

Juanita Eckhart was to be honored on her 90th birthday with an open house on Sunday at the Educational Building. However, due to weather conditions, it was rescheduled from 2-4 p.m. this Sunday, March 2, at the Educational Building in Norcatour.

Jane Tuma of Hot Springs, Ark., wrote saying Hallie Case, with whom she shares the Norcatour News, celebrated her birthday on Feb. 5. Hallie's address is 1 Galicia LN, Hot Springs, Ark., 71909-4310.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Feb. 16 - Judy Jackson; Feb. 17 - Russell James; Feb. 20 - Arlene Hix, Darren Wentz; Feb. 22 - Denise Bailey, Monty and Linda Hunt.

Phyllene Weetz reports that Ted Hansen is recuperating from cancer surgery, which he underwent at Morris Cancer Center in Los Angeles. His address is 722 Turtleback

Road Unit 2D, Mesquite, Nev., 89027-3720.

Bill Nelson is beginning a five-week series of radiation treatments. They are staying with their daughter Tara, and have been thankful for the help of Anita Volskay who drives them to and from the treatments Monday through Friday.

On Feb. 14, the Rebekah Lodge had a birthday party at the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. Balloons were given to both residents with February birthdays. A game of Valentine Bingo was enjoyed by 24 people, after which cake and ice cream was served by Beth Johnson and Joyce Price.

Lunch guests of Fern Mapes on Wednesday, Feb. 12, were her brother, David Schlingloff of Hill City, Donna Warren, Oberlin, and Mike Mapes.

Rea Magers suffered a ruptured disc recently, and will have surgery

in Denver on Feb. 21.

Guests of Donna Warren for a Valentine's lunch and dinner on Saturday, Feb. 15, were Fern Mapes, Goldie Brewer and Mike Mapes.

On Feb. 13, Pansy Price met Marlene and family in Norton for an early supper.

On Saturday Feb. 15, Kenneth and Pansy enjoyed the Valentine supper at the cafe, and on Sunday evening, Feb. 16, they attended the Norcatour Preschool soup supper. On Monday afternoon, Pansy toured the museum in Logan.

Marguerite Clark spent Sunday evening, Feb. 16, with Janet Rippe of McCook.

Senior Citizens will meet at the educational building at 7 p.m. on Friday. On Saturday, March 8, there will be the pancake supper from 5-7 p.m. at the Educational Building, sponsored by the Norcatour United Methodist Everyone is welcome.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

keep in mind are: Oberlin Business Alliance meeting, March 5 at the LandMark Inn, noon; Eastern Star Annual Chicken and Noodle Supper on March 6; and be sure to back our high school athletics and music departments.

Decatur County Relay for Life June 6, 7 p.m., through June 7, at 7 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join the battle of fighting cancer. The committees are starting to work and can use some help, or you can make up a team to walk, sponsor someone

or buy a luminary in someone's memory.

Remember that you can make a difference if we all pull together. Let the Chamber know if we can help in any way to make that difference.

Sid Metcalf has been appointed to replace Kelly Wasson on the Chamber board. The Wassons have moved to Sutherland, Neb. Best wishes are sent their way.

The pot is always on so stop by for a cup of coffee.

Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

The pinochle tournament was held Saturday at the Legion hall with three tables. Winners were Dick Sanford and Cleda Moeder, first; Grace Cheney and Darlene Robben, second; and Dwight Williams and Junior Albers, third.

Rex and Betty Carswell attended the graduation of their grandson, Aaron Carswell, from Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Hutchinson last Friday. On Saturday, they and their daughter and son-in-law, Terry and Steve Salter, went to see the Russian Czars exhibit in Topeka.

Roger Wark was dismissed from Hays hospital Tuesday. He suffered a stroke and has a problem with his equilibrium.

Social Hour Club met at the Barn on Tuesday with Grace Cheney as hostess. Robber bingo was played and prizes were won by Vesta Roth, Lula Thieler, Marg Leh, and Zula Horinek. Hulda Wark won the hostess prize.

