

# Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Marjorie Prince, Liberty, Mo., came May 20 to spend several weeks here visiting her mother, Arlene Hix, at Whispering Pines. She will also visit her brother, Gail Bailey, and his families, and her uncle Veryl and Vi VanDerWege, Norton.

Lloyd and Sharon Stanton, Salina, a son of Arlene Hix, came May 22 for a visit. They left May 24 to attend a family reunion in Denver. They will return later for a few more days.

Jeff Magers took his parents, Rea and Dee Magers, to Salina on May 11 for his father's eye check-up.

Birthday greetings to: Inez Jackson, May 24; James Plotts, May 26; Jodi Lyon, May 27; LaVerne Milner, May 29; Jamie Wentz, May 30.

Happy anniversary to: Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson, May 23; Casey

and Justine Tuttle, May 26.

Norcatour Senior Citizens met May 18 with 13 players present. Winners were: Margaret Magers, Bob Strevey and Bee Nelson. The next meeting will be at 1 p.m., sharp, Friday. Everyone is welcome.

On May 16 Virgil and Joyce Price visited Arlene Hix at Whispering Pines and said she is feeling much better.

Virgil and Joyce Price celebrated their wedding anniversary on May 20 by attending church, going to McCook for lunch and shopping. They visited Mrs. Price's brother and wife, Melvin and Charlotta Thielbar, then came back through Oberlin and visited Helen Helm and Alice Shirley at Cedar Living Center.

A good Samaritan picked up tree limbs out of the ditch by the Prices'

home and Virgil said he really appreciated it.

Gary and Devonna New recently hosted a birthday party for Carolyn Strevey with ice cream and cake. Glenn Jackson and Gerald and Judy Jackson were also present.

Lacy Roe graduated from Pittsburg State University on May 11. Her parents, Jeff and Lori Roe, hosted a barbecue at their home on Saturday.

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. is story time at the children's library. Last week six children came to hear the story of, "Bear Feels Sick." All children are welcome, even if they don't live in Norcatour.

A gathering of book readers call themselves Book Potpourri. They meet the third Wednesday of every month. The next meeting is June 20 and they invite everyone to come.

# Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

Frank "Doc" and Joan Dingwerth have been in town. They visit quite often from their home in Arlington, Texas. They also brought Joan's brother, Gustav Holmberg, who is visiting from Odense, Denmark.

Relatives who gathered for the recent estate sale of Jack and Hulda Wark enjoyed dinner and a get-together in Colby after the sale.

Those present included the following families: Frank and Irene Rall: Norman's family - Ross, Rexford; Donald and Colleen Rall, Rexford; Jerry Rall, Selden. Norman's family: Sondra Barnett, Rexford; Bryan Barnett and Gabriella, Garden City; Cory Barnett, Tabitha and Corban, Liberal; Gloria and Dave Dible, Rogers, Ark.; Roger Wark, Topeka; Tamera and Ken Searls, Quinter; Vicki Wark and Kalya Weber, Rexford; Chad and Dez Wark, Morgan, Hayden, Dylan and Lakin, Rexford; Rebecca and Chance Rains, Jaren and Braylon, Sharon Springs; Kristin Wark, Kansas City, Mo.; and Jami Wark, Hays.

Ethel's family: Barbara and Alan Scheibmeir, Sherman, Texas.

Dorothy's family: Gary and Clara Gillum, Jennings; Shawn and Dennis Spesser and Kade, Dresden; Katie and Regan Coulter, Colby; Shelly and Chris Nordyke, Casey and Corey, Westcliff, Colo.; Tyler and Camden Gillum, Hadley and Hayden, Palco; Jim and Irene Gillum Canon City, Colo.; Angie Gillum, Denver; Deb and Craig Crouch, Goodland; Travis Haines, Trevon and Tori, Hays.

Charlotte's family: Dan and Cheryl Traub, Goodland.

