

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Elden Auker Park was the site of what is hoped to be Norcatour's first annual Party in the Park. Almost 50 people brought potluck dishes and came together for a hot dog cookout on Sept. 24.

The party was sponsored by the Norcatour City Council and organized by an action team affiliated with the Decatur Tomorrow Steering Committee. The action team is made up of Norma McCallister, Karen Bailey and Jim and Carolyn Plotts.

Norcatour Senior Citizens met for a potluck luncheon and cards on Friday.

The Norcatour Citizens Alliance received a memorial donation for the Norcatour City Building Roof Fund. Tax-deductible contributions may be made through Dennis Leichter, 1001 Rd. O, Clayton, Kan. 67629.

Jerry Hill and his mother, Joye Hill, drove to Denver so he and his daughters could participate in the 22nd annual "Walk To End Alzheimers" held Sept. 17. Over 8,000 participated in the event. Mrs. Hill visited with family while her son and granddaughters walked. They returned to Norcatour on Sept. 19.

Rea and Dee Magers had family join them to help with the Highway 36 Treasure Hunt, Sept. 16 to 18. Staying with the Magers' were their

daughter and son-in-law, Cheri and Bob Pomeroy and Mrs. Magers' sister, Regina Vifian, all of Lakewood, Colo., and their son and his girl friend, Jeff Magers and Joy Luoto, Cedar Bluffs.

Sept. 18, Charlie and Judy Easton, Quinter, stopped by to visit Rea and Dee Magers and their company.

Jerry Hill attended "Smokin' on the Beaver" held in Atwood Sept. 24. He said it was a great event with good food.

Johnny and Shawna Crum, Shawnda and James, Dover, Okla., were houseguests of Wava Reames Sept. 16-18.

They came to attend the funeral of their grandfather and great-grandfather, Frank Ward.

Birthdays include: Jacob Helm, Sept. 28; Monty Hunt, Sept. 30; and Kay Strevey, Oct. 1.

LIVE BIG Youth Group met Sunday at the Educational Building.

Everyone is invited to attend Bible Study at 7 p.m. Monday evenings at the Educational Building. The group is studying the book of James.

REMINDER: Mail deposited after 2:30 p.m. at the Norcatour Post Office will not be sent out until the next business day.

For all Norcatour residents: There will be a public meeting concerning the closing of the Norcatour Post

Office on Monday, Oct. 17, 7 to 9 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the City Building.

Justine Tuttle is teaching first grade at the Rawlins County Elementary School. Mrs. Tuttle, her husband, Casey, and their daughter, Jade, recently moved to Norcatour from Wichita. She is a graduate of Decatur Community High School and Emporia State University. Her parents are Stan and Carol Miller.

Coffee at the Library

The Library will serve coffee and cookies from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Donations will be accepted to help defray expenses. Everyone is invited to stop in for coffee, conversation, to watch a video, read or work on a puzzle. The cafe is closed so this is a way for the community to stay connected.

There has been some interest in starting a monthly book discussion group. If you are interested call Deb at the City Office, 693-4461.

Scott Harmon, son of Renee Harmon and Ron Harmon, took first place in the bare back bronco competition during the rodeo at the Ellis County Fairgrounds on Aug. 26. He placed third in the three-day event and is ranked second by the Kansas Professional Rodeo Association. Scott is the grandson of Bob and Anita Montgomery, Oberlin.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Flu shots will be given from 1 to 3 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the Herndon Senior Center following the monthly dinner. Shots are given at the Health Center in Atwood Monday through Thursday. Please call the Health Center if you are homebound and need your flu shot.

re-enactment of the Indian Raid and the unveiling of two Great Western Cattle Trail markers.

The Smokey Bottom Boys enjoyed and appreciated all the visitors at their camp at the Smokin' on the Beaver.

They hope to see everyone there again next year.

Jim and Joyce Rich, Arden, N.C., left Saturday after visiting Carol Kompus and Wilma Bobinmyer in Oberlin.

They had lunch with Doug Bobinmyer, Herndon, last week. Theresa Chvatal and Eunice Braxmeyer, Atwood, and Roy Leitner, Hot Springs, Calif., had dinner with Carol in Oberlin on Friday and then visited Wilma Bobinmyer at Cedar Living Center.

Kyle, Ben, Kurt and Keaston Grafel attended the Kansas City Chiefs vs Minnesota Vikings game in Kansas City on Sunday. They were sorry the Vikings lost but had a great time anyway.

Jessica Riener, Manhattan, crowned the new Rawlins County High School homecoming queen, Abby Wolters, Friday evening in Atwood. Congratulations from Herndon to Abby and Collin Clark.

Jessica's brothers, Jim and Jeff, came for the weekend and attended the game and Smokin on the Beaver.

Julie's Memory Joggers

The Herndon Nonpariel February 13, 1913

Julia Hafner spent Sunday with her brother Joe and family on the South Divide.

Frank Brown of Kit Carson, Colo., went to Norton last week to get an auto from a Kit Carson man.

He found it in bad shape and hauled it to his brother Joe's place and proceeded to take it apart. Frank is an expert and will soon have the machine running.

Joe Brown and son, Wenzel, went to Oberlin to help Frank with the disabled auto.

Paul Schramel is cutting his supply of firewood. Mr. Franke of Herndon is helping him.

Wolfram Bros. shelled a nice pile of corn for Paul Demmer last week which he sold to the Decker elevator at Traer.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Kenneth Peterson, 64, who died Sept. 19 in Manhattan. He was a native of this community and the son of Doris Peterson of Atwood and the late Milton Peterson.

Congratulations to Henry Holle, 5, son of Orrin and Beth Holle, who placed third in the National Pedal Tractor Pull contest on Sept. 24 at the Corn Palace in Mitchell, S.D. He pulled 31 feet, 9 inches and competed against 25 other state qualifiers.

