

Learning expo held in Oakley



Home Time

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Shelby Barlow, granddaughter of Dennis and Judy Shirley, received the McKenzie Wilson award from her high school, Providence, in Jacksonville, Fla. The award goes to the girl who most exemplifies Christian values, is an accomplished student and cheerleader and demonstrates caring and giving. Shelby, a junior, is the daughter of Becky and Cash Barlow. She is on her school's cheerleading squad of 20 girls that won the state contest in their division. She had wanted to be a "flyer," but almost 6 feet tall, she had to be a "catcher."

Norcatour residents need to be aware that the time for outgoing mail has changed. It is now necessary to have your mail to the Post Office by 11:40 a.m. in order for it to meet the processing schedule.

Evelyn Lyon will celebrate her 97th birthday Saturday. She would enjoy receiving cards and letters from her friends, family and neighbors. Birthday wishes will reach her in care of the Andbe Home, 201 West Crane, Norton, Kan. 67654.

A request is being made to anyone willing to bring a golf cart to Elden Auker Park on main street by 1 p.m., Sunday, May 26, to transport veterans to the cemetery for Memorial Day services. Some veterans may choose to walk to the cemetery, but others might like to ride to the

cemetery gates. You are even encouraged to decorate your cart.

Happy birthday wishes to: Veda Wood, May 2; Linda Hunt, May 3; Howard Anderson, May 5; David Stapp, May 6.

Gary and Cathy Anthony rode with Margaret Magers and her daughter, Jane Engelhardt, Norton, to Quinter on April 28, where they attended the Spring Music Festival at the Brethren Church where the Jubilee Bell Ringers played several numbers. Mrs. Magers' daughter, Judy Easton, is a member of the group. Another performer with local ties is Rebecca Tuttle of Kansas City. She is a cousin of Casey Tuttle. Ms. Tuttle recently auditioned for the chorus at the Kansas City Opera. Following the performances, Gary and Cathy, Margaret and Jane had a pizza supper in WaKeeney with Charlie and Judy Easton.

Retta Hare and Janice Ebner recently made a trip to Topeka to visit Heather Ebner, Luke and Adam.

Eric, Kathy, Kristen and Erika Wilkins, Holdrege, Neb., and D.J. Ebner and his friend, Pam, recently spent the day with Retta Hare. Kristen and Erika stayed for the night and accompanied their grandmother to Norton for Mexican food.

There will not be a Story Time at the Norcatour Public Library today because Librarian Betsy Jakowski

will be attending a Northwest Kansas Library meeting. New DVDs in the library are: "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," "The Twilight Saga, Breaking Dawn, Part II," "Darling Companion" and "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas."

Everyone is welcome to come to free movies on selected Tuesday nights in the multi-purpose room at the former Norcatour Grade School. Cartoons start at 6:30 p.m. with the main feature at 7. There will be no movie May 15; and "Lincoln" will be playing May 21. The movies are free, but donations are accepted for the bottled water and popcorn.

The next Norcatour Outreach Clinic will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, May 16, in the former Norcatour Grade School building. Call (785) 475-2015 to schedule an appointment, but walk-ins are always welcome.

The Norcatour Museum is getting closer to completing its remodeling project, just in time for all the Memorial Day visitors that will be in town.

At least 20 volunteers helped fold all the flags used every year in the Avenue of Flags display at Norcatour Cemetery during Memorial Day Services. After services, the Cemetery Board plans to re-fold the flags in June.

Full Circle...An Aging Expo was held recently at Oakley for a large audience of professional caregivers and those interested in topics which the aging have an impact of life as we age.

Discussion topics included were as follows: intimacy and the aging process, the differences between guardianships and conservatorships, fall prevention, mental health and aging, being prepared financially following a disaster, how to handle farm succession from generation to generation, generational differences, and bucket lists and looking back at what was worth all the work and effort during your lifetime.

Full Circle... An Aging Expo was held this year in conjunction with the Logan County Health Fair. Sponsors of the combined event included K-State Research and Extension in Northwest Kansas, the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging, the Department of Health and Human Performance at Fort Hays State University, The Kansas Humanities Council and the Logan County Health Fair Committee coordinated by the Logan County Health Department and Golden Prairie Extension District, Oakley Office.

