

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Those attending the wedding of Chance Harman and Lynsey Miller in Okotoks, Canada, on July 7 were: Renee Harman, Bob and Anita Montgomery, Oberlin; Scott Harman, Blake and Amanda Shuler, Bartley, Neb.; Bobbie and Lee Frakes, Trenton, Neb.; Frank and Susan Hillebrand, Megan, Matt and family, rural Norcatour; Blake Hillebrand and friend, New Orleans, La.; and Ron Harman, Norcatour. The Knutson-Montgomery family reunion was held July 20-22 in Grand Island, Neb. Those attending were: Donna Knutson, Dennis, Jamie, Kelsey Knutson and friend, Council Bluffs, Iowa; David, Derek and Dustin Knutson, Omaha; Dewaine, Jacob and Vanessa Knutson, Palmyra, Neb.; Sarah Knutson, McCook; Bob and Anita Montgomery, Renee Harman, Oberlin; Ron, Gina and Alyssa Montgomery, Jennings; and Shane and Crystal Montgomery, Norton.

Norcatour Senior Citizens will play pinocle at 1 p.m., Thursday at the Norcatour Methodist Church Educational Building.

John and Trudi McCollum and girls of Liberty, Mo., came to Bob Strevey's on Friday evening. Trudi attended her 20th Norton Community High School class reunion of July 25. While visiting, the McCollums attended the Norton County Fair.

Bob Jones, a candidate for county commissioner, visited Rea and Dee Magers last week.

Jeff Magers and Joy Luoto, Cedar Bluffs, spent a recent Friday afternoon with his parents, Rea and

Dee Magers. They celebrated Jeff's birthday with good visiting, barbecue ribs and a Scrabble game.

Happy Birthday to: Carolyn Plotts, Aug. 1; Noah Baker, Les Ward and Wyatt Wentz, Aug. 7.

Anniversary Wishes to: Dwight and Mary Wentz, Aug. 6; Darren and Lois Wentz, Stan and Carol Miller and Bob and Kay Strevey, Aug. 7.

Krista Kuhlman is selling T-shirts for \$12 to help raise funds to defray travel and medical expenses for her three-year old nephew, Eric Kuhlman who is taking chemo treatments every week for six months in Omaha. Send your order to: Eric Kuhlman's Cancer Fund, c/o Krista Kuhlman, 305 Cherry Ave., Oakley, Kan., 67748. Include your phone number, name, address and shirt size, adult or child.

Scott Harman took first place at both the Oakley and Atwood County rodeos.

Norcatour Senior Citizens met Friday to play pitch at the Norcatour Methodist Church Educational Building.

Don Daniels is back on his feet after a close call while visiting his grandson near Dubois, Wyo. The two men were riding their all-terrain vehicles up a steep incline when Don saw movement out of the corner of his eye. He said he shouldn't have stopped and when he did the machine tipped onto its side, injuring his leg. It was a cow buffalo that perceived him as a threat to her calf and charged. Somehow, the ATV landed on top of him and he suffered a broken arm and wrist and four broken ribs before the cow lumbered

off. Don thanked everyone who helped out at his place.

Wava Reames' grandson, James, has been spending the summer with her. She also reports that her granddaughter, Shawnda, tried out for "American Idol" at the Oklahoma City auditions. Shawnda didn't get to the second round, but she didn't get booed off the stage either.

Carolyn and Jim Plotts' granddaughter, Taylor Bravo, 13, Lucas, Texas, has been staying with them. They all attended the Norton County Fair events and are preparing for Decatur County Fair.

Norcatour is once again responsible to run the Big Swings at the Decatur County Fair. It takes at least 20 volunteers to operate the ride. Call Jim or Carolyn Plotts at 693-4544 to volunteer.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Erin May won both the tractor pull in her age division at the Hoxie Fun Day, Friday, July 27, and the girls division of the Mile Fun Run Saturday morning, July 28, benefiting Hoxie's swimming pool.

Susan May, serving on the Kansas Farm Bureau Women's Committee, attended a meeting in Manhattan Sunday and Monday; and Roger May, chair of the Kansas Crop Improvement Association, had a meeting in Manhattan on Monday as well. Ryan May, a senior at Decatur Community High School, accompanied his parents to Manhattan and met with the Kansas State University Agriculture Department.

Tami Shaw and Dante, accompanied by her parents, Norman and Julie Gallentine, traveled to Colorado Springs Saturday, July 28, where they visited their sister/daughter, Becky and Al Rohr and family. They returned home on

Tuesday.

Rob and Debbie Blakely brought the ashes of their mother, Betty (Fortin) Blakely, back home to Oberlin Friday afternoon. Accompanying them was their aunt, Phyllis Green of Bandon, Ore. While here they visited Phyllis's brother, Jack Fortin, and nephew, Charles Fortin, returning home Saturday afternoon.

