

Norcatat News

By the Norcatat News Committee

Jim and Betty Rubendall had a pre-Christmas dinner with Roger, Paula, Nichole, Heather and Neil Hammond. Additional guests were John and Mary Rubendall, Barry, Cindy, Parker, Garrett and Whitney Rubendall, all of Franklin, Neb., and Scott, Cathy and Faith Wehrman, Jane, Lorie and Ashley Rubendall of McPherson.

Recent visitors of Esther Miller were Melissa of Atchison and her friend, Curt of Manchester. Christmas Eve guests were Gary and Annette Miller, St. Francis; Beverly and Casey Morris, Hoxie; Aimee Morris, Manhattan; Stan, Carol, Melissa, Joel and Justine Miller, and Jes-

sica Gamblin, Oberlin; Chad of Manhattan and Mike and Jan of Prairie Village.

David Johnson of Wichita spent Christmas weekend with Beth Johnson. They were Christmas Eve guests of Cathy Claussen, Chris and Cale in Oberlin.

Claire and Mary Lesle had an early Christmas with their son, Craig and his wife, Lori and family of Colorado Springs. They were taken to Fargos Pizza one evening and the Flying W Ranch on another evening. They met brother, Jim and wife Charlotte for lunch in the Springs and enjoyed an afternoon of visiting. They drove to Denver and were entertained by

Mary's brother, Bill and his wife Phyllis and Jack, before coming home on Tuesday.

Mink and Wanda Nguyen came from Denver on Nov. 18 and took Betty Reid back to their home for Thanksgiving. They brought her home on Dec. 22. They stayed and had Christmas on Dec. 24 before leaving for home.

Randy Stapp, Mount Vernon, Ind., visited his parents, Dewaine and Pat Stapp, the week before Christmas. Saturday evening guests for supper were his brother, David Stapp and family. Randy left Sunday morning and met his family in Kansas City for Christmas.

The Mark Wards were guests of his parents, Dorothy and Kenneth Ward, from Thursday to Saturday for an early Christmas. On Saturday, Lora Linn Leichter was a luncheon guest of the Wards.

Christmas dinner guests of Bill and Bee Nelson were Bill and Dorothy Woods, Oberlin, and Lee Eckhart and Bob Sawdon, Norcatat.

Birthday and anniversaries include: Dec. 28, Bill and Bee Nelson; Dec. 31, Beth Sebaugh; Galen and Jamie Wentz; Jan. 2, Tracey Hartzog; Beth Johnson.

The community extends deepest sympathy to A.J. Tinkham for the loss of her brother.

Rexford News

By Lula Thieler

This community extends deepest sympathy to the family of Jean Petersen, who died last Wednesday. Funeral services were held in the Rexford Community Church on Saturday.

Lula Thieler went to Colby on Dec. 19 to spend the week with Eddie and JoAnn Miller. On Sunday evening, Dale and Jane Hudson brought his father, who also lives in Brewster, and took Eddie, JoAnn and Mrs. Thieler out for dinner and a tour of the town to see the Christmas decorations. The town looked great with so many Christmas scenes and sights.

On Christmas Day, guests were Gail Weeks and boys, Newton; Robert and Carol Bell and Tylin, and his parents, Ron and Cherry Bell, McDonald; Dale and Jane Hudson and Mandy, Brewster; Harry and Mary Lamar and children, Silver Lake; and Gina Miller, Hays.

Christmas Eve guests of Dick and Eunice Sanford were Ken and Julie Sanford and Sara, Colby. On Christmas Day, Dick and Eunice were guests of Paul and Jean Wagner, in Colby.

Cleda Moeder attended her niece's wedding on Dec. 8 in Wichita. Ann Brown was married to Bob Schmeidler. Carol Gould accompanied her and met with his doctor before coming home on Dec. 11.

Darrell and Marjorie Leh are enjoying the company of their granddaughter, Elizabeth Jardin, from Fayetteville, Ark., for several weeks this winter.

Jean and Alfred Hawkins spent Christmas Day in Scott City with Dean and Marie Adams.

