

Norcatatur News

By the Norcatatur News Committee

Lee and Lora Arnold were Thanksgiving guests of JuliAnna and Mark Baker and family.

Bob and Jo Milner, Paonia, Colo., were callers Saturday morning, Nov. 26, on Bee Nelson. Bob and Bee are cousins. The Milners are former residents of Clayton.

Bill Craig left Thursday, Nov. 17, for Denver where he joined his son, Clayton Craig, for a flight to Portland, Ore., where they visited Bill's brother, Roy Craig.

They did lots of visiting, sightseeing and enjoyed a crab fishing trip. They flew on to Vancouver, British Columbia, where they visited Leonard Craig, another of Bill's brothers.

After more visiting and sightseeing, they returned to Denver and Bill drove on home Friday, Nov. 25. He was very glad to be home before the blizzard struck.

Winners of the Cardinal Bar and Grill pool tournament held Monday, Nov. 21, were: first, Danny Heller, Norton; second, Stan Miller, Norcatatur; and third, Billy Smith, Norton.

Birthdays: Troy Wentz - Dec. 1; Ruth Dickey - Dec. 2; Scooter Matchett - Dec. 5; Terri James - Dec. 7; Jonathan Fick - Dec. 8.

Guests of Ron and Jerry Temple for Thanksgiving were Mary Wyrens, Ceresco, Neb.; Larry, Suzanne, Simone and Marcus Cahoj, Atwood; Ryan, Corey, Noah and Ava Grace, Wamego; Jessica and Caden Rhodes, Colby; Megan Rhodes, Hays; Jerry and Lisa Rhodes, and Scot and Tracey Hartzog of Norcatatur.

Dave and Patty Stapp, Kaitlyn

and Sam spent Thanksgiving in Emporia with Jerrod Poire and Kortney Stapp. Kaitlyn remained for a longer visit. She returned home on Saturday, Nov. 26.

Wayne and Norma McCallister and Bee Nelson were houseguests of Tara Nelson and Anita Volskay in Independence, Mo., from Friday, Nov. 18, to Monday, Nov. 21. While there they attended the 89th annual performance of Handel's "Messiah" by the Independence Messiah Choir, numbering more than 320 people, on Saturday evening, Nov. 19. Anita's father, Henry Volskay, is a 30-year-member of the choir, which sang to a full house in New York's Carnegie Hall in 2000. Wayne, Norma and Bee returned to Norcatatur Monday, Nov. 21.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Bee Nelson for a carry-in dinner were Oran and LaVerne Milner, Lula Hix, Marguerite Clark, Bob Sawdon, Gwynn Ward of Clayton and Twila Henry of Norton. The group also helped the Milners celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary. The ladies played chicken foot dominoes while the guys watched football games.

Dorothy Magers, sister-in-law of Rea Magers, and her daughter, Paula Melhauser, and Paula's twin boys, 20-year-old Chris and Pres, all of Greeley, Colo., came to Rea and Dee Magers' on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Thanksgiving Day the group went to the 4-H building at Lyle to spend the day with Toots Magers and more Magers relatives. There were 23 present for the big feast.

Leslie and Lynn Ward, and Frank and Velda Ward, Norcatatur; Steve McMurray of California; Kaley Ward, Hays; and Keith Ward, Norton, were guests of Ruby Pflieger of Norton on Thanksgiving Day. Ruby is the mother of Lynn and Steve.

Thanksgiving guests of Dorothy Ward were Mark, Debra, K.J. and Brandon Ward of Hugo, Colo. Saturday morning Deb, Dorothy and Brandon attended the Holiday Craft Fair at Oberlin. Mark and K.J. met them there and the Mark Wards proceeded home from Oberlin, and Dorothy returned to Norcatatur.

Frank and Velda Ward were guests of Dorothy Ward from Monday evening until their electricity was restored.

CHRISTMAS DRAWING

The Norcatatur Christmas Drawing will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, in the all-purpose Room at the City Building, at 4 p.m. The pre-school, Cardinal Kids Connection, will have a bake sale then. Following the drawing will be a free-will donation fund-raising supper, chicken and noodles with baked potato and cinnamon roll, with proceeds also going to the pre-school. Items donated for the drawing need to be brought to the city office or pre-school room by Dec. 14. We need lots of donations to have enough items for every family attending. If you have questions contact Deb Marshall, Chris Dempewolf or Lois Wentz.



