

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Lula Hix writes that she is doing well in her new home in Scottsdale, Ariz. She said she experienced her first real dust storm the first part of July. Her address is: 5345 E. Acoma Dr., Scottsdale, Ariz., 85254.

Ken and Connor McVay of Wamego surprised Helen McVay on her 80th birthday when they flew there for her celebration on Aug. 6. They also visited Kathy, Dennis, Max and Ben Bergkamp and they all took in Fiesta, Texas, enjoyed the water park and helped Ben and Kathy prepare for their trip to World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain.

Mary Lesle, Bee Nelson and Dorothy Wood enjoyed dinner on Aug. 14 at the Hidden Dragon in Norton.

Mary and Al Sedlmayer spent a few days in Denver attending his 50th class reunion. They celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary on Sunday.

Birthdays include Lois Wentz, Aug. 19; Rodney New and Dorothy Woods, Aug. 21; Lora Arnold, Aug. 22; and Kristi Gallentine, Aug. 23.

The Norcatour Christian Women will have its annual meeting at 8 p.m. Monday at the Educational Building in Norcatour. It is open for all area women. The group will be making plans for the year's events, including a bazaar soup supper, pheasant supper and pancake supper. Call Alice Barnett at (785) 693-4571 with questions.

Alex Barnett stayed with his grandparents, Darrel and Alice Barnett, from Aug. 1 to 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller left on Aug. 10 and were guests for lunch of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Thornton and Shelby Thornton, WaKeeney; and Mr. and Mrs. Shon Thornton, Kori and Kale, Garden City. They went on to visit the new casino in Dodge City, spent a night in Great Bend then went to Topeka to visit Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Sophia. The girls took Sophia to Century II in Wichita to see "The Little Mermaid."

Cathy Claussen had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Cale Claussen of Lawrence on Aug. 7. She was a houseguest of Chris and Angie Claussen in Olathe. Beth Johnson was a guest of David Johnson in Lenexa.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Rupp of Wilson; Lisa Turnnbull, Enterprise; Dennis Molzahn, Independence, Mo.; Chris Claussen, Olathe; Cathy Claussen, Oberlin; Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson, Lenexa; and Beth Johnson, Norcatour, attended memorial services for Conner Rupp in Springfield, Mo., on Aug. 10.

Descendants of Lewis and Nellie Clason who attended the Clason family reunion in Phillipsburg last weekend were Sue Woods, Winston, Ore.; Bobbie Cramer, Central Point, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blackstock, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Scot John Oklahoma City; Mr. and Ms. Ron Clason, Northfield, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Clason, Independence, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Steven Clason, Independence, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Clarie Rupp, Wilson; Clason Rupp, Springfield, Mo.; Tim Rupp, Oak Grove, Mo.; David Johnson, Lenexa; Dennis Molzahn, Independence, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Claussen and Annita, Olathe; Mr. and Mrs. Cale Claussen and Elaine, Lawrence; Delphyn Biggs, Cathy Claussen, Oberlin, and Beth Johnson and Fred Molzahn, Norcatour.

There will be a benefit soup and pie supper for medical expenses for Twila Forbes from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Norcatour City Building. Those who would like to donate pies or cakes should call Jerry Wescott a (785) 871-7863 or (785) 693-3013.

During the week of Aug. 8-12, Elissa McCollum and Ivalae Tien stayed with their grandparents, Bob and Kay Strevey and learned how to sew. The Streveys took them to Wichita on Friday, where everyone helped Elissa celebrate her 7th birthday. Trudi and John and Nora McCollum came to pick

up Elissa and the whole family was there for the birthday party.

Library hours are from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday in the City Building. Virgil and Joyce Price donated some videos for the library and we also added some large print books.

The library board will offer free evening tutoring for any grade, junior high or high school students, even college students. Anyone interested is asked to call Deb at (785) 693-4461.

Plans are also underway to have a Literary Social one Saturday a month this fall when those who enjoy reading can share information about the books they have read. The library board will provide cookies and tea.

The Strevey-McConnell reunion was held in Norcatour on Aug. 6. After lunch at the Cardinal Cafe, everyone went to the old school and visited the museum and the school room with class pictures in it.

Guests included: Donald Lafferty and Amanda Lafferty, McCook; Caitlin and Amanda Strevey, Tom and Gracie Strevey, Marysville, Wash.; Josh Thompson, Seattle, Wash.; Scott Strevey and Hally Berg, Fort Collins, Colo.; Greg, Diane, Laura and Katherine Strevey, Boulder, Colo.; Diane Hopkins, Natalia, Kaitlyn and Mackenzie Hopkins, Casper, Wyo.; Peggy McGurran, Arvada, Colo.; Brad and Violet Hopkins, Denver; Daniel Strevey and Amber Meschner and Brett Peters, and Geoff Strevey, Boulder, Colo.; Lisa Peters, Colorado Springs; Loren, Wendy, Ivalae and Andrew Tien, Justin, Hollie, Jared, Ben and Grace, Andover; Trudi, Elissa and Nora McCollum, Liberty, Mo.; Glen and Carolyn Strevey, and Bob and Kay Strevey, Norcatour.