Kenneth and Teena Johnston and family spend Christmas Eve with Ray and Bernada Zoberst. The Zobersts and Ray's sister, Iryne Zoberst, of Colby, were guests of the Johnstons on Christmas Day.

Jack and Hulda Wark and all their family enjoyed Christmas Day at the Community Hall.

Guests of Grace Cheney for Christmas were Gary and Kay Cheney, Matt and Lyn Cheney and Karon and Aaron Derbonne, Bird City.

Gary and Mary Withers and Danny, Charles and Pat Williams, and Dwight, and Ron and Janette Dible, all spent Christmas with their mother, Eileen Dible, in Colby.

Pastor Gary and Diana Taylor returned home on Dec. 21 from a two-week trip to visit their children, Marvin and Alisha Mulder and children, in Durham, N.C. They spent a

few days sightseeing along the Atlantic coast. The Taylors spent Christmas Day with his parents, Russell and Stevie Taylor, in North Platte, Neb.

Edna Colson and all her children and many of the grandchildren met at the Red Barn in Rexford on Christmas Day. There were 30 present.

Ernest and Janine Colson and Jesse went to Emporia to visit her parents on Saturday and Sunday of last week.

Christmas Day guests of William and Margaret Arasmith were Everett Arasmith, his son, James and wife, Autumn, of Colby, and Pat and Kin Arasmith.

Dean and Glendora Bastin and Louis and Kenneth were guests of Evan and Regina Barnum, Chris and David, in Colby on Dec. 23 to celebrate Louis' birthday. The Barnum family of Colby, and Louis and Kenneth Bastin all spent Christmas Day with Dean and Glendora Bastin.

Over 100 attended the birthday party for Clyde Turrell on Dec. 23 at the Community Hall. He was born on Christmas Day and this was his first real birthday party which he enjoyed very much. Many of the family came for the party and stayed to spend Christmas Day with Clyde and Frances.

Lyle News

By Helen Helm

Guests at the home of Greg and Yvonne Sumner were Michelle Sumner, Ellsworth, and Mark and Amy Archer, Andrew and Gracie, McPherson.

Joyce Sumner, Norton, was a pre-Christmas dinner hostess for all the Sumners on Saturday at her home. On Sunday evening Greg and Yvonne had a Christmas Eve gathering for their family. Todd and Deanna Sumner, Brooke and Brady, joined those already present and Santa stopped in on his trip around the world. Andrew stayed to spend a week on the farm.

Christmas Eve guests at the Bill Schwab home were Susan Boultinghouse, Hays; Debby Beard and Joe and Angie Schwab, Josh, Mathew, Samantha and Austin.

On Dec. 21 Kathy Van Meter drove to Kearney, Neb., where she met Roger and Janice Pollat, Kearney; Steve and Julia Van Meter, Gibbon, and Kris, Kathy and Karlie Van Meter from Colorado. All had supper at The Cellar in Kearney and Mrs. Van Meter was an overnight guest at the Steve Van Meters to get acquainted with Karlie, who is three months old.

On Christmas Eve, Mrs. Van Meter, Margaret Magers and June Jolly attended a candlelight service in Clayton at the United Methodist Church.

On Christmas Day, Mrs. Van Meter and Marguerite Fullerton had Christmas dinner in Oberlin with Mrs. Laurene Bryan, her niece, Sherry, and Gene Van Otterloo.

Mrs. Fullerton was a dinner guest at the home of Dorothy Breiner on Sunday. All the Breiner girls, Julie Legg, Jackie Ecklund, Jean Cuthbertson, and Jennifer McKenna and their husbands were home to spend Christmas with Dorothy and son, Jason.

On Dec. 21 Mrs. Fullerton was a guest at the home of Frank and Velda Ward with Leslie, Lynn, Kaylee and Keith Ward.

Sunday morning visitors of Mrs. Magers were John and Helen Helm and Mary. Gary Anthony called in the afternoon.

Christmas Day guests at the Magers home were Jane and Richard Engelhardt, Norton; Judy and Charlie Easton, Quinter; and Charlie Easton and children, Macala and Rylee.