Victor's family: Peggy and Bill Miller, Colby Raynce, Dryce and Wyncee Brott, Ron and Rhonda Hurtt, Dalene and Butch Cox, Jennifer Rall and Sean, Colby.

Velma's family: Velma Rasmussen, Colby; Cindy Warren, Great Bend; Gordon and Karin Rasmus-

sen.

What a storm blew through Rexford on Saturday night! According to one weather service we experienced gusts of up to 85 mph. One result of the storm was a downed power line that caused a brief power outage in Rexford and a fire to the northwest of town. The Rexford Volunteer Fire Department was on hand to control the flames.

Many Rexford families had guests in town to help observe Memorial Day. I know many families journeyed out to cemeteries to decorate graves and remember loved ones and those who have served our country. The Rexford Museum was open on Monday for people who wished to learn a little bit more about the history of our town.

Monday found the Rexford Fire Department out fighting another fire northwest of town. Chris Bailey, Dave Williams, Randy Huss, Bill Scott and Darrell Dible are all part of this force that gives their time and effort. I'm sure they would all appreciate a quick "thanks" when you run across them this week. The Volunteer Fire Department is also

always in need of more volunteers. If you think you could be of service, just contact the members listed.

Vacation Bible School is next week already! Kids age 2 through sixth grade can come to the Rexford Community Church each day, June 4 through June 8 to mine truths from God's word. There will be a closing program on Friday night.

Shepherd's Staff will be holding Creative Arts Camp June 10-15. This is a fun week for kids ages 8-14 to learn creative skills that they can use to serve their churches.

Don't forget to get your things together for the city-wide garage sale, coming up June 23. I need to have all participants lined up by June 13, so if you plan to be a part of the sale and haven't talked to me yet, please do so.

That seems to be the news from Rexford for this week. I would love to publish your news and special events. You can leave your news in the jar at the Red Barn, call 687-2076, or e-mail griffithsgang@gmail.com. Enjoy the beautiful weather this week.

# Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Don Grafel attended the graduation of Seager Grafel, son of Keith and Roma Grafel, in Council Grove on May 20. Other family attending were Kyle, Cindi and Sarah Grafel, Herndon; Kurt, Kris, Kayla and Kortney Grafel, Natoma; Egan Grafel, Los Angeles; Rusty Grafel, Colby; Dan and Karen Sattler, Scott City; Brad and Cindy Brenning, Olathe; Stan Brenning, Lincoln, Neb.; and Tom and Kay Franke, Council Grove.

Lesley Tongish, daughter of Dave and Pat Tongish of Newton, and granddaughter of Gene and Marcella Leitner of Oberlin, and the late Denis and Wilma Tongish of Herndon, completed her Masters of Nurse Anesthesia at the University of Kansas. Lesley will begin her career as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at the University of Kansas Medical Center. She has worked as an intensive care nurse prior to beginning the three-year program for nurse anesthesia.

Tom and Kay Franke, Council Grove, were Sunday dinner guests of Don and Joan Grafel at Roger's Bar and Grill in Herndon.

Rita and Joe Marintzer attended the Ordination to Deacon for Quentin Schmitz on May 19. Rita and Joe stayed with Jacob, Tara, Kade and Phoebe Marintzer in Westmoreland.

Char Hartner, Joyce Gibson and Debbie Humphrey of Herndon hosted a barbecue Saturday evening for family and friends. Those attending were Jared Humphrey, Jen and Dominic, Denver; Travis Lanze, Aurora, Colo.; Michelle Hartner and Rob Percival, Atwood; Troy, Leeann Sattler and family, Herndon. Misty Hartner and T.J. Hackney of Denver were Sunday guests.

Frank Cahill, 8th grader at Ave

Marie Catholic School in Parker, Colo., and classmate of Allison Foxhoven, will be participating in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington this week. Allison is a granddaughter of Bob and Julie Hafner and will cheer for Frank when watching the completion on ESPN. Two hundred seventy-eight spellers will be competing in the bee. The youngest is 6 years old but most fall into the 12-14 age group.

