

It's been awhile since there's been a dance in Norcatour, but Saturday night there will be one in the new air conditioned all-purpose room at the City Building. The occasion is to help raise money to finish the roof. The dance starts at 8 p.m. with music provided by Full Throttle deejay service of Oberlin. Cost for a single adult is \$5 and \$7.50 for a couple. A \$50 prize for the best costume of any era you choose will be awarded. Dress in the '20s, '30s, '40s or '50s. It's not required, but will add to the fun.

Happy birthday wishes to: Bee Nelson, July 4; Dickie Beachel, Gwynn Ward, July 9.

Couples celebrating an anniversary are: Gerald and Judy Jackson, July 5; Russell and Karyn James, July 7.

If you have news you would like to see in the Norcatour News, please send it to dotw25@ruraltel.net, jolyon@ruraltel.net or debmclerk@gmail.com.

The Decatur County attorney, Steve Hirsch, will be in the Norcatour City Building from 9 to 11 a.m., Thursday.

Arlene Hix recently fell and broke her hip. She would enjoy hearing from her Norcatour friends. Cards and letters will reach her at 103 Whispering Pines, Norton, Kan. 67654.

At the end of May, Darrel and Alice Barnett, Kay Strevey and Cheryl Roberts took a 16-day bus tour from Salina to the California/Oregon coast. They got to see the Grand Canyon, the Petrified Forest, the Ronald Reagan Library, Hearst Castle, Alcatraz, the Golden Gate Bridge, Redwoods National Park, the Tillamook Cheese Factory, the Rogue River, Bonneville Dam, the Oregon Trail and the Mormon Tabernacle. They all agreed it was a wonderful trip and would love to do it again.

Norcatour Senior Citizens will be playing pinochle at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Norcatour Methodist Educational Building.

Pastor Ed Woods has moved to Jennings. He will now serve the Jennings, Clayton and Norcatour United Methodist churches. Services in Norcatour will begin Sundays at 8:45 a.m.

A benefit supper for Beth Johnson is planned for Sunday, Aug. 25, beginning at 5 p.m. in the air conditioned all-purpose room at the City Building. If you can help or bring food, call Jerry Wescott, (785) 871-7863.

Congratulations to Scott Hobbard and Kristina Files on the birth of a daughter, Jeannie Marie, who was born June 24. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches long. She has three sisters, Payton, Teagan and Justine.

A barbecue to celebrate Ron Temple's birthday was held July 1 at the Norcatour home of Scott and Tracy Hartzog. All the family and many friends were present to share the meal and sing "Happy Birthday."

The Norcatour Outreach Clinic will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday at the City Building. Call (785) 475-2015 for an appointment. Walk-ins are always welcome.

The Decatur County bus will come to Norcatour on Wednesday afternoons. Just call the Decatur County Clerk at (785) 475-8101 to schedule a ride.

# Pressure canner check dates

If you have not canned for awhile or have never canned before, it is a good idea to have the dial gauge on your pressure canner tested before the beginning of the preservation season. In fact, this should be done yearly to ensure a safely canned end product.

Tranda Watts, Multi-County Extension Specialist will be providing free dial canning gauge testing (rocker weights do not require testing) at the following locations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the following dates:

Monday, July 8 - Golden Prairie Extension District - WaKeeney Office

Tuesday, July 9 - Twin Creeks Extension District - Oberlin Office

Wednesday, July 10 - Twin Creeks Extension District - Hoxie Office

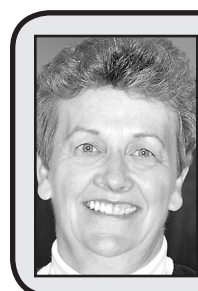
Monday, July 15 - Golden Prairie Extension District - Gove Office

Tuesday, July 16 - Twin Creeks Extension District - Norton Office

You do not have to remove the dial gauge from the lid of your pressure canner to have it tested, simply bring the lid with gauge attached for testing.

Other things to review before you begin include:

- Check the directions that come with your canner before starting to can. If you no longer have the directions or have questions about a specific canner, check with the company.
- Make sure your canning recipes follow the latest guidelines. Don't rely on old canning recipes. The recommendations for safety have changed. Depending on the type of food, all canning must now be done in a boiling water canner



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
Regional Extension Agent

(high-acid foods) or a pressure canner (low-acid foods). Significant changes in recommendations have been made in recent years which increase your chances of ending up with a safely canned food product.

Tranda Watts is Kansas State

University extension specialist in food, nutrition, health and safety for Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan, and Trego counties. Call her at (785) 443-3663 or e-mail trwatts@ksu.edu. For information, contact the Decatur County office of Twin Creeks Extension, 475-8121.

# Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Wayne and Linda Bosler spent the weekend at Fort Robinson State Park in northwest Nebraska. They enjoyed the museum and visitors' activities.