Sarah Jolly, Kearney, Neb., and Jim Jolly, Lincoln, Neb., have been home for the Christmas holidays with their family, Dean and Rhonda Jolly and Darin. Jennifer Blue, Taylor and Austin, Indianola, Neb., joined them frequently. On Sunday all joined the Carter family at the home of Twila Carter in Norton and on Christmas they and Mrs. June Jolly were among the guests at the home of Dennis and Linda McFarland, in McCook. Others present were Megan

McFarland, Leslie McFarland, Louis and Leveda McFarland, and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Janousek, all of McCook.

Leon and Veda Wood had Christmas with John and Carol Moye in Oberlin. Others there were Sandra and Larry McNames, Ryan and Neal, Grinnell; Andrea and John Cooper, Devon and Skylar, Tielia, Wade, Emily, Maria and Garrett Bader; Mike Slater, Adrienne Vacura, and Tracy and Brooke Glosser. Ona Van Gundy joined them in the afternoon.

Dwight Wood and Teresa Reves visited her home in Westmoreland and went on to Omaha to visit Dwight's twin daughters and were overnight guests of Dwight's brother, David and family. Dwight and Teresa were Wednesday supper guests of Leon and Veda Wood and helped them with their computer. The Woods had talked to his brother, Alvin and Dixie Wood, in Oklahoma, who were in the midst of an ice and snow storm with no electricity and were trying to keep warm.

Christmas Day guests at the home of John and Helen Helm were Deb and Mike Helm, Aaron, Rebecca, Jacob, Matthew and Timothy; Robert and Kathy Brashears, Zac and Seth; Ceanne and Martin Rinehart, Jim and Yanis Helm, Jaime, Maria, and Helena; Derek Downer, Brian Perks, and Mary Helm.

On Saturday evening Mary, Helen and John Helm had dinner with Florence and Jerry Uerling at Cambridge, Neb. and all visited Mrs. Jane Newberry at the Cambridge Hospital. They also had a short visit with Alfred Haag who was also a patient there.

The Helms and Mary attended Christmas Mass at Oberlin with Mike, Aaron, Rebecca, Jacob, and Matthew. Overnight guests at the Helm home Christmas evening were Mary Helm, Kathy Brashears and Rebecca Helm. After taking Becky home on Tuesday, Mary and Aaron Helm were in Norton on business.

Wednesday evening the Helms and Mary, Kathy and Seth Brashears, Jim and Yanis Helm, Jaime, Maria and Helen, and Ruth met for pizza. Mrs. Sughroue brought a cake to remind Jim Helm that he was celebrating another birthday.

On Dec. 26 Mrs. Van Meter, Mrs. Magers, and Mrs. Fullerton visited Van and Irene Cozad at Beaver City, Neb. The Cozads were feeling good and happy to have had all their family together for Christmas.

Van accompanied them to the Senior Center for cards.

Kathy Van Meter went to Quinter Thursday for a belated Christmas with Tim and Jolene Nejd, Carrie, Clinton, of Quinter, and Danielle, of Las Vegas, NM.

Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Sympathy is extended to the family of Myron Barenberg, 62, of Arvada, Colo., who died on Dec. 23. He was a brother of Geraldine Nemeth of Herndon and Eldon Barenberg of McCook. Among other survivors are his wife, Marcia; four sons; two daughters, and a sister, Janice Irvin, all of the Denver area.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Clarence Solko, who died on Dec. 26, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin. Funeral services were held Friday morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon with burial at St. Mary's Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Monica, six children; two brothers and two sisters; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandsons.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Henry Niemeth, who died Saturday at a hospital in North Platte, Neb.

Christmas Eve guests at the Frank and Wynemah Cox home were Mike and Rose Domsch, Shakia Rose and Sohn Michael. The Coxes received Christmas Day phone calls from Jim and Cindy, George, Cheryl and David.

Recent visitors of Rosie Solko were Monica Solko, Sharon Ecker, Tom Solko, David Solko of Dodge City, and Bart Ecker of Hays.