Sunday afternoon visitors of Don and Joan Grafel were Elaine and Kathy Fikan and Lynette Kanak of Atwood.

The 93rd Herndon Alumni Potluck Banquet was held Saturday at St. Mary's Hall with Bill Adams, president, welcoming the honor classes, alumni members and guests. A short business meeting was conducted before enjoying a delicious potluck. Honor class representatives spoke of where their lives have taken them since graduation. Bill Adams, Colby; Tom Franke, Council Grove and Dave Ketterl, Herndon, will retain the alumni offices for the coming year. Herndon Beaver Pride continues to run deep!

Last Saturday, Rita Marintzer hosted the Herndon High class of 1972's 40th reunion. Those attending were, Dave Escher; Joyce Leitner Hubbard and husband Jeff; Rosalie Malone Wilkinson along with her mother, Joanne; Francis Wahrman; Becky Marintzer Faimon; Cheryl Nemeth Timm; and Pat Wendelin and wife Elvera. Visitors were Cheri Kastens and Chris Wood. All had a great time.

**Julie's Memory Joggers**  
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•The Bank of Herndon will move down among us next week.

•Barber and Baldwin shipped two car loads of hogs to Omaha the first of the week.

•LaSalle and Schwab have the best line of groceries in Rawlins County. They have received a car load of salt and a car load of groceries this week. They will move into their new store room next week and will be pleased to have you call and look over their large stock.

•C.L. Drath left Thursday morning for Cheyenne County. He will be gone several days.

•Take the H.O. Douglas stage line from Cedar Bluffs to Oberlin and enjoy a pleasant ride.

•J.P. Anderson and family, brother-in-law of Gus Gustafson, arrived in Herndon Tuesday from Boone County, Iowa, and will make Rawlins County his future home. He has a fine farm near Thornton and will immediately commence putting in his spring crops. Mr. Anderson is quite well-to-do and will be a valuable acquisition to our county.

# Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Memorial weekend guests of Meme Carper were her children: Charlene Mangus, Steve and Dani of Kanorado; Carol Topliff, Goodland; Teresa Hopson, Rebecca and friend Nathaniel, Bethune, Colo.; Cecil and Annette Bailey, Leoti; and Tim Bailey, Broken Arrow, Okla.

Cecil Bailey came for his 40th class anniversary from Jennings school and Tim Bailey came for his 30th class anniversary from Oberlin school.

Memorial Day weekend guests of Wayne and Louise Cressler were: Gwen Anderson from Council Grove; Megan Faris, Manhattan; Russell Cressler, Bison, and Mary Kinsler.

The Craft Fair is planned for Fire-

man's Fun Day, Aug. 25 with 20 spaces available for a charge of \$25 each. If interested call Terri Hanke 785-678-2333. Reservations must be made and paid in full by July 1.

Sunday was a very windy day for the Memorial Day services at the Big Timber cemetery. Monday was a beautiful cool morning for the Jennings services at Jennings cemetery. A large crowd attended the noon dinner Sunday in the Senior Center.

Those playing cards at the Center on May 23 were: Stan and Ramona Shaw, Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter, Eleanor Morel, Wayne and Louise Cressler.

# Midway News

By MaryLou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the relatives of Donna (Berry) Masoner, 57, who died last Monday, May 21, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin. She was a granddaughter of the late Mike and Myrtle Schiessler. Funeral services were held Friday morning at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin.

Among relatives who came from out-of-town to attend graveside services for the Rev. Bob Fleenor on Friday at the Oberlin Cemetery were Paul and Debbie Babcock, Baldwin City; Wyatt and Pam Wright and Nolan, Kansas City; Garrett and Gwen Pepper, Topeka, and Elaine Fleenor, McPherson.

Weekend guests of Dick and Donna Kelley were Dr. Kirk Kelley of Davenport, Iowa and Bob Kelley, Marquette. Dr. Kelley came to attend the 35th anniversary of

his graduating class from Decatur Community High School and Mr. Kelley came to celebrate his 65th alumni graduation.