Cleda Moeder made a trip to Denver Wednesday to see her arthritis specialist. Yvonne Wingard accompanied her from Colby.

Edna Colson spent Saturday through Monday with her son and family, Arthur and Nancy Colson. She attended church with the family, to help recognize the youth, which include three of her grandchildren. Sunday evening she attended the Boy Scouts Blue and Gold Awards banquet for her

grandson, Leamon, in Hoxie.

Larry Horinek and Gary Dulzeit took their mother, Zula Horinek, out to eat to celebrate her birthday. After dinner, they went to Larry's home for ice cream and cake, and gifts. Summer got a beautiful cake with red roses on it.

John Ray Gould returned from the hospital in Denver and is currently staying in Carrol's house. He is glad to be home.

Bob and Sally Seitz of Arvada, Colo., spent the weekend with Lawrence and Zula Horinek.

Think safety when sledding

It's winter in Kansas, and chances are that there will be snow before spring.

To many, a good snowfall means a day of sledding. Sledding equipment ranges from toboggans to snow disks.

Here are some safety tips:

- Insist that children wear a bicycle helmet, thick gloves or mittens and warm, waterproof boots.
- Slidders should ride lying down with feet in front. If you sled downhill, head first, you greatly increase the risk of head injury. Snow disks and plastic sliders are designed for the rider to sit upright. No one should ever ride while standing up.
- Children ages 5 to 9 are most susceptible to sledding injuries. Parents of young children should not let them sled alone.
- Make sure the path is free of



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

hazards such as trees, fences, rocks, wire or bare spots, and does not cross a road.

- Only sled during daylight hours.
- Sled only on snow, never ice.
- NEVER hitch a sled behind a moving vehicle.
- Watch for the symptoms of cold weather illnesses such as hypothermia and frostbite. Symptoms include confusion, dizziness, exhaustion and severe shivering. Warning

signs of frostbite include gray, white or yellow skin. If any of these conditions are present, seek medical attention immediately.

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Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Sympathy is extended to the family of Bernard Sis, of rural Atwood, who died Feb. 8. A daughter-in-law, Marie Solko, grew up in the Herndon area.

Congratulations to Brett Sagel, an eighth grader at Herndon School, who won the Herndon spelling bee championship. Ryan Bruning was runner-up. Brett was runner-up in the county spelling bee held in Atwood. First place winner was Ben Warta of Atwood.

Mike, Roseann, Shakia Rose and Sohn Michael Domsch of rural Atwood were recent Sunday dinner guests of Frank and Wynemah Cox.

Guests of Monica Solko last Saturday were Ron, Diana, Rodney and Kimberly Solko of Oberlin, and Tom Solko.

Congratulations to Margaret Riener of Herndon, who celebrated her 85th birthday on Thursday.

Herndon Senior Citizens met at the Senior Center for a card party on Feb. 12. Ollie Hafner had high score; Anna Mae Ketterl, low, and Doris Marintzer won the traveling prize.

Goldie Oldies met on Feb. 13 at the Down Home Cafe and helped Margaret Riener celebrate her birthday. Others present were Wilma Bobinmyer, Bernie Fred, Helen Marintzer, Dorothy Engleman, Ann Martin and Edie Pettera.

Recent Saturday evening visitors of Ann Martin were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Martin, Wilsonville, Neb., and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin.

Jody Pettera Obholz of Hays was a recent visitor of her aunt, Edie Pettera. She also visited John and Patsy Pettera. John was a patient at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

Members of the Herndon speech team are Nik Martin, Chelsey Williams, Anikka Martin, Nathaniel Martin, Justin Grafel, Renae Solko, and Michelle Hartner.

The Herndon junior high basketball boys, who completed their season recently, were Zyle Nelson, Drew Basgall, Corey Mercer, Wesley Martin, Jesse Niemeth, Jackson Grafel, Logan Hoyt, Nathan Stoner, Elijah Kastens and Cody Upton. Their coach was Jim Schroeder.

