

# Cedar Living Center

Sympathy is extended to the family of Phyllis Smith who died at Cedar Living Center on Dec. 9. Myrna Jones and Lois Carlson gave the music program on Monday afternoon.

Eva Marie Vacura won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon and Harold Frickey won the blackout game.

The Kayettes from Decatur Community High School visited on Wednesday morning and brought treat bags for each resident.

Residents, staff, and visitors enjoyed a lively musical program given by the Red Barn Gang of Rexford on Wednesday afternoon. Marie Jean Vavroch provided refreshments. Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father George conducted Mass on Thursday morning.

The December birthday party was held on Thursday afternoon, hosted by Teresa Shaughnessy. Those honored were Tressie Samson, Helen Lindquist, and Mary Uehlin. Susan Nelson and the Chanté singers from Decatur Community High School provided musical entertainment. Karli Fredrickson, great-niece of resident

Mildred Cochran, sang a solo.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to bake cookies for the party on Sunday.

Dr. Elizabeth Sliter hosted a cookie decorating party on Saturday afternoon. She baked dozens of sugar cookies and gingerbread men. Ten children assisted residents with decorating and eating the cookies, and each child took a plate of cookies home. Some were served at the party on Sunday.

The annual family Christmas party was held on Sunday afternoon. Residents and their guests enjoyed an afternoon of entertainment and good food. Myrna Jones provided music and also assisted with serving refreshments. Carrie Morford and Jason Tuller of Curtis, Neb., grandchildren of resident Darlene Stanley, also provided musical entertainment. Santa visited during the party and delivered gifts to each resident.

Dennis Brown and the Forget-Me-Nots donated paper products and meat for the party. The ZCBJ Lodge donated cheese and crackers. Betty Jenik, Marie Jean Vavroch, Opal Huntley, Roberta Petracek, Joanne Wendelin, Othelia Vacura, Jennifer Shaw, Joyce Martin, and

others assisted Teresa Shaughnessy with serving refreshments. Gary Matheny, McCook, and Jan Matheny assisted with cleaning up.

The Stick-To-It 4-H Club sang carols for the residents on Sunday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Gary and Cathy Anthony, Marvin and Millie Matchett, Norcatur; Rachel and John Miller, Culbertson, Neb.; Jason Tuller and Ashley, Curtis, Neb.; Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Kent, Tenna, Wyatt, and Whitnee Ashley, Selden; Marie Miller, Dresden; Bill, Becky, and Koby Smith, Norton; Marie and Mike McVay, Colby; Robert and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Tom and Glena Burrell, Max, Neb.; Phil and Marj Law, Lakewood, Colo.;

Gus and Elsie Walters, Bob and Lila Keenan, Bill Matchett, Duane Jording, Karen Bennett, Vayle Rohan, Willard and Esther Noren, Bernie Vacura, Brad, Missy and Aaron Uehlin, Axie Sass, Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, Elaine Bryan, Laurene VanOtterloo, Orlin Beneda, Lyle Gamblin, Fern Jording, Irene Fringer, Dolores Koerperich, Walt and Rosella Meitl, Eula Juenemann, Carol Allen, Ella Betts, Earl Brown, Gary and Sarah Fredrickson, Oberlin.

# Cold weather seems to be our lot

## Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

Greetings: Old man winter has held a grip on us for a few days. We just weren't ready for the cold all at once. Today, Sunday, the sun is out and it has warmed up some. How long this will last is anyone's guess.

Thanks to all the brave souls that ventured out for the Chamber Open House. It seems that the week just wasn't good weather for things like that. Maybe Christmas will be nicer for all who are traveling to visit relatives and their safe return.

This is the week for the judges to drive around and look at the beautiful lights that everyone has put up. From what we have seen the choices for three places will be hard. I am sure that there were a few cold fingers and toes doing the decorating. Remember to keep your lights turned on during the hours of 5:30-10 p.m.

You might not have been the person that turned your house in.

Maybe it was the elves. Just don't take a chance.

This week is full of school programs. Don't miss out on these as the students and teachers have worked hard. There have been some changes in dates and times, check them out in the paper or on First National Bank's marquee.

