

Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

Guests of Bee Nelson over the Memorial Day weekend were Tara, Anita and Wiggles, Independence, Mo., and Todd and friend Michelle Benefiel, Wichita. They decorated graves and enjoyed the all-school reunion dinner.

Todd and Michelle returned to Wichita on Sunday and Tara, Anita and Wiggles left Monday. This Memorial Day celebration is amazing and very special in so many ways. Sure wish everyone in the U.S.A. could appreciate the local pride in our special service.

Update on Loretta Lawn Fowler from her surgery in Denver. She was home within five days and went to Colby on May 26, to meet with her doctor from Denver.

Memorial weekend guests at Dave and Patty Stapp were Jerrod and Kortney Poire, Erie; Kaitlyn Stapp, Colby; Sam Stapp, Norcatur, and Marian Dempewolf, Oberlin.

Guests for a barbecue at Marian Dempewolf's home on Sunday evening, May 30, were Patty and Sam Stapp, Jerrod and Kortney Poire, Kaitlyn Stapp, Dan and Jolene Dempewolf, Andrew Dempewolf, Dewaine Stapp, and Dave and Linda Schliep, Spencer and Addison.

Pansy Price, Smith Center, was accompanied by her grandson Mathew Wolf to the Norcatur Alumni Banquet. She and her daughter, Marlene Wolf, Kensington, decorated cemeteries on Norton, Norcatur and Clayton on May 30.

Happy birthday to Ron Harman, Pastor Larry Danforth, June 3; Colt Gunter, June 4; Twila Forbes, Dennis Wood, June 7; and Pansy Price, June 8.

Happy anniversary to Darrel and Alice Barnett, June 5.

Senior Citizens met May 21 with 11 players present. Winners were Joyce Price, Margaret "Toots" Magers and Robert Schoenrad.

Oran and LaVerne Milner moved to the Andbe Home in Norton on June 2. Mail will reach them at 201 W. Crane, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Wednesday, May 19, were Sam Stapp, first; Von Johnson, second; and Kary Miller, third.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Wednesday, May 26, were Rusty

Montgomery, first; and Larry Live-ly, second.

Guests at the Stan Miller farm over Memorial weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle, El Dorado.

D&M Service was closed Friday and Saturday for the wedding of Katrina Wentz and David Edgerton.

Dorothy Ward had the pleasure of seeing her youngest grandson, Brandon K. Ward, graduate from high school on Sunday, May 23, at Hugo, Colo. Debby Ward came to Norcatur to get her on May 20, and Mark brought her home on May 25. Mark and Debby held an open house after graduation to a large crowd.

Seth Lohoefer, Oberlin, presented a 50-year membership pin and certificate Tuesday, May 22, for the Mountain Slope Lodge #186 Masonic Fraternity in Oberlin, to LaVerne Milner for Oran F. Milner's service.

Guests of the Hills over Memorial weekend were Bert, Lori, Kyler and Kaylee Irtkenkauf, Broomfield, Colo.; Brett and Erin Fredrikson and "Sissy," Thornton, Colo.; Tim and Sandra Craig and "Shaya and Nattey," Fort Collins, Colo.; and Steve and Eric Hill, Denver.

Wava Reames met her class of '65 at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Friday to have an evening of food and remembering. There were 35 who attended. Many other alumni gathered there as well.

Wava Reames had company from Jetmore to help honor the veterans and family buried in Norcatur. The cemetery, as usual, was so beautiful: the service wonderful, and the socializing up to Norcatur standards.

Lora Arnold accompanied John Arnold and Marissa Baker to Goodland on May 21 to attend the graduation of Nathan Baker from Goodland Vo-Tech.

On May 23, Lora Arnold attended church with Julianna and Mark Baker honoring Marissa Baker. She graduated from Norton Community High School in the afternoon. Lora hosted a noon dinner honoring Marissa at the Town and Country in Norton.

Katrina Wentz and David Edgerton celebrated their wedding with an open dance held Saturday, June 5, at the Norcatur High School Gym.