Covenant Women will meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday at the church to prepare meat for the smorgasbord. A potato bake will be held at noon and members are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

Gloria Micelli of Deltona, Fla.,

is spending 10 days visiting Galen and Lynn Olson. She and Mr. Olson were former co-workers in Dallas, Texas.

Dale and Maryanne Bishop have been visiting Don and Sara Benda and other relatives.

The board of the Herndon Covenant Church will meet at noon following morning worship services.

Ruth Palmer of Loveland, Colo., visited from last Monday to Wednesday with Steve and Arian Arnold.

Detta Anderson joined other classmates of the 1951 class of Decatur Community High School to attend graveside services at the Oberlin Cemetery on Saturday for Don Eicher, also a classmate.

Among those who enjoyed the Western Cattle Trail tour on Satur-

day were Elden Anderson, Steve and Arian Arnold, Gary Anderson and Keith and Mary Lou Olson. Gary was a narrator and Mrs. Arnold presented a re-enactment of Mrs. Laing.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Sept. 29 during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Pat Wessel won high, Lillian Sulzman took second, Shirley Baker got low and Carl Mumm had the most Queens. Other members present include: Edna Schiltz, Jeanie Spresser, Betty James, Royce Cook, Lola Cook, Bob Wessel, Ralph Weis, Paulie Neff, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers, Bernita Amiller, Gail Mumm and Marilyn Meyer.

School Calendar: Friday, 7 p.m. volleyball at Hill City. Tuesday, 4 p.m. high school volleyball at Norton. Oct. 12, No School. Oct. 13, 4 p.m. junior high volleyball and football at Healy, hearing checks.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Oct. 7, Lad Truetken, Darren Juenemann, Jacob Dalton Moore; Oct. 9, Mary Ann Juenemann, Cheryl Schlenk, Jesse Juenemann; Oct. 10,

Jerrie Robinson; Oct. 12, Everett and Doreen Shuler.; Oct. 13, Karen Vaughn.

Oct. 15, everyone is invited to play pinochle at the Community Center. Bring snacks. Cost is \$10 per person, but prizes are paid back to the top three teams. Cards will start at 7 p.m. so find a partner and we will see you there.

Oct. 26 the Catholic Youth Organization will be collecting canned food and non-perishable items for the food banks. The kids will be out collecting in the evening so leave your porch light on. If you are going to be gone and would like to donate, leave your items in a bag on the porch or drop them off at the Midway Cafe or Karls Store. Donated food will be divided between Sherdian and Decatur county food banks.

Nothing can keep us from God's love

The Rev. Linda Willey, Oberlin United Methodist Church

I have few personal memories of the time when Gerald Ford was president, but I do remember hearing a lot about the work of his late wife Betty, who passed away on July 8.

She was known for her work and outspoken advocacy for those suffering from addictions, as well as breast cancer; two conditions she struggled with during her lifetime.

I was fascinated by the coverage of her life in the days following her death, and how she seemed to operate in a time of give and take that no longer exists.

I did not watch the broadcast of her funeral, but I was struck by a friend's summary of one of the eulogies, with some personal reflections.

He said, "Cokie Roberts' remarks ... recalled a time when political opponents with vastly differing viewpoints could come together with some commonality and compromise. The greater good was found in compromise.

"Now, we are fostering ideological, political warfare ... Warfare is different from debate and argument ... Warfare, by necessity, calls for one to dehumanize one's opponent, because the objective becomes 'to take them out' rather than persuade or find some common ground upon which to move forward."

These are indeed anxious times. They may even be as anxious as the times in which the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome. We are a lot like those old Romans: they were trying to figure out the difference the gospel made in their everyday lives, and so

are we; they were trying to figure out exactly what it meant to be Christian, and so are we; they struggled with a lot of social, political, and economic issues, including concerns about safety and security, and so are we.

Romans 8:38-39 is Paul's answer to all the anxiety that surrounds us:

"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow - not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below - indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." (New Living Translation)

Such conviction can keep us safe from warfare, from the temptation to demonize our opponents, or take them out. When we have such confidence in God's love, we can let go of the need to turn those with whom we disagree into enemies, and instead see them as people God loves as much as God love us.

"Is it bad not to be baptized? Do you have to go to church to be a member? Why do people of different religions fight? Do you have to be baptized in public? What's the deal with the pope?"

Those were some of the questions I heard at the first meeting of our confirmation class last month. When I asked the youths if they had any initial questions before we began, I was not expecting quite that many!



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, LEVILLE
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.

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. (Nurse provided.) WEDNESDAY: Praise team practice, 8 p.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.

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.,

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ed Woods
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.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, open Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; 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.

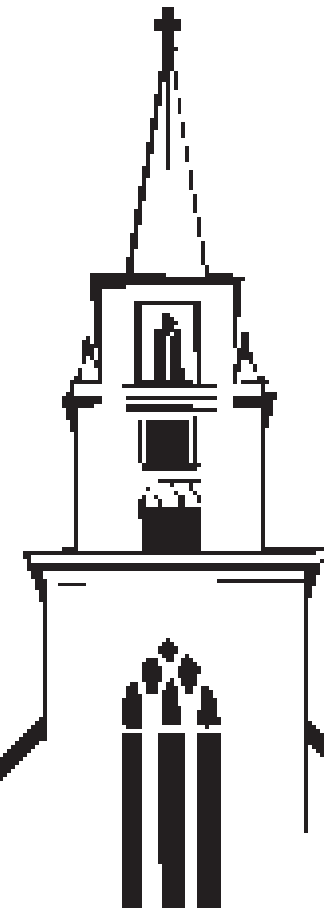
LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Guest Speakers every Sunday
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.

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.

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