The Chamber is hosting a soup supper at 5:30 p.m. on Monday in the Munson Building, 145 S. Penn. There will be chili, potato and taco soup along with relishes and dessert. This will be a free will donation, with the money going to help sponsor some of the projects we have planned. The winners of the lighting contest will be announced during the supper.

On Tuesday, Seeds of Hope Telethon is hosting a soup supper at the same location and at the same time. The freewill donation will go to the Telethon program.

The stores will be open from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, until 8 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, and until 4 p.m. on Wednesday for your last minute shopping.

Remember to pay your Chamber dues for the 10% discount. This is good until Dec. 31.

Reminder to mark your calendar for the annual meeting and banquet Jan. 15. We will again be awarding some outstanding citizens in the community.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Lyle News

By Helen Helm

The Liberty Star Club held its Christmas party on Wednesday at the Lyle Community Building. There was no hostess, as each member brought Christmas snacks. Each also presented a number for the program. Their activity was learning who their mystery sister had been, opening their Christmas gifts, and drawing names for the upcoming year. Cards were signed for former members. Present were Kathy Van Meter, Margaret Magers, Angie Wilson, Barb Hitt, Veda Wood, Teresa Reves, and Henrietta Van Vleet. Kenneth Van Vleet was a visitor.

The Lyle community dinner was held on Sunday, Dec. 7, sponsored by the United Methodist Women. Those present were Lee and Lora Arnold, Virgil and Joyce Price, Gary and Kathy Anthony, Deanna Sumner, Brooke and Brady, Veda Wood, Kathy Van Meter, Margaret Magers, and Teresa Reves. The next community dinner will be held Sunday, Jan. 4. Everyone is invited. Beverages are provided. Just bring a covered dish and be there by 12 noon.

Mrs. Kathy Brashears, Curtis, Neb., met her parents, John and Helen Helm, at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Indianola, Neb., Sunday morning. All called on Florence and Jerry Uerling. The Helms and Kathy had Sunday dinner at a McCook cafe before Kathy had to attend a meeting.

Carolyn Plotts and Teresa Reves met with Margaret Magers late Sunday afternoon to work on club books for the new year.

Margaret Magers, Kathy Van Meter and June Jolly attended cards with the Norcatur Senior Citizens Friday evening and also attended

the Pitch Tournament in Norton Sunday evening. Juanita Eckhart was not feeling well, so Mrs. Van Meter had Eleanor Jensen of Norton as her partner.

On Monday, Mrs. Jolly had a business appointment in Norton, visited Marguerite Fullerton at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin, and her sister-in-law, Leila Weyeneth, who makes her home at Whispering Pines in McCook instead of Hillcrest Nursing Home as was previously stated. Mrs. Jolly played cards at the Eagles Club in McCook that evening.

Lyle friends attending graveside services for Ann Goss Gallentine at Norton Saturday were Margaret Magers, Gary Anthony, and Pat Schwab.

Samantha Schwab, Oberlin, came to the farm with her dad, Joe Schwab, and spent some time with her grandmother, Pat Schwab. On Thursday morning they brought homemade stew and cookies to Margaret Magers and Friday morning she was back to help Grandma make cookies. She was back in Oberlin for school in the afternoon.

Pat and Bill Schwab were in Oberlin Monday evening to attend the Christmas program. Their grandson, Josh Schwab, was in the program. Mrs. Schwab attended the Christmas soup supper held by the Quilt Club at Lebanon, Neb., on Thursday evening at the Legion Building.

Veda Wood and Helen and John Helm attended the American Legion Post and Auxiliary meeting at Lebanon Monday evening, and Mrs. Wood attended the Christmas potluck dinner for the Beaver Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Kathy Van Meter attended the dinner provided by the First Security Bank of Holbrook for their Gold Club members on Thursday evening. Her guests were Janice and Roger Pollat, Kearney, Neb. Mrs. Van Meter won a glass coffee mug filled with candy kisses.

Mrs. Yanis Helm purchased groceries for John and Helen Helm Thursday afternoon, brought them to the house and put them away before going home.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

The Sunday School Christmas program will be presented at 7 p.m. on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church.

A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at 11 p.m.

Roger and Melinda Carlson will host an open house at their rural Atwood home from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday to honor her daughter, the former Susan Bell, and her husband, Eric Flavin, who were married on March 15 in Dumore East, Ireland. Everyone is invited to the come-and-go reception.

