

# Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Darrel and Alice Barnett returned July 25 from a motorcycle ride to Miami, Okla., on the annual Kansas Highway Patrol Troopers Association trip. Their goal was to ride part of the Route 66 Highway and find a shade tree every chance they got.

Twelve bikes and 14 people made the trip. As they were leaving a restaurant in Vinita, Okla., a group of 40 bikers arrived from Sweden who were completing the entire Route 66.

Happy birthday to Noah Baker, Les Ward, Wyatt Wentz, Aug. 7, and happy anniversary to Dwight and Mary Wentz, Aug. 6; Daren and Lois Wentz, Stan and Carol Miller and Bob and Kay Strevey, Aug. 7, and Wayne and Norma McCalliser, Aug. 9.

The senior citizens met on July 12 for a potluck dinner with 25 present. Winners were Bob Strevey, Eleanor Jensen and Beth Johnson.

The Norcatour Cemetery budget hearing for 2012 will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at the home of Bee Nelson.

Sue Gallentine Hillebrand recently returned from a trip to Alaska.

Ben and Alison Cobb of the Cornerstone group have purchased a home in Ashland, Ore. Their son, Elijah, just turned 12; their daughter, Emma, is on a high school

rowing team and Alison is working on her first commission for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival – an adaptation of “The Merry Wives of Windsor,” set in Iowa right after the presidential caucuses. Chris Moore will direct it on the outdoor Elizabethan stage next June and Lynn Jeffries is designing the puppets.

Lynn Jeffries is in the California Central Valley town of Fowler for a month to teach and design puppets at the Cornerstone Institute. Now in its eighth year, the institute is a crash course of how Cornerstone puts on a show with a community. It attracts 20 students each summer from all over the country and sometimes abroad. They are working on an original play, “A Man Comes to Fowler,” and Peter Howard plays the man. Fowler is a farming town of about 5,600 people.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Annette Faye Knapp, 72, who died on July 28.

Congratulations to Bob and Kay Strevey, who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday at the Norton Senior Center.

A medical benefit is planned for Twila Forbes on Sunday, Aug. 28. Soup and pie will be served. Anyone who would like to help by furnishing a pie is asked to call Jerry Wescott at (785) 871-7863.

The Leichlites were in Colorado Springs on July 23 for the wedding of Leeann Davis and Gavlin Henderson. Leeann is the daughter of Trish Brooks of Norton and the granddaughter of Lela Brooks. Siblings of Trish who attended were Gary Brooks, Norton, and Joanie Alhino, California. Denny and Vene Leichliter came from Clayton. Others present were Terry and Darcy Robbins, Parker, Colo.; Steve and Debbie Obrecht, Pueblo, Colo.; Kami Obrecht, Tyrone, Ga.; Kathleen and Maverick and Merc Obrecht, Lakewood, Colo.; and Kathryn Leichliter, Colorado Springs.

On Sunday more family gathered for the memorial for Phyllis Leichliter in the mountains. They met at the home of Kyle and Kathleen and then drove to near Guanella Pass., where they had a picnic, celebrated three children’s birthdays and held a short memorial service, led by Jake. Attending were Jake and Kathryn and Nathan and James and Abigail Leichliter, Colorado Spings; Denny and Vene Leichliter, Clayton; Terry and Darcy Robbins, Parker, Colo.; Brooke and Jonis and Seven Hagebart, Aurora, Colo.; Steve and Debbie Obrecht, Pueblo, Colo.; Kami Obrecht, Tyrone, Ga.; Kyle and Kathleen and Maverick and Mercy and Martial Obrecht, Lakewood, Colo.; and Kent and Autumn and Leila and Cliona Obrecht, Colorado Springs.

Dorothy Ward enjoyed the performance of “Willy Wonka Junior,” given by the Eastern Plains Players of Hugo, Colo. Grandson Brandon Ward was one of the performers in the musical. Debby Ward took her to Hugo and brought her home.

