

Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

Lynn Jeffries, Los Angeles, was a recent houseguest of Bee Nelson. Lynn was a member of Cornerstone Theater Company and a homeowner in Norcatur. They attended the Cardinal Bar and Grill Thanksgiving Buffet on Thursday evening where Lynn was able to visit with friends.

Visiting at the Oran Milner home from Nov. 13-15 was Bruce Bishop, Denver. He had come to attend services for Larry Lyon. He also enjoyed some hunting with his dog, Asa.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Brian Cook - Nov. 23; Kalee Ward, Oran and LaVerne Milner - Nov. 24; Marvin Matchett - Nov. 27.

The last pool tournament of the year at the Cardinal Bar and Grill will be on Monday, Dec. 18.

Dewaine Stapp celebrated his birthday on Friday, Nov. 17, at the Frontier Restaurant in Oberlin with Donald and Goldie Stapp, Alice Shirley, Beth Sebaugh and Leone Purton, a surprise from his daughter,

Elaine Kingsley of Allen, Texas. In the afternoon he shared cake and ice cream, provided by Merle Shirley, at the Golden Age Center, then that evening he enjoyed steak in McCook with Leone Purton.

Marjorie Prince of Liberty, Mo., arrived on Nov. 12 to spend some time with her family. She is staying with her mother, Arlene Hix and husband, Francis. She is helping care for her brother, Gail Bailey, and visiting his family. She retired Nov. 10 from her position as assistant vice president in the operations and technology division after working 43 years for Bank of America in Kansas City. She graduated from Jennings High School with the Class of 1960.

Veryl Van Der Wege and Vi Gallentine were visitors of Francis and Arlene Hix on Sunday evening, Nov. 19.

A crowd of around 300 people attended the benefit for Gail Bailey and the Larry Lyon family held

Sunday, Nov. 19, at the Educational Building. The Norton FFA served water and tea while local volunteers cooked eggs and sausage and used 30 pounds of flour to make pancakes. Donations will help the families with medical expenses. Donations may be sent to the Norcatur Citizens Alliance.

Senior Citizens met Nov. 17 with 19 players present. Winners were Wava Reames, June Jolly and Margaret Magers. The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at the Educational Building.

Wava Reames reports that her "noisy neighbors," John and Carol New, brought in the A team to level the ground for their new building. A grader and front-end loader have ripped out old tree stumps and concrete and are preparing the ground. She expects to be entertained watching the building go up this winter.

Marguerite Clark and Dorothy Ward accompanied Wava Reames to the potluck Thanksgiving dinner at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin on Nov. 19. Enjoying the feast with Frank and Velda Ward were Leslie, Lynn and Keith Ward, Wava and Marguerite. Eating with Lora Linn Leichter were her son, Rodney Leichter of Seibert, Colo., Judy and Gerald Jackson, and her mother, Dorothy Ward. The dinner was attended by about 150 guests.

MUSEUM TIDBITS

Thanks to Wayne and Norma McCallister for the Citizens State Bank money bag and an ice scraper from Keith's Market. Stan and Carol Miller brought in a 1960 year-book from Norcatur High School. Does anyone have any Norcatur High letter jackets, cheerleading sweaters, sports uniforms, etc.? We would love to have them displayed in the Norcatur Museum.

tives and friends in the area last week. They were en route to Colorado to spend Thanksgiving with his sons, Larry and Bruce Duell, and families.

Rennie and Jeanne Olson and Scott of Irving, Texas; David Olson, Swisher, Iowa; and Bob and Annette Frenzl, Lacey and Whitney, Salina, visited over the weekend with their parents, Bob and Sally Olson. Bob Olson returned home Friday from Citizens Medical Center in Colby and is recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

Thursday dinner guests of Frank and Margaret McEvoy were Brian and Dawn Beckman, Ethan and Jordan of Grinnell, Joan Evans, Lonnie and Mary McEvoy, Ryan and Shane, and Stan McEvoy.

Thanksgiving holiday guests of Wesley and Eulaine Benda were Mitch and Beverly Messerly, Paul and Anna, Sublette; Gerald and Patti Benda; and Mark and Barbara Olson, Sarah, Kurt and Mary.

Gary and Mary Ann Erickson have returned from Texas, where they spent six weeks in the Rockport area. En route they visited their daughter, Debbie and Dale Withington and girls, in Chetopa and attended a college musical, in which Hana Withington participated.

Thursday dinner guests of Steve and Arian Arnold were Geno and Andrea Lucero and Aiden, Long Beach, Calif.; Mike and Nione Rhodin, Loveland, Colo.; and Edla Olson.

