

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Acad shower is requested for Loretta Lawn Fowler. She had surgery Wednesday, May 12, at St. Joseph Hospital, 1835 Franklin St., Denver, Colo., 80218.

On Monday, May 3, the Norcatour Royal Neighbors of America met to present Randy Allen a "Matching Funds" check. Those present for the presentation were Arlene Hix, Dorothy Woods, Lora Arnold, Beth Johnson, Bee Nelson, Wava Reames, Dorothy Ward and Sherrie Regal. Cake and coffee was served afterwards.

The "Avenue of Flags" will be put up on Sunday, May 30. All volunteers need to be at the Norcatour Cemetery at 7 a.m.

Norcatour Memorial Day observance will be on Sunday, May 30, 2010. This will be the 121st year for the annual observance of Memorial Day in Norcatour and the 38th consecutive year that the "Avenue of Flags" will be displayed. As in the past, all veterans in uniform, if possible, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and school children are requested to meet at the Main Gate (first driveway) into the Norcatour Cemetery at 1:45 p.m. to form the parade. There will be chairs available at the cemetery Memorial Day for the veterans that would like to use them. You are asked to bring your own chairs.

The parade will start to form at the cemetery main gate at 1:45 p.m. with the order of business at the cemetery at 2 p.m. as follows: Formation at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; Norton American Legion Color Guard; Star Spangled Banner sung by Amanda Marshall; Opening Prayer by Pastor Larry Danforth; Special Memorial Day Address by Capt. Jacob Leichter; Decorated Tomb of Unknown Soldier; Taps and Echo by Anthony Marshall and Nolan Henningson. At the end of

the ceremony, there will be a volley fired in honor of all veterans who have died in the last year.

In case of inclement weather, the Memorial Day Service will be held in the Norcatour High School gymnasium.

Happy birthday to Carolyn Strevey, May 16; Arlene Thornton, May 17; Jeanie Pelkey, Janice O'Hare, M.J. Dempewolf, May 18.

Accompanying Bee Nelson on Sunday, May 9, to McCook, were Beth Sebaugh, Mary Lesle and Dorothy Ward to eat Mother's Day dinner.

Private graveside inurnment services were held late Saturday morning, May 8, at the Norcatour Cemetery for Janice Cleland Underwood. Many of her family came from the Denver area and from other distances.

On May 3, Dean Forbes went to McCook and met Twila who was returning from Fayetteville, N.C., where she had visited friends. While there, she attended their younger son's wedding on March 1, James D. Forbes and Jennifer Cartlich. They will make their home in Fayetteville where Jennifer is a grade school teacher. Congratulations to the newlyweds and best wishes!

Congratulations to Schuyler Wade, son of Chuck Forbes, who graduated from Hitchcock County High School on May 15. He plans to attend McCook College in the fall and pursue a career in welding and fabrication.

Rea and Dee Magers had a fun trip to Mona's Market in Dresden last Saturday. On Sunday, they met at the Long homestead near New Almelo with Aunt Lorraine and some of her family. Aunt Lorraine lives in Hays and the homestead was where she was born and lived her whole life. They spent Mother's

Day with their son, Jeff and Joy, near Cedar Bluffs, and enjoyed a great barbecued steak. On Monday morning, Margaret "Toots" Magers came and they all enjoyed breakfast together.

Chris Dempewolf, Sharee Dempewolf and Aaron Mann went to Scott City on Saturday night for the Shriners Annual Spring Ceremonies. Lynn Streit presented 2010 Potentate, Rick Gates and Decatur County Shriner, Jerry Lohofener with their dad/grandpa, R.D. Thornton's memorial money. The memorial money will be given to the Shriners Burn Center in Galveston and to the Decatur County Shriners. Lynn also shared her story of when she was burned and showed some slides. Right before the spring ceremonies, Lynn and Ralph received word that their youngest son was in a dirt bike accident and broke his collarbone. Immediately following her presentation, they returned home to Larned. Jesse and Suzanne Streit and M.J. Dempewolf were able to be with Jacob at the hospital.

Jacob Streit had surgery on his collarbone on Tuesday of last week. He had a plate and nine screws put in. He returned to Tulsa, Okla., on Friday after surgery to go back to welding school.

Fourteen Senior Citizens met on May 7 at the Methodist Educational Building to play cards. Winners were Virgil Price, Jackie Porter and Gary Anthony. The next session will be at 1:30 p.m. on Friday.

Dorothy Ward, was pleased to learn that her grandson, senior Brandon Ward, was honored by being crowned king at their junior/senior prom. King and queen pictures were in the Colorado Plainsman, Hugo, Colo.

Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Events coming up this week are tonight, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. the Decatur Community High School Baccalaureate, and DCHS Graduation on Saturday, May 22, at 2 p.m. Both events will be at the high school.

