

# Norcatgur News

By the Norcatgur News Committee

# Time for emergency car kits



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
Multi-county Extension Agent

Thanksgiving guests of Vi Gallentine, Norton, were Connie Lewis, Olathe; Val Gallentine, Goodland; Judy Menges, Colby; Phil Rogers, Beaver City, Neb.; and Sharon Anderson and Veryl VanDerWege, Norton. Janel Andrews and grandson of Colby were dinner guests of Vi Gallentine and Connie Lewis at the Pizza Hut.

Lynn Jeffries visited last week en route back to Los Angeles after putting on a puppet show in Boston. She enjoyed an early Thanksgiving dinner at the Cardinal Bar and Grill with Bee Nelson, Bob Sawdon, and Ron and Jerry Temple, then dropped in on Nan Cook in Norton for coffee and visited St. Mark's Church on its new site at the Decatur County Museum.

Thanksgiving visitors of Veda Wood and Dennis were Beth Johnson and Fred Molzahn, Carol and John Moye, Dwight and Teresa Wood and Sheryl Patterson.

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

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

Guests arriving at the Stan Millers on Nov. 22, were Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder, Topeka; Joel Miller, Emporia; Justine Miller and fiancée, Casey Tuttle, El Dorado; and Casey Morris, Lawrence. Others who joined them for the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Chad Applebury, Eli and Karyssa, Colby; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Oberlin; and Bev Morris, Hoxie, and fiancée Rocky DeLano, Wellington. R.D. Thornton, Oberlin, also stopped in for a visit.

Bee Nelson had guests for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Guests for Thanksgiving dinner included Todd, Denise and Garrett Nelson, Wichita; Tara Nelson and Anita Volskay and Wiggles, Independence, Mo.; and Bob Sawdon, Dorothy Ward and Marguerite Clark, Norcatgur. Friday guests were her brother, Don Ward, and his son, Bart and Sharol Ward and Ali, Kansas City. They, along with Wayne and Norma McCallister, enjoyed pizza at the Cardinal Bar and Grill.

The Cornerstone Theatre company celebrated its 20th anniversary this year. Lynn Jeffries and Peter Howard are still with the company; Bill Rauch recently passed the torch to a new artistic director, Michael John Garces, from new York City. In June he will move to Ashland, Ore., with Chris Moore and their two sons, Liam and Xavier and he will be taking over as artistic director of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Chris Moore starts in a new TV show, "10 Items or Less" which will air at 10 p.m. on

Mondays, on TBS.

Alison Carey recently wrote some plays for Cornerstone. Yale Repertory Theater and daughter Emma's fifth grade class. Ben Cobb travels the world with a company that rents high-end projection equipment. Amy Brenneiman's long-running TV show, "Judging Amy" has ended, giving her more time to act in plays and see her children, Charlotte and Mary. Ann Greanier is a freelance writer and political activist. Tim Banker and Anne Clarke live in western Massachusetts with their children, Nora and Fred. Anne is a painter and Tim produces the radio show, "From the Top." Ashby Sempke teaches English at the American school in New Delhi, India. Gail Berrigan works for Best Friends Animal Sanctuary and Nela Wagmen produces theater in New York. Cornerstone is alive and well in Los Angeles with a staff and ensemble of 25 and they all know where Norcatgur is.

Thanksgiving company of Rea and Dee Magers on Nov. 22 were Matt Pomeroy, Greeley, Colo.; Zach and Brenda Pomeroy, Bob and Cheri Pomeroy, Lakewood, Colo. Jeff Magers, Cedar Bluffs, came on Thanksgiving Day. On Saturday the group went to Lyle to have another Thanksgiving with Toots Magers and her family. Saturday night Kent, Joanie, Madison and Cody Killen of Dade City, Fla., stopped by for a visit.

Thanksgiving guests of Virgil and Joyce Price were Kenneth and Pansy Price, Clayton, and Freeman and Carrie Price of Walnut Grove, Mo. They had come to help their parents move into Whispering Pines in Norton.

Dave and Patty Stapp, Kaitlyn and Sam spent Thanksgiving Day with Jerrod and Kortney Poire in Emporia. Dave, Patty and Sam went to McCook Saturday, Nov. 25, and enjoyed turkey dinner at the home of Dave and Linda Schiep and Spencer. Other guests were Bob Dempewolf, and Marian and R.D. Thornton, Oberlin.

Correction: It was not the Norton FFA boys who helped with the Gail Bailey and Larry Lyon benefits. It was Lucas Bailey's teammates on the Norton football team, including Nathan Broeckelman, Blake Van Eaton, Pat Burton, Brian Juennemann and Nick Lewis.