Keith and Mary Lou Olson were Thursday supper guests of Helen Riepl and her son, Greg Riepl, of Edmund, Okla., who were visiting in Oberlin. Additional guests were Peggy Williams, Lawrence; Cecil Hess, Oberlin, and Mark Olson, Hoxie.

Janet Lee of Anchorage, Alaska, has been visiting her brother and his wife, Frank and Margaret McEvoy, and other relatives.

Mike and Nione Rhodin of Loveland, Colo., spent last Monday and Tuesday visiting Steve and Arian Arnold and Galen and Lynne Olson. Sunday supper guests of the Arnolds for a cookout were Pete and Nan Zander of Oberlin.

# He will be your shield Pastor Judi Stricker, United Church of Oberlin

Early last Monday, Melanie Anderson and I left for Albuquerque for a Presbyterian conference for small churches. We were meeting with members and pastors from the mountain states, so we, as "flatland tourists," were observed with curiosity. By the end of the conference, we had made many new friends and vowed to be present next year in Denver.

I am not a patient person, a fact to which my congregation can attest, and I don't truck foolishness either, so you can imagine my extent of stress when driving in Albuquerque. However, at least driving in one big city is much like driving in any other. I drove to work daily in Oklahoma City in rush-hour, so I can do just about anything at 35 mph. But at 80 mph, I become as a crossword puzzle, all in pieces.

This, then, was the true lesson in remembering the admonition of the Scriptures. Here are some. As we were screaming south on I-25, from Santa Fe to Albuquerque, Psalm 18:30 could have been used as comfort. "This God-his way is perfect; the promise of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all who take refuge in him." I was certainly praying for a shield from the great crash. This holds true of many situations in life that nearly scare the life out of us, those "screaming" moments when we are just flat overwhelmed. God is a shield, and if we hit the pause button, and then think, though that is speeded up just a bit at 80 mph, we will be comforted. If you are just flat scared of life, may I suggest the Bible to you. I can assure you that you will find answers. The answers are all the sweeter if you seek fellowship with others who are seeking just like you.

In Santa Fe, we parked our car in Old Town and began the walk—a long way. However, neither of

us carefully watched from whence we came, and so when it was time to find the parking lot, we couldn't! They all looked alike, and were scattered throughout the area. We got our walk in that day, for sure.

Again, we faced a trust issue with God. Just as we were about to despair, the Presbyterian Church in that area appeared as if by magic, but denomination was not in question, we would have welcomed any church office at that moment, a place of safety and security to lost travelers. After ringing the bell to be admitted, we begged for wisdom from the receptionist, who seemed to be a bit mystified by our foolishness at not being able to remember such an easy thing, (to a native Albuquerquean of course)!!! However, after fetching a couple of cups of cold water for two very hot and frustrated churchwomen, we were given directions that assisted us.

We could have most certainly been served by just stopping, taking a big deep breath, and praying a minute or two. Here is some wise advice from the Scriptures, "Let me abide in your tent forever, find refuge under the shelter of your wings." Again, there are many, many situations in life where we come to near panic. In those times, we want to seek shelter under something, something safe. If we trust in God to sort it out for us, life will be much easier, believe me.

If you have been thinking that you want to connect again with God, most of us have times in our lives when we connect better than others, but if now is your time, may I suggest that you find a church in town, gather up your courage and walk through the doors. I can assure you, you will be welcomed, you will be nurtured, you will find solace and wisdom there.



# 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, LEVILLIE**  
Fr. Mark Berland  
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**  
Fr. Mark Berland,  
MASS:10:00 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. Praise and Worship time, with  
Weekly Lords Supper, Multi-media Bible  
sermons & open bible studies combined.  
Private Bible studies on request.

**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 785-222-5316  
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.

**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**  
Chairman Brad Marcuson  
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:  
Brad Rick

SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible  
class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service,  
8:30 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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