Ralph and Norma Unger helped Ryan and Darci Unger with their Unger Chiropactic float entry in the St. Francis fair parade Saturday. Ty and Brock Zweygardt played guitars in the band riding on the float, and Ryan and Darci followed behind riding motorcycles.

John and Edith Tate were Friday evening visitors of Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie and Grace, to help Grace celebrate her eighth birthday with homemade cake and ice cream. Mollie made the birthday cake and iced and decorated it with

fondant.

Jaron and Tara Tate and Abigail, Fort Collins, Colo.; John and Edith Tate; and Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Grace met Saturday noon for lunch in Oberlin to celebrate Grace's eighth birthday.

There will be an open house from 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Oberlin to celebrate Martin and Evelyn May's 65th wedding anniversary. No gifts please.

Elmer and Margaret Waterman, Tim and Lisa, Bonaire, Ga., will be in Oberlin from Aug. 17 - 22. Come visit with them at a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 18, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

John and Dianne Bremer attended the Saturday afternoon wedding reception for Mary and Gannon Reichert at the Leoville Parish Hall.

Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

Well, I think we all made it through the Thomas County Fair in one piece! Many Rexford-area youths participated, and from what I've gathered, they all did very well. Ray and Jackie Johnson celebrated an amazing 60 years of marriage on Aug. 1. Congratulations! The Celebration Community Church of Hays brought about 35 youth and leaders to Shepherd's Staff for a high school camp Aug.

1 to 4. While here, the youth participated in paintball, played a lot of crazy games, had sessions teaching about the wonder of God, and even found time for a few hours of service for the Rexford community. They scraped and painted the Museum, a fence on Main Street and the front of a building on Main Street. They also helped spread gravel at the park and did some landscaping at the Historic Philip Houston House.

During the youth camp, a group from Calvary Temple Church in Fredrickson, Mo., stopped to give a music and drama performance. This group of 50 kids had traveled out to California and back, performing at juvenile detention centers, churches and other venues. They are led by Randy Sawyer and are on their RealLove tour.

The Colby Gideon Camp met at Shepherd's Staff on Saturday. Don't forget that you can check out the free produce at the Stepper

building (just south of the post office) on Mondays and Thursdays. It looks like a few different gardens are producing now, so there's lots of variety! And if you do leave produce for others, don't forget to come by and pick up what is left late in the afternoon.

As always, I want to publish your special events and celebrations. Just e-mail your information to: griffithsgang@gmail.com or call 687-2076. Have a great week!

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Several Jennings people were mentioned for prayers Sunday at the United Methodist Church. Glenda Johnson is home and doing as well as she can after her heart surgery.

Martin La Rue is in the Oberlin hospital. Mary Votapka, who now resides at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin, fell and is in the Oberlin Hospital also. Rachel Carter is doing well and was our church greeter Sunday morning.

The Stramp family descendants reunion was held Sunday at the Sunflower Senior Center.

Wayne and Louise Cressler received the welcome news of the birth of Davis Charles, a new great-grandson, born July 30. He weighed 8 pounds. Parents are Brad and Cinnamon Harold, Denver. He has one brother, Calhoun, 4 1/2 years old. Grandparents are Patsy and Don Harold, Grand Junction, Colo. Estella Harold, Norton, is also his great-grandmother.

Jennings Fireman's 41st Fun Day is scheduled for August 25. This year the theme is, "Kansas - Too Hot To Handle." If anyone has newspaper articles or pictures of fires and/or excessive temperature reports in Kansas of this year or past years, please share with Marge Hartzog. Craft Fair spaces are still available for \$25 each. Table is furnished. This is to be held inside. In the past we have had a community garage sale. Contact Terri Hanke at (785) 678-2333.

Remember to bring Bingo prizes to the Seniors Potluck Supper at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 14. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Sunflower Senior Center.

The August meeting of the Czech Museum board was held Aug. 2, with President Neoma Tacha presiding. Directors present were Mary Wahlmeier, Doyle Brown, Mike Tacha, Alice Mizer, Lila Jennings, Bob Tacha and Dean Gawith. Dalene Gawith was a guest. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given and approved.

Fireman's Fun Day is Saturday, Aug. 25. The museum will be open at 10 a.m., close during the parade and open afterward until 5 p.m. We welcome any volunteer helpers for the day. Please contact Neoma Tacha at 678-2470 if you are interested in helping that day.

Recently the museum buildings were painted by Benny Cooper. We discussed the addition with two contractors before the business meeting. Bids will be opened at the September meeting.

We thank Brandon Johnson, Roberta Petracek and Daryl and Marge Hartzog for their recent donations to the museum.

Our next meeting will be Sept. 6 at 2 p.m. Visitors are welcome at all our meetings.

Would love to have your news to share each week in this space.