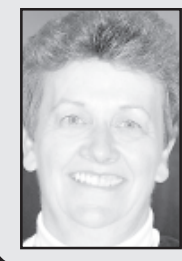
Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky were Kendal and Tammy Neal and Katrina, Oberlin; Brian and Krista Gutchewsky and Gavin, Kearney, Neb.; and Joel and Sarah Uerling and Addyson, McCook.

ElmaLee Erickson accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Don Threlkel, Emily Holub and Mary Ann, and Hailey Beck of Joplin, Mo., to Colby to have lunch with Lisa Morris. Lisa is a student at Sterling College and was en route to Arvada, Colo., to spend Thanksgiving with her family.

Rex Olson, Seth, Sam and Abbie of Boulder, Colo., were holiday weekend guests at the Keith Olson home.

Additional supper guests on Saturday were the Mark Olson family, James and Kimberly Witt, Ashley and Whitney, Oberlin; and Tyler Witt and Tiffany Robinson of Scottsbluff, Neb.

Time to check medicine chest



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

With cold and flu season approaching, now is the time to check the medicine chest and restock over-the-counter medications.

Once sick, you may not be able to shop for what you need, so here are some tips:

- Check supplies.
- Discard out-of-date medications. Frap out-of-date medications and place in a trash container with a tight lid, out of the reach of children and pets.
- Replenish over-the-counter medications which relieve symptoms such as stuffy nose, fever, aches and pains.
- Check to see if the thermometer is working. Replace if needed.

• If you have small children, set up a tentative plan for childcare if both parents become ill.
Stocking up on tissues and favorite foods such as soothing soups, fruits, or fruit juices also can make recovery more pleasant.
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Cedar Living Center News

Our Christmas holiday decorations will be going up this week. Stop by anytime to see how we are progressing.

Elma Ashley celebrated her birthday on Nov. 20. Lyle Gamblin, a frequent visitor at Cedar Living Center, also celebrated his birthday on Nov. 20. A party was held for Lyle on Monday afternoon. Residents who joined in to enjoy some birthday cake included Naomi Carter, Alice Fiala, Elsie Goodnight, Betty Harden, Paul Sass, Kayo Sattler, Don Shaw, Mildred Tacha, Frank and Velda Ward, Bea Wolfram, and Edie Pettera.

Mary Ann Amack assisted Teresa Shaughnessy with the sing-along time on Monday afternoon.

The Residents' Council met on Tuesday morning. The main item on the agenda was making plans for December. There is still time for groups or individuals to schedule

parties or entertainment.

Kayo Sattler won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. The black-out game ended in a tie between Naomi Carter and Mildred Tacha.

Juanita Williby hosted the pinocle group on Wednesday afternoon. Other activity options for the afternoon included a social hour featuring Thanksgiving trivia and the Bible studied by Stuart Euhus.

We were very thankful for the nice weather during the Thanksgiving holiday as many residents were able to go out with their families and we had lots of out-of-town visitors. Residents who went out for the day on Thursday included Mildred Tacha, Paul Sass, Don Sulzman, Don Shaw, Naomi Carter, Elsie Goodnight, and Frank and Velda Ward.

Paul Sass led the exercise group on Friday morning. Mary Ann Amack hosted a social hour on Fri-

day afternoon. She served coffee and cookies to residents.

Tillie Diederich's family came for a carry-in family dinner on Saturday.

Recent visitors: Dave Cox, Katie and Zach Kuntz, Hays; Julie and Bob Hafner, Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Tom and Glenva Burrell, Max, Neb.; Jerry Temple, Dorothy Ward, Norcatur; Gene and Meredith Hrnchir, Kyle Lanning, Atwood; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Jeanette Adams, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Kyle and Leah Wolfram, Manhattan; Lila Jennings, Jennings; Dave, Jackie, Caitie, Allie, Caleb, Elijah, Seth, and Emilie Foxhoven, Parker, Colo.; Lillian Sulzman, Dresden; Lloyd Harden, Goodland;

Opal Huntley, Alice Shirley, Ila Ray, Elvin Beneda, Orin Beneda, Sandra Young, Roxie Pomeroy, Oberlin.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Hangin' of the Greens will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church, followed by the annual Christmas potluck dinner which will be served by Covenant Women.

Dedication services were held during morning worship services on Sunday for Kaci Jo Dirks, one-year-old daughter of Brandon and Kristi Dirks. Officiating was Pastor Keith Reuther.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Elma Lee Erickson were Mr. and Mrs. Erik Erickson and Mr. and Mrs. Alan Erickson, Colby; Chris Erickson, a student at Kansas State University; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lohofener and Chad, North Platte, Neb.; and Mary Lohofener, Oberlin.