Bob and Julie Hafner spent Wednesday in Lexington, Neb., visiting their son, Jason Hafner and Raquel Frerichs.

Recent visitors of Wayne and Linda Bosler were; Nancy Bosler; Sue and Alli Garabedian; Scott, Bonnie and Anne Bosler and Emily Bennet, all from California. Von and Joy Johnson, Todd, Amy, Shade and Jaycee, all from Norton, joined the group at Roger's Bar and Grill for the special fried chicken dinner on Sunday.

Herndon received word of the death of Irene Zwegardt Schiessler, formerly of St. Francis. Irene was born May 12, 1918, and died Saturday, July 6, 2013, in Tribune. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday at the Living Water Fellowship Church in Bird City. Burial will follow at the Salem Lutheran Church Cemetery, St. Francis.

Carolyn Bosler Wallace, Ardmore, Okla., came to Herndon Tuesday afternoon, guest of Wayne and Linda Bosler. The three enjoyed dinner at the ReLoad in Oberlin during her family visit.

A small but enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the wide array of delicious food at City Park in Herndon for the Fourth of July potluck. Watermelon

was provided by Herndon Pride before the fireworks display at 10 p.m. Thanks to all members and helpers for their hard work and providing this evening for the community.

The family of Ann Fleckenstein invites friends to her memorial service at 10 a.m. Friday at the Immanuel United Church of Christ in Herndon. The family will be on hand at 9 a.m. to greet those in attendance. Kent Morgan of Courts of Praise Church in Atwood will officiate. Graveside inurnment will be held at 11 a.m. at the Evangelical Cemetery, followed by a luncheon at the Herndon Senior Center.

**Julies Memory Joggers**  
Courtesy of Leinwetter Family  
**Immanuel Church, Herndon**  
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Church Organizations  
Church Council: Charles Portschy, president; Kyle Grafel, vice president; Tom Franke, secretary; Bonnie Franke, treasurer; Elmore Grafel, member-at-large; Church membership 65.

Sunday School: Jean Ann Leitner, superintendent  
Departments: Beginners, Gayle Grafel; primary, Virginia Portschy; junior, Diane Jones; 11 members.

Women's Guild Cabinet: Mildred Grafel, president; Florence Eby, vice president; Virginia Portschy, secretary; Beverly Grafel, treasurer; Jean Ann Leitner, education chairman; Marita Portschy, outreach chairman; Beulah Franke, Eliza-

beth Kleint, Lora Zwicke, visiting committee; Beverly Grafel; cards; 10 active members, 12 honorary members.

Choir: Gayle Grafel, pianist-director Cindi Grafel, Marita Portschy, Jean Ann Leitner, Tom Franke, David Franke, Dean Franke, Kyle Grafel and Kent Grafel

In 100 years, there were:  
Baptisms: 632  
Confirmations: 540  
Weddings: 140  
Funerals: 320

# Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Herndon Covenant Church for Dolores Benda, 84, who died in Euless, Texas, on June 28. Burial will be in the Achilles Cemetery. A memorial was established to Herndon Covenant Church Women Ministries.

Elden and Detta Anderson were honored by their family with a joint surprise birthday party Friday evening to honor Elden on his 85th birthday and Detta on her 80th birthday at the home of Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe.

Guests included Steve and Arian Arnold, Clay, Jennie, Cowen and Grant Anderson, Herndon; Dick and Donna Kelley, Vince and Gayle Carlson, Gary Anderson, Norma Anderson and Galen Olson, Oberlin; Wane and Cheryl Stull, Solomon, and their granddaughter, Emily Stull, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Helen Jaderborg, Longmont, Colo.; Kendra, Addy and Brody Pelton, Burdett; and Gert Myers, Mansfield, Ohio.

Chris Schmidt was honored by this wife, Sherri, and their family with a backyard birthday party Friday evening at their home in observance of his 60th birthday. Their children include: Curtis, Dawnelle, Karli, Kelsi and Christopher Heim, Tucson, Ariz.; T.C. and Danace McDonald, Clae, Jordan, and Kainin, Colby; Clint and Morgan Schmidt,

Denver; Mike, Erin, Noah and Julianna Kittson, Browning Mont.

Other relatives present included: Kurt and Kathy Frisbie, Monument, Colo.; Joe, Vicki and Tanner Schmidt, Ludell; Daisy Schmidt, Achilles; and Doris Sloan, Cindi Sauder, Dan and Carol Wasson, Oberlin. They also enjoyed visiting with friends and neighbors from the surrounding area, who joined them for the party.

The Heim family and Clint and Morgan came Wednesday to help with preparations for the party and the Kittsons arrived Thursday. The Heims left Saturday so they could get home so the girls could be there for their last week of practice before their National Dance competition in Los Angeles, Calif. Clint and Morgan returned home Sunday afternoon.

