

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Norcatour Memorial Day services will be held Sunday. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the multipurpose room in the Norcatour City Building. The menu will be barbecue beef sandwiches, potato salad, chips and cookies. Beverages will be iced tea or water.

There will be a parade to the cemetery, beginning at 1:30 p.m. from The Bank corner. Pastor Ed Woods will give the opening prayer and Marilyn Barnett Perry will give the Memorial Day address at 2 p.m.

The Avenue of Flags will be put up at 7 a.m. Sunday and volunteers are needed to assist. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at the Norcatour High School gym. The Norcatour Methodist Church Educational building will be open following the service.

The Norcatour Methodist Church will need lots of cookies for after the Sunday Memorial service. They may be left at the church or on Sunday at the church's educational building.

The museum, library and art in the city office will be open for viewing from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday.

The digging of the well at Norcatour has finally begun. This is just the first part of the whole process.

Sympathy is extended to relatives of George V. Bishop, 87, who died May 5, 2012, in Golden Colo. He was a cousin of LaVerne Milner.

A belated Happy Birthday to Scott Hartzog.

Darrel and Alice Barnett were in Wichita on May 5 to see their grandson, Alex Barnett, race his pinewood derby car in the district race. Coincidentally, they found that

their great-nephew, Jared Ricke, was also racing there. He is the son of Darren and Julie Barnett of Haysville and Jared is the son of Justin and Hollie (Strevey) Ricke of Andover. Afterwards they all had lunch at Freddy's. Grandma Kay Strevey was also there.

Arlene Hix has moved to Whispering Pines in Norton and would enjoy mail. Her address is: 103 Whispering Pines, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson headed for Clayton after church and picked up Norma Ward, her son, David Ward, and his two granddaughters, Braxton and Audrey, then they all attended the Lions Club Mother's Day ham dinner at the Jennings Senior Citizens Center. They returned to Norma's home for more visiting along with two of her daughters, Lori and Kelley Wycoff of Scott City and Shelley and Sarah McKenna and granddaughter, Jodi Bina and Braxton and Audrey of Jennings.

Happy Birthday to Carolyn Strevey, Jeanie Pelkey, Gust Foth, May 16; Arlene Thornton, May 17; Janice O'Hare, M.J. Dempewolf, May 18, and Shelbi McKenna, May 20. Happy Anniversary to Virgil and Joyce Price, May 19.

Senior Citizens pinocle will begin at 1 p.m. Thursday (May 24) in the Norcatour Methodist Church Educational Building. Come join us!

George Bishop was a first cousin of LaVerne Milner and now she is the only surviving first cousin of that generation. Our condolences go out to LaVerne from the Norcatour News

Volunteers.

On Mother's Day after church, Sherri Regal brought a delicious ready-to-eat dinner to the home of Virgil and Joyce Price. Later they received phone calls from their family.

Carl, Jodi, friends and family helped Scott Hartzog celebrate his 51st birthday Tuesday evening with homemade pizza and birthday cake.

Carol and Stan Miller went to Hays to visit Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller of Mission, Texas and Terri Kaus at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Miller. Steve's family, Angie and Gerry Reynolds, and Kelly and Hollie Miller and John were also visitors. On Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Miller, Prairie Village, stopped to visit. Most attended the 44th Annual Hays High Plains Chorus and Quartet Show put on by the Hays High Plains Barbershop Chapter of which Steve is a member.

On Friday evening, Carl Lyon, Jodi Lyon, Terry and Barb Lyon and Kelli Nuss with her boys, Max and Hayden of Wichita, came to help Evelyn Lyon celebrate her 95th birthday with pizza and cake.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Dan and Karen Sattler of Scott City and Bennett and Kaci Sattler and Winston Sattler of Hutchinson attended the graduation reception of Collin Clark on Saturday evening. Other relatives who enjoyed the party at the Brian and Mary Clark farm were Janice and Jayme Sattler, Ron and Cindy Sattler, Chase and Dana Jueneemann, Payton, Paycie and Parker, Eric and Jayda Sattler and Katelyn Clark. Bob and Julie Hafner attended Collin's graduation on Sunday afternoon and were brief visitors of Janice Sattler.

Laverne and Sharon Frick, Kyle Frick, Lance Jording of Oberlin, Ken Solko, Vista and Gwen Gilbert, Sherrel Adams of McCook had dinner on Mother's Day and celebrated Tyler Payton's birthday at the home of Justin, Kristal, Tyler and Jaxton Payton in Indianola, Neb.

Congratulations to Joe and Nadine Green on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married May 19, 1962 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon. Congratulations will reach the couple at 344482 Thumser Rd, Herndon, Kan. 67739.

Laverne and Sharon Frick of Herndon visited Viola Frick at the Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook on Mother's Day.

