenager, Mr. Wolf used to work for my grandmother Alta Ward at the Kent Hotel in the '50's. For those of you too young to remember, the Kent Hotel is now apartments and houses the Mexican food restaurant.

Wava Reames reported that her weird cat, Sammy Blue Eyes, a rag doll cat, has developed a new taste in a cat treat-- African Violet flowers! That happens to be the only flower she can grow inside and some time ago, Sammy got hold of and ate one of the flowers. However, I checked with the vet and they are not poisonous, but I still consider it unconventional!

Aging expo set for April 29

Opportunity only knocks once. Seize the opportunity now to attend Full Circle: an Aging Expo April 29, in Phillipsburg.

Check out these indicators that opportunity is definitely knocking at your door.

Nationally known keynote speaker Dr. Joseph Galichia M.D.

Choice of three concurrent sessions centered around aging issues Premier Northwest Kansas location, Phillipsburg's Huck Boyd Center

Hearty Kansas lunch Continuing Education Units available for RN/ADM and other groups

Registration fee of only \$40 for 2 family members

Opportunity is knocking. Seize this opportunity and pre-register to receive the family member registration discount. Registration at the door is \$35 per person and lunch will not be guaranteed.

Now is the time to take action and plan to attend this Aging Expo! Participants may choose from the following sessions.

Put Pain In Your Rear View Mirror-- Jeanine Brown, RN and



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Regional Extension Agent

Courtney McCarty, RD and KHOP trainers

Defensive driving for the aging Driver-- Tod Hileman, Trooper, Kansas Highway Patrol

This Used To Be My Favorite Meal-- Taunya Williams, Consultant Dietitian

Home Modifications for Aging in Place, Carol Ann Crouch, KSU, Scott Co. FCS

Discussing the Options When Faced with Life Threatening Illness, Sue Noll, Hospice Hays Medical Center.

Antiques & Collectibles: Trash or Treasure? Marvin Mann, AA Antique Appraisal and Consulting

Estate Planning and Farm Succession Planning, Stacey Seibel, Seibel Law Office LLC

Caring for the Care Giver, Vera

Norwood, KS Department of Aging

Learn to Laugh with Laughter Yoga, Jan Moore, Activities Director, Sheridan Co. Long Term Care

Sharing Your Story, Kathy Luper-Nielsen, KSU, Post Rock Extension District FCS

For registration information contact the NW Area Extension Office and 785-462-6281 or your local K-State Research and Extension Office. You may also e-mail twatts@ksu.edu. Tranda Watts is a Kansas State University extension specialist in food, nutrition, health and safety for Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan, and Trego counties. Call her at (785)443-3663 or e-mail twatts@ksu.edu. For more information contact the county extension office 475-8121.

Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

As of May, the Family Practice Clinic has changed the day for early and late hours, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., from Tuesday to Thursday. Robin Williamson PA-C, Dr. Charles Hardison and Dr. Brad Warrick continue to provide care at the clinic.

Decatur Health Systems is applying for a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant for digital mammography equipment and also for a Kansas Community Service Program tax credit to be used for an automated drug dispensing system at the hospital.

Each of these programs require letters of support from community members that state why this equipment is important to the health and safety of our area, personally signed and dated, with separate letters for each program. Letters may be addressed to USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program; Kansas Community Service Program; or simply To Whom It May Concern.

Please answer the following questions in your letter: Why do you think that our community needs this equipment? How would this equipment improve the health and safety of our community members? Letters may be taken to the front desk at the hospital or mailed to Othelia Vacura, Decatur Health Systems, Box 268, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

Listed are some possible things that could be mentioned. For digital mammography: Electronic images can be sent for reading by radiologists in minutes via the Internet,

rather than days by ground transport, causing no delays in beginning treatment. Improved scanning capability for women under 50. Sharing of images can be done via the Internet, with specialists should more treatment be required. Contrast can be manipulated on electronic images to make them easier for doctors to read, so less rescanning is needed resulting in less exposure to radiation. Storage of images is stable, so comparison of historical images is better. Letters supporting the digital mammography must be turned in by Thursday.

For the automated drug dispensing system: Less hands-on work; this cuts down on med errors. As a result, patient safety is improved. Outdated drugs are automatically recognized. High level of security for medications: Narcotic drug counts are done by the machine rather than manually by nursing. Charting of medications is done through the dispensing system, with separate lists for medical supplies and medications.

Automated dispensing system automatically maintains a restocking list of medications and medical supplies. Less medication errors equals greater patient safety. Letters for the must be turned in by Tuesday, May 3. Any questions regarding these two programs should be addressed to Othelia Vacura at (785) 475-2208, extension 230.