Thanksgiving dinner guests at the LeRoy and Daisy Schmidt home were Pat, Dennis and Rachel Barnett, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; Joe and Vicki Schmidt, Ludell; Mandi McKinley and Tanner Schmidt, Manhattan; Chris and Sherri Schmidt, Oberlin; Clint Schmidt, Denver; Dawnelle, Curtis, Karli, Kelsi and Christopher Heim, Tucson, Ariz.; Dana, T.C., Clae, Jordan and Kainen McDonald, Colby; Kathy and Kurt Frisbie, Monument, Colo.; and Kristen, Craig and Hunter Engelson, Larkspur, Colo.

Nick and Stephanie Anderson of Lawrence were houseguests from Wednesday to Friday of Richard and Maureen Anderson and family. They and Gary Anderson were Thursday dinner guests of Elden and Detta Anderson.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mark John Krannawitter, 40, of Olathe, who died Nov. 17. His wife, Deanna, is a daughter of Stan and Verda Wancura of Colby, and a granddaughter of the late Bill and Clara Wancura. Funeral services were held Nov. 21 in Hoxie with burial at St. Frances Catholic Cemetery at Hoxie.

Those who enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at the Prairie Development Center in Atwood on Thursday were Quentin and Olive Bergling, Mac and Jeri McPheeters, Colby; J.J. Cousins, Plainville; Richard and Susan Bergling, Cassidy and Sarah, Ness City; Dave and Sherry Bergling, Oberlin; Jeremy Bergling, Kansas City; Jason Bergling, Denver; and Alicia and Kelly Bergling, Atwood.

Wayne and Irene Duell of Englewood, Fla., visited Ben and Barbara Duell in Colby, as well as other rela-

'Relax, enjoy Christmas season'

By Pastor Judi Stricker of United Church of Oberlin

Christmas is just over three weeks away.

Many of us have our shopping completed, our cards mailed, our gifts wrapped and either mailed or under the fully decorated tree. The stockings have been hung by the fire with care, and lights are glowing each evening from windows, trees, and shrubs in the front yard.

However, for some of us, this is crunch time. We haven't gotten down the artificial tree, or purchased it if a real, woody one, and the cards are still in the box. The stockings are still packed in the Christmas box, the gifts still on the list and not yet purchased, and shopping for all the stuff we need for cookies and candies is still a couple of weeks away.

Once again, we will totally exhaust ourselves with the effort of getting ready for the great day.

It is to my shame that I admit I am one of the latter group and not the former. I bring words of comfort to others like me.

Calm down. Sit down, have another cup of hot chocolate and contemplate the "reason for the season." Then, may I suggest, attack one thing at a time.

First, before going on a big shopping trip, stop to pray, asking God to give you judgment that will make shopping practical and real, not filled with lots of credit card purchases that will come due in January.

Then open your Bible once again to the Christmas story. May I suggest the book of Luke, chapters 1 and 2. Of course, it would not hurt to read the whole book, refreshing ourselves about the "rest of the story."

When you get ready to decorate, put a manger scene in a very prominent place in your home. Have fun arranging the camels, goats, sheep and cows, and the shepherds and wise men. Allow the children that will come to visit to arrange them, too, as you tell them the story.

Put on a CD of your favorite Christmas hymns and sing along as you look through your favorite cookbooks.

In the evenings, light a candle and give thanks for the wonderful gift that will again be born into the world. Read out loud Mary's prayer, found in verses 46-55 of the first chapter of Luke.

Then, relax, enjoy your quiet thoughts and know that what is IMPORTANT will get done.

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, LEVILLIE
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: Judi Stricker
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.

NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ray Gilstrap
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 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.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The Rexford Lions Club will be holding a Soup Day (vegetable and chili) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Community Hall on Main Street.

Proceeds will be used for youth projects, the Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation leadership program, and State Lions Band.

A Christmas party for children, infants through third grade, will start at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Hall, also on Saturday.

First-place winners of the November Pinochle Tournament at the American Legion were Pete and Phyllis Ziegelmeier of Gem. Shirley Emigh and Jeanie Spesser were the second-place winners. There were six tables of participants at the event.

The high school gym is available for walkers until 1 p.m. while school is in session.

Red Barn events: Barnswallows meet each Monday at 2 p.m. and the Come On Down get-together is ev-

ery Thursday at 2 p.m. If you like pinochle or want to learn, you are invited to join in anytime.

Those at Barnswallows were Darlene Robben, Deb Stepper, Grace Cheney, Chuck and Pat Williams, Lawrence Horinek, Maryann and Lawrence Juenemann, and Rex and Betty Carswell.

Attending Koffee Klatch on Friday were Berneda Zoberst, Delores Dible, Darla Dible, Jean Hawkins and Eunice Sanford.

Available for purchase at the Red Barn is the new Rexford Cookbook for \$14.95. If you would like a copy mailed, add \$5 for postage and handling.

The new edition of the Rexford phone book can also be purchased for \$2.50.

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Until next time, make your week a memorable one!

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