St. Mary's volunteer crew mowed the St. Mary's Cemetery Monday evening in preparation for visitors during Memorial Day weekend. The new directory has been installed at the entrance to the cemetery.

Jackie Votapka of Oberlin celebrated her birthday early with Julie Hafner on Wednesday. After lunch they toured St. Mary's Cemetery and visited about family history.

Memorial services will begin at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Herndon Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, said Commander Chris Niermeier. Speaker will be Bill Beamgard of Atwood. The Herndon Veterans of War and Oberlin American Legion will conduct the service. "Taps" will be played by Simon Micek.

Four Good Samaritan Nursing Home residents of Atwood were guests at the Herndon Senior Center for the monthly dinner last Wednesday. They had a great time visiting. Sue Frick won the blackout and Eileen Unger won the door prize.

The next senior dinner will be held Wednesday, June 20, with everyone welcome.

Recent visitors of Esther Pennington were Chris Wood, Sam Solko, Pat Solko, Char Hartner, Sharon Ecker, Voni Sattler and Kathy Leitner. Visits and phone calls bring a smile to Esther's face while recovering.

PHOTO CONTEST

Show us your favorite photo of Herndon.

Photos should be of Herndon or surrounding rural area.

Photographer MUST agree to PRIDE using photo for the 2013 Community Calendar.

Credit will be given to photographer on the calendar.

Color or black and white photos welcome.

Submit a 4x6 photo to PRIDE by Aug. 1, to be considered (no digital entries will be accepted).

Photos should be community calendar appropriate.

Three entries per contestant.

Send entries to: Lorri Martin, 4452 K-117, Herndon, Kan. 67739

Throwing God a Bone Teens for Christ, Doug Mason

This morning I was watching a news story about a man in Alabama whose house was heavily damaged by the tornado. He said to the reporter, "Someone was definitely watching out for me."

At first I thought that was nice that he was acknowledging God in that event, but then as I thought about it I started to be bothered by that statement.

If he thought God saved him and his family from what he believed should have been death, why would he only say "Someone was definitely watching out for me?" It seems to me that he would be praising God, telling of God's love and protection and committing himself to faithful service. This sounded more to me like appeasement. He had a nice home, and I'm assuming a good life, probably went to church enough to know that this must have been a God thing. But what would happen if he fully recognized the importance of his life being spared in this tornado? Could it mean committing himself to God's service? Could it mean giving up his job and going to deepest, darkest Africa as a missionary to some tribal group? (I say that sarcastically because it shows an elitist view of people that live in Africa.) Instead he, like nearly all so-called Christians do, throws God a bone, so to speak. If he's like all those other "Christians" he doesn't want to take it any further because it might result in discomfort and fear of the unknown.

But when this is the attitude, we see things that reveal where the heart really is. When conflict comes, or hard times arrive, God gets blamed or "Christ-likeness" disappears. The real person comes out.

In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus was on his way from Galilee to Jerusalem when he was questioned by a rich man. In chapter 19, starting with verse 16 it says, "16 Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, 'Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?' 17 'Why do you ask me about what is good?' Jesus replied, 'There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments.'" 18 "Which ones?" he inquired.

Jesus replied, 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, 19 honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'" 20 "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?" 21 Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

22 When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

23 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." 25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?" 26 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." 27 Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?" Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first."

Now most of us will respond to this scripture, "Well, I'm not rich," but according to the international standard, even U.S. lower class would be considered wealthy. To give up the satellite dish, the job benefits package, the "toys" that we justify in some weak way, is just asking too much.

Is God so important to you that you are willing to take up your cross? Is God really most important or is financial security your highest priority? Is your family more important than your Creator? Is your pride bigger than your commitment to Jesus? Is your public image your real God? (What will people say?) Is your desire to hold on to your anger crowding out the Holy Spirit's home in your heart?

We need to quit throwing God a bone now and then. Our churches are so dead because we are so comfortable with our lives. If we get uncomfortable and actually do what Christ challenged us to do we will realize how silly and empty the lives were that we lived.

Don't take this wrong. I'm not saying that if you have a secular job that you're bad. We need Christians everywhere, but I am suggesting that all of us look carefully at our lives and see how committed we really are, and if we find ourselves lacking, do something about it.



Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Congratulations to Brandon May and Leslie Myers, Kearney, Neb., on the birth of their first child, Rivers Graham May. Rivers was born May 16 in Kearney, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces and measuring 20 inches. His paternal grandparents and great-grandmother are Elwood and Jeanie May and Wilma May, all of Oberlin.

Lee Tyler Nichols, son of Ryan and Karen Nichols, Oberlin, was born May 18, and has two brothers, Levi and Logan, to welcome him home. His maternal grandparents are Scott and Kristi Waterman, and his great-great-aunt is Wilma May of Oberlin.

