

Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

There will be a children's Halloween party from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday at Momma Millie's Cafe. There will be bobbing for apples and a costume contest for the most frightening, most original and cutest costumes. Refreshments will be served, and trick or treat bags full of goodies will be handed out.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller went to Salina on Oct. 8, where they met Rodney and Marsha Tuttle of Quinter, who were spending the weekend with sons, Drew and Casey Tuttle. Justine Miller was also there. The Millers went on to Emporia on Monday to visit son, Joel Miller; Carol's brother, Jerry Rule; and her sister, Peg and John Mast, then visited daughter Melissa in Manhattan, who was attending a conference, and spent Monday night in Manhattan with her.

Sarah Kawcak, Craig, Colo., a great-niece of Rea and Dee Magers, visited them the weekend of Oct. 15-16. She is attending college at Stillwater, Okla., and is majoring in animal science. On Sunday they attended the St. Francis of Assisi Church bazaar in Norton. On Monday they visited Jeff and Joy Magers near Cedar Bluffs. She left on Oct. 18.

Virgil and Joyce Price attended the funeral of her cousin, Ed Morton, at Atwood on Oct. 15.

Kenneth and Pansy Price attended the Almena bazaar supper on Saturday evening, Oct. 15. After attending church in Clayton Sunday morning they spent the afternoon with Virgil and Joyce Price, then attended the preschool benefit soup supper.

Winners of the pool tournament on Oct. 10 at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were: first, Larry Sumner,

Norcatur; second, Kevin Buffington, Norton; and third, Chuck Forbes, Norcatur.

Upcoming Norcatur events: Thursday - preschooler's trick-or-treat at local businesses; Saturday - children's Halloween party, 3-4:30 p.m. at Momma Millie's Cafe, and costume dance for adults that evening sponsored by Cardinal Bar and Grill; Dec. 17 - Norcatur Christmas Drawing, Cardinal Kids Connection bake sale, and chicken noodle soup/baked potato benefit supper; Dec. 22 - Christmas program for Cardinal Kids Connection at 7 p.m.

MUSEUMNOTES

We are still collecting obituaries of people buried in the Norcatur, Lyle and Bell-Shirley cemeteries. If you have additional obituaries, or need copies of those we have, please let us know. We are also interested in stories about what Norcatur was like when you grew up, how your family survived hardships, what happened in Norcatur, what it was like to go to school here, even stories on your classmates and friends. We just want to remember Norcatur. You can tape or videotape your stories, but we want them.

R.D. Thornton brought in the Royal Neighbors gavel that was presented to Mary Jane Miller in 1978, as well as buttons from the 1976 Norcatur Celebration.

The Norcatur Museum will be closed during the winter months, Nov. 1 through April 1, but keep sending in memorabilia so we have new items for our re-opening in April 2006.

Approximately 60 people, in addition to Cardinal Kids Connection pre-school families, attended the fund-raiser soup supper held Oct.

16. Proceeds will help keep the school open.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Virgil Price - Oct. 20; Jay and Maryllin Locy, Scott and Tracey Hartzog - Oct. 25.

Dorothy Ward, Marguerite Clark, Bee Nelson and Bob Strevey attended the Almena United Methodist bazaar on Oct. 15.

Glenn Alexander has moved to Indiana to spend the winter with his daughter, Beverly Lintz. Mail will reach him at Box 271, Syracuse, Ind., 46567.

Dorothy Ward, Bee Nelson and Bob Sawdon went to Momma Millie's for dinner after church on Sunday, Oct. 16. Juanita Eckhart joined them for dinner. That evening they were accompanied by Marguerite Clark, Lula Hix and Bob Sawdon to the pre-school soup supper. Wayne and Norma McCallister joined them.

On Monday, Oct. 17, Bee Nelson, Dorothy Ward and Marguerite Clark attended the funeral for Jay Gallentine held in Norton.

Casey Morris, Lawrence, and Justine Miller, El Dorado, arrived Oct. 13, at the Stan Miller home for a visit. They were on fall break from college. Casey Tuttle, Salina, came on Oct. 14, to spend the weekend and Bev Morris of Hoxie visited on Sunday.

Good Samaritan News

We have had a relatively quiet week compared to the rest of October.

On Monday Joyce Ploussard visited and brought the morning devotion. It is always good to see her, and the residents love catching up and talking about old times. Merry Mums group met to play Outburst and in art class we painted watercolor leaves.

Resident's Council met to voice praises and concerns on Tuesday. They were so pleased with the Rock-a-thon they have decided to embark on another service project. This will be a Christmas outreach to other elderly members of the community. It will be called "Grammy Jammies." Stay tuned for more information.

Later on Tuesday we played a fun game called "Spill the Beans." We learned lots of fun facts about the players. For instance, we found out that Jeanette Conway used to raise chinchillas, Fern Anderson was a Powder Puff race car driver and Lucy Schissler riveted airplanes together.

The Eastern Star ladies hosted our monthly birthday party on Wednesday. They brought ice cream and wafer cookies to honor

Ruby Shuler, Lucy Schissler, and Irene Wagoner. It's always a good time; we like to party!

On Thursday Carla Britton, one of our nurse aides, helped out with activities during crafts and exercises. She helped residents make mugs for hot cider or hot chocolate.

During Social Hour on Friday, Irene Wagoner's daughter, Elda Youngs, hosted a party for her. Irene used to square dance, making all her own dresses and Elda surprised Irene by wearing one of the dresses she had made, and playing square dance music. We all enjoyed the expression on Irene's face, and the cake and cherry nut ice cream to boot!