The Norcatgur Christmas Drawing will be held Saturday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m. at the Norcatgur City Building. Please get all donations to Chris at the Norcatgur City Office or to Deb Marshall at RR 1, Box 27, Norcatgur, Kan., 67653. We need donations to have a drawing. Turkeys, hams and roasts are \$12 each, and other donations such as gifts, gift certificates, baked goods, etc., are gladly accepted as well.

If any organization is interested in having a fundraiser that day, such as a bake sale or supper after the drawing, please let Deb or Chris know right away.

Spending Thanksgiving weekend with Gerald and Judy Jackson were Brian and Patty Jackson and Thad.

Oran and LaVerne Milner spent the Thanksgiving holiday with Bruce Bishop and relatives in Denver. They also visited the largest antique mall in Denver, the Brass Armadillo. There are over 500 individual dealers represented there and they located Randy Allen's three booths.

They were joined for Thanksgiving Day dinner by Susan Bishop, Mike Bishop and fiancée, Ashley Shelton. The Milners celebrated their wedding anniversary by attending the stage play, "Thoroughly Modern Millie."

Ona Van Gundy, Oberlin, was taken to Hays Medical Center on Nov. 23 for tests and may have to go to a hospital in Wichita.

Sheryl Patterson, and visited Ona Van Gundy at Hays Medical Center on Nov. 24.

A very successful "surprise" birthday party was held at the Educational Building on Saturday, Nov. 25, for Garry Hillebrand who is now 50 years young. It was planned and successfully carried out by his wife, Susan, and daughters, Melissa and Dana. Sixty people came to share this joyous occasion with food and fellowship, wishing Gary a "happy birthday" and many more.

Mark, Debby and K.J. Ward were Thanksgiving weekend guests of Dorothy Ward.

Stan and Carol Miller donated yearbooks from Norcatgur High School to the Norcatgur Museum.

When the nation's upper elevations start getting snow in late fall, that's a clear signal that "lowlanders" should start assembling a winter weather kit for their car.

Once liquids start freezing in the garage, travelers should take a fresh water supply along on each trip. Melting a rock-solid bottle of water stored in your trunk isn't a pleasant task - especially if you're stressed and stranded.

Everyone's kit should include items the Federal Emergency Management Agency suggests: a shovel, ice scraper, flashlight, battery-powered radio, extra batteries, water, snack food, extra hats and mittens, blanket, tow chain or rope, road salt and sand, booster/jumper cables, emergency flares and fluorescent distress flags.

As you're getting ready for a long trip or travel in a remote area, you might want to add a cache of money

or a credit card. You also should consider carrying along a several-day supply of medications you take regularly in case you don't get back home as soon as you planned.

Other good ideas are candles, an empty coffee can and matches. They can serve as an alternate heat source if you're stuck and your engine won't run. You won't want to build up an unsafe level of smoke and carbon monoxide, so a window should be opened a bit while the candle or candles, placed in the coffee can, burn - just as you do when running the motor in a stalled car. The can will emit heat for a while after you blow out the flame and shut the window again.

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## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinhouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Dec. 7 - Don Juennemann, Julie Stevenson; Dec. 8 - Adea Finnesy, Margaret Kaus; Dec. 9 - LaVina Paulson, Tarina Aumiller, Patty Albers; Dec. 10 - Rick Shaw; Dec. 12 - Paul Zodrow; Dec. 13 - Emmie Pauls.

On Nov. 30 at Senior Citizens Gail Mumm won high, Jeanie Spresser took second, Carol Shaw got low and Anna Albers had the most jacks. Other members present included Betty James, Helen Karls, Alfred Albers, Edna Schiltz, Ann Hazlitt, Leone Porsch and Shirley Emigh.

Carol Shaw was surprised with an 88th birthday party on Nov. 27.

Cake and ice cream were served. Stan and Ramona Shaw of Jennings, Sandy and Doug Wedermeyer of WaKeeney, Ron Shaw of Selden, Steve and Joni Shaw of Selden, Scott and Janet Shaw of Hoxie, and Rick, Tammy and Corey Shaw of Selden attended.

School Calendar: Thursday - Junior high basketball in Rexford with Healy; Friday and Saturday - Sagebrush basketball tournament in Brewster; Monday - High school scholar bowl at Triplains, grade school Christmas program in Selden; Tuesday - High school basketball at Healy.



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## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Covenant Women will meet at 7 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) at the Herndon Covenant Church. A gift exchange for Prayer Sisters will be held and members are to bring cookies or treats for Christmas plates for shut-ins.

Theresa Solko is being honored by her family with a card shower in observance of her 70th birthday, which will be Saturday. Mail may be sent to her at: 1500 E. 11th St., Apt. 25, McCook, Neb., 69001.

Dick and Donna Kelley were Thanksgiving weekend guests of Kevin and Debbie Kelley and Seth in Topeka. Kirk Kelley of Davenport, Iowa, was an additional guest.

The Mark Bergling family spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Donnebohm at Ellinwood.