One couple in attendance reported that they appreciated the opportunity to attend educational sessions which really impacted their lives. They felt it was beneficial that they could choose different sessions when they had different interests. Even when they attended the same session, they reported that each of them picked up different pieces of information that the other spouse had missed.

Local K-State Research and Extension Offices would be glad to pass on any concerns about aging you may have to the Full Circle planning committee. Plans are already underway for Full Circle... An Aging Expo for April 25, 2014. The committee may pick the topics reported to local offices for educational sessions for the 2014 Full Circle...An Aging Expo.

If you have any questions about the Aging Expo or aging related

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Good Samaritan Center

By Whitney True

I tuned into an e-service this last Sunday morning and the pastor was talking about how all of us measure our success in life. We all know that financial and professional success can fulfill us to a point, but what is it that really fills us up with joy and purpose? The pastor went on to talk about focusing on significance in life as opposed to success.

If you have ever walked the halls at Good Sam you know that typically our residents have the biggest smiles on their faces when they have family or friends nearby. The relationships that filled our residents' lives before making Good Sam their home are still the relationships that bring joy, happiness and significance to their lives today. The relationships that we as staff and volunteers build with our residents are at the heart and the core of our work here. We each connect with residents and their families and we find ways to problem solve, love and support each other. You could say that the relationships that blossom here are what give all of us our spiritual significance and also give our residents part of their significance.

This week is National Nurses week and we took time out to celebrate all of the tough work and devotion our nurses give to our residents. Residents hosted an ice cream social for staff and residents. We also hosted an end-of-the-year shindig for our first hand friends and Mrs. Sattler for all the hard work and time they have given us this year! We had cupcakes, Loren Schrock and daughter Cheryl Miller provided entertainment and the kids danced and danced till their legs hurt. We also played a game called Balloon Battle and all of the kids received a book from a resident! A different

group of kiddies came by.

The Head Start class and Lodge stopped in on Tuesday morning to help residents plant flowers in the outdoor patio in the front of our center. The kids also paraded through our halls to catch residents that were in their rooms! In other news activity, assistants Kim and Karlie and Coleen were hard at work hosting a slew of fun activities all week long.

Karlie put together an activity called Cranium Crunches which challenged our residents with riddles and word problems. She also held a fantastic devotion as well as sing-a-long to some of our residents' favorite hymnals. Kim went mad scientist on us and helped residents make borax crystals. She also taught residents some dance moves with a video called Chair Salsa.

We have added many new and challenging activities to our repertoire and have also expanded programming to weekends and evenings in an effort to offer our residents more options throughout their week. We played Dominoes and watched short comedy shows and ate lots of pop corn in the evening this week as well as hosted a special care activity in the garden which consisted of sensory activities and music therapy.

We celebrated National Day of Prayer with a prayer meeting last week and the Oberlin Lions Club hosted our monthly birthday party on Saturday. Later this week the Stop Along The Road (STAR) committee is hosting our annual hat parade and staff will put on a fashion show for residents in celebration of Mother's Day!

Our family potluck is also this Thursday at 6 p.m. We are having a

barbecue and families and friends are asked to bring a side dish to share. The theme is 1950s, so feel free to dress up.

Next week we will celebrate National Nursing Home Week with a spirit week. Staff has voted and picked a theme for each day of the week and we will have interactive entertainment in the afternoons. Feel free to stop in and join in.

This week visitors included: Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**; Reva Marshall and Penny Fringer for **Dorothy Hunt**; Pat Fringer for **Margaret Vacura**; Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**; Ralph and Norma Unger for **Earl Brown** and **Woody May**.

God's love reaches young and old

In case you don't know, FaithWeaver Friends is an after school program for kids from first through sixth grade. It teaches kids about God's love for them and other basics from the Bible. Volunteers from the Decatur County churches gathered on Wednesday afternoons at the United Methodist Church to sing, teach and play games with kids that told the day's lesson. I had a blast leading the games sessions, but two weeks ago was our last meeting until fall.

