

There were 16 at Senior Citizens on Dec. 16. Winners were Virgil Price, Twila Henry and Bee Nelson. The next meeting will be Friday with a carry-in dinner at noon. Cards will follow the dinner at 1:30 p.m.

The Norcatour News was not published Dec. 27. The next issue will be Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jim Bob Beachel, Frank Ward, Sandy Gade, Carissa Wentz - Dec. 22; Ronald Anderson - Dec. 25; Fred Molzahn, Lynn Ward - Dec. 26; Beth Sebaugh, Galen and Jamie Wentz - Dec. 31; Darrel Barnett, Megan Wentz - Jan. 2.

Esther Miller hosted Monday Bridge Club on Dec. 12. Winners were Beth Sebaugh, Carol Shirley and Barbara Solko. Filling in were Annette Miller, Dorothy Cochran and Barbara Solko.

Bev Miller spent Thursday night, Dec. 15, with Esther Miller, working Phillipsburg on Friday, Dec. 16.

Virgil Price had cataract surgery in Oberlin on Dec. 19. Mr. and Mrs. Chris Claussen,

Olathe; Cale Claussen, Baldwin City; Mr. and Mrs. Don Claussen, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Waldo, and Delphyn Briggs, all of Oberlin; and Fred Molzahn and Beth Johnson of Norcatour were guests of Cathy Claussen on Saturday, Dec. 17, for a pre-Christmas dinner.

David Wood and his sister, Carol Moye, went to Fort Collins, Colo., to attend the graduation of Israel Jirak, David's son-in-law, who received his Ph.D. in meteorology on Dec. 15.

William Young, husband of Linda (Hix) Young, died on Monday morning, Dec. 19, at the Lutheran Hospital in Littleton, Colo. Inurnment services are pending. Mail will reach Linda and family at 28751 Doe Valley Drive, Conifer, Colo., 80433.

Dwight Wood is doing well and looking forward to getting his neck brace off.

The annual Christmas Drawing held on Dec. 17 was a big success. Forty-eight families attended this year, and everyone had a really good time. We are the only commu-

nity we know about able to send something home with every family that attends.

The bake sale and supper put on by the Cardinal Kids Connection were also successful. Funds gathered are used to keep the pre-school open. Deb Marshall deserves a pat on the back for all her hard work putting the Christmas Drawing together. When the Commercial Club decided to stop sponsoring the drawing, she stepped up and said the pre-school could do this as a thank you to the community for their support.

Norcatour Museum annual financial report shows: Credits, including interest earned: \$1,185.84; Debits, including cabinet, plaque, \$398; Total \$787.84.

Winners of the Chamber of Commerce Christmas lighting contest were: first place - Jim and Carolyn Plotts; second place - Rodney and Janice O'Hare; third place, Chris and Karen Bailey.

The Norcatour News volunteers wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Chamber election in January

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

Greetings from the Chamber office:

Christmas has come and gone. The weather was beautiful and the snow is almost melted, but the mud is deep. We shouldn't complain with the warm temperatures.

Winners of the home lighting contests in Norcatour were: Jim Plotts, first place; Rodney O'Hare, second place; and Chris Bailey, third place.

In Jennings they were Richard Rowilson, first place; Mike Bailey, second place; and Imogene Keenan, third place.

Oberlin winners were Patty Brown, first place; Murry Pavlicek, second place; and Tim Breth, third place.

Thanks to all who took the time, patience and braved the cold weather to put up displays. Thanks to the judges who spent hours trying to decide who were the winners. They said that all were very close this year.

The winners of the Oberlin Business Alliance drawing were: Linda Weber, \$1,000; and Melissa Chambers, Crystal Cook, Darrell Lutz,

Linda Smith, Terry Berry, Elmer Zodrow, Estella Waldo, Matt Farr and Kim Davis each \$25 in Santa Bucks. Thanks to all who signed up and were present for the drawing.

Quinton Cook won the free movie pass for the children who paid a visit to Santa Claus.

We need to thank Santa for taking time to make two visits to Oberlin this year. We know he has to be many places at one time. Thanks, Santa.

Things are slowing down in the Chamber office for a few days. The next big event coming is the annual meeting of the Chamber. This will be Jan. 19 at The Gateway, starting

at 6:30 p.m. There are three board members' terms that are up. If you would like to be on the board or know of someone who would, please let me know. The election will take place at the meeting.

We will again be honoring some outstanding folks in the area at the Chamber meeting.

The speaker will be Meriwether Lewis, portrayed by Phillip Thomas.

He will be bringing some artifacts with him to be displayed. It sounds very interesting.

The Chamber wishes each and every one a very safe and Happy New Year.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Guests of John and Ardythe Cederberg for Christmas Day dinner were Renee and Jim Wolf, Jamie and Christa, Pierre, S.D.; Denise and Larry Pettera, Erin and Dalton, North Platte, Neb.; Diane and Donnie Ruppert, Adam, Derek and Megan, McCook; Ron and Cindy Sattler, Oberlin; Eric Sattler, Fort Collins, Colo.; and Chase Juenemann and Dana Sattler.

Stu and Barbara Lindell and Brooke of Overland Park, and Mark and Gail Bergling, Ryan, Jill and Blake were Christmas Eve and Christmas Day guests of Verol and Rosemary Bergling.