Shawna Crum of Dover, Okla., visited her mother, Wava Reames, and her son James accompanied her home after visiting here.

# Keep summer foods safe

Summer holidays provide a break from school and work, but we shouldn’t break from being smart about food safety. More care is needed since food borne illnesses increase during the summer.

Bacteria love the hot, humid days of summer, and grow faster than at any other time of the year. At the same time temperatures rise, we’re more likely to leave food unrefrigerated for longer periods of time at picnics, barbecues and during travel.

Summer picnics are a great way to enjoy the outdoors and each others’ company. Keep your picnics with family and friends safe this summer by remembering the following tips:

- Temperature and time. Keep picnics with family and friends safe by remembering that the time perishable food can be left outside the fridge or freezer drops from two hours to one hour in temperatures about 90 degrees F.

- Hot and cold. Keep hot food hot and cold food cold on the way to, and throughout, your picnics and outdoor gatherings. Holding food at an unsafe temperature is a prime cause of food borne illness.

- Food thermometer. According to USDA research, one out of every four hamburgers turns brown in the middle before reaching a safe internal temperature. The only way to be sure food is safely cooked is to use a food thermometer to measure the internal temperature. Using a food thermometer keeps you safe from harmful food bacteria and helps avoid overcooking, keeping it juicy and flavorful.

- Bring non-perishable foods. Reduce the worry of keeping foods at certain temperatures by limiting the number of perishable foods on the menu. Bring baked potato chips or pretzels instead of potato salad;



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
Regional Extension Agent

dried fruit or fruit cups in their natural juices instead of a cut-up fruit salad; and other non-perishable snacks such as trail mix, nuts, or sunflower seeds.

- Two coolers are better than one. Bring two coolers to the park or gathering, one for perishable food and one for beverages. Keep perishable foods cool by transporting them in an insulated cooler kept cold with ice or frozen gel packs and open as infrequently as possible.

- Keep it clean. During picnics it is important to keep things clean. Check ahead and find out if there’s a source of safe drinking water at your destination. If not, bring water for preparation and cleaning; or pack clean, wet disposable cloths or most towelettes and paper towels for cleaning hands and surfaces.

- Dangers of cross contamination. Cross contamination is the transfer of harmful bacteria to food from other foods, cutting boards,

utensils, etc., if they are not handled properly. Cross contamination during preparing, grilling, and serving food is a prime cause of food borne illness. Remember to always wash your hands before and after handling food, and don’t use the same platter and utensils for raw and cooked meat and poultry. Include lots of clean utensils, not only for eating but also for serving the safely cooked food.

The road to food safety can either be bumpy or smooth, depending on what precautions are taken during the summer, so keep food safety guidelines in mind.

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## Lyle News

By Veda Wood

A community picnic will be held on Sunday at the Powell picnic grounds, four miles west of Lyle. Everybody come, bring a dish for potluck, your table service and a chair, if you wish. Beverages will be served.

Joyce Sumner took some small quilts made by the Lyle ladies to the Norton County Hospital.

There was a good turnout at the senior citizens’ potluck. Guests were Jim Powell, Warsaw, Mo., a second cousin of Margaret Magers, and his daughter, Stacey, of California, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jacobs, parents of Denise Bailey.

Mrs. Magers had a family reunion last week with at least 14 present.

On Sunday the Lyle Church group was invited to join the Norcatour, Almena and Clayton groups for a church service at the Norton lake, followed by a barbecue potluck dinner. Everything was perfect. The weather was cool. The message by Pastor Ed Woods, who also served communion, the lake and the dinner were all wonderful. The lunch was so good, and for once I didn’t feel too full, but just right. It did sprinkle a little, but after all our hot weather, it felt good. I thank good neighbors, the Anthonys, for taking me.

