

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Lloyd and Sharon Stanton of Salina spent Feb. 5 and 6, visiting with his mother Arlene Hix. They were en-route to Colorado on business.

Happy birthday to Tom Jakowski, Feb. 14; Judy Jackson, Feb. 16; and Russell James, Feb. 17.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Feb. 3, were Carl Lyon, first; Chuck Forbes, second; Bill Ellis, third; and Kendal Fisher, fourth.

Senior Citizens met Feb. 5, at the Educational building. There were 16 players present. Winners were Eleanor Jensen, June Jolly and Gary Anthony. The next meeting will be on Friday at the Educational building.

Pansy Price attended church at the Norcatour United Methodist Church on Feb. 7 and then went to dinner at the Cardinal Cafe with

Dorothy Ward, Bee Nelson and Beth Sebaugh. Pastor Larry Danforth joined them for lunch. Pansy spent the afternoon with Dorothy Ward.

On Friday evening, Dec. 18, at the home of Mary and John Rubendall, the family gathered to greet Julie Brockish, just in from Saudi Arabia, with a supper. Paula Hammond of Red Cloud came and spent the evening visiting with her family. On Dec. 13, Mary Rubendall and Alice Anderson went to Red Cloud, Neb., to the home of Paula and Roger Hammond, a niece of theirs, for an early Christmas dinner with all of Paula's family there. They got to see all of the big kids, little kids and a new baby girl, two-months old. A wonderful surprise was had by all when Paula invited everyone upstairs. Jon Rubendall, son of Jim, stationed in Egypt, was on television! They could all see and hear

each other. Lots of tears, love and kisses went both ways. A great gift from Paula!

Lisa Leichter visited with her dad, R.D. Thornton, at the Good Sam on Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Chris Dempewolf had lunch with Sharee on Wednesday in Colby at the China Buffet.

R.D. Thornton was not feeling well Wednesday evening and was admitted to the hospital on Thursday. Visitors have been Chris Dempewolf, Lisa Leichter, Ralph and Lynn Streit, Jesse and Jacob Streit, Laci Leichter, Doug Dempewolf, Sharee Dempewolf, Aaron Mann, M.J. Dempewolf, Ray Jr. and Jen Thornton.

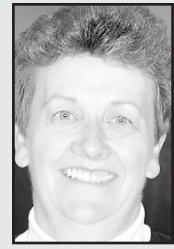
Sympathy is extended to the family of Virginia L. Britton, 77, who died Feb. 2 at the Norton County Hospital.

The following books were recently received by the Norcatour Library: "Years of Dust — The Story of the Dust Bowl"; "War to the Knife — Bleeding Kansas, 1854-1861"; "The Harvey Girls — Women Who Opened the West"; "Thunder Over the Prairie — The True Story of a Murder and a Manhunt by the Greatest Posse of All Time"; "Farming the Dust Bowl — A First Hand Account from Kansas"; "The Orphan Trains — Placing Out in America" and "Sod-House Days — Letters from a Kansas Homesteader, 1877-78."

Museum Tid-Bits

Thanks to Rodney and Lisa Leichter for the following items that they donated to the Norcatour Museum: Class of 1955 pictures of graduation, Senior trip and prom, Lora Linn Ward Leichter's grade school and high school diplomas, Rodney Leichter's grade school diploma and program, and Norcatour Methodist Church books from 1985 celebrating its 100th year. That makes this year the United Methodist Churches' 125th year!

Join Walk Kansas March 7



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

150 minutes — 2 1/2 hours — per week of moderate to vigorous physical activity.

Remember, team members may, but do not have to exercise at the same time. Exercise may be done as an individual. To find out what other physical activities will be counted, you may contact the Extension Office or pick up a team packet and you will find a list of approved activities in the packet.

There is no reason to wait until March 7 to get back to your activity routine. Take a pair of walking shoes to work and go for 10 minute walking breaks in the morning and afternoon. If you have been a team member in the past, step up to become a team captain and invite

people who have never participated before to be your teammates. Let's make this a great Walk Kansas Year.

Registration is due back in the Extension Office by Friday, March 5th.

For further information, contact your local K-State Research and Extension Office or e-mail twatts@ksu.edu.

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Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Jody Betts and John Bremer received word recently of the death of their cousin, Howard Petracek, 75, the son of Emil and Lucille (Bremer) Petracek.

