

# Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

The Norcatour Educational Building will be open for cookies, tea and coffee following the Memorial Day Observance on Sunday, May 30. Everyone is welcome to stop in and finish visiting or get in out of the weather.

The 3 Jack's will be playing for the Alumni Dance following the banquet on Saturday, May 29, in Norcatour Rural High School gymnasium.

Happy birthday to Shelbi McKenna, May 20, and Inez Jackson, May 24.

Happy anniversaries to Virgil and Joyce Price, May 19, and Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson, May 29.

The Norcatour Methodist Church group will need lots of cookies for after the Memorial Services on Sunday, May 30. If you are able to furnish some, it would be very appreciated. If you have any questions, call Alice Barnett or Kay Streyev.

LaVerne Milner will celebrate her 94th birthday on Saturday, May 29. Cards will reach her at P.O. Box

86, Norcatour, Kan., 67653.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Wednesday, May 12, were Stan Miller, first; Matt Wilson, second; and Von Johnson, third.

It was great to see and visit with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eckhart, Niantic, Ill., Sunday, May 16, at the Hidden Dragon in Norton. They have been visiting Juanita Eckhart, Oberlin, and other relatives in Norton and left for home on Monday, May 17.

Bob and Cheri Pomeroy of Lakewood, Colo., brought their three-year-old granddaughter, Ryan Pomeroy, to visit Ryan's great-grandparents, Rea and Dee Magers, on Friday. They all went to the commencement exercises at Colby on Saturday to celebrate Joy Luoto's graduation from Licensed Practical Nurse classes.

On Saturday afternoon they went to Jeff Magers and Joy's place near Cedar Bluffs, and enjoyed a barbecue with family and friends.

Jeff and Cheri are Rea and Dee's kids. The Pomeroy's returned home on Sunday.

The "Avenue of Flags" will be put up Sunday, May 30, at 7 a.m. All volunteers need to be at the cemetery at 7 a.m. The Memorial Day Parade will start from the cemetery main gate at 1:45 p.m. with the order of business starting at 2 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the Memorial Day Service will be held in the Norcatour High School gymnasium.

Invading the Hidden Dragon in Norton last Sunday were Mary Lesle, Dorothy Ward, Bee Nelson and Beth Sebaugh. Bringing up the reserve were Wava Reames and Frank Ward.

On Monday, Bee Nelson and Dorothy Ward took Wava Reames to Kearney, Neb., for a doctor appointment.

The June 12 Norcatour city-wide garage sale already has 13 sales and plenty of room for more. Sign-up sheets are at the Norcatour post office or call Deb Combs at (785) 693-4231, or 871-7381, for more information. A \$5 donation would be appreciated for advertising when you sign up.

Loretta Lawn Fowler is back at home in Norton, following surgery in Denver. Her address is 313 N. Grant, Norton, Kan., 67654. Cards are welcome.

H. Irvin and M. Muriel Christiansen celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Tuesday, May 25. Cards may be sent to 3045 Chisholm Trail, Durham, Kan., 67438. Muriel West Christiansen is a 1935 graduate of Norcatour Rural High School.

The Norcatour City Office and Library will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

# ... with a cherry on top!



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
Multi-county Extension Agent

Rainier cherries are red with a creamy white coloring. They may have slight discoloration and brown spotting. This indicates they are higher in sugar content. Avoid decaying fruit. They are sweeter than Bing cherries and have a slightly shorter season.

Sour cherries are a favorite in pies, preserves, syrups, sauces and pair well with meats. Dried cherries make tasty snacks and add color to salads, stews, and rice dishes.

Cherries are fat free; sodium free; cholesterol free; and good sources of vitamin C and potassium.

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## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Last week was family week at the Andbe Home in Norton, so I had supper with Aunt Alta May. Bee Nelson went to be with Bob Sawdon, and Jerry Hill to be with his wife, so we car-pooled. Then, on Thursday, they had a cookout. I rode with Bee, and although the weather was cool, we enjoyed a meal, accompanied by special guitar music. After the cookout, Bee took LaVerne Milner to the hospital to see Oran, so we got to visit them also.

Carolyn Plotts braved the muddy roads on Wednesday and took Joyce Price and Veda Wood to Lyle to the meeting of Liberty Star Club. Along with Margaret "Toots" Magers and Kathy Van Meter, they had a good time. It was the first meeting since February due to uncooperative weather. They made plans to have

a table at the Norcatour garage sale on June 12. I believe we will have food and other articles. June Jolly came and brought me the kitten she had promised me, so I have 'baby feedings.' She wants to cozy up to my dog, but the dog wants to be left alone. June played cards at McCook on Monday and Friday.

On Saturday evening, Jane Engelhardt took Toots Magers to the Jeff Magers home near Cedar Bluffs, next we celebrate Joy's graduation from Practical Nursing. She will begin her Registered Nurse training in Colby on May 21.

Earnest Huff is at home in McCook. He is to see a doctor in Hays this week.

I got new glasses on Wednesday, so am getting used to them. I read better and am sure they are helping some with my equilibrium.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The community extends sympathy to the family of Marie Zimmerman. She died Tuesday, May 18. She was a sister of Helen Muirhead, Dresden.

