



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
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The Cooleys, Haskell and JoLee, will present a gospel music program, "A Time for Refreshing" at 7 p.m. on Sunday at the United Methodist Church in Norcatour. Everyone is welcome.

Senior Citizens met Aug. 31 in the Educational Building for a potluck dinner and cards with 18 players present. Winners were Virgil Price, Clent Hatfield and Dorothy Ward.

The building entry team from Norton Correction Facility will be training at the Norcatour School Building on Friday, Sept. 21, from midnight to 8 a.m. They are interested in having a few volunteer "perpetrators" to search for. If interested, contact Troy Marshall at (785) 693-4344.

Birthdays: Lula Millie Matchett, Joyce Price, Alice Shirley - Sept. 7; Retta Hare - Sept. 8; Lula Hix, Louis Anderson, Dennis Lechlitter, Wayne McCallister - Sept. 9.

Lula Hix celebrated her 90th birthday on Saturday. Mail will reach her at 116 Whispering Pines, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Bee Nelson took Marguerite Clark and Dorothy Ward to Hays for doctor appointments on Aug. 29. They were accompanied by Wava Reames and LaVerne Milmer. The group met two of Wava's friends at the Golden Corral Restaurant, then she spent the afternoon with a friend.

Wava Reames had lunch with Frank and Velda Ward at Cedar

Living Center in Oberlin on Aug. 27, followed by pinochle. Wava went to Hays on Aug. 29, then had lunch with Geneva Deatrich and Evelyn Zellmer, former roommates at Fort Hays State. All three have August birthdays, so they were celebrated. Evelyn is the former Evelyn Hewett of Almena, and Geneva was from WaKeeney.

Scott Hartzog, Lisa and Jerry Rhodes, Jessica Rhodes and Caden, Bob Cotton, Randy Allen and Sherri Regal, Sharleen and Phil Wurm, Cole Mackley, Jace and Dalton have been helping Ron Temple with his work. He expected to undergo surgery on Thursday in Lincoln, Neb. Cards will reach him at Rt. 2, Box 25, Norcatour, Kan., 67653.

Bob and Cheri Pomeroy of Lakewood, Colo., came to visit her parents, Rea and Dee Magers, on Friday afternoon. Joining them on Saturday morning were Jeff Magers and Joy Luoto, Cedar Bluffs. The men hunted dove on Saturday and Sunday and the women attended an auction on Sunday.

ECKHART REUNION

Thirty-two attended the annual Eckhart reunion at the farm of Dennis Lechlitter and Ruth Gill from Sept. 1-3. A full weekend was spent eating, bowling, 4-wheeling, eating roasted pig, visiting, playing games, and celebrating birthdays and anniversaries with homemade ice cream, cake, and other goodies.

Present this year from Colorado were Vene and Phyllis Lechlitter, Stacey Lechlitter, Steve and Debbie Obrecht, Terry and Darcy Robbins, Kyle, Kathleen, Maverick and Mercy Obrecht, Kent and Mellissa Obrecht, Brooke Tamez and Jonis, Bobby, Diana and Julius Gaultlet. Guests from Nebraska were Cheryl and Ron Porter and Katy, Donna Eckhart, and Craig Eckhart. Joan Alhino came from California and Beverly Morgan from Florida. Guests from Kansas were Sharon Anderson, Patricia and Lela Brooks, and Robert and Karen Resser, along with the hosts Ruth Gill and Denny Lechlitter.

Visitors during the reunion weekend were Norman and Gary Gallentine and Dante, Kenneth and Pansy Price, Lee and Lora Arnold and Bill LaSalle. Photographer was Gary Gallentine.

Virgil and Joyce Price attended the Lyle Community dinner on Sept. 2, at Lyle. There was a small crowd but they enjoyed the good dinner and visiting.

On Sept. 3, Bob and Leona Schoenrad were evening visitors of Joyce and Virgil Price.

Bee Nelson and Dorothy Ward attended the wedding reception for Jodi Lee Ward and Byron Joseph Bina on Saturday evening, Sept. 1. The wedding took place at the Clayton United Methodist Church and the reception followed at the Eagles Lodge in Norton, with a dinner and dance. A large crowd attended the reception. Jodi is the daughter of David Ward, and granddaughter of Max and Norma Ward of Clayton.

Don Ward, Roeland Park, is a houseguest of his sister, Bee Nelson. He came for a visit and to attend his 60th class reunion in Norton on Sept. 7, and the Norton community all-school reunion on Saturday.

Wishing for a happy, healthy retirement isn't likely to make it so. For Kansans who are thinking about retirement—or accepting responsibility for aging parents—they might consider attending "Living the High Life," a one-day conference on aging successfully, which will be held Sept. 28 in WaKeeney, at the First United Methodist Church.

The educational session is co-sponsored by the Kansas State University Research and Extension Northwest Area and the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging.

Helen Stuckey Risdon, a registered nurse and humorist, will serve as the keynote speaker. With her presentation, "Humor for the Health of It," Risdon will speak on using humor to promote health and manage stress.