Hannah May participated in the Northwest Kansas Junior High Music Festival held Wednesday at Colby Community College. She received a 1+ on her flute solo "Sonata in F Major"; received ratings of 1- on her vocal solo, flute ensemble, piano solo, and her 8th grade vocal ensemble; and performed with the Decatur Community Junior High band and vocal chorus.

Effective Friday, Feb. 12, the Fair Chiropractic Clinic in Oberlin has been purchased by Dr. and Mrs. Ryan Unger and has been renamed the Unger Chiropractic Clinic.

Friday evening, Ralph and Norma Unger and Ryan and Darci Unger watched Drew Zwegard play in the St. Francis/Atwood high school basketball game at Atwood.

Karen Eskew attended the Kansas District Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Executive committee meeting in Salina over the weekend.

The Decatur Community High School Scholars Bowl team of Hunter Nedland, Rhiannon Davies, Jacob Helm, Joe Hirsch, Nolan Hemmingson, and alternate Elizabeth Nedland competed in State Scholars Bowl competition Saturday in

Goessel. Among those attending were Dan Nedland and Rhonda May, Jessica Bremer, Topeka, and Rebecca Helm and Chris Larson, Manhattan.

Sue May, Ryan May and Elizabeth Nedland were Saturday overnight guests of the Richard May family in Lawrence. Sunday, Ryan and Elizabeth joined nearly 200 Kansas 4-H'ers gathering in Topeka for the 5th Annual 4-H Citizenship in Action Event. After attending informational meetings Sunday afternoon, they enjoyed a banquet Sunday evening and then participated with the group in a mock legislative session at the State Capitol. Before returning home on Monday, both Ryan and Elizabeth were able to meet with Senator Ralph Ostmeyer and Representative John Faber. Elizabeth's lapidary box was also on display in the State Capitol rotunda for the legislators to view as well as read the accompanying informational handouts. The Citizenship in Action event is an opportunity for older teens to become engaged in how to make things happen in local government.

Members of all ages of St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin celebrated Sunday morning with those in the congregation over 80 years old at an "Over 80" brunch in the fellowship hall following church services and Sunday School.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Abraham Marintzer was listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester of 2009 at the Teachers College of Emporia State University. Abraham is in his second year of his teaching block. Way to go, Abe!

Congratulations to Rebekka and Jeff Dudensing of Bryan, Texas, on the arrival of Barrett William. Barrett was born Friday, Feb. 12, and weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches in length. Grandparents are Bob and Liane Martin, Herndon.

Alan, Ann and John Solko provided Sunday dinner for their mom, Esther Pennington, and Valentine surprised grandma with a "candy Valentine" later in the afternoon.

A birthday party for Don Grafel's 85th was held on Feb 13. Games, cards, conversation and pictures were the entertainment for the afternoon and evening. All enjoyed soups and snacks as well as cake.

Those traveling to help celebrate were Steve, Susan and Makenzie Nelson and Keaston, Danielle and Carter Grafel of Oberlin; Todd Nelson of Colby; Tom and Kay Franke, and Keith, Roma, Sidney and Saeger Grafel of Council Grove; Kurt, Kris, Kourtney and Kayla Grafel and friend, Reese La Touch of Utica; David, April and Lauren Sattler of Norton; Charlotte Smith of Buhler; Jennifer Leitner of Wichita; Cindy Franke of London, England; Tyler and Alicia Smith, and Jeff, Danielle and Isabelle Leitner, Colorado Springs; Steve and Carolyn Martin, Windsor, Colo.; Kent Grafel, and Kris, Kristyn and Kamryn Clapp, Culbertson; Don and Kate Sousek, Omaha; Leah Atchley, Emily Atchley and Joshua of Knoxville, Tenn.; Leon and Marita Portschy, Joe and Jean Ann Leitner, Kyle, Cindi, Ben, Sarah and Rachel Grafel, Joan Grafel and the honored guest, all of Herndon.

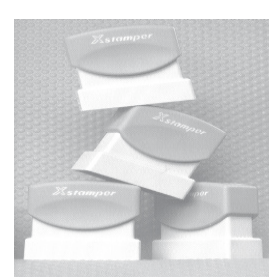
For a tasty treat, plan to attend the Immanuel United Church of Christ pancake breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 21. They will be serving 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Herndon Senior Center. A free-will offering would be appreciated.

