

# Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

Pat and Mandi Moran, St. Joseph, Mo., are the proud parents of a little girl, Eryka Marie, born Nov. 8 and weighing in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces. She has a brother, Saige, 2 1/2. Mandi is Herb and Carol Shirley's youngest daughter. Alice Shirley, Oberlin, is the baby's great-grandmother.

After attending the benefit dinner on Nov. 11, put on by the Royal Neighbors for Terry Gade, Bee Nelson and Dorothy Ward attended the Oberlin Arts Council presentation of Stanton Nelson, playing piano and violin. Beth Sebaugh joined them and all enjoyed the concert. That evening Bee and Dorothy ate supper with Marguerite Clark and Wava Reames.

## CHRISTMAS DRAWING

The Norcatur Christmas Drawing will be held Saturday, Dec. 15, in the all-purpose room at the Norcatur City Building. Registration will be by family or household, rather than by individual. This allows the more even distribution of donations, and every family goes home with something.

The bake sale this year will be to benefit the city building fund. New this year will be a quilt auction, the quilt to be donated by Kay Strevey, with hopefully some items from local businesses. There will also be a goodie basket, either auctioned or raffled.

If any individuals or businesses would like to donate for any of these, please contact Chris Dempewolf at the city office or by phone, (785)693-4344. All meat donations, fruit baskets, etc., will be \$12 each. All donations must be in by Nov. 30, to allow time to place the order. Make checks payable to "Norcatur Drawing," and drop off at the city office or mail to City Office, Box 89, Norcatur, Kan., 67653. Drawing coordinator is Deb Marshall.

Deb Helm reports that she was able to visit Aaron Helm recently at West Point, N.Y., for Parent's Plebe Weekend. Deb and her mother-in-law, Helen Helm; and brother-in-law, Jim Helm, met her sister-in-law, Mary Helm, at West Point. Aaron showed them around the post

where they visited with his teachers and looked at his room. They ate lunch in the huge mess hall, where 4,000 cadets are fed in thirty minutes, and visited the factory where the cadets' uniforms are made.

The weekend of Nov. 10 and 11, Deb Helm, Becky, Jacob, and Timothy went to Colorado Springs to see Aaron play in the Army Spirit Band during the Army vs. Air Force game. His aunt and uncle, Ceanne and Marty, Kayla Zadow, and Cameron Nedland also attended. Unfortunately, Army lost the game. Aaron said he has enjoyed his experience at West Point, but is looking forward to coming home for Thanksgiving. His address is Cadet Aaron Helm, Box 1977, United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. 10997-1977.

Veda Wood drove to McCook on Nov. 7 to have lunch with Dwight and Teresa Wood for Dwight's birthday. Beth Johnson and Fred joined them for lunch. On Sunday, Nov. 11, Veda went to church at Lyle and back to Norcatur to attend the Terry Gade benefit, then back to Lyle for the Lyle Bazaar. On Monday, Nov. 12, Norma McCallister accompanied some other Red Hat ladies to Norton for lunch and rode in the Veterans Day parade.

Birthdays: Dewaine Stapp, Judy Shirley - Nov. 17; Troy Marshall, Cindy Shirley - Nov. 18; Merle Shirley, Jessica Rhodes - Nov. 19; Joyce Anderson, Marvin and Millie Matchett - Nov. 20; Marylyn Barnett - Nov. 21.

Terry Gade had surgery again on his hip on Nov. 13. Mail will reach him at St. Luke's-Presbyterian Hospital, 1719 East 19th Ave., Denver, Colo., 80219.

Matthew Helm qualified for the junior high district Kansas Music Educator's Association honor band. He recently found out he made first chair playing trombone. He didn't get to see Aaron in Colorado Springs, but Aaron was happy his brother did such a good job.

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Stapp, a member of the Colby Community College cross country team. The team made it to national competi-

tion in the National Junior College Athletic Association cross country tournament in Ina, Ill. They left Nov. 8, and returned home Nov. 11.