Norma Anderson and her sister, Faye Meitl, and granddaughters, Samantha and Rhiannon Meitl, drove to Oklahoma City where Mrs. Meitl and her granddaughters spent Thanksgiving with her daughters, Mary Lou, Susan and Julie and families. Mrs. Anderson flew from there to Austin, Texas, where she spent Thanksgiving with her son, Lynn Anderson.

Larry and Megan Anderson, Bruce and Andrew were Thanksgiving guests of Martha and Joe Graf and Josey Bartsch of Belle Fourche, S.D.

Steve and Connie Noren, Britta, David and Michael, and Esther Noren spent Thanksgiving at the

home of Ken and Alice Robson in Ellsworth. Other guests were Larry and Judy Thelander, and Lori Seaman, Salina; Kent and Amy Warden, Tara and Kylie, Olathe; Jeremy and Carrisa Thelander, Lincoln, Neb.; Andy Robson, Bennington; Kirk and Janell Robson, Ellsworth; Doyle Seaman and Velda Robson, Abilene; and Paul Thelander, McPherson.

Randy and Sharon Olson were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of her parents, Ruben and Darlene Feikert, at St. Francis. Other guests were Matt, Kristy and Jace Ostermeyer, Ellis; Brent and Kerrie Olson, Mick Wahlmeier, Amber Feikert, Dustin Dunn and Andrew Feikert, Hays; Ashley and Justin Wright, Colby; Bruce and Sharon Feikert, St. Francis; and Larry and Kathy Feikert, and Lance and Heidi Feikert and Levi, Bucklin.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Gary and Mary Ann Erickson were Jeff and Tama Unger and Jacob, Rexford; Delbert Erickson and Joan Walker, Atwood; and June Saum and Phil Erickson, Oberlin.

Lila Thorson of Silverdale, Wash., flew to Denver, and she and her sisters, Violet Holle of Atwood and Eunice Martin of Oberlin, spent a few days together. Mrs. Holle's daughter, the Rev. Shelly Holle, took her mother to Denver and the other women accompanied them home. Mrs. Thorson left on Dec. 3.

## 'Waiting for Jesus'

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

Waiting is not something any of us like, in fact most of us consider it a waste of time. This is because we live in a culture that is all about "Hurry up," "Get going," "Do something, now!" Many of us live in that uncomfortable place between where we are and where we want to be. And because we dislike - and even fear - waiting, we often act before we are really ready.

I find it interesting that the main characters of the first part of the gospel of Luke are people who are waiting. Zechariah and Elizabeth are waiting. Mary is waiting. Simeon and Anna, who were there at the Temple when Jesus was presented, are waiting. All of these waiting people are symbolic of waiting Israel.

The psalmist says, "*I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning. Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for*

with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption." (Psalm 130:5-7)

Now, not all of Israel was good at waiting. Some were impatient and fearful, and so as they waited for God's long-awaited redemption, they lost faith in God. Others were patient and filled with hope; they trusted in God, believing that God would act to redeem his people.

Elizabeth and Zechariah, Mary, and Anna and Simeon were those who waited with hope. Their waiting had a sense of purpose, because each of them had been given a promise from God. They knew that God was doing something important and so they could be patient right where they were, waiting for God to act.

In the chaotic and crazy world we live in, we are called during this Advent season to wait for our salvation in the same way, with hope, with purpose, with patience, filled with the knowledge that God is bringing forth our salvation in Jesus Christ.



## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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Jim Martin  
120 South East, Oberlin  
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.

**JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS**  
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SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
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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 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  
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SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

**OBERLIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
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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.

**NORCATGUR UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Ray Gilstrap  
Almena  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

**LYLE UNITED METHODIST**  
Carol Woodmanee, Almena  
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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.

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510 North Wilson  
Pastor: Rev. Rick Langness  
Secretary: Norma Unger  
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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.

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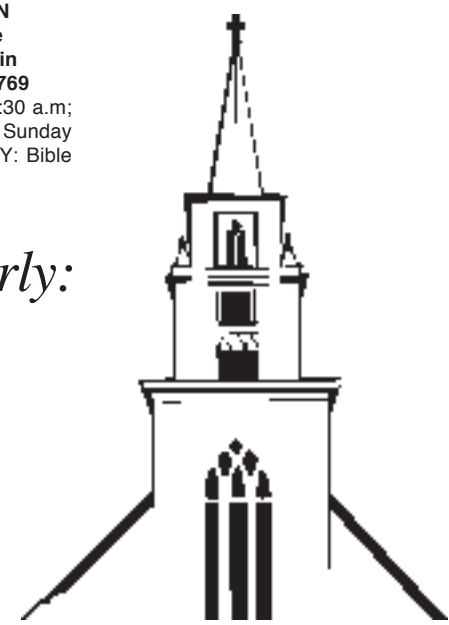
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