

By the Norcatatur News Committee

The Norcatatur Christmas Drawing will be 2 p.m. Saturday. We are still looking for an organization to have a bake sale and/or supper. If interested, call Deb Marshall at (785) 693-4344 and leave a message.

See you on Saturday. Merry Christmas from Deb Marshall and Chris Dempewolf

United Methodist Church activities on Sunday will include: 10 a.m., Norcatatur Christmas program; 11 a.m., Clayton Christmas choir; 4 p.m., Norcatatur Christmas Eve service; 6 p.m., Clayton Christmas Eve service/choir.

The Norcatatur News will be printed this week, then will not be issued again until Tuesday, Jan. 9.

Visitors on Dec. 8 at the home of Bee Nelson were her cousin, Bob and Joan Milner of Paonia, Colo., and Oran and LaVerne Milner. Bob and Oran are cousins.

Phyllene Weets writes that Ethel Hansen, wife of Ted Hansen, has had a stroke. She is at Dixie Regional Rehabilitation Medical, 544 S 400 E. Campus, St. George, Utah 84770, or mail will reach them at Box 3595, Mesquite, Nev., 89024. She reports also that Ted's cancer is in remission and he is doing well.

His 80th birthday was in April.

Bee Nelson took Marguerite Clark, Dorothy Ward, and Oran and LaVerne Milner to Norton on Dec. 9, to view the Norton United Methodist Church living nativity. They also enjoyed refreshments there.

Frank and Lavonne (Knapp) Otter have returned from a trip to Frankfurt, Germany, to celebrate a belated 25th wedding anniversary. They also visited their son, Brandon, who is stationed in Illesheim.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Heather Baker - Dec. 14; Bryndon Wentz - Dec. 16; Justine Miller - Dec. 17; Tom and Betsy Jakowski - Dec. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller left Dec. 3 for Las Vegas. They attended "The Phantom of the Opera". They also enjoyed the musical history tribute to the Beatles, "The Fab Four," on Dec. 5. They returned home on Dec. 6.

The Red Hat Ladies of Lenora and Norcatatur held their Christmas party at the Cardinal Cafe on Sunday evening, Dec. 10. There were 23 in attendance, including husbands and guests. A grab bag of gifts and other gifts were presented. The group included Estella Harold,

Sally Ellis (the queen bee) and husband Les, Rita Carey, and Lea and Glen Jones, all of Lenora; Iris Smith (vice queen bee) of Clayton; Rose Bainter of Selden; and Devonna and Gerry New Judy and Gerald Jackson of Norcatatur.

Other guests from Norcatatur were LaVerne and Oran Milner, Oran, Dorothy Ward, Marguerite Clark, Bee Nelson, Cathy and Gary Anthony, Norma and Wayne McCallister, and Carol and John New.

MUSEUM TIDBITS

Thanks to Kenneth and Pansy Price for donating the following to the Norcatatur Museum: Kenneth's baseball mitt and shoes, complete stamping kit, several books from Norcatatur Rural High School, a Citizens State Bank pen and match book, and a K.G. Ward Agency matchbook.

We would like to have stories about you. Write down where you were born, what country school you went to and what it was like, what your parents did, etc. It is all interesting to us. We would like to preserve more Norcatatur history. Please take time this winter to write your story.

By Louise Cressler

Members of the Tuesday Study Club met at the United Methodist Church on Dec. 12. A dessert and salad luncheon was held at noon. Roll call was answered by Ruth Chance, Wilma Mader, Joan McKenna, Helen Muirhead, Kathy Nauert, Lynn Tacha, Rachel Carter, Neoma Tacha and Vendla Tacha. Three guests, Joan Metz, Clara Gillum and Violet Foster, attended this event.

The evening of Dec. 12 at the Sunflower Senior Center a bountiful meal of turkey and ham with all the trimmings was enjoyed by the following: Jay Kump, Arch Harman, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Ruth and Merl Chance, Wilma and Jim Mader, Helen and Keith Muirhead, Emma Sanford, Eleanor Morel, Mary Votapka, Violet Foster, Pat Hall, Violet and Kenneth Krizek, Alice and Larry Mizer, Stan and

Ramona Shaw, Rachel and William Carter, Agnes Wahlmeier, Vendla Tacha and Louise Cressler. Each member brought a food or paper item for the Food Pantry at Oberlin. On Friday afternoon, we delivered 80 items to Stanley Hardware where they are collecting them.

Christmas lighting contest winners from Jennings were: Sue Long, Stan and Ramona Shaw, and Imogene Keenan. There were some very nice yard decorations. The yards of Bill and Charlotte Nelson and Richard and Nikki Rowilson are well decorated.

Jennings Housing Board meeting will be Thursday evening.

City council met Dec. 7 with three council members present: Bill Gawith, Rick Foster and Louise Cressler. Guest Violet Krizek, chairman of the City Library Board, spoke about the library board dis-

cussion of moving the library to the church study if it became available. No decision has been made yet.

The council discussed the water and sewer rates and if a raise were to be made, what amount it should be. Discussion was tabled until more of the board members are present. The new generator for well No. 3 has not yet arrived. The tractor is back in the shop after having a larger air conditioner put in. Millings are going to be put on Third and Washington streets.