Marguerite Clark and Wava Reames visited Frank and Velda Ward in Oberlin on Wednesday, then drove to Colby. On the return trip, they enjoyed driving around the towns of Gem, Rexford, Selden, Leoville, Dresden and Jennings. After returning home, they visited Gerald and Judy Jackson, then joined them for pizza in Norton. They also visited John and Carol New and Gary and Devonna New and daughter, who were also eating there.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller left on Nov. 7, for Goodland on business. From there they went to Topeka to visit Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Sophia, and helped Curt celebrate his birthday. On Thursday they went to Prairie Village to visit his uncle, Mike Miller and Jan. They got to see Mike's business, Westend Recording Studio, and some other sights in Kansas City. Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle, El Dorado, joined them in Topeka Friday night. All returned home on Nov. 10, so Stan could enjoy the nice crowd at karaoke at the Cardinal Bar and Grill. Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Tuttle of Quinter joined them Saturday night and spent the night. They returned home Sunday morning.

Gary Anthony brought copies of obituaries for the Norcatur Museum.

Bernice Martin, Oberlin, donated some blankets for the emergency shelter. Donations may be dropped off at the city office. The shelter may be used for any natural disaster.

# You can cook turkey early

Sometimes it may be easier to prepare your turkey the day before you plan to serve it. If you do, follow these guidelines, which apply to roasting your turkey ONE day before your meal.

1. Wait about 20 minutes after removing turkey from the oven to allow the juices to distribute.

2. Slice breast meat; legs and wings may be left whole. Place turkey in shallow containers, limiting depth to less than 2 inches. Metal containers cool faster than glass-type pans.

Refrigerate any broth saved for making gravy, also in shallow containers.

Be sure to wash your hands with soap and warm water for about 20 seconds before you begin slicing your turkey.

3. Refrigerate turkey, loosely covered. Food may be placed in the refrigerator, loosely covered, while still warm; cover tightly when completely cooled.

4. When serving turkey the next day, the Department of Agriculture meat and poultry hotline advises that cooked turkey may be eaten cold or reheated. To reheat, the following recommendations are given:

### In the Oven

- Set the oven temperature no lower than 325 degrees Fahrenheit.

- Reheat turkey to 165 degrees. Use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature.

- To keep turkey moist, add a little broth or water and cover.

### In the Microwave Oven

- Cover the food and rotate it for even heating. Allow standing



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
Multi-county Extension Agent

time.

- Check the internal temperature with a food thermometer to make sure it reaches 165 degrees.

- Consult your microwave oven owner's manual for recommended times and power levels.

Note: If you're planning to travel with the turkey, it's safest and easiest to travel with it pre-cooked and cold. Carry it in an insulated cooler with lots of ice or frozen gel-packs to keep the cooler temperature under 40 degrees, then reheat at your final destination.

5. If you make the gravy the day before, refrigerate it in a shallow container. Bring it to a rolling boil when reheating.

6. After your meal, either freeze leftover turkey or plan to eat it within 3 to 4 days of the day it was originally prepared. Eat gravy within 1 to 2 days of original preparation date.

Be aware - if you freeze leftover gravy, it may tend to separate when thawed. Stirring the gravy - especially with a whisk - during reheating will help it recombine. In general, gravy made with flour may reheat better than gravy made with cornstarch.

7. Once removed from the oven, the reheated turkey shouldn't be left

at room temperature longer than 2 hours total. For best safety and quality, avoid reheating and cooling the turkey multiple times.

Discard any turkey, stuffing, or gravy left out at room temperature longer than 2 hours; 1 hour in temperatures above 90 degrees.

Note: It is recommended that dressing be made as a separate dish and not stuffed in your turkey. Heat dressing until the center reaches 165 degrees. Eat dressing within 1 to 2 days of preparation.

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475-2206

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Dan Nedland and Cameron returned home Sunday, Nov. 11, from visiting friends, Eric and Sheri Frodesten in Houston, Texas. On their trip, they also saw the exhibit of the 3 1/2 million-year-old skeleton, "Lucy," which was discovered in Ethiopia.

Muriel Ready was honored on her 99th birthday with a party held at the Good Samaritan Center Saturday afternoon. Hosts were Esther Ready, New York City, and John Ready. John and Dianne Bremer and Violet Shaw were among the many family and friends that attended. Esther arrived in Oberlin on Friday and spent a few days with her parents before returning home on Monday.