Questions have recently been raised about the method of billing from the Family Practice Clinic.

The Family Practice Clinic is a different facility than Oberlin Medical Arts, which was located at the same address and closed recently.

Because you are a new patient to these providers and they are unaware of your health-care needs, the charge is a little higher for a first patient visit. This occurs because when a patient first goes to a different facility, time is invested in reviewing a patient's medical history. Charges for subsequent visits are lower. Our providers are always concerned with giving you the best medical care possible.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Finally, after all that wind, we have a few nice days. I made it out to the garden again to plant some onions.

I never have been able to raise good onions other than the small, green ones. Maybe by getting them in early will help. It is too early for a lot of stuff, but I hope some of you are planning on planting a couple vegetables to bring to the Farmers Market.

I still intend to plant the okra this year. It would be nice to have a few things to offer to the public, and that little bit of extra cash you might gain would help offset your gardening

expenses. Plus, there's the joy of growing something worthwhile. It can be a challenge, but also rewarding.

There will be a work time at Sappa Park on Wednesday (today) to do some clean up. If you can spare a bit of your time, call Gary Anderson at 475-2340 to find out what is needed and the time.

Oberlin Business Alliance is having a fish and burger fry from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday in the alleyway south of the Chamber building. Donations will go toward downtown projects.

The Decatur County Area Cham-

ber of Commerce is sponsoring the Professional Assistants Luncheon again this year, at 11:45 a.m. next Wednesday at the American Legion Hall. Grilled chicken salad, homemade bread and strawberry shortcake will be served.

I sent letters to all the businesses but I may have missed someone, so call the office at 475-3441 if you didn't get a letter. All professional assistants are invited. I need a number to turn in to the Legion by Friday. Entertainment will be provided by members of the Decatur Community High speech and drama team.

He Started It! Sharon Nelson, Evangelical Covenant Church

Usually, "He started it!" is a way to avoid responsibility. The finger points and we testify that, though we participated in whatever mayhem occurred, we definitely did not instigate it!

It's also a fair way to blame God for all the love in our lives. Last week, I started into John's first letter. He said we can know what love is because Jesus laid down his life for us. In the next chapter of John's first letter, he takes this further. Not only did God show us what love is, but God is love. There's no love without God and no God without love.

And He started it: We love because he first loved us (1 John 4:19). God loved his creation first, he loved the people of Israel first, and he loved the whole world first. Does it matter who started it? Our mothers didn't usually buy the "She started it" defense when it came to a sibling brawl. Does it make a difference whether God loved us first or not?

Yes, because we were powerless to love God or anyone. Paul says in *Romans 5:6*, "When we were

utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners." Jesus laid down his life, knowing we were unable to help ourselves or anyone else. He knew that our response would be inadequate. He loved us anyway.

We can also blame God for continuing to love us. *Hebrews 12:2* says, "We keep our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne." Not only does he get things started, he also keeps things going, and carries us to the goal he has for us.

Lord, remind us that you loved us first, demonstrated by your death on a cross. We were helpless and hopeless, and you gave your life for us. Remind us that you are the source of love, faith, and all good things. Give us the power to love as you love. Bring us to completion in you.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

- OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**
785-475-3103
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE**
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.
- SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday
- 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: Praise team practice, 8 p.m.
- CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST**
Pastor: Ed Woods
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. Nick Parker
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.
- HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH**
Pastor: Keith Reuther
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Youth group, 4 p.m.
- NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST**
Pastor: Ed Woods
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: Brad Marcuson
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.

Museum Matters

By Sharleen Wurm, Director

The museum board and staff want to thank everyone that donated items to the 10th Annual Rummage Sale and/or came and gave generously for treasures found. Over \$2,000 was taken in. We really appreciate the support from the community. The items left were taken to the Bargain Box Plus and the clothes were taken to the Leoville Catholic Church for their mission.

As you are making those Memorial and Alumni weekend plans, remember the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum will host Alumni Weekend on Friday and Saturday, May 27 and 28. We invite all alumni and the public to make this a place to come and socialize. We will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. There will be snacks

and drinks (coffee, tea, and water). Dick Carman (Class of 1957) will be showing a DCHS picture presentation throughout the two-day party. The two-day event along with museum tours will be free, but donations will be appreciated. The Oberlin Business Alliance will be grilling up hamburgers and polish sausages in front of the Museum on Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a free will donation.

The museum is the place to be on Alumni Weekend.

With all the wonderful and exciting happenings at the Museum, you should come and join us! Memberships are only \$20/Family or \$10/Single. Be a part of Oberlin's number one attraction.

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