Tips for holiday cookie baking

It's time to start planning your holiday cookies. These special treats are a favorite in many households and make great gifts.

Here are some time-saving tips:

- Plan ahead—choose your recipes and make a list of ingredients you'll need.
- Check your spices and replenish if they are old. Spices lose their flavor over time.
- Measure accurately. Use the proper measuring equipment for best results.
- Stir flour before measuring and spoon it into the measuring cup. Level off the flour with a knife.
- Maximize variety by making different shapes or styles of cookies from one type of dough.
- If making bar cookies, try cutting them into diamonds or triangles for a new look on a favorite recipe.
- Dress up cookies for gifts by



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

wrapping a stack of cookies with a pretty holiday ribbon.

- To reduce holiday stress, make cookie dough now and freeze it to bake later. Dough can be shaped into cookies before freezing to save even more time.
- Store baked cookies in airtight containers. Freeze to lengthen storage time.
- Have a cookie party and exchange cookies with friends so ev-

eryone will have a variety of cookies for the holidays.

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For more information, contact the county extension office, 475-8121.

Sports Reporter wanted

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Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Keith and Roma Grafel, Teryn, Sydney, and Saeger were houseguests of the Norman Wendelin family during and after the blizzard last week due to lack of electricity.

Dan Nedland watched Cameron Nedland wrestle in the Goodland junior varsity high school wrestling tournament on Saturday.

John and Dianne Bremer attended the Northwest Kansas Mu-

sic Educators Association High School Honor Band and Honor Choir performances Saturday afternoon on the Fort Hays State University campus. Jessica Bremer played ninth chair clarinet in the band and Danica May sang in the choir.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory hosted the annual Oberlin Medical Arts employee Christmas party at their home Sunday evening.

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'Discover the Wonder'

By Pastor Heidi Weibe, Evangelical Covenant Church of Oberlin

In a few weeks, a movie based on one of my favorite books is coming out, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." In the book we are introduced to four children, Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy, who because of the bombing of Britain during WWII find themselves living in a large country home, far away from the danger in London.

The children begin to explore the home and they happen upon a large wardrobe. First Lucy, then the rest of the children, enter the wardrobe and stumble into another world; a world of wonder where they discover talking animals, islands in far away seas, dwarf caves far under the ground, and a great lion named Aslan.

Just as the plain wardrobe opens the door into another world, so we also during Advent open a door and catch a glimpse of what God is doing in our world. Advent helps us rediscover the wonder of how God broke into our world in the baby Jesus.

Advent also opens up a vision of how God will break into our world at the end of time, drawing all things to a close.

Mark tells us in chapter 13, "...stay at your post, keep watch." We are to do this because a door is slowly opening and we need to be ready for what God has for us on the other side. Mark talks about the sun darkening, the moon fading, the stars falling from the skies. It sounds scary, but Mark lets us know that when those things happen, we can be assured God is in control completing his plan for the world, bringing the world to a close. To make sure we are ready, Mark says to keep watch, look for the signs of Jesus' return and keep doing the work he has left us to do.

Advent challenges to recover our sense of wonder — to be ready, to be on our toes for what God is doing in the world. So this Advent season, open the door and see what God is doing — He just might surprise you!



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	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 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.	LUND COVENANT CHURCH Pastor: Doug Mason 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.
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.	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.	ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON The Rev. Damian Richards Phone 785-322-5560 MASS: SUNDAY, 8 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.
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday	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.	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.	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.
OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH Jim Martin 120 South East, Oberlin SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.	CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Kathy Aeillo Almena SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.	NORCATATUR UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Kathy Aeillo Almena SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.	
JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS Carrie Buhler, pastor SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 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.	LYLE UNITED METHODIST Carol Woodmanee, Almena Lyle Lay Speaker SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.	
PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST The Rev. Doug Hasty SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.		EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN The Rev. Heidi Weibe 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.	
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