Thickening summer pies

Summer fruit pie is a tasty treat. But if the filling turns out runny or gummy, the treat can be ruined.

There are a variety of thickeners that can be used to form a gel. The holding power, or gel strength, is determined after the pie is baked and cooled. It will vary by the type of thickener, and with the other ingredients in the filling. Here are some popular thickeners:

- All purpose flour and potato flour – These give a cloudy appearance and can require more to give a good gel.
- Cornstarch – This also gives a cloudy appearance, but has strong gel strength. A little goes a long way.
- Instant Clear Jel – This thickener can survive a wide range of temperatures and still have good gel strength. It thickens liquid at room temperature without cooking. The gel appearance will be hazy and



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Regional Extension Agent

semi-translucent.

- Arrowroot, tapioca flour, and potato starch – These produce a clear fruit gel. Potato starch has the best gel strength followed by arrowroot and tapioca flour.
- Quick-cooking tapioca – This works best when combined with the filling and allowed to soften and soak up the juice. It is stronger than tapioca flour and gives a slightly bumpy appearance.

The best way to incorporate thickeners is to combine it with sugar then adding the mixture to

the liquid. This will give an even distribution and better consistency in the final product.

Source: The Baking Sheet, Summer 2011

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Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Friday, Kent and Tenna Ashley helped move Whitney to Denver, where she will be attending pharmacy school at Regis University.

A meeting has been set for 9 a.m. Saturday at the Selden Community Center for anyone wanting to learn about a new weight loss program. Dr. Michele Goscha, D.C. will be the speaker.

On Thursday during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Ann Hazlitt won high, Lola Cook took second, Shirley Baker got low and Carl Mumm had the most Queens. Other members present included: Jeanie Spresser, Edna Schiltz, Matt Finnesy, Pat Wessel, Royce Cook, Shirley Emigh, Betty James and Helen Emigh.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Aug.

26 – Ivonn Vargas, Dusty Spresser, Valarie Broeckelman. Aug. 27 – Jimmy Kruse, Bob and Elaine Koerperich, Rita Wessel Kinder. Aug. 28 – Lisa Stoll, Andrew Broeckelman, Mark and Sue Anne Hill. Aug. 29 – Russ Emigh, Karen Adelman, Jerry and Chrys Rall, Gaylon Robinson, Jyle Adelman. Aug. 30 – Jay Wessel. Aug. 31 – Vicki Hunziker, Ellis and Gloria Walker. Sept. 1 – Dan Wessel, Barry Quanz, Emily Rogers, Bart Karls.

School calendar - Friday – Back to School barbecue and soap scrimmage. Saturday – high school volleyball at Healy. Monday – First day of school for 3-year-old pre-schoolers. Tuesday – First day of school for 4-year-old pre-schoolers.



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Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Margaret Magers, June Jolly, Kathy Van Meter, Joyce Sumner, Eleanor Jensen, Jackie Porter and Veda Wood had lunch on Wednesday at the Town Talk Restaurant in Cambridge, Neb., in celebration of Kathy's birthday. After lunch they all went shopping and then spent some time and very little money, since everything was half price at the thrift shop.

June Jolly was wondering when the Jennings FunDay was, and she probably knows by now. It is this Saturday. She is involved in cards, Bingo, garage sales, sewing, to-

mato canning and KT Club, among other things.

Birthdays in Margaret Magers family were Denise Guy, Charlie Easton, and Cori Zey, all celebrated at J.T. Guy's in Abilene.

The insurance adjusters are going around busily inspecting hail damage, as nearly everyone in the neighborhood has some. There will probably be new roofs, etc. in the area.

The Senior Citizens had a good crowd on Friday. We especially enjoyed the great lunch prepared.

Different can also be good

Doug Mason, youth minister

Oberlin Teens for Christ

I never got the memo that youth leaders only stay on the job for two years. That's the national average. I've been doing youth work for more than 30 years and recently while meeting with the Bird City TFC leadership I started to realize how – let's say – "unusual" that makes a person. While the group was planning opening night for their group, I had activities in my brain that worked for what they wanted to do. As I mentioned these ideas I think the word "demented" was mentioned (with a chuckle).

But it strikes me that being different is not a bad thing. Teens fear, more than anything else, being "different," but I think that if you are not different and willing to be seen as different, you will limit your options and your future. The people that make a difference in the world are not crowd followers, but those that travel the narrow road. The Bible talks about the wide road that is taken by many as opposed to the narrow road taken by just a few.