Melvin Waterman and Karen Eskew attended a memorial service for their cousin, Darrell Call, on Saturday at the Williams Funeral Home in Atwood. Darrell passed away in Scottsdale, Ariz., on Oct. 6, 2007.

Rory Wendelin, Hunter Nedland, and Jessica Bremer were part of the cast of the DCHS musical "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" held Friday and Saturday evenings at the high school.

Rory played Snoopy, Hunter was a member of the Peanuts Gang, and Jessica played the Little Red Headed Girl.

Ladd Wendelin, Omaha; Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Wichita; and Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield, were weekend guests at the Norman Wendelin home to watch Rory in the DCHS musical Friday and Saturday evening. Additional guests at

the Wendelin home Friday evening following the high school musical production were Lonnie Weyeneth, Donnie McCorkle, Beth Sliter, Cheryl Metcalf, Leigh Davis, Susan Nelson, the Rick Langness family, Mark and Sarah Bricker, Justin and Wendy Scott, Tricia Dorshorst, Jenny Hirsch, and cast members.

Jerry and Connie Olson returned home Sunday evening after spending the weekend in Manhattan. They met friends, Bob and Bill Brown, and attended the K-State/Missouri game, as well as celebrating Connie's birthday.

Jerry and Connie Olson and Kelly Olson attended Sunday worship services at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Manhattan. Sunday afternoon, Jerry and Connie attended Kelly's induction into the Golden Key Society on the K-State campus. The Golden Key Society is a Kansas State University Honor Society.

Guests of Arthur and Alice May Sunday afternoon to celebrate Jessica Bremer's 18th birthday were Kristen Bremer, Colby, and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica.

Saturday evening dinner guests at the home of Donna Eskew and David and Karen Eskew for an early Eskew Thanksgiving dinner were Bev Reiter and Brianna, Wayne and Jo Larson, Oberlin; Robbie and Barb Eskew, and Tyler Richardson and friend, Alyssa, McCook.

Jessica Bremer led a presentation on Washington D.C. monuments for area second to fifth grade students at the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley on Wednesday.

## Pilgrims Thanked God for Bounty

By Pastor Judi Stricker, United Church of Oberlin

The first Thanksgiving celebration more than likely was held in December of 1621, a time the religious separatist Pilgrims felt was proper for giving thanks for their lives and the harvest taken in that first autumn.

It did not become a national holiday until 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a time of national thanksgiving. President Franklin Roosevelt decreed that the day of Thanksgiving should always be the fourth Thursday of November, to encourage early holiday shopping, and it was approved by Congress in 1941.

Here are a few of the 2006 statistics for the Thanksgiving holiday fare. There were 265 million turkeys raised in the U.S. Wisconsin will lead the production of cranberries with 664 million pounds total, 375 million pounds coming from Wisconsin alone. The total weight of sweet potatoes for the U.S. was about 1.6 billion pounds.

The total production of pumpkins in 2006 was 1.1 billion pounds; or if you like cherry pie instead, 256 million pounds of cherries were produced. There were 1.8 billion bushels of wheat for flour for that pie or those wonderful breads. There were 768,000 tons of green beans and three million tons of corn.

Folks, I would say this nation has a great deal for which to give thanks, looking at these statistics alone.

We have been "hit" with some pretty substantial blows this last year; a war costing billions, high gas prices which affect everything else we buy, and a near-disaster in the housing market.

Yet, when we read the statistics for only a part of our abundance, we can all easily agree that great thanks are due the God who created it all.

It really does not matter that times are a little harder this year. I ask, harder than what in comparison?

Our freedom to worship is what brought those Pilgrims here in the first place. That in itself was a blessing, and remains so for us.

Won't you please tuck a few of the wonderful blessings God gives us each day here in America in your prayers that should precede the feasting that fourth Thursday in November?

If we lift those blessings in praise to God, then indeed that day of feasting will truly count for something great as we remember those who have gone before us and blazed the trail that put this nation on the sound footing it enjoys.



## 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**  
Mike Larson  
120 South East, Oberlin  
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.

**JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS**  
Carrrie 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 Sun. at 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Sun. following Worship

**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, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Youth Group, 4 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  
SATURDAY: Worship, 7 p.m.; 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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