

# Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

This will be the 122nd year for the annual observance of Memorial Day in Norcatour and the 39th consecutive year that the "Avenue of Flags" will be displayed. As in the past, all veterans in uniform, if possible, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and school children are requested to meet at the Main Gate (first driveway) into the Norcatour Cemetery at 1:45 p.m. to form the parade. There will be chairs available at the cemetery Memorial Day for the veterans that would like to use them. You are asked to bring your chairs. The parade will start from the cemetery main gate at 1:45 p.m.

The "Avenue of Flags" was first flown in 1972 and has been a beautiful addition to the color and ceremony always displayed at the Norcatour Memorial Day Observance, which is one of the longest continuous observances in the Nation.

In case of inclement weather, the Memorial Day Service will be held in the Norcatour High School gymnasium.

The "Avenue of Flags" will be

put up at 7 a.m. on Sunday. All volunteers need to be at the Norcatour Cemetery at that time.

The Norcatour Museum will be open or visiting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Saturday, May 14, was flag folding day at the Norcatour Cemetery in preparation for the annual Memorial Day celebration. Those helping were Darrel Barnett, Chuck Hixon, Wayne and Norma McAllister, Carl Lyon, Bee Nelson, Monte and Linda Hunt, Rodney O'Hare, Troy Marshall and Scott Hartzog. Wava Reames took the photos and when she wasn't pointing 'n' shootin', she was also helping.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Craig Francis, who died on May 10. He was a son of Verle and Delores Francis of McCook and Eloise Thornton of Ingalls.

Happy Birthday to Jeanie Pelkey, Janice O'Hare, and M.J. Dempewolf, May 18; Shelbi McKenna, May 20; Inez Jackson, May 24.

Happy Anniversary to Virgil and Joyce Price, May 19; and Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson, May 23.

The results of the pool tournament held at the Cardinal Bar & Grill Wednesday, May 11. Winners were: first, Rusty Montgomery, second, James Dalziel.

Do you remember your teacher at Norcatour Grade School? Yes! La Verne Bishop Milner is celebrating her 95th birthday Sunday, May 29! She lives at 201 W. Crane, Norton, Kan. 67654 She and husband, Oran Milner, meant so much to so many. Her phone number is (785) 874-4393.

Chris and Sharee Dempewolf hosted a baby shower for Laci Leichter at the Golden Age Center in Oberlin for mostly for family members. Families from the area were: M.J. Dempewolf, Carol Miller, Justine and Jade Tuttle, Judy Jackson, Shanna Nitzel, Dorothy Ward and Lisa Leichter.

Ray Jr., Jen, Bryce, Abbey and Issaac Thornton and Sharee Dempewolf were guests at the home of Chris Dempewolf for lunch recently. After lunch they took a military stone to the grave of R.D. Thornton in the Norcatour Cemetery. The stone will later be put on a concrete slab.

Sharee and M.J. Dempewolf took Chris Dempewolf out for supper last week for Mother's Day.

# Keep your picnic food safe



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
Regional Extension Agent

Picnic and barbecue season offers lots of opportunities for outdoor fun with family and friends, but these warm weather events also present opportunities for food borne bacteria to thrive. As food heats up in summer temperatures, bacteria multiply rapidly.

To protect yourself, your family, and friends from food borne illness during warm-weather months, safe food handling when eating outdoors is critical. Practice simple food safety guidelines for transporting your food to the picnic site, and preparing and serving it safely once you've arrived.

Food safety begins with proper hand cleaning, including outdoor settings. Before you begin setting out your picnic feast, make sure hands and surfaces are clean.

Outdoor Hand Cleaning: If you don't have access to running water, simply use a water jug, some soap and paper towels. Or, consider using moist disposable towelettes for cleaning your hands.

Utensils and Serving Dishes: Take care to keep all utensils and platters clean when preparing food.

Never reuse a plate or utensils that previously held raw meat, poultry, or seafood for serving unless they've been washed first in hot, soapy water. Otherwise, you can spread bacteria from the raw juices to your cooked or ready-to-eat food

This is particularly important to remember when serving cooked foods from the grill.

If you have questions related to food, nutrition, health or food safety, please feel free to contact your local K-State Research and Extension Office or you may e-mail: [twatts@ksu.edu](mailto:twatts@ksu.edu).