Erin, Mike, Noah and Julianna Kittson are spending a few days this week with her parents, then plan to visit Clint Morgan Schmidt a couple of days before turning to their home in Montana.

Morning worship for the Herndon Covenant Church will begin at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

Gert Myers of Mansfield, Ohio, was a Saturday afternoon and overnight guest of Steve and Arian Arnold. On Sunday, she accompanied Helen Jaderborg to Denver, where she left by plane for her home.

# Living in a Liturgical World

Everybody worships. Whether you go to church on Sunday morning or whether you go to the golf course or to Walmart, everybody worships. The only question is "What do you worship?"

This month I am sharing insights on the formative power of worship from James K. A. Smith's recent books *Desiring the Kingdom* and *Imagining the Kingdom*. I'll also include some questions each week for you to reflect on individually or with a group.

According to Smith, we human beings are "liturgical animals." We can't help but worship. And what we worship shapes who we are, what we do, and ultimately how we live. When Smith uses the word "liturgy," he is not talking about a particular high-church style, but about any and all of the routines, habits, and rituals that we engage in - sacred or secular - that shape our hearts. Even the most mundane routines like posting a status on Facebook or singing "God Bless America" during the seventh-inning stretch at a baseball game can be described as "liturgies" because these habits conscript us into a larger story about who and whose we are. No ritual or practice is neutral, but each seeks to convert us to a particular vision of the way things should be, often a vision that is radically different from the one espoused by Jesus.

Smith asks us to consider, for example, the "liturgy" of shopping, and how the messages we receive at Wal-Mart or at the mall seek to form us into certain kinds of people. The rituals and routines of going shopping carry a particular understanding

of what it really means to be human: "We are broken people who need to buy something in order to be made whole."

"People's worth is based on their conformity to an unattainable materialistic standard."

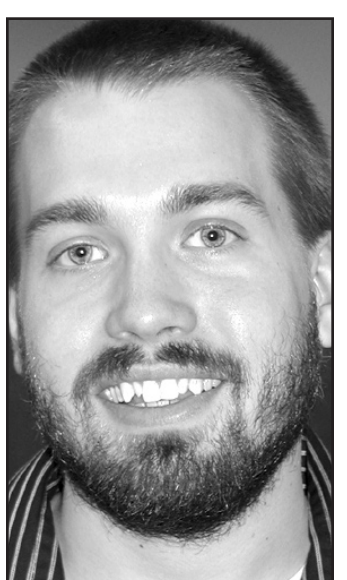
"The old and boring is to be discarded in favor of the new and novel."

And, "It does not matter where this supposedly endless supply of stuff comes from - or where all the trash goes."

This set of values, this "liturgy," which has been skillfully perfected by the marketing gurus of our time, seeks to aim our hearts toward spending and consumption in a way that is antithetical to the values of God's kingdom.

This is just one example of the de-formative power of the everyday habits and rhythms that we give little thought to. As Smith puts it, "The devil has had all the best liturgies." How do we counter the force of these secular "liturgies"? The answer, suggests Smith, is in the formative power of Christian worship, which we'll consider next week.

Think about an advertisement or commercial you have seen or heard recently. What information about the product does it communicate? How does it seek to work on you on an emotional level? What image of the "good life" does it project? Consider your cell phone or another piece of technology you own. How has it changed your life for the better or for the worse? How does it shape how you interact with others?



**Pastor Chris Nelson**  
Evangelical Covenant Church of Oberlin

## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

<p><b>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 785-475-3103 Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 5:30 Saturday <b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE</b> Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</p>	<p><b>UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN</b> 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 &amp; 3rd Sundays. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Sun. following Worship</p>	<p><b>LYLE UNITED METHODIST</b> Guest Speakers every Sunday SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.</p>	<p><b>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 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><b>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN</b> Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 10:00 a.m. Sunday</p>	<p><b>OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)</b> Pastor: Gene Gee SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.,</p>	<p><b>EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN</b> 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><b>LUND COVENANT CHURCH</b> 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><b>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Pastor: Barbara Patterson SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. <b>DRESDEN</b> SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST</b> Pastor: Ed Woods SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 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><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON</b> Fr. Nick Parker Phone 785-322-5560 MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.</p>
<p><b>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST</b> The Rev. Nancy Proffitt SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 230 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 &amp; open bible studies combined. Private Bible studies on request.</p>	<p><b>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Pastor: Dennis Brown SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.</p>	<p><b>HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH</b> Pastor: Keith Reuther Phone 785-322-5316 SUNDAY: 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Youth group, 4 p.m.</p>
<p><b>OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST</b> 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><b>NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST</b> Pastor: Ed Woods SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>PAULS FUNERAL HOMES</b> A Trusted Name Since 1925. Phone: 785-475-3127 - Oberlin 785-386-4311 - Selden Derek Riner Rick and Dori Pauls</p>	

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