Think about it... How shallow is it to be super concerned whether your t-shirt is tucked in or not? So what if you wear socks with sandals? It's a good thing to decide not to go to the keg party that "everybody's" going to.

This Sunday night Oberlin TFC starts its regular school-year meetings. I know that many say "It's not

cool," but if learning to honor our Creator, to live a moral, God-fearing life is not cool, I say, (quoting the song lyrics) "I'm not cool – that's OK, my God loves me anyway. I'm not cool – that's all right, I'm still precious in His sight."

At 6 p.m. at the TFC building on 118 S. Rodehaver we will be having a great time playing "Giant Monopoly." You do realize that "being cool" limits you. You'll probably be sitting at home in front of the TV or on Facebook. This is a lot more fun. It's not what we do every Sunday night, but it is the kick-off to the school year. If you are in 7-12 grades, come on by and check us out!

For adults reading this article, please remember that Oberlin TFC is not associated with any church. We run totally by donations. I am considered a full-time missionary and would love to have you join our team by being a financial supporter.

Also, if you would like to be a volunteer leader, we could sure use the help. We also need people that are good at fixing things. I know it will come as a shock to you, but teenagers break things! I'm not much of a handyman. There are always projects needing to be done. So maybe you can't afford to financially do much, but maybe you could help by donating your services. Just call me, (785) 505-7395.



Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

Have you ever been lost or homesick? Do you remember the horrible feelings of helplessness and loneliness? We have recently added several new residents. Bessie Peterson, Laddie and Vera Kacirek, Galen Tacha, Elden Haas, Jim Colgan, Doris Sloan, Edith Persinger and Mildred Holmdahl came for just a short visit.

This week I observed how they were adjusting to their new home. One lady told me early on, "I feel lost." When a person is lost, they need to be found! It is our mission here at the Good Sam to provide a "home-like" environment for those who join our family. We want to meet all their needs, physical, emotional and spiritual. We spent some time helping her to find her way around, introduced her to others, some she already knew, and some she quickly befriended. But then, we invited her to Bible study. It was there she began to relax and feel "at home."

As we welcomed some new members into our family, we also said goodbye to two others.

Memorial services were held for Luella Overmiller and Faye Miller. When someone comes to live here they truly do become family, and saying our farewells are always a hard time. Not only do we say goodbye to our dearly loved resident but often it means saying goodbye to their families as well.

Compared to last week, this week was rather routine, but like I say often, routines sustain us and celebrations refresh us! This week a highlight was an unexpected visit from the Mennonite Singers. We hope they will come to share with us again.

Our Family Potluck originally scheduled for Aug. 16 has been changed to Sept. 30. Please make note of this on your calendars, but don't wait till then to come see us. We welcome your company any time.

Recent visitors were: Emma Threlkel and Elma Lee Erickson, Atwood, for Kacireks and Bessie Peterson. Helen Brooks and Sharon Black for Ethel Nemeth. Elsie Wolters for Dorothy Pryor. Jim and Elizabeth Barratt, Hastings, James Garrett and parents, Lincoln, Neb., and the Hardy family for Eva Bryan. Bob and Neoma Tacha and Nadine Tacha, Jennings, for Galen Tacha. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman. Edie Tate for Lois Carlson. Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin. Carolyn Strevey and Von Johnson for Crystal Moore. Joel and Connie Bryan, Scott City, for Leone Porsch. Ralph and Norma Unger for Lucy Schissler and Opal Bryan. Marilyn Horn for Myrtle Ross. Jody Betts for Mary Waldo. Max Carman and Peggy Carman, Hoxie, for Myrtle Waldo. Arian Arnold, Herndon, and Galen Olson for Edla Olson. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler, Edith Persinger and Mildred Holmdahl. Reva Marshall and Ron and Dixie Snyder, Colby, for Dorothy Hunt. Jerry Hill for Cheryl Hill. Bev Gause, St. Paul, Minn., for Evelyn Olson. Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock. Bev Messerly, Sublette, and Shirley Maresch for Eulaine Benda. Bud and Vicky Mumm for Doris Marintzer.

Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

<p>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH 785-475-3103 Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday</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>NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Ed Woods SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</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>
<p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</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>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>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 10:30 a.m. Sunday</p>	<p>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Ed Woods SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p>	<p>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.</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>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.</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, open Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; TUESDAY: Ladies Bible Study, 9 a.m.</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON Fr. Nick Parker 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: 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Youth group, 4 p.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>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.</p>	<p>PAULS FUNERAL HOMES A Trusted Name Since 1925. Phone: 785-475-3127 — Oberlin 785-386-4311 — Selden Derek Riner Rick and Dori Pauls</p>