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For more information, contact the county extension office, 475-8121.

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## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

A community covered dish dinner will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Memorial Sunday, May 29, at the Sunflower Senior Center. Everyone is welcome to come. Please bring your own table service. Beverages will be furnished.

Jennings United Methodist Women will host a party at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin on June 1. If you would like to go, we will meet at the Jennings church at 1:30 p.m. and travel to Oberlin as a group.

Children's Vacation Bible School will be held at the United Methodist Church in Jennings from Wednesday, June 1, through June 4, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Children ages 3 years old to 12 years old are welcome to attend. The program will be Sunday, June 5, at 11 a.m.

Jennings Book Club sponsored a book drive that collected 352 books. The books have been delivered to Norton Corrections. Thanks to everyone who participated.

The Jennings City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday, June 9. Meetings are held in the Senior Center and anyone is welcome to attend.

The May meeting of the Czech Museum Board was held on May 5. President, Neoma Tacha conducted the meeting with directors Mike Tacha, Dean Gawith, Bob Tacha, Doyle Brown, Lila Jennings, Alice Mizer, and Mary Wahlmeier present. The sections of the back fence that the recent strong wind blew down will be repaired soon. The furnaces and air conditioners have been checked.

A work day will be scheduled soon for some needed painting on the windows and doors of the museum buildings.

The museum will be open on Saturday, May 28, from 2 to 5 p.m. A work schedule was set up for that day. The Class of 1951 has reserved the Royal Neighbor Hall for their 60th class reunion on Saturday, and they invite their former classmates and friends to stop in that afternoon. Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 2 at 2 p.m.

The Jennings American Auxiliary Post met at the Royal Neighbor Hall of the Jennings Museum on May 3. President Neoma Tacha conducted the meeting. Chaplain Rachel Carter read the prayer and the group said the flag salute. The meeting was shortened as the poppy work day had to be reset for May 10. Those working then were Rachel Carter, Violet Foster, Alice Mizer, Marge Hartzog, Lila Jennings, Kathy Nauer, and Neoma Tacha. Smokey and Pat Robertson of New Mexico were visitors.

The Jennings Lions Club is happy to announce the selection of Marcus McKenna as the 2011-2012 Mac Harris Memorial Scholarship recipient. He has been accepted into the Physician Assistant program at Wichita State University. The program will begin in early June.

The Jennings Lions Club held elections for the upcoming year. Officers elected include President, Duwayne Metz; Secretary, Doyle Brown; Treasurer, Jeff Wahlmeier; First Vice President/Membership Chairman: Harold "Bob" Tacha

The Jennings Lions Club expresses appreciation to the community members for supporting their Mother's Day meal. Donations received are utilized in funding the Lions annual community projects.

## Prayer - God's Kneemail Judi Stricker, United Church of Oberlin

Don't you love it when something that has been hidden is revealed? That's the way it is with the passage I've selected for the subject of this article, *1 Chronicles 4: 9-10*, better known as The Prayer of Jabez. However, I warn you, when you go looking for it in the book of Chronicles, you will wonder what in the world I am talking about. This little gem is hidden in chapters and chapters of genealogy. It just pops out at you but have no doubt, it is one of the most powerful tools in Scripture.

Here is what that little prayer says, from the New Revised Standard Version, beginning with verse 9, in chapter 4, "Jabez was honored more than his brothers; and his mother named him Jabez saying, 'Because I bore him in pain.' Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, 'Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my border, and that your hand might be with me, and that you would keep me from hurt and harm!' And God granted what he asked."

By the time this article goes to press, the high school seniors will have walked across the stage and received their diplomas. Little do they yet realize that their lives will never be the same.

Graduation from high school is indeed a very shining moment, but all too soon, does it dawn that something is very different, some line has been crossed and there is no going back. Adulthood comes slamming down like a record wave in a Tsunami! Knowing how to pray, or building strength in that skill, is the best gift that a graduate can receive.

Sadly, many young men and women today do not have roots that tether them to hope and strength that is realized in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Prayer is the transmission line that feeds directly into our great source of help...our God. There will be times, as young people move on to the next stage in their journey, be it college, job training, or for the first time, being the primary caregiver for a family of their own. It is there, in those moments that we discover the comfort and help of prayer.

