

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Sam and Norma Johnson now live at 2525 Lillian Miller Pkwy., Apt. 107, Dentine, Texas 76210. Their phone number is (940) 484-0091. He is 95.

He recently lost a second son, Lynn R. Johnson of Sargent, Neb. Lynn was born in Norcatour, and graduated at Danbury. Survivors include two daughters and two sons. His mother, Velda, and a brother, Francis, preceded him in death.

Wava Reames, Kingfisher, Okla., visited recently with her parents, Frank and Velda Ward, and her brother, Leslie, Lynn and Keith Ward.

Wava Reames, Leslie Ward and John and Helen Helm were recent visitors of Marguerite Fullerton.

One must be very careful, even in small towns. A kidnapping took place in Oberlin Saturday evening, Nov. 15. The "victim" was Judy Shirley. The perpetrators were Carol Shirley, Lora Lynn Leichter, Lynn Ward, Linda Hunt, Denise Bailey, and Wava Reames. The reason: Judy's ___th birthday.

The group went to Selden to eat. A big thanks to Dennis and P.T. for helping with the surprise.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Merle Shirley, Brandy Cook, Jessica Rhodes - Nov. 19; Joyce Anderson - Nov. 20; Marilyn Barnett, Nov. 21; Brian Cook - Nov. 23; Kaley Ward, Oran and Laverne Milner - Nov. 24.

Recent visitors of Frank and Velda Ward were Marguerite Clark, Lynn Ward and Kaley Ward of Colby, Lillie Shirley, Leslie and Lynn Ward, and Wava Reames.

Visiting Kenneth Price since his return home from the hospital were Marlene and Ron Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. Garold Minkler and son, Phillipsburg; Gwynn Ward, Lee Eckhart, Kenny Carter, Dave Ward, John Gallentine, Virgil Price, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gallentine, and Larry Giefer of Kingman.

Velma Rogers, Colby, is staying with her daughter, Judy Menges since being released from the hospital. Her cousin, Dorothy Rowh, and daughter, Sheryl Goodman, Scott City, were recent visitors.

Marguerite Fullerton is a new resident at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

THREE PRAIRIE UNIT

The Three Prairie Unit met on Nov. 14 at the Educational Building with six members present: Estella Harold, Lorretta Carter, Helen McVay, Maxine Brooks, Lora Arnold and Lula Hix. Roll call was answered with, "What are your plans for Thanksgiving?" The club's Christmas dinner will be at the Cardinal Café on Dec. 11. Maxine was hostess and Helen won the hostess gift.

There is less than a month left until the annual Norcatour Christmas drawing. Any person or organization which would like to donate to the drawing is asked to contact Deb Marshall or Chris Dempewolf. Any monetary contribution or item can be left at the Norcatour City office. This event is sponsored by the Norcatour Preschool. The Decatur Community High School band students will be wrapping packages from 2-4:30 p.m.

Get ready to cook that turkey



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
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Cooks may experience a slight case of panic when it comes to the thought of preparing the holiday feast. If not the gathering itself, they may get nervous about roasting the turkey or trying to get all the dishes prepared so they are finished at the same time.

First, when purchasing a turkey, look for the USDA Grade A symbol on the label. These turkeys are of high quality, what most consumers are looking for.

Then you need to decide how large a turkey to buy. The rule of thumb is if you're buying a whole bird, allow one pound per person. If your family loves turkey and you want "planned-overs," you may allow 1 and 1/2 pounds of turkey per person. Tom turkeys are larger, about 16 pounds or more.

If you want a smaller bird, look for a hen. Both hens and toms are young, so both should be tender and juicy. If you buy just a turkey breast, allow 1/2 to 3/4 pound of turkey per person.

As you begin preparations, think ahead. The safest way to thaw turkey is to put it in a shallow pan in your refrigerator until fully thawed. For every five pounds of turkey allow about 24 hours of refrigerator thawing time. You may need to start thawing the turkey 2 or 3 days ahead of the meal itself.

Stuffing the turkey raises some questions as well. Ingredients for the stuffing can be prepared ahead of time. Keep wet and dry ingredients separated, and chill. Mix wet and dry ingredients just before cooking.

The safest way to cook stuffing is in a casserole dish in a 325-degree oven. The internal temperature of the stuffing must reach 165 degrees on a food thermometer for

maximum safety.

When roasting the turkey, set the oven temperature absolutely no lower than 325 degrees F. Time charts are based on fresh or completely thawed turkeys, beginning at a refrigerator temperature of 40 degrees or below. A general guideline is to allow about 15 to 20 minutes baking time per pound of turkey.

However, there are many variables which can affect cooking time. Frozen or partially thawed turkeys will take longer. A frozen turkey will need at least 50 percent more time than is recommended for a fully thawed turkey.

The best and really the only sure way to tell when the turkey is done is to use a meat thermometer, even if the turkey has a "pop up" temperature indicator. Insert the thermometer in the innermost portion of the thigh. When the thermometer registers 180 degrees, and the juices run clear, the turkey should be done.

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Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

The Red Barn Gang is getting geared up for our Christmas programs. We decorated our instruments with bright colors. This year we go to Atwood, Hoxie, Oakley, Quinter, Oberlin Good Samaritan and Cedar Living centers; Colby, Lantern Park and Prairie Senior Living, Goodland; and Fairview Estates, Hill City. We do this from Dec. 2-19, so we are busy. As a group we really enjoy the residents in all the homes.