June Jolly accompanied her daughter, Linda and Dennis McFarland, to Norton on Sunday to attend Bob and Kay Strevey’s 40th

wedding anniversary celebration. On Thursday she went to KT Club at Cambridge, Neb., at the home of Nelda Haag. She also visited Helen Helm. On Saturday she went to a picnic at the Eagles in McCook.

My great-granddaughter, Mariah Bader, helped me a few times the last two weeks. Emily and Garrett Bader and Grant Slater visited and have returned to their homes in Codell, and Indianola, Neb., for school.

Many Powell relatives gathered for the yearly Powell picnic and reunion. On Saturday evening, Allen and Patty Powell cooked a cream can dinner with others adding their specialties at the picnic grounds. Kids had a ball on the “goat swing” and 62 signed the book. On Sunday, 49 signed the book at the annual picnic dinner. Earnest and Donna Huff were able to attend. He had his wheelchair, but seemed to be doing well.

Every now and then, someone will ask, “What’s a goat swing?” It’s a rope tied high in the tree and hangs over a pond or creek. Kids, or other adventurous souls, will grab the end and swing out over the water. They have two choices, swing back to the bank or fall into the water. Then their choices are, wade out or drown. It’s fun. Since the Sappa stopped flowing, there is often no water, but it’s more fun when there is.

## You could be a porno addict Doug Mason, youth minister Oberlin Teens for Christ

Teenagers! Guys specifically! Chances are, according to national statistics, you are already an addict. Did you know that? I’m not talking about drugs or alcohol though, I’m talking about pornography. Internet porn is so easy to get to that most teenage boys are visiting these sites regularly.

You might think, “So what?” You might think, “It’s natural!” You might think, “I’m not hurting anybody!” But your thinking is WRONG! The damage it causes is enormous. Did you know that by simply viewing porn you are helping the sex slave market? Thousands of girls around the world are kidnapped annually to feed the porn habit of males around the world.

Did you know that by viewing porn you are devaluing women? You start looking at females as sex objects and not people to be respected. Your girlfriend becomes simply an object to meet your sexual desires. Girls are finding themselves having to be more “loose” simply because they need to feel loved and don’t get that unless they get sexually active. Then, when you do reach the point of marriage, your wife doesn’t measure up to your expectations because she can’t maintain the amazing bodies of the girls you’re viewing online. You find yourself spending more and more time looking at these sites and less and less time with your family. This habit is destroying families every day.

One of the things about addiction is that you keep needing more. That leads to x-rated movies, paying for prostitutes, child molesting, homosexuality and

things so disgusting I dare not say. While pornography isn’t something new, it’s easier to access than ever. It’s a tool of the evil one. You have got to get control of the situation or it will destroy you and others you supposedly love.

Your Creator, God, warns heavily about the dangers of sexual sin. It’s clear from His Word that it is not acceptable behavior. It’s a heavily covered subject in the Bible. Instead, take a defensive position, avoiding this dark pit. Instead do as the Bible says, “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.” (Philippians 4)

There are many software programs out there to block porn sites. I strongly recommend x3pure.com as a very good tool to help. Also, don’t put yourself in situations where the temptation can control you. When you are on the computer, do it in public settings, not behind closed doors. Appoint someone to be accountable to. Be willing to do whatever it takes to break this addiction, even if it seems extreme.

\*Note to Parents: You are largely responsible for this! You don’t control where the computer is in the home! Quit being naïve. Your son won’t freely admit to this. You also have many improper movies in your homes. And dads — stop viewing porn yourselves! Quit denying it — demonstrate your love for your family by doing whatever you have to.



## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

**OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
785-475-3103  
Fr. Mark Berland,  
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

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

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**  
Fr. Mark Berland,  
MASS: 10:30 a.m. Sunday

**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. Linda Willey  
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.

**OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST 102 North Cass — 785-475-3067**  
The Rev. Linda Willey  
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Praise team practice, 8 p.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.

**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.,

**CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Ed Woods  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.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, 10:30 a.m.; TUESDAY: Ladies Bible Study, 9 a.m.

