

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Dorothy Ward and Wava Reames attended the Thanksgiving dinner at Cedar Living Center on Sunday, Nov. 18. Wava spent time with Frank and Velda Ward and their families, and Dorothy visited her daughter, Lora Linn Leichter. Attending were Lora Linn's sons, Rodney Leichter of Seibert, Colo.; Ronald Leichter of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and granddaughter Laci Leichter of Colby. Lora Linn was also able to attend the wedding of Charlotte Jackson and Jay Kurtz on Saturday afternoon.

Weekend guests on Nov. 17-18 of Dave and Patty Stapp and Sam were Kortney and Jerrod Poire, Emporia; Dan Poire, Garnett; and Kaitlyn Stapp, Colby. Kaitlyn stayed through the Thanksgiving holiday. Dewaine Stapp was honored with a birthday party on Saturday night, Nov. 17, at the Cardinal. Guests were Leone Purton, Jori Diederich, Derrik Chambers, Bob and Anita Montgomery, Oberlin; Dave and Patty Stapp, Kaitlyn and Sam, Norcatour; Kortney and Jerrod Poire, Emporia; Dan Poire, Garnett; and Elaine Kingsley and Aaron, Allen, Texas.

Senior Citizens met Nov. 16. Twelve players were present. Winners were Clent Hatfield, Gwynn Ward, Eleanor Jansen and Dorothy

Ward. The next meeting, a potluck dinner at noon, will be Friday. Cards will follow.

Saturday evening guests of Gary and Cathy Anthony were Keith Anthony, Joyce and Steve Carlton, and Charles and Vickie Taylor of Oberlin. After dinner all enjoyed playing cards.

Gary and Cathy Anthony and Keith Anthony went to Bartley, Neb., on Sunday, Nov. 18, for dinner with their friend, Mrs. Elsie Lang.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Brian Cook - Nov. 23; Kaley Ward, Oran and LaVerne Milner - Nov. 24; Lance and Mindy Braun - Nov. 25; Marvin Matchett - Nov. 27.

Virgil and Joyce Price attended the Liberty Star Thanksgiving supper at Lyle on Nov. 14, as guests of Kathy Van Meter.

Lee and Lora Arnold were guests of JuliAnna, Mark, Nathan, Marissa, Jordan and Noah on Friday evening, Nov. 16, for an early Thanksgiving dinner. Other guests were Tiffany Wheeler, and John and Brenda Arnold.

Rea and Dee Magers enjoyed being with cousins and friends in New Almelo at the celebration of Marion and Marilyn Otter's 50th anniversary on Nov. 17. Marilyn (Hickert) Otter is Dee's first cousin.

Wava Reames spent Sunday,

Nov. 18, at Cedar Living Center at the Thanksgiving dinner. Joining Frank and Velda for dinner were Leslie and Lynn Ward, Norcatour; and Keith Ward, Kaley Ward and Robert Daniels of Norton.

CHRISTMAS DRAWING
The Norcatour Christmas Drawing will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15, in the All-purpose Room at the city building.

A community potluck will be held at noon, with the family sign-up for the drawing at 1 p.m. A bake sale and auction will be held at 1:30 p.m. to benefit the Norcatour City Building fund. At 2 p.m. the drawing will be held, together with a visit from Santa.

If you would like to donate baked goods or an auction item for the benefit, contact Chris Dempewolf at (785) 693-4461.

Donations for the Christmas Drawing are due by Nov. 30, and may be dropped off at the city office. Meat prizes are \$12 each. For more information on the drawing, call Deb Marshall, 693-4344, or Chris Dempewolf at 693-4461.

The beautiful quilt that will be auctioned off during the Christmas Drawing was made and donated by Kay Strevey. It is on display at the Norcatour City Office. Stop by and take a look.

Watch what you wish for

Well, this will teach me to be careful what I wish for! I mentioned to someone Friday morning I hoped it would snow the night for the parade — I meant a few flurries.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Those of you who missed the Business to Business tour, be sure and check out your hometown shops to see the wonderful surprises they have in store for you. You just

View from the Chamber

By Jo Henderson, manager

might find something you can't live without; I did.

As of Dec. 2, the stores will be open on Sunday 1-4 p.m.

The theater will begin showing movies for the kids at 2:30 p.m. on

Saturday, Dec. 8, 15 and 22.

If there is anything the Chamber can do for you, call (785) 475-3441 or just stop by.

See you on the sidewalk.

Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Herndon PRIDE is having their annual Main Street Christmas at St. Mary's Hall in Herndon with a soup dinner, serving from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday.

There will be a freewill offering. Santa Claus will be in attendance; also there will be door prizes and entertainment.

Voni Sattler attended the high school play, "The Bachelor King" on Tuesday afternoon in Atwood. Her granddaughter, Sami Leitner, had a part.

