

Sympathy is extended to the family of Esther Miller, who died on Thursday at the hospital in Oberlin.

The Norcatour United Methodist Church Bazaar Soup and Pie Supper will be held on Saturday at the Norcatour Educational Building. Soup and pie will be served from 5 to 7 p.m.

Donations will be accepted. The auction begins at 7 p.m.

Bee Nelson took Oran and LaVerne Milner to Kearney, Neb., for doctor appointments on Oct. 11. They were accompanied by Mar-

guerite Clark.

Mrs. Nelson took LaVerne Milner to Phillipsburg on Oct. 12, for doctor appointments. Marguerite Clark accompanied them.

Birthday and anniversary: Virgil Price - Oct. 20; Scott and Tracey Hartzog - Oct. 25.

The Fall 2006 Healthy Congregations in Action regional training meeting was held in WaKeeney on Oct. 18.

Those representing the Norcatour, Clayton and Almena United Methodist churches were team members

Gail Brooks and Rochelle Mathers of Clayton, and Norma McCallister and Bee Nelson of Norcatour. Workshops were on "Health Through Faith and Community," and "Managing Time, Work and Family."

The Norcatour United Methodist Church will hold a Pheasant Supper on Saturday, Nov. 3.

Bee Nelson was accompanied by Dorothy Ward, Marguerite Clark, and Wayne and Norma McCallister to the Clayton Bazaar and Supper on Oct. 14.



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

Aside from the free candy, deciding on a costume is the most exciting part of Halloween for many kids, but don't overlook the fact that costumes can cause injuries if you're not careful.

Pick costumes that are flame retardant so the child will be safe from candle-lit pumpkins on porches. Make sure they can walk freely and won't trip; a good rule of thumb is for the costume not to go past the ankles.

Props like swords and knives should be made of flexible material so nobody gets hurt.

It's also important that children can see well out of masks so they can avoid obstacles, and can see cars coming when they're crossing the street.

If the eyeholes are too small, cut bigger ones. Applying reflective tape to costumes and candy bags will make it easy for motorists to see children in the dark.

Before children go trick-or-treating, review safety rules with them such, including which neighborhoods they should or shouldn't go to. Remind them not to enter homes or apartment complexes and not to approach homes that don't have a porch light on.

Children younger than 12 should be accompanied by an adult, and older children be given a curfew and a cell phone to take with them.

Give your kids a meal before they go trick-or-treating to keep them from eating candy before they get home. Remind them it's not safe to eat anything before they get home and you have a chance to inspect the candy and wash the fruit.

Parents who don't want their children to eat all of their candy at once can put some of it in a plastic bag in the freezer, where it will stay fresh for a later date.

Pumpkin carving can pose dangers, but with the right tools it can be kid-friendly.

Carving Halloween pumpkins has always been a good way for parents to bond with their children, but in past generations kids had to wait

until they were older to help with the carving itself.

Now there are tool kits designed to make carving easier and safer. The kits come with tiny saws that are a lot safer than knives and easier to handle. With some guidance, children as young as 7 or 8 could carve safely with these tools, but that is the parents' decision.

Pumpkin-carving kits are inexpensive, typically from \$5 for a basic kits to \$30 for one with a battery-powered saw.

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Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Senior Citizens met on Oct. 4 for a business meeting with five members present. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Edie Pettera. Sharon Frick won blackout and Ann Martin won the door prize.

A potluck dinner was held last Wednesday with 11 attending. Debbie Rummel checked blood pressures and said flu shots will be announced when available. Edie Pettera won blackout and Esther Pennington won the door prize.

Judy Solko of Larned was a

weekend guest of her mother, Monica Solko. Tim Solko was an additional Sunday dinner guest. Ron Solko of Oberlin and Rodney Solko of McCook were Sunday visitors.

St. Mary's Christian Mothers Altar Society sang for residents at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin on Oct. 12 and helped Kayo Sattler celebrate his 92nd birthday. They all enjoyed cake and ice cream.

Tom Solko was a last Saturday guest of Monica Solko. Tim Solko

prepared dinner last Sunday for Timberly and Teather Solko and Greg Solko of Atwood, Diana and Kimberly Solko of Oberlin, Rodney Solko of McCook and Monica Solko.

Ann Martin and Bob Martin visited John and Phyllis Haller in Alliance, Neb., and Pat and Elsie Haller in Hemmingford, Neb. on Friday. Dick and Betty Martin of Wilsonville, Neb., visited Ann Martin last Sunday evening.

Cedar Living News

Sympathy is extended to the family of Freda Gamblin. Freda passed away at Cedar Living Center on Thursday.

We are busy making plans for Halloween. The third-grade students from Oberlin Elementary will entertain during our Halloween party on Oct. 31. This visit from the students is a long-time tradition at Cedar Living Center. Guests are welcome to attend the program, scheduled for 2 p.m. We will be ready with treats for ghosts and goblins of all ages from 4 to 8 p.m. We have many families who have a tradition of making Cedar Living Center one of their Halloween stops and this is greatly appreciated.

Our fish tank is sparkling after getting a good scrubbing last week. Rose Eskew and Julia Otter volunteered their time to clean out the tank. It looks terrific.