Dale and Debbie Withington and girls of Chetopa spent the holidays with Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, and Jeff and Tama Unger and Jacob.

Christmas Eve supper guests of Elden and Detta Anderson were the Richard Anderson family and Gary Anderson. On Christmas Day, Detta and Elden Anderson, Gary Anderson, and Dick and Donna Kelley, Oberlin, and Kirk Kelley, Davenport, Iowa, were dinner guests at the Richard Anderson home.

Christmas Eve supper guests of Glenn and Eunice Martin were Randy and Sharon Olson, Oberlin; Kristy and Matt Ostmeyer, Ellis; Brent Olson and Kerrie Olson, Hays; Bill and Connie Robison, Littleton, Colo.; Ken and Candy Rauhut, Garden City; Ross and Jami Rauhut, and Mark and Tara Claussen, Caitlyn, Talon, McKenna and Taylor, Manhattan.

On Christmas Day, Randy and Sharon Olson and all of their family were dinner guests of her parents, Ruben and Darlene Feikert of St. Francis. Other guests were Bruce and Sharon Feikert, St. Francis; Amber and Andrew Feikert, Hays; Larry and Kathy Feikert,

and Lance and Heidi Feikert, Bucklin.

Bob and Sally Olson spent Christmas weekend in Salina with the Bob Frenzl family. Additional Saturday dinner guests were Chris Rolls, Lincoln, Neb.; Rennie and Jeanne Olson and Scott, Irving, Texas; David Olson, Swisher, Iowa; Jonathan and Daisy Olson and family, Maryland Heights, Mo.; Larry and Debra Marks and family, Mulvane, and Louis and Ava Perkins, Wichita.

Kevin and Julie Schiessler, Christopher and Haley were Christmas Day dinner guests of his mother, Frances Schiessler. On Monday, the Kevin Schiessler family and Bill and Sarah Berry, Darrin and Kelsey of McCook helped Frances celebrate her birthday at her home.

Esther Noren and the Steve Noren family were Christmas Day dinner guests of Lori Seaman in Salina. Other guests were Lorena Schultz, Junction City, Doyle Seaman, Abilene, and Judy and Larry Thelander, Salina. Saturday dinner guests of Quentin and Olive Bergling were Mac and Jeri McPheeters, Colby; Jennifer Cousins, Plainville; Richard and Susan Bergling, Ness City; Amy, Megan, Sarah and Cassidy Bergling, Hays; Dave and Sherry Bergling, Oberlin; and Jason Bergling, Denver.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day dinner guests of Steve and Arian Arnold were Galen and Lynn Olson, and Dorothy Chase, McKinney, Texas; Mike and Nione Rhodin, Loveland, Colo.; and Edla Olson. Mrs. Chase was a weekend guest of Edla Olson.

Richard Bergling of Ness City and Doug Jackson of Goodland hunted with Dave Bergling on Fri-

day. Steve and Dave O'Neill, and Roy Dilsaver, Brighton, Colo., were Monday and Tuesday hunting guests at the Bergling home.

Christmas dinner guests on Monday of Keith and Mary Lou Olson were the Rex Olson family, Boulder, Colo.; the Mark Olson and James Witt families, Oberlin; Chris and Keely Wilson, Kearney, Neb.; and Tyler Witt, Scottsbluff, Neb.

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'What If There Was No Christmas'

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

Last week I mentioned how the world C.S. Lewis creates in his book, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," is a world where it is "always winter, but never Christmas." With the continuing cold temperatures, nonstop Kansas winds and snow still on the ground, winter can seem endless. The sad part is we have only just now entered the official season of winter! Imagine what life would be like if it was winter, day in and day out, 365 days a year, endless winter without the joy and celebration of Christmas. It would suck the life and hope right out of our lives.

That was the case for all those who lived in Narnia. When Lucy stumbles through the wardrobe into Narnia, she learns that it is the White Witch who has "made a magic so that it is always winter in Narnia — but it never gets to be Christmas." Hope comes to Narnia when word comes that Aslan, the great lion, is on the move. For Aslan knows magic that is deeper than that of the White Witch and he will be able to reverse the cold of winter. When Aslan comes into Narnia, the snow melts, the sun shines and Narnia is finally delivered from the power of the White Witch.

Our world was delivered from the power of evil and darkness when the angel Gabriel appeared to a girl named Mary. At that time, it was "winter and never Christmas" in Israel. The people were suffering under the cruelty of the Roman occupiers and fear hovered over God's people. The people were looking for redemption, a way out of their cold, dark and hopeless world, and God provided that redemption. Gabriel tells Mary that the son she will bear will "be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever and of his kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1:32-33)

The redemption of the world rested on the shoulders of a young girl. Mary was fearful, but she was also willing to take on this amazing task and so she tells Gabriel, "Yes, I will do it." Thankfully we will never know what it would be like to live in a world where it is "always winter and never Christmas" because Jesus was born to us, as one of us, to redeem us and bring spring into the winter of our lives.

Enjoy the joy and celebration of Christmas knowing that because of Jesus, the cold and darkness of winter is over.



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The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
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- 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
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- 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.
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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
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The Rev. Damian Richards
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MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.
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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
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SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.
- LYLE UNITED METHODIST**
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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: 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.
- 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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