May I recommend this little prayer to stand in until you can find the word of your own? It is a great way to start.

This prayer pleased God, and Jabez' prayer was

answered. Of course we cannot put words in God's mouth, but we can believe that bringing our burdens to God's ear, will absolutely get answers. But be aware, that God's answer may blow you away, because he can see the BIG picture for us and will give us answers that will be the best for us.

There are four parts to this little prayer. First, Jabez asked that God bless him. Second, he prayed that God would enlarge his territory. Third, he asked that God's hand would be upon him. Last, he prayed that God would keep him from evil. Actually there are some differences in how the last request is interpreted. The New King James version put it this way, "Keep me from evil that I might not cause pain."

A blessing in this age is usually not sought. It goes against the thinking in our culture that we ask for God's blessing on ourselves, not others, but God WANTS to bless each of us. It is more to this culture that we want our territory expanded so that we can control more, but that is not what it says either. Jabez is asking for the gifts needed to be a better leader. God wants to increase our responsibilities toward others. It helps us grow. To ask for God's hand on us demonstrates our knowledge of God's awesome power. He can do in our lives what we alone, CAN'T.

The last request is perhaps the most important, to keep us all from evil, so that we would not cause pain to others, NOT CAUSE PAIN TO OTHERS! In our "me first" culture, that is a biggie!

So, young people, though this is not a one sentence tweet, I hope your parents will request that you have a look at it, go to the Bible, a wonderful handbook by the way for when Mom and Dad aren't at your elbow to answer questions. Take one with you to school, or wherever you may go. You'll find yourself opening it sooner than you think.

May your prayers be that God will make YOUR LIFE A BLESSING TO OTHERS! May He increase your sense of responsibility to others, may He have his hand upon you, and May He keep you safe in the midst of the many evils in the world around you. Oh, and this prayer is for all of us whose graduation was more than just a few days ago too!



## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Kevin Holle, who was the big winner of the \$25,000 Rocking M Radio's \$25,000 Great Bull Giveaway prize package. Sponsors were Adam Jones of Crooked Creek Angus in St. Francis; Mizer Milling and Vap Construction of Atwood and Eastern Colorado Seed in Burlington, Colo.

Larry and Deb Marks and family of Mulvane were among relatives who came to attend funeral services for his mother, Betty Marks, of Atwood, on Monday. She died on May 16. Funeral services were held at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood. The Larry Marks family also visited her father, Bob Olson.

Gary and Mary Ann Erickson visited Dale and Debbie Withington, Hana, Ellie and Chloe in Chetopa and attended the graduation of their granddaughter, Hana Withington, from Pittsburg State University on May 14. She received a Bachelor of Science in Education and has accepted a position as a special education teacher near El Dorado.

Janet Lee of Alaska is spending a month visiting relatives in Benkelman, Neb., as well as her brother and his wife, Frank and Margaret McEvoy, and family.

Nione Rhodin of Loveland, Colo., and Steve and Arian Arnold attended the graduation of Mrs. Rhodin's son, Lee Munsell, of Lee's Summit, Mo., from Ottawa University on Saturday.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson and Sue Wells of McCook spent the weekend in Boulder, Colo., where they visited Rex Olson, Sam and Abbie, and attended the graduation of Sam Olson from Boulder High School on Saturday morning. Seth Olson was unable to attend since he is completing his second year of college in San Francisco. They also visited Harold and June Olson of Broomfield, Colo., on Saturday afternoon. Tyler and Tiffany Witt and Trevor visited Sunday evening at the Keith Olson home.

## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Predictions by a certain preacher about the end of the world did not materialize, for which we thank our Good Lord. We didn't believe it would happen, as the Bible says no one will know the day or the hour, but it will come as a thief in the night.

The next big happening will be Memorial Day. The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars men from Lebanon, Neb., will perform the honors at the Lyle Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Sunday. Fol-

lowing the service, there will be a potluck dinner at the Lyle Community Building. We try to have dinner early enough for people who want to go to Norcatour for their service will have plenty of time to make it.

Lebanon, Neb., will honor their veterans at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 30 and the VFW Auxiliary will serve dinner at the VFW Hall.

June Jolly has been busy, attending garage sales, going to her KT Club, and getting a new quilt in her frames.

## 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, LEONVILLE**  
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**  
Chairman 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.

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