

The Norcatur Christmas drawing will be held in the all-purpose room at 4 p.m., on Saturday with the preschool bake sale going on at the same time. Following the drawing a freewill donation meal of chicken and noodles with baked potato and cinnamon roll will be served.

The next pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill will be Monday, Dec. 19.

Birthdays: Jonathan Fick - Dec. 8; Sheree Milnes - Dec. 11; Ethan Long - Dec. 13; Glenn Alexander - Dec. 14.

Marvin, Millie, Scooter and Marci Matchett spent Thanksgiving with Jonathan, Mandi and Madison Fick in Oberlin. They went on to Excelsior Springs, Mo., where they spent an extended weekend with Millie's sister, Kathy and Tom Martin. The group was joined on Saturday by daughter Martina and Rafael Ruiz, Hays. The family had their Christmas with Millie's two sisters and husbands as well as nieces, nephews, and their families. Recent visitors of Esther Miller were Richard and Venietta Miller, Mission, Texas. The three were Thanksgiving Day guests of Gary and Annette Miller in Oberlin.

Beth Johnson spent Thanksgiving weekend in Lenexa with David Johnson and family.

Thanksgiving Day guests of John and Carmella Groebe and Francis Lindley were Wendy Groebe; David, Jennifer, Brittany, Kaitlin and Zoie Johnson, Lenexa; Cale Claussen, Baldwin City; Cathy Claussen, Oberlin; and Beth Johnson, Norcatur.

The Kenneth Prices were in Kensington for Thanksgiving with Ron and Marlene Wolf and family, at the big community Thanksgiving dinner. Gene Gallentine and Jeff Roe were visitors this past week and neighbors checked in on the Prices to see that they were okay during the stormy weather.

Betty Reid visited Minh and Wanda Nguyen in Lone Tree, Colo., from Nov. 11 to Dec. 2. While there they celebrated a birthday at the North Woods Inn. Iva Lee and Janae Wilson stopped by one Saturday for chili and a visit.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Wayne and Norma McCallister were Mildred Schwab, Norton; Mike McCallister, Hays; Rob, Dodie and Matt McCallister and Scott Nading of Holcomb.

Sometimes we take the everyday luxuries for granted. With the blizzard last week and being without electricity and nearly without water, we realize how important both those items are. If it weren't for the

Prairie Land Electric employees working around the clock, some of us would still be without electricity. They have earned every bit of their pay plus some over the past week. If you see one of them, be sure to tell them thanks.

MUSEUM TIDBITS

Rea and Dee Magers brought a coin from J.E. Adams General Merchandising Store in Norcatur. They found this on a city street while taking a walk in town. What a find! I'm investigating just when this store was here in town. Does anyone have an idea what years that would have been?

Veda Wood donated an 1885 picture of the northwest Kansas Methodist Church conference ministers. Bob and Bonnie Rapp sent some awesome pictures of various things, including the Norcatur Hotel, the 1934-35 Norcatur Community Band, and lots more.

The museum is closed until April, but please keep sending memorabilia. If you're not sure if we want something, please call before throwing anything away. Your memorabilia and/or monetary donations are appreciated. Our address is Box 89, Norcatur, Kan., 67653, and the phone is (785) 693-4461.

Christmas activities planned

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

very festive and the cookie plate will be full. Then on Saturday a free movie sponsored by the Oberlin Business Alliance will be shown at Sunflower Cinema, starting at 2 p.m. This is a good time to get your shopping finished up with no one hanging on your coat tail.

When *The Oberlin Herald* drawing with the red tickets is over, please don't throw them away as you may have a second chance. On Dec. 21, 22, and 23 there will be a list of 10 numbers placed in a store window at 6:30 p.m. Check that list each night as there will be 10 different numbers every time. The first person to find one of their ticket numbers may claim the \$50 Santa Bucks in that store. You might be the lucky person.

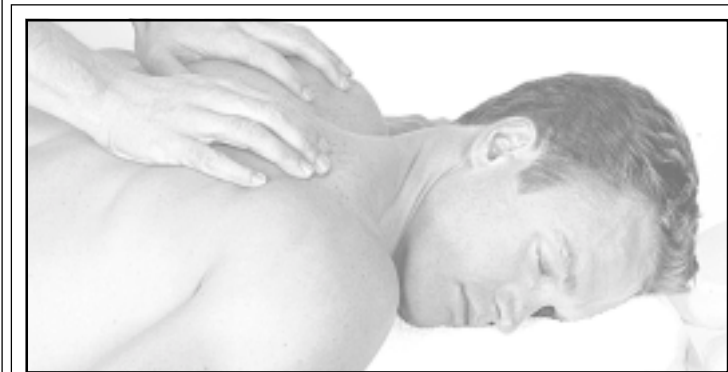
Monday, Dec. 19, is drawing closer, when we will have the Oberlin Business Alliance giveaway. You must sign up in the participating stores and be over 18 years old. You don't have to buy

anything, just write your name on a slip of paper and be present to win. There will be 10 names drawn at 6:30 p.m. at the chamber office.

To start the evening off, the Seeds of Hope Telethon will be hosting a soup supper at the Golden Age Center with a freewill donation. This will start at 5 p.m. and continue until they run out of soup. Santa will be holding court at the courthouse at 5:30 p.m. on the first floor. Since you were all good boys and girls last time he has consented to return. This time, along with candy, Santa will be also giving out tickets to all who are under 18 years for a chance to win a year-long pass to the Sunflower Cinema. This winner will be drawn also at 6:30 p.m. This is a packed day you don't want to miss.

The stores in Oberlin will be closed Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

The chamber office will be closed from Dec. 21 until Dec. 27. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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Grand Opening

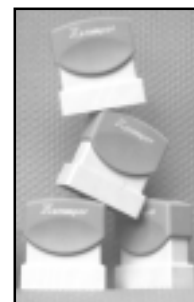
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'Encounter the Power'

By Rev. Heidi M. Wiebe of Evangelical Covenant Church of Oberlin

I spoke last week of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," a wonderful children's book written by the great Christian apologist, C.S. Lewis. A main character in the book and the other books in the "Chronicles of Narnia" series, is the great lion Aslan.

When Peter, Susan, Emlodmund and Lucy first hear about Aslan from Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, they are noticeably unsettled. After all, a lion is the greatest of beasts, powerful and ferocious. Susan asks, "Is he quite safe?"

And Mrs. Beaver replies, "...if there is anyone who can appear before Aslan without their knees knocking, they're either braver than most or else just silly."

Lucy asks, "Then he isn't safe?" And Mr. Beaver tells them, "Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you."

In Isaiah 40, the prophet talks about a miraculous highway that God, the great king, will create in the wilderness to make the Israelite's return from

exile possible. The language that Isaiah uses is powerful — he talks about valleys being lifted up, mountains and hills brought low, uneven ground becoming level, and the rocky places being made smooth. In our time, the only things capable of such highway building are those huge, powerful, green earth movers. But according to Isaiah, the powerful and mighty highway builder is God, the great lion of Judah.

It is on that newly built highway that God will come and meet his people. Isaiah says that God comes "with might and his arm rules for him" (vs. 10). God is literally rolling up his sleeves, doing the work of saving his people on that mighty highway, providing a way for their sins to be forgiven.

Only the great, powerful and mighty lion of Judah, God himself, can enter our dry and barren lives, give us His son Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and save us with His mighty arm from our sins. That miraculous highway was not only built for the Israelites, but Advent and Isaiah remind us, it was also built for us by a God who isn't always safe, but who is always good, loving and powerful.



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