**ST. MARY’S CATHOLIC, HERNDON**  
Fr. Nick Parker  
Phone 785-322-5560  
MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.

**HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH**  
Pastor: Keith Reuther  
Phone 785-322-5316  
SUNDAY: 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Youth group, 4 p.m.

**NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Ed Woods  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

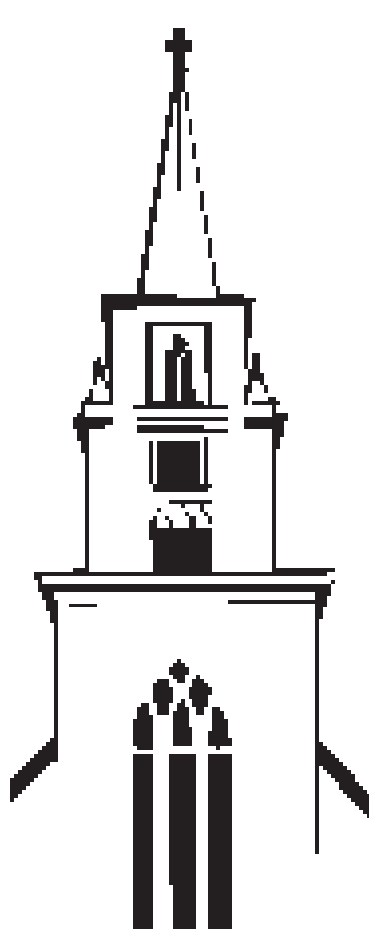
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SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.

**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**  
Chairman Brad Marcuson  
10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin  
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**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  
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## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

The congregation of the Herndon Covenant Church will meet at 10 a.m. for services on Sunday at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

Weekend guests of Dick and Donna Kelley were Debbie Kelley-Parker and Nathan Kelley, Payton and Mason, and Seth, Chelsey and Brody Kelley, Topeka; Kirk Kelley, Davenport, Iowa; and Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica, Frederick, Colo. They all attended the Bryan family reunion.

Jerry Olson is hospitalized in Omaha for rehabilitation, after being a patient in a hospital in Hastings, Neb. Mail will reach him and his wife, Connie, at Immanuel Rehabilitation Hospital, 8th Floor, room 856, 691 N. 72nd Street, Omaha, Neb., 68122. His cell phone is (785) 475-4795 and hers is (785) 475-6856.

Miah and Lyla Aubrey of Olathe and Britta Noren of Omaha were weekend guests of Steve and Connie Noren, David and Michael.

Weekend guests of Keith and Mary Lou Olson were Rex Olson, Seth and Sam, and Amelia Hanson, Boulder, Colo.

On Sunday, they joined other members of the Olson family for a get-together in Oberlin. Others present were Bill and Maxine Peebles, Sheri Steineman and Lia, and Sheila Waters and Karin, Denver; Bob Olson and Scott Olson, Atwood; Annette Frenzl, Salina; Ava Perkins, Wichita; Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary, Hoxie; and Sue Wells, McCook.

Margaret McEvoy went to Kearney, Neb., on Sunday to be with Lucy Schissler, who had been taken to Good Samaritan Hospital.

Cecil Hess and Mary Lou Olson were Thursday dinner guests of Peggy Williams and Evan and Mary Jorn of Lawrence, who were in Oberlin for the Decatur County Fair. In the afternoon, they toured the Kanona area and Big Timber Cemetery.

## Traer News

By Maralyn Courange

Spc. Corey Ware, son of Brad Ware of Gettysburg, S.D. and Kim Ware of Sturgis, S.D., and grandson of Maralyn Courange and the late Irvan Courange, has been deployed to Afghanistan. He is stationed at Camp Leatherneck as a bridge builder with the 200th Engineering Company out of Moberidge, S.D.

Ryan Wheelbarger and friend Tim of McCook were recent visitors of Maralyn Courange.

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