Rewiring the main floor of the Community Hall was discussed, but the council will get more bids before a decision is made. Overhead doors are being installed at the City Shop. A weather alert radio was received and will be put in the emergency center (Senior Center). The water heater for restrooms has not been installed yet.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Our sympathies to Robert Muirhead of Hays, Joan Loughmiller of Wellington, and Ruth Peters of Walton, and their families on the death of their mother, Karolyn Muirhead. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

Norman Wendelin drove to Seward, Neb., on Wednesday to help Greta Wendelin move back home where she will be working on independent studies through the end of January and finish up her final semester. At the end of January, she will leave for Tisovec, Slovakia, where she will teach English

as a second language in a Lutheran high school for three months.

John and Edith Tate returned home Saturday evening from their trip to California. On the first part of their trip, they visited her aunt, Kay Hartman, in Pamona; a cousin, Brenton Hartman, in Indio, and the Ronald Reagan Museum in Simi Valley. On Tuesday evening they enjoyed dinner with Jaron and Tara Tate in West Hollywood. On Wednesday evening, Dec. 13, Edith and John were in the audience at "The Biggest Loser" program and watched "The Reveal." Jaron Tate, representing the State of Arkansas,

weighed in at 163 pounds. Having lost 160 pounds, he was down to muscle with no more body fat to lose. Since Jaron didn't qualify for the final four in a previous program, he had competed with 12 others in a second group for a \$100,000 prize but lost by only a few pounds. The show took place in West Hollywood and was filmed by NBC in the CBS studios.

Many of our neighborhood children were involved in the children's Christmas Pageant Sunday evening at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Dec. 7 at Senior Citizens, Paulie Neff won high, Alfred Albers took second, Helen Karls got low and Carol Shaw had the most nines. Others present were Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Jeanie Spresser, Betty James, Leone Porsch, Ann Hazlitt, Anna Albers, Cecelia Ottley, Edna Schiltz and Gail Mumm.

On Dec. 14 at Senior Citizens, Leone Porsch won high, Helen Karls took second, Betty James got low and Anna Albers had the most aces. Others present were Jeanie

Spresser, Lola Cook and Alfred Albers.

Anyone interested in attending Bible study may do so on Tuesday mornings at the Community Center. Call Shawn Spresser.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Dec. 14 - Travis Smith, Chris Koerperich; Dec. 15 - John and Helen Karls; Dec. 16 - Steve Carman, Dana Broeckelman; Dec. 17 - Nick Koerperich, Robyn Mendiola; Dec. 18 - Dan and Anita Mumm, Kami Miller; Dec. 19 - Renee Bruggeman Filmore, Kayla

Sulzman, Chad Focke, Ben and Christa Wessel; Dec. 20 - Dave Neff, Stephanie Ritter; Dec. 21 - Troy Emigh; Dec. 22 - Pat Wessel; Dec. 23 - Tammie Bainter; Dec. 24 - Curtis Carman, Mitzi Wachendorfer; Dec. 25 - Helen Jo Ochs; Dec. 27 - Landon Truetken.

School Calendar: Winter vacation will be Dec. 22- Jan. 3.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Don and Joan Grafel accompanied Keith, Roma, Sydney and Saeger Grafel to Des Moines, Iowa, to watch the Northern Illinois University basketball team play in a tournament at Drake University on Dec. 8-9. Egan Grafel is a member of the Northern Illinois team. Also attending was Katherine Sousek of Lincoln, Neb.

Julie Geisinger, Selden, and Lucy Evans, McCook, spent last Saturday with their mother, Ann Martin.

Ron Solko was a last Friday dinner guest of his mother, Monica Solko. Tom Solko was a Saturday visitor.

Herndon Senior Citizens will hold a potluck at noon today at the Senior Center.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Erik Erickson, 95, who died Friday at Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He was a native of this community and a son of the late Olaf and Christina (Westman) Erickson. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin with Pastor Keith Reuther officiating. Burial will be in the Oberlin Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Jean of Colby; a son, Alan and Pat Erickson, Colby, and a daughter, Sharon and Bill Lohofener, North Platte, Neb., and their families; a sister, Mildred Lang, San Leandro, Calif.; and a sister-in-law, Elma Lee Erickson, Herndon.

A Christmas Eve service will begin at 11 p.m. Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church.

'The waiting ones — Anna and Simeon'

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

Two people waiting. One man and one woman, both elderly, both waiting faithfully to see the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, a promise given in Isaiah: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (9:6)

Imagine what would have happened if Simeon hadn't listened to the Holy Spirit, and failed to go to the Temple courtyard the day that Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to be presented? He would have missed seeing the one who was going to bring salvation to the world.

And imagine what would have happened if Anna had given up worshipping, praying and fasting in the Temple each day for 60 years? She, too, would have missed the opportunity to meet the Messiah when He came to the Temple with His parents, Mary and Joseph. Yes, Anna's waiting gave her the opportunity to see Jesus and know that the "re-

demption of Jerusalem" had indeed come.

Both Simeon and Anna waited in the Temple long before the fulfillment of their waiting arrived before their eyes. Simeon and Anna didn't miss their chance, because they waited with hope, believing that God would do as He had promised. They both understood that God was doing something and they needed to be patient, waiting for God's work to find fulfillment.

Each of us sits in the waiting room of life. But it is how we wait, and what we do with the waiting, that is important. Waiting is not just sitting down and doing nothing. We are called, like Simeon and Anna, to watch and look for God to fulfill His promises. But we have to believe He is going to do it.

Eugene Peterson in "The Message" says, "Waiting does not diminish us, anymore than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting." (Romans 8:24).

God is creating His life within us, and we must wait for it to come to full term.



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 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.

NORCATATUR 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.



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Happy Holidays

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