Keith and Helen Muirhead went to Kansas City, Kan., last weekend to attend the graduation of their granddaughter, Kallista Schulze, from KU Medical school with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Ruth Chance accompanied her daughter, Kathy Guilfoyle, to visit Kathy's daughter, Sherri and Alan Bisco and Patrick Oliver, Austin, Texas. Patrick Oliver was born April 26. Grandmother and great-grandmother held him all the time they were there visiting.

Alumni Banquet will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Sunflower Senior Center on Saturday evening, May 29.

Memorial Day services at Big Timber cemetery will be at 10 a.m. Sunday morning. A potluck dinner will be held at 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Everyone is welcome to join us. Monday morning, May 31, Memorial Day services will be at the Jennings Cemetery.

An all ages, nondenominational Vacation Bible School for children 3 years of age and up to and including adults will be Tuesday, June 1, through Saturday, June 5, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Jennings United Methodist Church. Come learn of Joseph's journey from prison to the palace. If you are interested in attending, please let the Rev. Barbara Patterson know.

City council will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, in the Senior Center.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Ryan Mason Jones, son of Elijah and Mandi Jones, was dedicated during morning worship services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. Pastor Keith Reuther officiated.

Beth Holle presented certificates of congratulations from Covenant Women's Ministries to Jill Bergling, Britta Noren and Mary Olson on their high school graduations at the Herndon Covenant Church on Sunday.

Weekend guests of Mark and Gail Bergling, Jill and Blake, and Verol and Rosemary Bergling for the graduation of Jill Bergling at Rawlins County High School on Sunday afternoon were Bob Dannebohm, Ellinwood; Jeff and Nancee Meyer and Erica, Stafford; Bob and Lila

Snell, Manhattan; and Barb Lindell and Brooke, Overland Park.

Norma Anderson was honored with an open house on Thursday afternoon at the LandMark Inn in observance of her 80th birthday. Hosts were Gayle Carlson and Jennie Anderson.

Among relatives who came from a distance to attend the graduation of Mary Rachel Olson from Decatur Community High School on Saturday were Brandon and Sarah White, Overland Park; Losson and Leanne Pike, Ashland; Daryl and Shirley Maresch, Nathan, Jenna and Tim, Nekoma; Beverly Messerly, Paul and Anna, Sublette; and Keely Wilson, Julie, Harmony and Derek, Kearney, Neb.

## Producing Fruit

Pastor Sharon Nelson  
Evangelical Covenant Church, Oberlin

In order for a plant to grow and thrive, a seed needs to be planted, it needs to be put down a strong root system, and it needs to be stronger than the weeds which will compete for its access to light and nutrients. This month we've seen that seeds that grow into plants are a sign of the new life of resurrection. We've been reminded that if we don't set down deep roots in Christ, we'll get blown over. We've acknowledged that if we don't weed out worry, greed, and bitterness, we won't see much spiritual growth.

Plants that are able to get the water and sunlight they need usually produce good fruit. What does it take for us to produce goodness through our lives? The Apostle Paul says that the fruit of righteousness comes through Jesus Christ (*Philippians 1:11*). Also, Paul says, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (*Galatians 5:22-23*)" As we've just celebrated the day of Pentecost, let's not forget the too-often ignored third member of the Trinity. The Holy

Spirit can produce many good qualities in us.

Yes, we have work to do in our fields, whether we have thousands of acres or a single, small plot. We need to plant seeds and get rid of weeds and other pests. But let's not forget that it's all possible because of God, through his provision of sunlight, rain and the miracle of living, growing plants. I'm probably the worst gardener in Decatur County (procrastinator, slow learner, etc.), but I always enjoy some good fruit because God is so good! In our spiritual lives, the same is true. We show up to do some planting and weeding, but it is God who makes us grow (*1 Corinthians 3:6-7*).

Through the work of Christ and the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we can grow stronger, producing good fruit for God's kingdom. That's the whole point! We don't grow for our own sake. We grow and produce fruit so that we will be a blessing in the world. May all the gardens in your life have strong roots, be free of weeds, and produce an abundant crop!



## 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, LEOVILLE**  
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 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: 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.

**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.

**NORCATOUR 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.

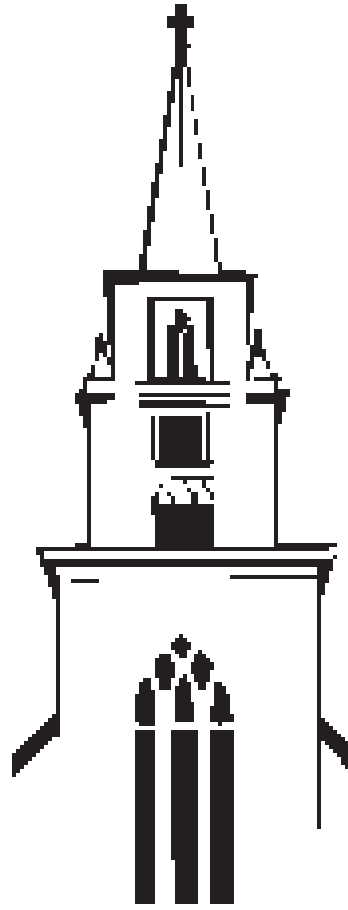
**EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN**  
Pastors: Chris and Sharon Nelson  
810 West Cedar, Oberlin  
Office Phone 785-475-2769  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

**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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