Hosting Thanksgiving dinner were Melodie, Lynette, Madison and Jamison Sattler of Aurora, Colo. Those attending were Danny, Roma, Levi, Ben and Mikey Sattler, Wellington, Colo.; Desiree Sattler, Billings, Mont.; Kathy, Sami, Joey and Braden Leitner, Atwood;

Zachary Williams, Denise, Patience, Jeremy, Chase and Chance Graham, and Brenda Holst, Ludell; Allen, Patti, Alex, Breanna, Britt-nai and Nicolas Park, Hays; Brad, Deanna, Chelsey, Brandi, and Kassidi Williams and Voni Sattler, Herndon. Additional afternoon guests were Danielle Sattler, Wellington; Justin Daugher, Fort Collins, Colo.; and Greg Wilson, Aurora, Colo.

Ann Martin accompanied Don and Lucy Evans of McCook to Selden for Thanksgiving dinner with John and Julie Geisinger and

family.

Bob, Liane and Ann Martin of Herndon, and Dick and Betty Martin of Wilsonville, Neb., went to Colby on Sunday to the open house of "Someplace Special."

Those attending Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Don and Joan Grafel were Steve and Makenzie Nelson, Oberlin; Todd Nelson, Salina; and Keith and Roma Grafel, Rusty, Teryn, Sydney and Saeger, Oberlin. Don and Kathryn Soucek, Lincoln, Neb., and Kent Grafel, Culbertson, were Thursday afternoon visitors.

Frank, Jean and Daryl Huss hosted Thanksgiving dinner at their home. Dinner guests were Bob and Linda Huff, and Annetta Huss, Herndon; Greg, Brenda, Ashleigh and James Peterson, and Doris Peterson, Atwood; and Kent and Travis Huss, Hays.

Thanksgiving dinner guests at the home of Kent and Chris Wood were Marty and Tyler Rohm, Aurora, Colo.; Alan Hartner, and friend Gina, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Misty Hartner, Salina; and Michelle Hartner, Colby.

Visiting at the Hartner home in Herndon over the holiday for a sister reunion were Jim and Ardis Jefferies, Overland Park; Vivian Horinek, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo.; Kent and Chris Wood, Alan

Hartner and friend Gina, Misty and Michelle Hartner, and Tyler and Marty Rohm. They also visited relatives and friends in the nursing homes in Oberlin and Esther Pennington in Herndon.

Those attending Thanksgiving dinner at the Karol Riener home were Karol and Jessica Riener, Doris Marintzer, Oberlin; Luke Marintzer, Hill City; Stan, Becky, Heather and Murial Faimon, Stratton, Neb.; Bud and Vickie Mumm, Gem; Anita Mumm, Champaign, Ill.; Greg Mumm, Manhattan; John Riener, Herndon; Keri Brogran, Atwood; Jim and Amy Riener, Phillipsburg; Daniel Riener, Manhattan; and Jeffrey Riener, Hays.

Frank and Beth Hraha spent Thanksgiving with Dr. Elliot and Cindy Cohn and family in Colorado Springs. Additional guests were Mary Wessler, Aurora, Colo.

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Good Samaritan Center

This week's focus was, of course, Thanksgiving. The dining room was set with centerpieces of golden turkeys atop pretty autumn leaves. We reminisced about cooking Thanksgiving meals and favorite recipes.

On Tuesday, we turned back the pages of history and heard about the faith of the Pilgrims, and their devotion to God which gave them the vision and courage to journey to America. We learned of the hardships and illnesses they endured and yet they never ceased thanking God. We heard about God's providential care and Squanto, the Indian who befriended them.

The recounting of the first Thanksgiving gave way to a time of meaningful discussion, each resident giving testimony to God's working in their life and then stating what they are thankful for. It was agreed that the older one becomes the more one has to give thanks for.

These are the precious times with your loved ones that I encourage you to cultivate. What pillars of love and wisdom they are ... their love and steadfast faith is such an inspiration.

The first Thanksgiving wasn't just about the meal; it also was a time of games and fellowship.

We took that to heart and played our favorite word game. We searched for smaller words inside the larger word "Thanksgiving." We were able to find 90 words, 10 words shy of our usual 100-word goal. Lora

Zwickle, Kathryn Post, Amy Rehm, Hazel Flaska, Hazel Kilbourn, Elsie Macy, Ruth Laidig, Edla Olson, Opal Bryan, Faye Miller, Jeanette Conway, Lucy Schissler and Mary Lemman played.

Several staff members help us on our word game as they pass by, some even get hooked and linger awhile.

On Thanksgiving Day, everyone enjoyed a traditional dinner and some entertained guests.

Friday was a sleepy day. The weather lent itself to a curl-up-and-stay-cozy kind of day. John Ready, Pooch Portschy, David McGee, Lora Zwickle, Lucy Schissler and Doris Miller woke up at supper time to play poker and eat pizza with Larry Mack.

Speaking of pizza — don't forget to join us this Friday evening for some of Pooch's famous pizza. Doors will open at 5:30. A freewill donation will be accepted. See you there!