There were several winners at the penny card game played on Monday afternoon. Players included residents Mathilda Bollig, Naomi Carter, Elsie Goodnight, Betty Harden, Tressie Samson, Paul Sass, Don Shaw, and Bea Wolfram. Visitors Lyle Gamblin, Jamie Samson, and Sara Bishop also played.

Myrna Jones and Mary Ann Amack led the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

The dietary and activity departments hosted a special lunch at noon on Tuesday featuring sandwiches from A&W. Staff members made root beer floats for everyone. This menu was a special selection made by the Residents Council.

Don Shaw was the lucky winner of both the first bingo and the blackout game on Tuesday afternoon.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the monthly communion service on Tuesday afternoon.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinochle group on Wednesday afternoon.

The Pi Alpha Club hosted the October birthday party on Wednesday afternoon. Club members gave a musical program and then served homemade pie to the residents, staff, and visitors. Those being honored were Kayo Sattler, Freda Gamblin, and Mervin Babineaux. They each received a carnation and a balloon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Thursday afternoon.

There were several winners at the dice game played on Thursday afternoon. Soft drinks were served following the game.

The baking group made doughnuts on Friday afternoon.

Recent visitors: Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Paul Welter, Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; James and Shirley Cogburn, Hobbs, N.M.; Sara Bishop, Jamie Samson, Lindsborg; Ann Martin, Don Grafel, Frank Cox, Herndon; Ron and Jerry Temple, Linda Hunt, Janice O'Hare, Dorothy Ward, Marguerite Clark, Leslie Ward, Norcatour; Mike Welter, Paola; Larry and Sandy Wolfram, Liberal; Lloyd Harden, Goodland; Earl Brown, Selden; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.; Margaret Stanley, Colby; Doyle and Kay Brown, Jennings;

Orlin Beneda, Elvin Beneda, Opal Huntley, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Elaine Bryan, Gerry Neff, Estella Waldo, Cecil Hess, Pat Wright, Doris Sloan, Eris Young, Wayne and Lois Larson, Lyle Gamblin, Roxie Pomeroy, Marie Jean Vavroch, Eula Juenemann, Sandra Young, Karolyn Muirhead, Catherine Neal, Vernon and Jeanette Diederich, Oberlin.

'We need to raise strong children'

By Pastor Carrie Buhler

of the Jennings and Dresden United Methodist churches

"Remember these commands and cherish them. Tie them on your arms and wear them on your foreheads as a reminder. Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you are resting and when you are working. Write them on the doorposts of your houses and your gates. Then you and your children will live a long time in the land that the Lord your God promised to give to your ancestors." (Deuteronomy 11: 18-21)

My husband was raised in Salt Lake City and we usually drive out there once a year to see all of the relatives. Over time we've noticed what a difference there is between our kids and their cousins. I'm not sure if it's just that the kids are being raised in different environments or that they are raising their kids differently than we are, but I know that no matter what, my kids are going to be all right, and theirs aren't.

Country kids are tough. They have to be. My kids can climb over anything, do Superman leaps off of everything, and chase the farm animals around. It doesn't matter if they fall or get knocked down, they just get up, brush their hands on their overalls and keep going. When our billy goat shoved Joey, he shoved the billy goat right back!

Our kids eat everything we do - I'm not making three different dinners each night! Our kids are healthy and hardly ever get sick. I do hand out my share of "Blue's Clues" and "Strawberry Shortcake" bandaids, don't get me wrong. It's not the scrapes and bruises my kids get that's important, because kids get bumps and bruises naturally. It's called childhood.

It's how they handle themselves afterwards that

I'm proud of. Joey and Sarah are tough, independent, resilient and very creative. My kids are never at a loss to find something to explore on the farm. There are kittens in the stone house, baby goats in the barn, chicks in the hen house or playing their make-believe forts in the trees.

It seems a lot of city folks bought into the "feel-good," "new-age," "whatever-happens-don't-bruise-their-inner-child" sort of parenting that was floating around a few years ago. Thankfully, it doesn't seem to have made it out to the farms and ranches and small towns.

I guess if I had to name our style of parenting it would be "common sense." Country folks have a lot of it. We would be incapable of maintaining our lifestyles without it. Our farms wouldn't produce crops and our livestock would die. We work hard to be the same folks on Saturday night that we are in church on Sunday morning.

I see city kids on the news who are violent, sullen, disrespectful of everyone - including themselves - uneducated and unable to cope with life's challenges. They've received no moral or spiritual guidance. They only know what they see on their TV, in the theaters and in their violent fantasy video games.

I truly believe that the kids who are going to be the backbone of this nation as we go into the twenty-first century will be the country kids. They have been given guidance in morality, spirituality and a good work ethic. They are resilient and have the sense of humor to weather anything that comes their way, good or bad. They have the faith, the common sense and the grit that have been passed down through the generations.

These qualities have shaped our country's past. I pray that they shape our country's future as well.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

- OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**
785-475-3103
Fr. Henry Saw Lone, MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE**
Fr. Henry Saw Lone
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.
- SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**
Fr. Henry Saw Lone
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**
Pastor: Judy Strucker
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA
SUNDAY: Adult Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee: 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Worship Service, 11 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: Fred Dycus
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: Ray Gilstrap
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. 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.
- NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST**
Pastor: Ray Gilstrap
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SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.
- LYLE UNITED METHODIST**
Carol Woodmanee, Almema
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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 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
Rev. 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. THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

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