'Two Memorable Minutes'

By Rev. Doug Hasty, Oberlin United Methodist Church

Today I share some thoughts from Chuck Swindoll's book, "The Quest for Character".

Step into a time tunnel and go back to a field in Pennsylvania; the time is July of 1863. The place is Gettysburg. During the first days, 51,000 men were killed, wounded, or missing in what would prove to be one of the most significant Union victories in the Civil War. So that the depth of the conflict might never be forgotten, a national cemetery was proposed for that site. The consecration service was planned for Nov. 19. The silver-tongued Edward Everett was invited to give the dedication speech. He was known for his cultured words, patriotic fervor, and public appeal; he was arguably the greatest orator of the day. He naturally accepted.

In October, President Lincoln announced his intention to attend the ceremonies. This news surprised the Commission, who had thought the President wouldn't leave the safety of Washington. Now the Commission felt compelled to extend an invitation to the president to say a few words.

You might imagine that Abraham Lincoln was very busy, and felt rushed to prepare an appropriate speech for the occasion. The night before the ceremonies, Lincoln received a telegram from his wife saying their 10-year-old son, Tad, might sur-

vive the serious illness that had struck just days before. So many things on his mind, and he wanted to make a good impression next to Edward Everett.

Everett was introduced and began his memorized speech. His words rang smoothly across the field like silver bells. He knew his craft and used dramatic gestures and eloquent pauses. Finally, one hour and fifty-seven minutes later, the great orator was finished and crowd roared its approval for such an inspired speech.

Then President Lincoln stood up and gave his famous Gettysburg Address, which lasted just under two minutes.

Sometimes you might be tempted to think that you don't have time to put your thoughts together and say something meaningful in prayer to God. After all, you're not a spiritual giant, and what could possibly be accomplished in the ten, five, or two minutes of time you have to spare?

It might surprise you. With God, the possibilities are limitless. History won't let us forget the day when one man left a stronger mark in two minutes than another did in two hours. How much more should we not underestimate what could begin as two minutes with God?

Let me suggest Psalms 100 and Hebrews 10:19-25 for your reading.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103

The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly,
The Rev. Mr. Stan Chapin,
MASS: 10 a.m. Sunday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE
The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly
MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly
MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday

OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Arlin Cochran, Minister
539 E. 2nd St., St. Francis
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.

JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Glenn Krebs, pastor
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
The Rev. Nolan and Barbara Pierce
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 10 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA
Rev. Barbara and/or Nolan Pierce
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Choir practice every Wed. at 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion, 1st Sun. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Wed. at 8 p.m.

OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)
Pastor: Bobby Cornelius
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m. Evening Service, 7 p.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: Charles Keller
785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

PIONEER BAPTIST CHURCH
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Pastor Steve Smith
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SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Visit us on the web at www.pioneerbaptist.org

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. King's Kids, 6:30 p.m.; Youth, 8 p.m. Women's Group, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 2 p.m.

OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Beaver and Mill
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Hour, 10:45 a.m. Junior Worship, grade 3 & down; 2nd Sundays: All-church dinner. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Home Bible Studies, 7:30 p.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
The Rev. Damian Richards
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m

HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
Keith Reuther, Pastor
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SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.

NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Charles Keller
785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

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Pastor: Charles Keller
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SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN
The Rev. Heidi Wiebe
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, 7:30 p.m.

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.

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The Rev. Chad M. Eckels, Pastor
785-475-2333

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
404 North York Avenue
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Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler
Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053
SUNDAY: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship and Educational Hour, 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays. Congregation Council, third Sunday, 10:45 a.m. Youth Group, first and third Sundays, 10:45 a.m.. WEDNESDAY: Confirmation class, 6:30 p.m.; Women's Bible Study second Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

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