Daniel Lerew, Myles Scheaffer and Alexandra Waterman were confirmed Sunday morning during worship services at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin with Pastor Brad Rick officiating. Their parents are JoAnn Lerew, Steve and Dawn Scheaffer and Heather Waterman. Following worship services, a brunch was held in the fellowship hall to honor the confirmands.

Tyler Garrett Shields and Kiah Nalani-Ann Blau graduated Saturday afternoon during the 109th annual Commencement Exercises at Decatur Community High School in Oberlin. Their parents and grandparents are Paul and Kelly Shields and David and Stephanie Blau, and Gaylord and Shirley Shields and Evan and Sheryl Unger. Tyler graduated with honors as salutatorian of the class and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Butch and Colleen Rittmann and Rielly, Shawnee; Christian Rittmann, Manhattan; and Ralph and Norma Unger attended Sunday afternoon graduation ceremonies for Ty and Brock Zwegardt at St. Francis Community High School.

Stephanie Frankforter, Ethan and Isaac, Cairo, Neb., were weekend guests of her parents, Elwood and Jeanie May, and attended graduation festivities for Miranda Shelton.

Tyler Shields and Brent Jueneemann were honored with a graduation reception at the home of Gaylord and Shirley Shields, hosted by their parents, Paul and Kelly Shields and Gary and Jennifer Jueneemann.

Among out-of-town relatives attending were Donna and Ed Wright, Westminster, Md.; Mike and Nancy Shields, Omaha.; and Brett and Ali Shields, Sam, Levi, and Halle, Harlan, Iowa.

Tyler, Cassidy and Caitlin Shields and Zach May ran in the Regional Track meet held Friday in Smith Center. Tyler came in first in the 4x800 relay, the 1600 meter (1 mile) race, and the 3200 meter (2 mile) race; Cassidy came in first in the 300 hurdles and third in the 4x400 relay; Caitlin came in first in the 4x800 relay, and fourth in the 1600 meter (1 mile) race. Zach came in first in the 4x800 relay and second in the 4x400 relay. All four youths qualified for State track competition in all of their events above. The Decatur Community High School girls track team took first place at regional track and will also go on to state track competition.

Ed and Donna Wright, Westminster, Md., arrived Friday to attend the regional track meet. They were weekend guests of her sister, Kelly and Paul Shields and family, attended Tyler's graduation, and returned home on Sunday.

Ed Waterman, Sedgwick, was a weekend guest of his brother and sister, Melvin Waterman and Karen and David Eskew, and attended the confirmation of his great-niece, Alexandra Waterman.

Saturday guests of Ryan and Darcie Unger, Ty and Brock, St. Francis, were Butch and Colleen Rittmann and Rielly, Shawnee; Christian Rittmann, Drew Zwegardt, and Dillan and Christi Zwegardt, Manhattan; and Ralph and Norma Unger.

Erin May captured five gold medals Saturday at the Phillipsburg track meet. She set new personal records in the mile running it in 6:51 and the 100 meter dash in 15:09. She also won the high jump, long jump and relay.

Martin and Evelyn May, Janice Cundiff, Marvin May, Chris and Kasey May, Kelsey and Hunter, Andy and Kelley May and Lauren, and Kaylen Townsend enjoyed dinner together Saturday evening at an area restaurant to celebrate Evelyn's birthday.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Thursday during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Lillian Sulzman won high with a score of 701; Lola Cook took second with 682; Pat Wessel got low with 399; and Jeanie Spresser had the most kings. Other members present included: Ralph Weis, Carl Mumm, Matt Finnesy, Royce Cook, Ann Hazlitt, Betty James, Paulie Neff, Bernita Aumiller, Gail Mumm, Bob Wessel and Helen Karls.

Birthdays and anniversaries: May 25, Koen Schaben; May 26, Linda Schroer, Sonya Stanton; May 27, Tasha Carman, Gary and Jerrie Robinson, Drew Stevenson; May 28, Andrea Mitchell, Scott Bruggeman,

Kendra Spresser, Steve and Helen Carman; May 29, Joe Geisinger, Robert Wessel, Jan Jueneemann; May 30, Dick Stevenson, Devin Spresser, Amy Rogers Hurdle.

The 19th Annual Antique Tractor and Classic Car show will be held Sunday, June 3. Registration starts at 8 a.m. There will be a horseshoe pitching contest, kiddie tractor pull, barrel race, washer-drop competition, corn tank for the small kids. The Selden Community Foundation will have a barbecue at 11 a.m. The Walking Trail committee will be running the raffle stand. Come early and plan to stay all day. There will be lots of fun for everyone.

Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 5:30 p.m. Saturday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 10:00 Sunday

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. (Nursery 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. Praise and Worship time, with Weekly Lords Supper, Multi-media Bible sermons & open bible studies combined. Private Bible studies on request.

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.
NORCATOUR 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: Brad Rick
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays.

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