On Monday, we had 12 pinochle players at the Barnswallows. On Thursday we had six at the "Come on Down" group.

Edna Colson attended funeral services in Norton Friday for her son-in-law's mother, Jayale Richard. Edna also stayed with Kathryn and Floyd Richard on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

There were three tables for the pinochle tournament on Saturday. The winners were first prize, Dave Williams and Jr. Albers; second

were Chuck Williams and Dwight Williams; and third were Dick and Ken Sanford.

Vesta Roth underwent knee surgery in Hays. She is in Hoxie for her therapy. We wish her the best on her recovery.

The Seniors in Action had their board meeting Wednesday after band practice. We received our lists of people to call for the Seniors Christmas dinner, to be held on Dec. 13 at the Shepherd's Staff.

Deb Stepper remains in the hospital in Colby. We wish her well and hope she can have full recovery soon.

Patty Ann Casey has moved to Colby and is employed at the Prairie Living Center. We enjoyed having her while it lasted.

Those who quilt at the Barn ask anyone who likes to quilt to help them. They always have a quilt in the frame, ready to do. They welcome you any time.

Coffee at the Barn Friday had six

present: Berneda Zoberst, Freda Ketchum, Eunice Sanford, Margaret AraSmith, Liz Rall, and Deloras Dible.

Rex and Betty Carswell and Lula Thieler were last Saturday evening guests of Keith and Darlene Barnett, of Atwood, for an early Thanksgiving dinner. Others present were the Barnetts' children, Mike, Deb and family, and Bill of Lakewood, Colo., and Bill's children, of Ludell.

Cedar Living News

Dennis Brown hosted a party on Monday afternoon. He served hot fudge pudding cake to residents, staff and guests. Everyone at Cedar Living Center wished Dennis an early "very happy" for his birthday on Nov. 21. Myrna Jones gave the music program.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday. Darlene Stanley won the first bingo and Harold Frickey won the blackout game.

Wednesday afternoon Linda Fox assisted residents with playing penny cards. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson.

On Thursday, Father George was here for Mass in the morning. Bertha Matchett, Mary Uehlin, Bea Wolfram, and Alice Fiala assisted with making Christmas tree ornaments in the afternoon, which will go on the Cedar Living Center tree at the Last Indian Raid Museum.

Elma Ashley was guest of honor at her birthday celebration. Don Ashley and Karen Bennett were her guests for lunch.

The baking group made oatmeal raisin cookies on Friday afternoon. Recent visitors: Patt Tuller,

McCook; Ann Martin, Herndon; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.; Joseph Schmaderer, Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Clara Thiele, Norton; Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Selden; Joanne Dolance, Dallas;

Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Butch Stanley, Dan and Carrie Morford, Lyle Gamblin, Elaine Bryan, Marie Jean Vavroch, Alice Shirley,

Ila Ray, Earl Brown, Fern Jording, John Juenemann, Walt and Rosella Meitl, Delores Koeperich, Pat Glenn, Eula Juenemann, Varlan and Catherine Neal, Bill Matchett, Judy Ostmeyer, Gus Wolters, Oberlin.

McGraw News
By Karl Launchbaugh

Sunday, Nov. 16, Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gaumer.

'Thankful for What?'

By Pastor Tom Smith of the Lund Covenant Church

It's that time of year when we again pause and consider all the things that we are thankful for. If we are church people, we gather together to sing, "Count Your Blessings," "Now Thank We All Our God" and "Come, Ye Thankful People." What a great sense of joy and appreciation as we gather to sing, praise, pray and just express our gratitude to God for His many blessings.

As I begin to construct my own personal thanksgiving list, I'm always grateful that I've been blessed with enough turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie to render me sluggish and toady after inhaling too much of a good thing. But as I really get down to "brass tacks" thanksgiving, I'm especially thankful for family, good health, longevity of life and the privilege of living in this country (even this county).

However, I'm most thankful that Jesus came to this earth to save us from our sin and offer us eter-

nal life. How appropriate it is that the first Sunday of Advent follows Thanksgiving Day, only two days later. I could lose it all: health, friends, family and material possessions, but as long as I have this generous gift from God, I'm never a loser. The beautiful part of this gift is that I can have a personal relationship with Him. I can come to Him directly, instantly and without waiting for a long dial-up. It's even better than cable hook-up.

The best part about this object of my own thanksgiving is, that He is available for everyone. John 1:12-13 "But to all who received Him, who believed in His Name, He gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

Thanksgiving is at best only shallow and unsatisfying, until we can offer praise and thanksgiving for God's greatest gift to the whole world — Jesus Christ!



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

- OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**
785-475-3103
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, The Rev. Mr. Stan Chapin, MASS: 10 a.m. Sunday
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE**
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday.
- SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
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 JENNINGS**
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.
- HIGH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**
122 S. Penn Ave., Oberlin
Pastor Steve Smith
Phone 785-475-3844
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Service 7 p.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7 p.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., AWANA Club 4-7 p.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.
- 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.; Worship 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
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.
- ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**
510 North Wilson
Interim Pastor: Don White
Secretary: Norma Unger
785-475-2333
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; Tuesday: Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
- FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**
404 North York Avenue
Oberlin, Kansas
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.
- 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.
- NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST**
Pastor: Charles Keller
785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.
- LYLE UNITED METHODIST**
Pastor: Charles Keller
785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.

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