Sunday services were held by the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

Thank you to all our volunteers this week, including Joyce Ploussard, Nathan Smith, Bethany Smith, Mert McEvoy, Tika Hall, Gladys Geis, and Jeanette Diederich.

Recent guests: **Marguerite Fullerton, Fern Anderson, Fern Mapes** - Kathy Aeillo; **Lucy Schissler** - Mert McEvoy, Sally Olson; **Dena Gillespie** - Yvette Holzmeister of Hoxie, Daryl and Marge Hartzog of Jennings, June Vavroch; **Mary Lemman** - Sherie, Beckie, Dawn and Lucas Hayes of Fort Morgan, Colo.; **Doris Miller** - Jody Betts. Catherine Neal also visited.

Fall Blood Draws

1 Day only — October 28
7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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Decatur County Health Department
902 W. Columbia — Oberlin

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Orrin and Beth Holle on the arrival of a son, Henry Curtis, who was born Oct. 18 at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Kevin and Mary Holle, Herndon; and Howard and Suzanne Wehrman, Sylvan Grove. Great-grandparents are Francis and Violet Holle, Atwood; Roy and Georgia Bauer, Pawnee Rock; and Ruth Wehrman, Emporia.

Galen and Lynne Olson of McKinney, Texas, visited last week with Edla Olson, and Steve and Arian Arnold. On Friday, Mrs. Olson accompanied Mrs. Arnold to Hays for a medical appointment and they were guests for lunch of Margaret Lund.

A large crowd enjoyed the Swedish smorgasbord Saturday night at the Herndon Covenant Church.

Among those attending were Pastor Gene and Julie Layne of Holdrege, Neb., and their daughter, Denise, of Sidney, Neb. He is a former pastor of the church.

Roger and Mary Bennett of McCook, and J.R. and Carrol Ginter went to the Salina Foundation Quarterhorse Show at the Salina Expo, which was held on Sunday. J.R. showed Mr. Cisco Buck, which he raised for the Bennetts, in the two-year-old stallion class and he won first. He also was named reserve champion overall. J.R. also showed a weanling stallion which he raised and also placed first. Congratulations!

Bob and Sally Olson attended funeral services in Great Bend on Monday for Mary Ann Frenzl, who died on Thursday. She was the mother of their son-in-law, Bob Frenzl, of Salina.

'All Hallows Eve'

By Pastor Carrie Buhler of Jennings and Dresden United Methodist churches

We all know the American traditions involved in celebrating All Hallows Eve, or Halloween, but do we know where these traditions came from? The true origin of Halloween comes from the ancient Celtic tribes of Europe who had a major celebration called Samhain, or "summer's end." The night before the Celtic New Year, which began on Nov. 1, they believed the spirits of the dead returned to their communities to mingle with the living. In order to scare away the evil spirits, people would wear masks and light bonfires.

When the Romans conquered parts of Europe, they added their own traditions to the celebration. Centerpieces were made out of apples and nuts to honor Pomona, the Roman goddess of the orchards. They also introduced drinking cider and bobbing for apples, both of which are popular traditions to this day.

When the Christian church moved the date for All Saints Day from May 13 to Nov. 1, the church introduced its own rituals, and the night became known as All Hallows Eve, a night to remember and honor all those good souls who had died. Eventually the name became Halloween, as we know it today, and the Catholic church celebrates All Souls Day on Nov. 2.

Where did our other traditions come from? Many of us enjoy trick-or-treating with our children, carving jack-o-lanterns and gathering with family and friends. These can be traced back to Irish immigrants in the 1800s. Hundreds of years ago in Ireland, groups of farmers would go door to door collecting food and supplies for a village feast and bonfire, to celebrate the communion of saints and

remember those who had died in the community. Those who were generous were given a blessing for prosperity in the coming year. Those who were not generous were threatened with bad luck.

The Irish people would carve out turnips and place lighted candles in them to ward off the evil spirits thought to be roaming the earth. On arriving in America, they discovered that pumpkins were a nice, big substitute for turnips. The carved pumpkins got their name from the legend of an Irishman named Jack, forced to roam the earth after his death with only a single coal burning inside a hollowed turnip to light his way, because during his life he had never performed a single selfless act.

Another tradition in our country is an act of selflessness. Each year children go out with their little orange boxes and collect trick-or-treat donations for UNICEF. The program began in 1950 and in the U.S. alone, children have collected more than \$105 million to help provide needy children of the world with better nutrition, medicine and clean water.

Interesting, isn't it? We have mingled many customs and traditions from our families, faiths and heritages to make this holiday special. Whether it's time to celebrate with family and friends over a feast, doing a good deed for someone else, bobbing for apples, warding off "evil spirits" with costumes and jack-o-lanterns, or remembering those beloved souls who have passed on, it is a special celebration. A sort of reaffirmation of life.

But no matter who we celebrate with or how we celebrate this holiday, please, make the safety of your children and family the most important tradition of the holiday! God bless!



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103

The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam,
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE

The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN

The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Jim Martin
120 South East, Oberlin
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.

JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS

Carrie Buhler, 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

Pastor: Dennis Brown
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN

109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Choir practice every Wed. at 6:30 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., AWANA Club 4-6 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: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 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

South Beaver Street - Oberlin
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. Junior Worship, grade 3 & down. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.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, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.

NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST

Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

LYLE UNITED METHODIST

Carol Woodmanee, Almena
Lyle Lay Speaker
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

Co-Pastors: Doug Mason & Tom Smith
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.; SATURDAY: Men's breakfast & Bible Study, 7 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

510 North Wilson
Pastor: Rev. Rick Langness
Secretary: Norma Unger
785-475-2333
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; KICK, 3:45-5:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Foundations Bible Class, Thursday, 7-9 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.

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