Marlene Cook, Parker, Colo., spent the weekend with her sisters,

Jan Sattler and Bob and Julie Hafner, surprising Bob for his birthday. Friday evening they attended the Booster Club lasagna dinner and the Rawlins County High School/St. Francis game in Atwood. Saturday they visited their aunts Edie Pettera and Joan Noble at Cedar Living Center and took part in the Valentine party. Later in the afternoon, they toured Good Samaritan, chatting with friends and their Aunt Hattie Toth. Cedar Living residents have been busy this week with the party and a dance on Wednesday evening where residents, family and friends danced a jig to the Vic Mowry band of Hoxie.

Valentine Day dinner guests of Janice Sattler were Brian, Mary and Collin Clark, Ron and Cindy Sattler, Marlene Cook, Jayme Sattler, and Bob and Julie Hafner. Birthday wishes were sung to Bob and Mary and the group joined in singing Happy Anniversary, via phone, to Les and Myrna Pettera of Loveland, Colo.

The Lenten Season will begin with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, with St. Mary's Mass at 5:30 p.m. The Stations of the Cross will follow each Sunday Mass through Lent.



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A Time For Reconciliation

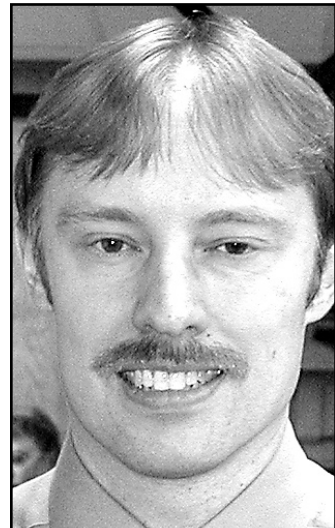
By Pastor Kevin Schnakenberg
St. John's Lutheran Church, Oberlin

I read of a man who was separated from his wife and living in a different town for a number of years. On a business trip back to the town he used to live in with his wife he stopped to visit the grave of their son. While standing there reflecting on his former relationship with his wife and the home they had made for their son, he heard footsteps behind him. Turning, he saw his wife, who also had come to visit the grave. His first impulse, because of the hostility that had built up between them, was to leave. But something about standing by the grave of their son held him, and he stayed and began to talk. Slowly the hate and bitterness emptied out of his heart as they talked about their son.

As we begin the season of Lent in the Church year, a time of preparation for the time we observe Christ's death and resurrection (Good Friday and Easter), you

and I come to stand at the grave of the Son of God, to see Him laid there and rise out of it with new life. Lent, therefore, is a period to remember our sinfulness in repentance and be reconciled — to God and to each other.

That is why Jesus came, to reconcile us with God the Father, to remove the barrier between us and God — that of our sins. He accomplished this task with His death on the cross. His reconciling work was done not only to mend the broken relationship with God, but also to mend the broken relationships among human beings. In *Ephesians 4:32* we are called upon to "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Let this Lenten season be a time for reconciliation — between God and you, and between you and whoever you have a broken or damaged relationship.



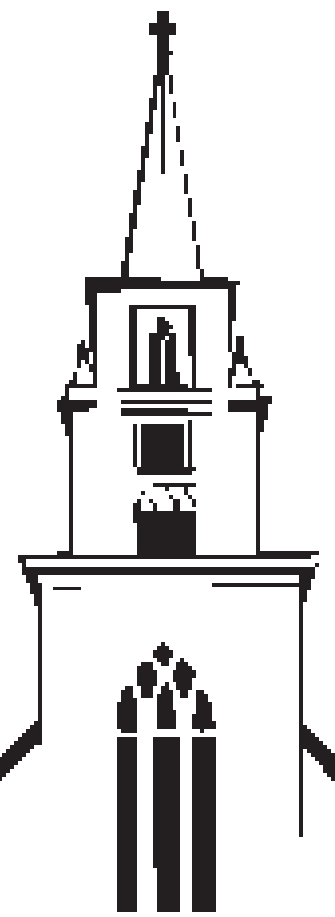
Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

- OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**
785-475-3103
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE**
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday
- SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday
- OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**
Jerry Nowack
120 South East, Oberlin
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.
- 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. Doug Hasty
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.
- 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.,
- 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.
- CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST**
Pastor: Larry Danforth
Almena
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.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.
- 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.
- ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON**
Fr. Stephen Folorunso
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.
- HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH**
Pastor: Keith Reuther
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Youth Group, 4 p.m.

- NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST**
Pastor: Larry Danforth
Almena
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**
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.
- ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**
510 North Wilson
Interim Pastor: Kevin Schnakenberg
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays.

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.



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