Mark and Debby Ward came Saturday to share in the Memorial cel-

ebration at the cemetery on Sunday with his mother, Dorothy Ward.

Jay Locy, Kearney, Neb., visited Rea and Dee Magers on Sunday, then they all attended the Norcatur Memorial services.

Rea and Dee Magers attended the 50th anniversary of Don and Alice Goscha at the American Legion in Norton on Saturday, then went to Rea's alumni in Oberlin. On Memorial Day they went to Lebanon, Neb., and enjoyed the services and luncheon there, and then went over to their son Jeff's and Joy's place, and played a couple games of scrabble. No comment on who won!!

Norcatur Commercial Club will be offering scholarships for students from the Norcatur area. For further information or to submit an application, contact Patty Stapp at The Bank of Norcatur, or Linda Hunt after 6 p.m.

Museum Tid-Bits
Thanks to Deb Marshall for sitting at the Norcatur Museum for me over Alumni weekend. I was unable to be there as I had to work. Thanks again, Deb! Thanks to all that toured the museum. The museum was packed from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Thanks to Alice Rubendall Anderson for the dress that her mother, Edna, made for her first birthday in August of 1928. And for the shirt that has names embroidered on it of the 1939-40 seniors. The shirt belonged to Evelyn Rubendall Williams.

Thanks to Gary and Terri Ritter for the "Club 50" and "Title Town" books that they donated. The book, "Club 50," has information in it about Gary Ritter/Norcatur Cardinals and Dale Brooks/Clayton Bulldogs.

Thanks to Veda and Marvin Orth for the donation to the museum. It is very much appreciated.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Father Stephen Folorunso baptized Brooke Lindsey Latulip at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Sunday, May 30. Brooke is the daughter of Michael and Kati Niemeth Latulip of Colorado Springs. Godparents are Jesse Niemeth, Hays, and Ashley Finley, Colorado Springs. Grandparents are Jerry and Kim Niemeth and great-grandparents are Laverne Niemeth, Herndon, and Gary and Joyce Hoffman, McCook. Also attending the celebration were Mike Hoffman and daughters, Kelly and Michelle, Broken Bow, Neb.; Damian Marintzer, Denver; Sam Kogl, and Chelsey Williams and Kaius, Atwood. A reception followed the baptism at the home of Jerry and Kim.

Carol Kompus enjoyed dinner with her mother, Wilma Bobinmyer, on Sunday. Afternoon visitors at Cedar Living were Janice Sattler, Shirley Williams and Gertrude Lankas, Atwood, and Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon.

Joe Solko, Solko Trucking of Larned, combined the weekend visiting his dad, Tom T. Solko, with loading, securing and transporting hay bales.

Richard and Theresa Rippe spent the weekend with Brenda and Aaron Schilde and Addison in Minneola. On Saturday evening they attended Addison's baptism at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City. Baptismal sponsors were Jeff and Yolanda Blatner, longtime friends of Aaron and Brenda. Others attending were Kevin and Megan Rippe, Lilly, Michaela and Allison; Rodney Rippe and Katelyn Clark of Hays; Aaron's parents, grandma, sister, and family. Several friends joined the family at the Cowtown Steakhouse in Dodge after church.

The Herndon Alumni Banquet

will be held Friday, June 11, at St. Mary's Hall. The High School will be open for one hour after the banquet for those wanting a tour or visiting about the good old school days.

Whoever picked the theme 'What happens in Herndon, stays in Herndon' for the Ox-Roast didn't ask this correspondent! I guess the news can be our "secret." Hope to see you all Saturday!

Julie's Memory Joggers

Favorite Ox-Roast Memories
• The Herndon Ox-Roast is drawing near on Saturday, June 12, 2010. Bruce Wendelin, 1967 Herndon graduate, remembers the 1955 celebration when he rode at age six in the family double-seated wagon, pulled by a Percheron French draft horse for the parade. The family will be getting the buggy ready, preparing for this year's parade.