Margaret Riener spent Christmas Eve with the Karol and Pat Riener family.

She was a Christmas Day guest at the Joe and Nadine Green home.

Senior Citizens potluck was held Dec. 20 at the Senior Center with 14 members present. Jane Miller, county health nurse, took blood pressures. Maxine Reuber read a Christmas poem. Ann Martin won blackout in bingo and Lester Ketterl won the door prize.

Helen Marintzer spent Christmas week with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Marintzer and family at Hastings, Neb. Melvin Kogl, Lakewood, Colo., was a visitor of Mrs. Marintzer on Saturday evening.

Joann Malone spent from Christmas to Wednesday with James and Jamie Malone and Randee Boggs at Hays, and John Malone of Russell.

Guests of Denis and Wilma Tongish for the holidays were June Tongish, Salt Lake City, Utah; Joe and Becky Tongish, Lauren and Morgan, Topeka; Jim Tongish, Newton, and Wayne and Dee Davis, Overland Park.

Saturday afternoon visitors of Joann Malone were Troy and Leann Sattler and children, who came to visit with Jerry and Janet Malone of Leawood. Jerry and Janet Malone and girls and Karen Threlkel of Hays spent Sunday with Mrs. Malone. The Jerry Malone family went to Hays to visit relatives on New Year's Eve.

David Cox spent the holidays with his parents, Frank and Wynemah Cox.

“Behold how good it can be”

By Pastor Charlotte Pierce, United Church of Oberlin

Our scripture today is Psalm 133:1: "Behold how good and pleasant it is when people dwell in unity".

Our community is a microcosm of the whole world. The world is made up of people from many races, creeds and perspectives. When people work together, solve problems in a reasonable way, they get along well. They are at peace.

However, when people and nations, races and creeds become selfish or domineering and run rough-shod over others there is chaos, war and a great deal of hurt. Why does this happen? Why do people do the harsh things they do to each other? In the Judeo-Christian tradition we refer to the cause as sin. Selfishness, pride, hypocrisy — we can think of many words which describe what happens between people and

nations and what happens between neighbors and co-workers. Hatred between neighbors can be as ugly and vicious as war between nations.

But the psalmist breaks into that hurtful scene with: "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when people dwell in unity. It is like precious oil upon the head". The precious oil of God's love flows down to soothe our hurts and bring peace into a troubled situation. Yes, how very good, pleasant and valuable it is when we make special efforts to live peacefully.

Prayer: Lord, when we are overcome by the pain and grief caused by our own or other's selfishness and pride, soothe us with the oil of your love and bless our efforts to be good and pleasant and dwell in unity. Amen.



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OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
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The Rev. James Hoover, Canonical Pastor
Sister Marilyn Wall, Pastoral Administrator
MASSES: SATURDAY, 6 p.m. SUNDAY: 8 a.m.

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Bobby Potter, Minister
539 E. 2nd St., St. Francis
SATURDAY: Saturday Worship, 9:15 a.m.; Sabbath School, 11 a.m.

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SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
DRESDEN
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.

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109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA
Rev. Barbara and/or Nolan Pierce
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102 North Cass — 785-475-3067
The Rev. Gary M. Fisher
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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. King's Kids, 6:30 p.m.; Youth, 8 p.m. Women's Group, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 2 p.m.

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Jan. Mar. May July Sept. Nov.—SAT., 7:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.

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The Rev. Damian Richards
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MASS: SUNDAY, 8:30 a.m.

HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
Keith Reuther, Pastor
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SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning worship, 11 a.m.; Youth meeting, 4 p.m.; Bible study 7 p.m.

NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Dale Thiele 785-693-4378
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

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LUND COVENANT CHURCH
Pastor: Tom Smith
10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. SATURDAY: Men's breakfast & Bible Study, 7 a.m.

PIONEER BAPTIST CHURCH
709 E. Oak, Oberlin
Steve Smith, Pastor
Phone 785-475-3251
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Services, 7 p.m.

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN
The Rev. Heidi Wiebe
810 West Cedar, Oberlin
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