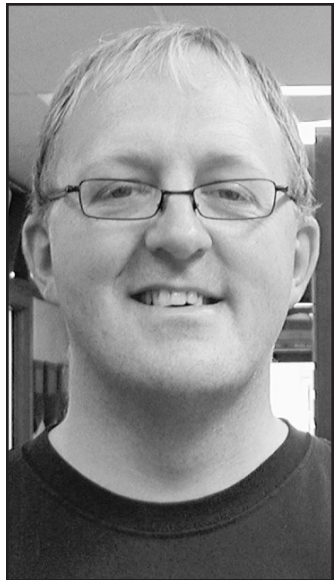
Matthew 14:21 says, "And those who ate were about 5,000 men, besides women and children" (RSV). All four of the Gospels tell this story of Jesus miraculously feeding a large group of people with a few loaves of bread and a couple fish, but only Matthew mentions the women and children.

When Matthew tells us that women and children were also fed, he is restating an important point he makes throughout his book. He wants us to know that Christ did not just come for the men by whom humanity was defined. He was repeating Jesus' message that the Kingdom of Heaven does not belong to the power-

ful. Matthew tells us Christ came to save the poor, the sick, the lame, the widow, the orphan, the outcast, the outsider, the women and the children.

As the school year was coming to an end, I looked forward to my free Wednesday afternoons. FaithWeavers is a pretty big time commitment, after all. But last week while working on stuff for adults, I felt empty and missed the kids. Partly this is because I'm a kid at heart, but mostly it's because Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 19:14 RSV).

So this summer I plan to show up at the city park every Wednesday morning with a ball or some other game and play with whoever shows up. How early depends on the weather, but tell any bored kids you know they can go play with that crazy pastor down at the park. Adult volunteers are welcome, too, but the point will be to tell the kids about God's love for them.



Pastor Roy Matthewson
Lund Covenant Church

Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

<p>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH 785-475-3103 Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 10:30 a.m. Sunday IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</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>LYLE UNITED METHODIST Guest Speakers every Sunday SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 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>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 5:30 p.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>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>LUND COVENANT CHURCH Pastor Roy Matthewson 10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin. Sunday: Sunday School 10am Worship 11 am "The Difference is worth the Distance" facebook.com/LundCovenantChurch</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>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Ed Woods SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p>	<p>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..</p>	
<p>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST The Rev. Nancy Proffitt SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 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. Praise and Worship time, with Weekly Lords Supper, Multi-media Bible sermons & open bible studies combined. Private Bible studies on request.</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON Fr. Nick Parker Phone 785-322-5560 MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Paul's FUNERAL HOMES A Trusted Name Since 1925. Phone: 785-475-3127 — Oberlin 785-386-4311 — Selden Derek Riner Rick and Dori Pauls</p>
<p>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor: Dennis Brown SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 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>NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Ed Woods SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>		

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

First of all, thank you for making my birthday party so great. Thanks to the grandchildren who were most instrumental in planning and making it go, and to everybody who came to help me celebrate. Ordinarily, I don't need that much attention, but once in 90 years, it should be all right. OK, here are the numbers: there were five children, Carol Moye, Sandra McNames, David, Merlin and Dwight Wood; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. The book was signed by close to 100 people.

I was happy for the ones who came long distances. Merlin from Fort Pierce, Fla.; Hester from Fort Collins, Colo.; David and Hannah's family from Oklahoma, to name a few. And I have had many cards and phone calls. One call was from Howard Anderson, a schoolmate. We graduated from Norcatour High

School in 1941. If anyone knows of any more of our classmates who are still living, we would like to know.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen attended the funeral of Harry Hutchins at the Baptist Christian Church of Wilsonville. Lloyd and Harry were Marines together.

Toots Magers played pitch with the group at Norcatour on Friday, came to my birthday dinner on Saturday, and the Lyle dinner on Sunday. Twelve ate dinner at the Community Building: Toots Magers, Jane Engelhardt, Judy and Charlie Easton, Gary, Cathy and Keith Anthony, Joyce Sumner, Joyce Price, Sheri Regal, Veda Wood and David Wood.

Amy Archer, Joyce Sumner's granddaughter, continues to have problems while waiting for a liver transplant, latest of which has been a blood clot that has moved. She is always on our prayer list.

Museum has soddie records

The Prairie Museum of Art and History in Colby has 1,000 records which are now available for public access online at prairiemuseum.pastperfect-online.com, thanks to support from the Ervil and Ronald Thiel Charitable Trust.

For five years, museum staff has been working to scan over 13,500

records documenting life in a sod house experiences spanning all 50 states and 47 foreign countries.

Three of the 20 boxes of records have yet to be opened. The staff plans to upload the records and discover new soddie stories until the entire collection is online.