Two more events to keep in mind for the following week are the Oberlin Business Alliance Burger and Brat Fry on Friday, May 28, which will be held in front of the Museum. The Burger Fry will only be on Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the Alumni Social will be held on both Friday and Saturday, May 28 and 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission will be sponsoring a Senior Recital at the Oberlin Gateway Civic Center this Thursday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. A reception will follow.

The Garden Club volunteers did a nice job of planting the flowers in the downtown planters on Friday evening. That was quite a huge task of preparing and changing the dirt on some of them. I'm sure there were a few sore muscles on Saturday morning. I gave each planter some water on Sunday to help them through until the business owner could take over their care on Monday. The plants were purchased at Mona's Market in Dresden, and she designed the plant arrangement. We did have to substitute for a few, but I thought Mona presented a nice arrangement of flowers.

Mona's Market is also my featured business for this week. Her business has grown over the years and includes several green houses. She carries a huge variety of perennials as well as annual flower plants and vegetable plants. This year she has added shade and ornamental trees, and will continue to add more tree varieties as demand calls. I spoke with Mona this morning, and she still has lots of all varieties of plants. After the article last year that our Oberlin Herald did about her business, she sold out of many plants, so this year she planted more to be able to keep up with the demand.

Mona wants to thank all the people who have done business with her over the years. Without all of the people in Oberlin and Hoxie, the business would not be what it is today. She says a very big "Thank You." If you haven't been to see her green house, you must take time to go look. In my opinion, it is one of the great wonders of Decatur County.

Have a great week!!

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Mother's Day is so close to my birthday that I tell my family, "Don't get me another gift," but do they listen? Bless their hearts, they do too much.

Dwight and Teresa Wood stopped by on their way to visit with Laverne and Oran Milner, who is in the hospital. Carol and John Moye and great-granddaughters, Kylie and Skylar, visited Sunday afternoon, and we went to Tielia High's and visited her family.

I thank Decatur Co-op for the tree they planted in my yard. It is in place of the ones they had to cut out by the electric lines.

Earnest Huff is doing a little better. He had an appointment in Hays on May 14.

June Jolly has a kitten to give away as she can't keep it at her apartment in McCook, so I said I would take it.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary president asked me for a poem to honor the Gold Star Mothers

ers a few years ago (ones who lost sons or daughters in war), and this is what I gave her. As Memorial Day draws near, this may be a good time to reprint it.

Our country called men to serve us again. We gave them our young and our brave.

Our daughters and sons, with courage, they won but some have gone to their grave.

The parents they left, heartbroken, bereft, but proud of the sacrifice given.

When tried, we are told, we will come forth as gold and be sure we have honestly striven.

The honor we hold for the ones in our fold somehow surpasses all others.

The gold that we find most purely refined are in hearts of four Gold Star Mothers.

Memorial services will be held at the Lyle Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 30, with dinner at the Community Building at noon.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Guests attending a graduation reception on Saturday in Manhattan at the home of Dillan and Christi Zwegardt were Ryan and Darci Unger, Ty, Drew, and Brock Zwegardt, St. Francis; Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly, Shawnee; Ralph and Norma Unger; Keith Zwegardt; and Christi's parents. Following the reception they all attended Kansas State University commencement exercises where Dillan received his degree in Construction Management Engineering.

Elwood and Jeanie May hosted a surprise graduation party at their home Saturday evening for Marla Shelton who received her Licensed Practical Nursing degree during commencement exercises Saturday afternoon at Colby Community College. Guests were Allen and Marla Shelton and Miranda; Marla's parents, Carl and Mary Stepp, Smith Center, and her sister, Mary Ruth, and husband of Wichita; Andrew and Stephanie Frankforter, Ethan and Isaac, Kearney, Neb.; Brandon May and friend, Salina; Ma-

rissa Larson and friend, Longmont, Colo.; Monica Larson and friend; Carl and Janene Larson and Elsie; and Colby Larson and friend.

Martin and Evelyn May, guests of Quintin and Lindsay Cundiff, and Greg and Janice Cundiff enjoyed lunch together Sunday noon at an area restaurant to celebrate Evelyn's upcoming birthday.

Quintin and Lindsay Cundiff, Des Moines, Iowa, returned home Sunday afternoon after enjoying a few days visiting his parents, Greg and Janice Cundiff, grandparents, Martin and Evelyn May, other friends and relatives.

Since classes are over for the semester at Kansas State University, Cameron Nedland returned home Friday night and watched Hunter Nedland and Rhiannon Davies promenade down main street Saturday night.

Jessica Bremer returned home Sunday afternoon to spend the summer with her parents since classes at Washburn University are over for the semester.

Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

The Community Walk in Sappa Park has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 27, due to inclement weather on the original date. The time of 4 to 7 p.m. will remain the same. A 15-minute Boot Camp is scheduled for 6 p.m. All community members are invited to bring their friends and family and come out to walk. Participants can register for drawings that will be held throughout the event.

Decatur Health Systems is again sponsoring two teams who will walk in the Relay for Life on Friday, June 18, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. in support of cancer awareness. A bake sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 5, at

the Summerfest Car Show in downtown Oberlin in front of The Bank. Give your support to the Relay for Life by purchasing some of the delicious goodies.