Men and women in marriage

Doug Mason, Teens for Christ

Over the years when doing pre-marital counseling, I always, at some point in the process, have the couple read out loud, in my presence, this scripture. What always happens is that as the man reads verses 22-24, where it talks about the wife being submissive to the husband, the man is truly enjoying reading this scripture. The woman, on the other hand, is noticeably uncomfortable. Many a husband, at some point in a marriage, will quote this scripture and use it as a club to try to maintain his imagined position of authority. Rare is the man that reads the next part: "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her."

Here is the deal. Scripture is clear about the husband and wife role, but it isn't near as old-fashioned and male-dominating as most think. When reading this second part of scripture, we need to look at Christ's love for us.

Knowing that we are imperfect, knowing that we are selfish, knowing that we will do wrong by Him, Jesus still died in our place. He literally went through Hell for us.

Why? Because that is what true selfless love does. Jesus died in our place because he loved us without conditions. And this is the kind of love that Paul is writing about in this scripture. It's this kind of love (not emotion based) that makes a marriage successful.

Men, please understand this: A husband is to love his wife so completely and selflessly that he will do everything in his power, even laying down his life for her, to see her taken care of and protected. In my counseling sessions, I would have the woman at one point stand up on a chair or table and have the man stand by her looking up to her and explain to him that he is to see her in that way at all times - putting her on a pedestal. Only when the man has that attitude is the woman in a position to be willing to be submissive to her husband.

When she knows that she is loved unconditionally and that she is married to a man who will do anything for her, can she feel safe enough to be submissive.

A godly man is not a tyrant.

A godly man is not self-seeking.

A godly man is not ever to be feared by his wife. On the other side of that coin, a godly woman is not to be feared by her husband! We men are not perfect. We never will be. But, many times the wife loves to point out the insufficiencies of her husband. We call that nagging.

A nagging old woman at a party walked up to a belligerent old man and told him, "If you were my husband, I would poison your drink!" To which he replied, "If you were my wife, I would drink it!"

Wives! Men are not encouraged to get things done when they are badgered about it. If you want something done - butter us up with compliments. Husbands are usually eager to please their wives when the wives builds us up.

Ladies, please understand this: Men are rarely good with compliments. We don't always know the right things to say. We try - but we also fear when we don't know what we are supposed to say. Your husband cannot read your mind, so you will need to give the guy some slack - no - not some slack - a lot of slack. I have been married for over 28 years and we still have those moments that she's expecting me to say a specific something and I know that there is a specific something I'm supposed to say and know very well that I don't know what that is.

Marriage is not a lifelong state of bliss. There will be times when you love each other, but don't like each other.

As the years pass, you will change and become different people. The way of the world is to leave it behind, but that is never to be an option. The only way to survive a marriage these days is to put our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ as the center of our relationship. As the scripture says, "a strand of three cannot be broken."

Always have Christ as the foundation of your marriage.



Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

My office is near the main entrance to the hospital, and people entering Decatur Health through those doors who want to speak with the chief executive officer pass by it daily.

Frequently, they're greeted by Lynn Doeden coming out into the lobby herself, always with a few kind words and an invitation to come back into her office to talk.

This is the last month that we'll be hearing Mrs. Doeden welcome folks at Decatur Health, and it will be an immense adjustment to get used to not hearing that voice here. She announced to the department managers last week that she has accepted a new job in Emporia, as a clinic administrator; her resignation at Decatur Health is effective Sept. 1. There have already been names suggested to serve as an interim chief executive, and I know the hospital board will be working hard to find a full-time replacement that will bring the best they have to offer here to Oberlin.

It's going to be strange, though. The replacement will have quite a job on their plate. It's been an honor to work for Mrs. Doeden. Having her here to guide me past my failures and reward my successes with appreciation has been vital. If the new administrator handles the job with a

tenth of the attention, care and grace that she has, then Oberlin will be blessed indeed.

The other issue on everyone's minds is that of the status of Dr. Stephen Albert. His privileges are currently suspended at Decatur Health, but he has not been fired. I know people would like to know more, but I honestly don't have many more facts to give out. These issues are largely confidential, which is only right and proper given the nature of health care, but for everyone on the outside of the situation, it can be frustrating.

In the meantime, to assist our other full-time medical providers, physical assistant Sean Conroy and nurse practitioner Lynnetta Ward, Dr. Allen Hooper will be coming here to serve as interim medical director. Dr. Hooper previously practiced medicine out of Kinsley, and will be coming out of retirement to help us starting Monday. He'll be here for one of every six weeks while things get settled.

The recruitment of Dr. Ronald Stuke of Indiana continues in the background of all this. While we wait out his Kansas licensing procedure, Oberlin people will need to stick together as I know they can through this time of transition.

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, LEVILLIE**
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. Nancy Proffitt
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. Nancy Proffitt
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.
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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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