Attendees are invited to choose two morning sessions and two afternoon sessions from the following list of topics:

- "Leasing Agricultural Land" and "Now That You Are in Charge," presented by Sarah Fogelman, K-State Research and Extension agricultural economist;
- "Coming Together ... People of All Generations," presented by Charlotte Shoup Olsen, K-State Research and Extension family systems specialist;
- "Falls Prevention," presented by Debra Sellers, K-State Research and Extension specialist on adult development and aging;
- "The Arts are Your Good Health," presented by Sally Bailey, associate professor of theater at Kansas State University;
- "Sleeping Well, Aging Gracefully," presented by Suzanne Bolig, Sleep Center, Hays Medical Center;
- "Health Concerns with Mature Years," presented by Barbara Brown, D.O., from Osborne;
- "Living with a Plan," presented

by Marie Lieker, Clinkscales Law Offices, Hays;

• "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate," presented by Donna Krug, K-State Research and Extension family and consumer sciences agent, Barton County.

Registration and a resource fair will begin at 9:30 a.m. A brief welcome at 10 a.m. will set the stage for two morning sessions. Two afternoon sessions will follow the luncheon and keynote address. Sessions will conclude at 4 p.m.

The cost to attend the conference is \$25 per person and includes conference materials, lunch, and refreshment breaks. If two members from the same family attend, a reduced rate of \$40 is available. Registration at the door is \$35, but lunch cannot be guaranteed.

Early registration is encouraged as the conference is expected to fill quickly.

Registration, directions and other information are available by contacting the Trego County extension office at (785) 743-6361, or any NW Kansas K-State Research and Extension Office.

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Good Samaritan Center

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." (Proverbs 25:11)

Apples, apples everywhere! Have you noticed the beautifully abundant apple trees around town?

We couldn't let the bounty go to waste, so we loaded up six of our best apple pickin' people and headed over to Elden and Marilou Long's place to help them with the harvest! Doris Miller, Dorothy Hunt, Hazel Flaska, Kathryn Post, Elaine Thomas and Opal Bryan did the pickin'. We headed home with two 5-gallon buckets, filled to overflowing.

When we got back, we recruited our best apple peelin' people to get busy so we can get to the apple eatin' part of this party. Elaine Thomas, Thelma Spiers, Opal Bryan, Ruth McQuiston, Ruth Laidig, Kathryn Post and Hazel Flaska did the peelin'. The Thelma and Opal got into a friendly debate over a worm they found, as to whose apple his former home was.

So all week we invited our best apple eatin' people (which was just about everybody) to eat apple butter on biscuits, apple crunch with ice cream and a fancy apple tart complete with apple rosettes the ladies made for Sara Weyeneth's baby shower on Friday. The baby shower was well attended; we played games, gave good advice and watched her open gifts.

When you are out and about, watch for our van. It's all spiffed up, sporting our new blue and gold logo. Remember to wave; it might just be your loved one watching out the window.

Just another reminder: Please keep us on your calendar for Saturday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. We are having an old-fashioned "literary" in celebration of Founder's Day. Dessert will be served and everyone is welcome!

Recent guests: **Opal Bryan** - Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh, Ron and Dixie Snyder, Jeanne Britton of Thornton, Colo.; **Thelma Spiers** - Don and Joan Grafel of Herndon; **Ruth McQuiston** - Helen Gee; **Dorothy Hunt** - Reva Marshall, Mildred Black; **Hubert Mumm and Doris Marintzer** - Vicky and Bud Mumm of Gem, Don and Eleanor Rogers of Selden, Delores Raile of Hoxie, Alberta Ritter; **Hazel Flaska** - Myrna Lacina of Westminster, Colo.; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein; **Dorothy Bryan** - John and Carol Barrett; **Eva Bryan** - Donna Kelley, Delta Anderson; **Doris Miller** - Pat Cozad; **Faye Miller** - Rhonda Wildeman of Jennings; **Ruth Laidig** - Ernie and Janice Mehl of North Platte, Neb.; **Ethel Nemeth** - Shelby Hackney, Helen Brooks; **Lora Zwickle** - Helen Brooks, Doris Fringer.

Cedar Living Center

Grace Cook is a new resident at Cedar Living Center.

Helena Bruggeman won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Elmo Bailey won the blackout game.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle group on Wednesday afternoon including Frank and Velda Ward, Don Shaw, Helena Bruggeman, and Elsie Goodnight.

Don Shaw was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration held on Wednesday evening. Rick and Tammy Shaw and Carol Shaw ate supper with Don and brought brownies and ice cream for all of the residents and staff.

Father Henry brought communion for the Catholic residents on Thursday morning.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Thursday afternoon. Players included Helena Bruggeman, Mildred Cochran, Elsie Goodnight, Betty Harden, Edie Pettera, Kayo Sattler, John

Schuhart, Don Shaw, Frank Ward, and Delores Wheeler. Lyle Gambelin and Wava Reames also played with the group.

Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox and Velda Ward on Thursday afternoon.

The baking group made sugar cookies on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Wallace and Ruth Hanchett, Phillipsburg; Rose Domsch, Kyle Lanning, Meredith Hrnchir, Atwood; Frank Cox, J.R. Wolfram, Linda Bosler, Bob and Julie Hafner, Phyllis and J.R. Grafel, Herndon; Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Stan and Ramona Shaw, Jennings; Dorothy Ward, Wava Reames, Norcatour; Carol Shaw, Rick and Tammy Shaw, Selden; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Margaret Stanley, Colby;

Darlene Fisher, Earl Brown, Marguerite Bailey, Jeanette Miller, Ira Kolsky, Roxie Pomeroy, Sandra Young, Oberlin

'Life's Companions Help Increase Faith'

By Pastor Heidi M. Wiebe, Evangelical Covenant Church of Oberlin

I lost my faithful companion, Shadow, at the end of June. She had lived a good, long life, but her sudden death came as a complete surprise. I had her since she was a 6-week-old puppy and we experienced a lot of life together.

I knew she was getting old, so I got another dog, another puppy, several years ago to keep Shadow company in her old age. Her name is Curry and she has become another faithful companion. She has been great in helping me work through my sadness after Shadow died.

A companion is someone who travels with you on life's journey. They are there for you during the good times, but they are also close by during times of stress and difficulty. Yes, my dog companions have traveled with me, literally, from state to state, but they have also given me comfort when I have been sad, and of course they are always glad to see me when I come home each day.

There are others in my life who have also been my traveling companions - family members,

friends from college and seminary, and others at the churches I have served. These traveling companions are important in my life because we share more than just a common interest in movies, food or books. These life companions also share my life of faith.

We might not agree on every point of theology, but we share the most important thing, a relationship with God. The psalmist understood this as well when he wrote, "I'm a friend and companion of all who fear you, of those committed to living by your rules." (Psalm 119:63)

I have friends who don't share my faith, and those are important relationships in my life. But I find that my faith deepens and I am stretched in my understanding of God and his ways when I share life with the faithful godly companions in my life. These traveling companions also help me be a better person as I try to follow God more faithfully.

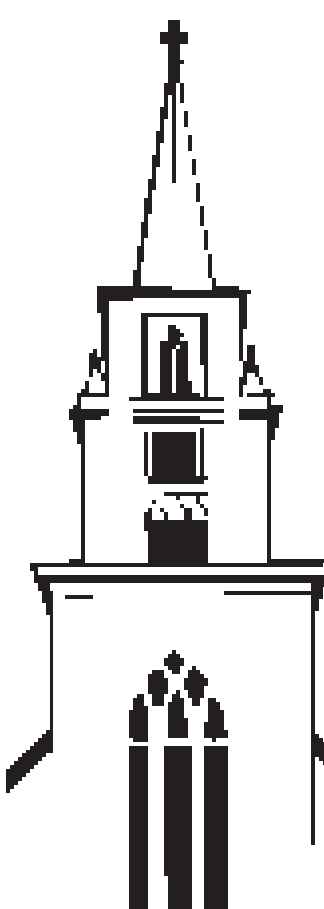
Yes, life is richer if we have faithful companions to travel through life with - whether they are dogs or close, godly friends.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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| <p>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
Fr. Henry Saw Lone,
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday</p> <p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE
Fr. Henry Saw Lone
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</p> <p>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
Fr. Henry Saw Lone
MASS: 10 a.m., Sunday</p> <p>OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Jim Martin
120 South East, Oberlin
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.</p> <p>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS
Carrie Buhler, pastor
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
DRESDEN
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Pastor: Dennis Brown
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.</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 Wed. at 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion, 1st Sun. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Wed. at 8 p.m.</p> | <p>OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)
Pastor: Fred Dycus
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., AWANA Club 4-6 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.</p> <p>OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST
102 North Cass — 785-475-3067
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ray Gilstrap
Almena
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.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. King's Kids, 6:30 p.m.; Youth, 8 p.m. Women's Group, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 2 p.m.</p> <p>OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
South Beaver Street - Oberlin
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.</p> <p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
The Rev. Damian Richards
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.</p> <p>HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
Keith Reuther, Pastor
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY : Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; morning worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 4 p.m.</p> | <p>NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ray Gilstrap
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Carol Woodmanee, Almena
Lyle Lay Speaker
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.</p> <p>EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN
The Rev. Heidi Wiebe
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: Doug Mason
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.</p> <p>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
510 North Wilson
Pastor: Rev. Rick Langness
Secretary: Norma Ungler
785-475-2333
SATURDAY: Worship, 7 p.m.; SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; KICK, 3:45-5:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Foundations Bible Class, Thursday, 7-9 p.m.</p> | <p>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
404 North York Avenue
Oberlin, Kansas
Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler
Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053
SUNDAY: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship and Educational Hour, 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays. THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.</p> |
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