The last in a series of Diabetic Roadmap presentations by Wini Schadel is scheduled for Sunday, June 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the Specialty Clinic area. Ms. Schadel is a diabetic educator and registered dietitian. Those who have attended the first two sessions agree that she is a dynamic speaker. This is free of charge and the public is invited. Call toll-free (877) 532-4545 to register to attend.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On May 13 at Senior Citizens, Ann Hazlitt won high, Shirley Emigh took second, Gail Mumm got low and Carl Mumm had the most jacks. Other members present included Paulie Neff, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Jeanie Spesser, Betty James, Pat Wessel, Alfred Albers, Anna Albers, Matt Finnesy, Edna Schiltz, Rowena Carpenter, Bob Wessel, Bernita Aumiller and Janice Kruse.

Birthdays and anniversaries: May 22 - Karen Shaw, Wade Zodrow. May 23 - Steve and Sara Juenemann. May 24 - Ashley Stevenson, Jeffrey Benoit, Tom and Maureen Bruggeman. May 25 - Lawrence and Mary Ann Juenemann. May 26 - Linda Schroer. May 27 - Tasha Carman, Gary and Jerrie Robinson. May 28 - Scott Bruggeman, Kendra Spesser, Andrea Mitchell, Steve and Helen Carman.

Growing In Christ

By Pastor Sharon Nelson
Evangelical Covenant Church, Oberlin

This week, we're looking at a major overlap between the plant world and the spiritual world: growth. The overlap is so obvious, we have a phrase we use all the time: spiritual growth.

There's no plateau in ecology: a plant is either growing or dying. Movement (towards life or death) is just part of the way things are. Like many of us, I would love to capture a happy moment, nail it down, and avoid change. But that's just not an option (and it would get pretty boring, don't you think?).

The Apostle Paul hoped that the Christians in Corinth would grow in their faith (2 Corinthians 10:15). Some of them were a bit on the immature side: infants in Christ (1 Corinthians 3:1). Paul knew that such growth to maturity would have to come from God (1 Corinthians 3:6-7). Peter also invites us to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus (2 Peter 3:18).

The problem is, there are lots of obstacles to growing in faith, grace, and the knowledge of Jesus. In Matthew 13, Jesus tells a story about seeds. Some were scattered on the path and the birds ate it. Some were scattered on the rocks, therefore it never put roots down. Some were sown among thorns, which

choked it out. Some were sown in good soil, and it produced a great crop.

The first set of seeds didn't have a chance: The Word about Jesus was never understood and the evil one snatched faith away. The second set reminds me of last week: the believer grew quickly at first, but was not rooted deeply in Christ. When trouble came, their faith wilted. The third set of seeds had competition: the believer's faith was growing, but so were worries and greed.

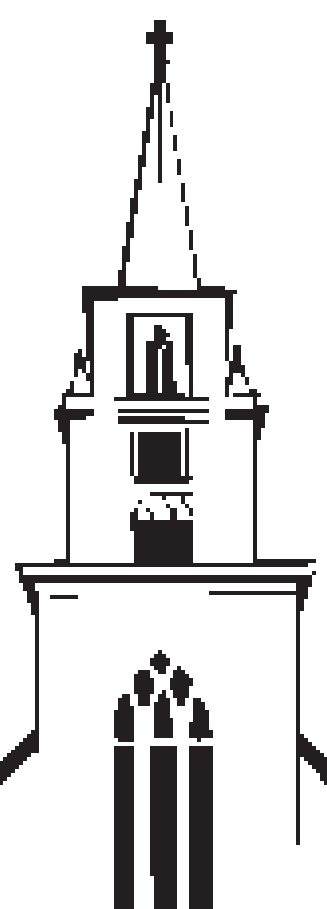
Faith, grace, and the knowledge of Jesus aren't the only things that can grow in our hearts and lives. Worries, greed, and bitterness (Hebrews 12:15) can take root alongside. This can stunt our growth in Jesus, and impact our production of fruit (next week!).

Weeding is a pain, and I'm horrible about doing so in our backyard garden. How do we weed spiritually? If God is the one to make things grow, then I'm sure He is the one to do the weeding, as well. But He'll only do so with our willingness and readiness. When it's time to do some weeding, we need to show up, too. It may hurt a little, but it's for our growth!



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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| <p>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday</p> <p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</p> <p>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday</p> <p>OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Jerry Nowack
120 South East, Oberlin
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.</p> <p>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor: Barbara Patterson
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.</p> <p>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 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>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>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: Larry Danforth
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.</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. The "no sermon" worship hour with the Lord's Supper and Adventures With God open Bible Study; TUESDAY: Ladies Bible Study, 9 a.m.</p> <p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
Fr. Stephen Folorunso
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Larry Danforth
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Guest Speakers every Sunday
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.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: 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
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..</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> |
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