Tim and Jennifer Garretson and their three sons are to be honored with a coffee at 10 a.m. today at the Herndon Covenant Church.

He is the son of Janet Garretson

of Chicago and the late Tom Garretson, a former pastor of the Herndon Covenant Church. He will be spending the next year serving in Korea and his wife and family will spend the time with her parents.

Bob and Annette Frenzl of Salina visited on Saturday with her parents, Bob and Sally Olson.

Margaret McEvoy, chairman of Covenant Women Ministries, presented a certificate to Obadiah Jones, son of Greg and Gwen Jones, as a Cuddly Covenant Cutie, during morning worship services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church.

Kent and Orrin Holle are among 1,400 students who graduated on Saturday from Kansas State Univer-

sity.

Kent earned a bachelor of science degree in arts and sciences and Orrin, a bachelor of science degree in agriculture. Their parents are Kevin and Mary Holle.

Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther and family spent last week skiing with his relatives in the Colorado mountains.

Covenant Women Ministries will host the December birthday party beginning at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood.

The congregation of the Herndon Covenant Church is invited to a caroling party at 6 p.m. on Saturday in Atwood.

For details contact Patti Benda.

# 'Then Came Jesus...!'

By Pastor Bill Duncan, Oberlin Church of Christ

Question: Why did Jesus Christ come to earth, and become born as a baby by the virgin Mary, of Nazareth in Galilee? We shall see.

Last week we identified God's primary moral laws, the Ten Commandments, which were delivered through God's preacher, Moses (c. 1,500 BC). Shortly thereafter, God gave another 639 laws (someone once counted them), that expanded on righteous and moral conduct. These are found in Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

Then came Jesus. Why? The small New Testament book of Galatians provides our answers. In 4:4, "When the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under The Law." In 3:10, "All who rely on keeping The Law are under a curse, because cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of The Law."

Can you keep all of The Laws every minute of every day of your life? No, neither can I! In 3:19, "The Law was added because of transgressions and sins, until The Seed (Jesus) had come." To summarize, it means that The Law defines sins, tells us what sin is, and expects us to keep it perfectly (Romans 3:23, "The wages/payment for sin is death."). God knew we couldn't do all of that.

Only Jesus Christ has done so, therefore He is/was sinless. We have a perfect, sinless Savior, Jesus.

In 4:4, "For you are all children of God through FAITH in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were immersed into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

The Law can only condemn us as sinners. And Then Came Jesus, "who will save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21) Thank you, Jesus!



## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, The Rev. Mr. Stan Chapin, MASS: 10 a.m. Sunday
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE**  
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. 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 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  
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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**  
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SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.
- NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST**  
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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.
- 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.
- 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.

## Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Herndon Senior Citizens held a business meeting and birthday party at the Senior Citizen Center on Dec. 3, which honored Beth Hraha and Helen Marintzer.

Ann Martin read the poem, "Dear Santa." Maxine Reuber read, "The Three Wise Women" and "My Old Brown Coat 'n Me." Anna Mae Ketterl won blackout in bingo and Edie Pettera won the door prize.

The next potluck will be today with Beth Hraha and Helen Marintzer on kitchen duty. Mrs. Hraha will be hostess for the next business meeting on Jan. 7.

Denis and Wilma Tongish spent Thanksgiving weekend with Jim and Amy Tongish in Newton. They were Friday dinner guests of Dave and Pat Tongish and family in Newton.

Recent visitors of Monica Solko were Ethan Solko, Atwood; Ron

and Rodney Solko, Oberlin, and Tom and Patrick Solko.

Don and Joan Grafel have returned from a recent trip to Tennessee, where they spent Thanksgiving with Randy and Leah Atchley and family in Knoxville. They also visited other points of interest, including the Grand Ole Opry.

Curtis Brown, Culbertson, Neb., a senior at Herndon High School, was honored as a distinguished scholar by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The university recognized top Nebraska high school seniors for their academic excellence in the 2003 Omaha World-Herald Recognition dinner on Nov. 4. The scholars have demonstrated a high level of ability and a strong commitment to superior performance in academics as indicated by their class ranking, combined with their ACT or SAT test scores.

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