Recent visitors: **Dorothy Hunt** - Sarah Fringer, Ron and Dixie Snyder of Colby, Martha and Ellen Osborne of Wichita, Rebecca Fringer, Donnie and Tina, of Sabetha, Jim and Reva Marshall, Robert and Penny Fringer; **Opal Bryan** - Sharon and Marvin Slabaugh, and Nathan Simonsson; **Hubert Mumm and David McGee** - Ken Mumm, Selden; **Lucy Schissler** - Margaret Fikan of Atwood, Mert McEvoy; **Ethel Nemeth** - Shelby Hackney; **John and Muriel Ready, Amy Rehm**

- Esther Ready of New York City, Larry and Judy Bearley of Oakley, Becky Hunziker of Houston, Lora Randolph of Hutchinson; **Lora Zwickle and Kathryn Post** - Doris Fringer; **Dorothy Bryan** - John and Carol Barrett; **Elaine Thomas and Dorothy Pryor** - Elsie Wolters; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein; **Edla Olson** - Galen and Lynn Olson of McKinney, Texas; **Ruth Laidig** - Janice and Ernie Mehl of North Platte, Neb.; Kim Mehl of Warrensburg, Mo.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The Thanksgiving holiday ended at the Allison household on Sunday afternoon when family members had to leave and be on their way to their own homes.

I hope everyone enjoyed spending the holiday together with family, relatives, and friends.

Hayden Lynn Wark received a first birthday party on Saturday with 19 adults and children attending. Her birthday was Monday, Nov. 26.

Others celebrating a birthday this week are Eileen Dible, Nov. 26; Marguerite Black, Nov. 27; Jean Hawkins, Nov. 29; and Rex Carswell, Nov. 30.

Several residents traveled to Denver on Friday to help with the final check of gift shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

All boxes needed to be gone through one last time before being put on the plane.

Thank you to Bill, Mary, Jessyca, and Andrew Luna, Tony Rivera, Aisha and Ethan Walter, Andrew, Isaac, and Jonathan Broeckelman, Kendra Sprosser, and Delores, Darla, Darrel, and DeAnn Dible for

representing Rexford.

Condolences are extended to Pastor Lane Purcell and family on the loss of his father.

On Sunday, Dec. 2, the Rexford Lions Club will be serving a meal from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Hall. Donations will be accepted for the Golden Plains community outreach program, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

A children's Christmas party will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2, following the Sunday lunch served at the Rexford Community Hall.

This event is for children through third grade. Santa Claus will be there and a Christmas craft will be made.

Red Barn ongoing activities: Barnswallows, Monday, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. is Ladies Bible Study; Come on Down, Thursday at 2 p.m.; and Friday is Koffee Klatch at 9:30 a.m. Senior Bingo has started up again and will be the second Saturday at 7 p.m. each month.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

We're Waiting for Special Moment

By Judi Stricker, United Church of Oberlin

Our Bible study group at the United Church of Oberlin has been studying the book of Revelation.

Several places there are periods of quiet and the plot comes to a standstill. There are several minutes of absolute silence in which worship by the angels takes place.

That is how this week seems to me, after Thanksgiving but before we begin Advent. This is a time for reflection as we begin a new church season. This is a time that can set the tone for the Christmas season this year.

The angels stand ready, waiting that special moment when there will be great songs of praise ringing out in heaven again.

Let us stand ready as well. Let us not forget that the old trite saying, "Remember the Reason for the

Season," is important.

It never ceases to amaze me how emphasis is put on the economics of Christmas. Retailers wait with bated breath to hear the statistics for "Black Friday," the day after Thanksgiving and the day many wait to put their yearly sales "in the black."

This year, the pre-report report is not sounding good. Gas prices are too high, heating costs are likewise and everyone is afraid to spend too much.

This would be a great year to begin the practice of investing less time in spending and shopping and more time in worship of the God who made our salvation possible through the sacrifice of His only Son.

I have enjoyed sharing my thoughts with you the last few weeks. I hope my thoughts have given you pause to think or be comforted by them.



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
Mike Larson
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 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.

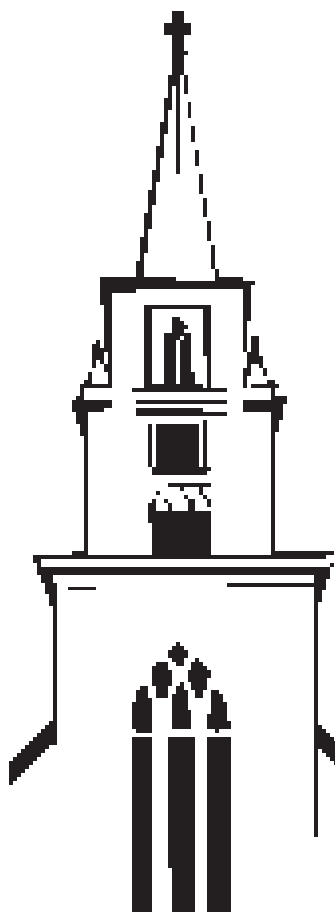
EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN
The Rev. Heidi Wiebe
810 West Cedar, Oberlin
Office Phone 785-475-2769
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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.

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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