• Bob Hafner remembers the excitement in the family when his son, Jeff, won the RCA color TV. at the 1985 Ox-Roast celebration.

• Janice Sattler, Atwood, with her sewing ability, made beautiful long dresses for herself and her daughter, Mary, and her parents, Clem and Alice Hutfles shined as Grand Marshals in 2000. Was this the year that Roma Berger borrowed the gown as the Blessed Virgin Mother on the St. Mary's Catholic Church float?

• The goal for Gertrude Lankas, Atwood, will be to attend Saturday festivities if the weather cooperates.

• Kara Allen, Herndon, loves the out-house races where competition is fierce at each Ox-Roast.

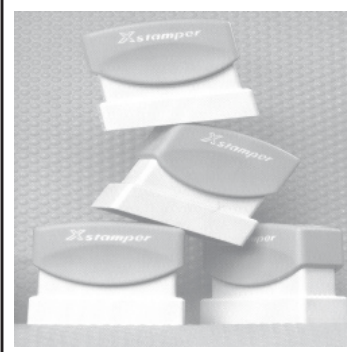
• Shirley Williams, among other out-of-towners, remembers Edie Pettera and Kayo Sattler as parade dignitaries in 2004. Lawn mowers, made to look like combines, caught her eye one year in the parade.

• Karl Wendelin, graduate of Herndon's class of 1931, remembers Marshal Claude Pittman jailing some person for misbehaving. Steve Jennings for many years was in charge of the fire, doing an excellent job. The Ox-Roast is truly a Herndon tradition that goes back many years. The original crew has long passed on. It is now in the hands of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



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Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Another Alumni celebration and banquet is history, and another Memorial weekend is coming to an end. We visited with a lot of old friends, and some not so old. I saw many I should know, but couldn't say their name.

After the meal on Saturday evening we had music by the Three Jacks and a few couples braved the dance floor. We had a good time. A special Happy Birthday was sung to LaVerne Milner, besides it being her birthday, she had the honor of being the oldest graduate there. Dean Knutson and I were the only ones from the class of 1941, and Donna was the only one in her class.

Dwight and Teresa Wood visited a while, then went to Atwood where Dwight had a playing engagement. They came back in the wee hours in a sudden rainstorm, complete with thunder and lightning. There wasn't enough rain to keep people off the roads on Sunday, so Sandra McNames, her granddaughters, Devon and Skylar Cooper, Dwight and Teresa and I went to the Memorial service at the Lyle Cemetery. There we met Carol and John Moye and Kylie, Sheryl Patterson, Connie Boyer and Larry Vernon. There was a good crowd there. Mike Helm led the Lebanon American Legion in a good service, with the help of his

young people and children.

Sheryl Patterson, Connie Vernon Boyer and Larry Vernon were interested in locating family graves, so we spent some time looking. They found four sets of great-great-grandparents. (Really great!) There are actually nine generations down to Kylie. So many families have the same situation, which makes this such a wonderful country.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen made it to five cemeteries on Sunday. They attended the Norcatur Memorial service, visited friends, came to the Educational Building where they visited Steve and Julia Van Meter of Goodland and Dean, Donna and David Knutson. Their other visits were Hill City, Collyer, WaKeeney and Quinter. At WaKeeney, they met Kim, Jolene and Clinton Nejdil, then had dinner with them at the Q-Inn in Quinter. They saw Judy and Charlie Easton there also.

Family members at my house Sunday were Carol and John Moye, Kylie and Skylar, Tielia High and Aubrey, Emily Bader and friend, Bridgit, Sandy McNames, Ryan McNames, Andrea Cooper, Devon and Skylar (yes, another Skylar), Dwight and Teresa Wood, Denny Wood, Sheryl Patterson, Connie Boyer and Larry Vernon.

Attend Church For Life

By Pastor Judith Stricker, United Church of Oberlin

Do you attend church? Do you belong to a church? If not, I would like to ask you why, and encourage you to seek a church for the betterment of your life. Thought churches were just for saving your soul? Guess what, they are great places for helping to make your life richer and more fun.

Did you know that 90 percent of people in America say that they believe in God? Yet, well over 55 percent choose to be somewhere other than church on Sunday morning.

The four most selected reasons for NOT attending church are: 1. Church is just boring; 2. Church members are unfriendly; 3. Churches are more interested in my money than in me; and 4. I just worry about the quality of the church's child care.

Sadly, very few people don't come to church because they DON'T have an interest in God. But, what they need to realize is that becoming a part of a church family is a wonderful experience, one that can bring a richness and fullness to life.

In a church family is where we learn about Jesus and it is where we learn that Jesus turns funerals into celebrations. Yes, funerals into celebrations. Grief and loss happens in life in many ways. It could be the loss of a loved one, the end of a marriage, a broken

friendship, or a life-long dream gone sour. The good news of Jesus Christ is GOOD NEWS because it helps to overcome all of the bad news in our lives.

A church family, where Jesus Christ is at the heart, can ease suffering and pain, rescue us when we are drowning in our own sinfulness, and renew our zest for life. A church family is there to soften the blow when life comes crashing down on us.

Is your life lonely and empty? A church family helps build an overflowing life. Open your Bible to *John 10, verse 10*. "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy: I have come that they may have life and have it to the fullest. (NIV)

How much joy, love and peace is present in your life? Have you ever imagined that you can have much more? To be a part of a church family expands your life, and makes it truly worth living.

With other members of a church family, we turn our self-focused lives outward. When the Holy Spirit fills us at our baptism, we become eager to help others. When you have enough love you can give it away, it's the only way to live.

So, check a church out this Sunday. Drop in.... sing, pray, laugh and perhaps even cry with joy. You'll find friends waiting there.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 10 a.m., Saturday

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.

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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
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MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.

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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.

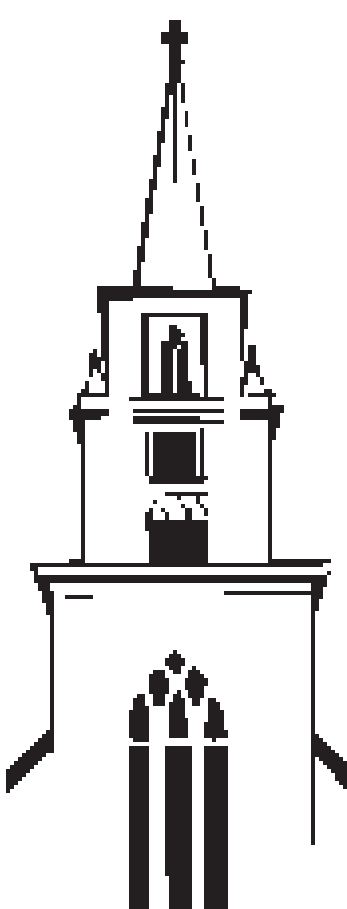
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SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.

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Pastors: Chris and Sharon Nelson
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LUND COVENANT CHURCH
Pastor: Doug Mason
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SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study and prayer, 7:30 p.m.

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510 North Wilson
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SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays..

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Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

The annual Sunday School worship service and picnic for the Herndon Covenant Church will begin at 10 a.m. on Sunday at Lake Atwood. Grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, as well as beverages, will be provided and those attending are asked to bring side dishes.

Pastor Tom Smith was guest speaker at the Sunday morning worship services at the Herndon Covenant Church. The new summer schedule will be worship services at 10 a.m. with no Sunday School. Several services will be held at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center and Cedar Living Center in Oberlin, as well as the Atwood Good

Samaritan Center.

The Herndon Covenant Church will enter a float in the Herndon Ox Roast parade on Saturday and those involved are asked to meet at 9 a.m. at the Don Grafel home south of the Immanuel United Church of Christ. The parade begins at 10 a.m.

Weekend visitors of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky were Brian Gutchewsky, Kearney, Neb.; and Sarah Uerling, Addyson and Hayden, McCook.

Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary met Brandon and Sarah White of Olathe in Los Angeles last week for a family vacation.

