

Tara Nelson, Anita Volskay and Wiggles were back in Norcaturnews for the week of Thanksgiving as guests of Bee Nelson. Thanksgiving Day dinner guests were Oran and LaVerne Milner, Marguerite Clark and Bob Sawdon.

Seventy-nine people registered for the matching funds dinner put on by the Royal Neighbors for Terry Gade.

Dave and Patty Stapp, Kaitlyn, and Sam were Thanksgiving guests of Leone Purton in Oberlin.

Birthdays: Timothy Helm - Nov. 29; Troy Wentz - Dec. 1; Ruth Dickey - Dec. 2.

Randy Allen and Sherri Regal were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Virgil and Joyce Price.

Graveside services for Ruth Green Wright were held at the Norcaturnew Cemetery on Tuesday, Nov. 27. She was a resident of Holyoke, Colo., and a member of the Norcaturnew Rural High School class of 1949.

Caleb and Jessica Hill of Yukon, Okla., are the proud parents of a little girl, Lauren Alice Hill, born Nov. 19, and weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces. Jessica is the daughter of Gary and Pam (Shirley) McClellan of Shawnee, Okla.

Larry and Sheryl Mulberry and family of Conway, Ark., spent Thanksgiving week with Sheryl's grandmother, Arlene Hix. Additional Thanksgiving Day guests were Lloyd and Sharon Stanton of Salina; Gail, Denise and Lucas Bailey, and Mark, Shayla and Raelyn Bailey of Norcaturnew; and Veryl and Vi Van Der Wege of Norton.

A small town is no place to keep a secret, but members of the community managed to keep one late last month. Among the anniversaries listed for the month was that of Oran and LaVerne Milner. Their friend, Marguerite Clark, started calling people and making plans.

Joyce Price, Randy Allen, Ruby Strayer, Margie Applegate, Murel Davis, John and JoAnn Ankenman, Marguerite Clark, Bee Nelson, Tara Nelson, Anita Volskay, and Wava Reames.

Wava Reames fixed a bratwurst lunch for Bee Nelson, Tara Nelson, and Anita Volskay on Monday, Nov. 19, after they did some fall cleanup and put up a bird feeder.

Don Montgomery was injured in a farm accident on Saturday. Part of his arm had to be amputated after being caught in a power takeoff.

The Norcaturnew Christmas Drawing will be held at noon on Saturday, Dec. 15, at the All-purpose Room in the Norcaturnew City Building. The potluck will begin at noon, with the family sign-up for the drawing at 1 p.m.

A quilt will be auctioned off at the Christmas Drawing, made and donated by Kay Strevey. It is presently on display at the Norcaturnew City office.

Thanksgiving guests of Dorothy Ward were son, Mark and Debby Ward, and Brandon, of Hugo, Colo. K.J. is attending college at Bethel in Newton, and he spent Thanksgiving with his other grandparents, the McMinns, in Hillsboro.

Tara Nelson and Anita of Independence, Mo., and Bee Nelson visited Rea and Dee Magers on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Thanksgiving company of Rea and Dee Magers on Nov. 21, were their kids, Bob and Cheri Pomeroy, Lakewood, Colo.; Jeff Magers and Joy Luoto, Cedar Bluffs; grandsons, Zach and his wife, Brenda, and

great-granddaughter; Ryan Pomeroy, Matt Pomeroy and friend, Angie Plank, of Greeley, Colo. They all went to Lyle and had Thanksgiving dinner with Toots Magers and her family at the 4-H building.

Visiting the Magers clan in Norcaturnew on Friday were Toots Magers, Kathryn Porter, Kansas City; her daughter, Kathryn and Kevin Engelhardt, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Kevin's mom, Janie of Norton, as well as J.T. Guy and daughters, Kirsten and Kendra, of Abilene.

Deb Combs and her sister, Serina Lake, drove from Goodland to Grants, N.M., on Nov. 21, to spend the holiday with their mother, Shirley Taylor. Two of their brothers, Don and Ron Taylor, live in Grants.

Thanksgiving morning visitor of the Doug Dempewolfs was Aaron Helm. Aaron was back from West Point for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thanksgiving guests of the Dempewolfs were Sharee Dempewolf, Oberlin; Laci Leichter, Colby; Ralph, Lynn, Jesse and Jacob Streit, Larned; and Ray, Jen, Bryce, Abbey and Isaac Thornton of Hays.

Guests at the Stan Miller farm for Thanksgiving were Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle of El Dorado. They all joined Mr. and Mrs. John Rule, Clayton; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Oberlin; and Derrick Bolliger, Oxford, Neb., for a holiday dinner at the Cardinal Bar and Grill.

Plan leftover turkey recipes

Part of the pleasure of winter holiday meals is the aroma of a turkey baking in your oven. Continue that great feeling by planning a variety of pleasing post-holiday meals with leftover turkey.

Turkey makes a great first meal plus delicious leftovers that are easy to combine into a variety of scrumptious future meals which are "planned-overs" rather than leftovers.

Follow these food safety guidelines for handling your turkey leftovers safely: • Debone turkey and refrigerate all leftovers in shallow containers within 2 hours of cooking.

• Use leftover turkey within 3 to 4 days and stuffing and gravy within 1 to 2 days, or freeze these foods.

Be aware if you freeze leftover gravy it may tend to separate when it thaws. Stirring gravy, especially with a whisk, while reheating will help it recombine.

In general, gravy made with flour may reheat better than gravy made with cornstarch.

• When reheating turkey, reheat thoroughly to a temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit until hot and steaming throughout.

Turkey and Cranberry Salad (4 servings)

- 1 1/2 cups cooked turkey, diced
1/4 cup vinaigrette dressing
1 cup diced cranberries or cherries
2 tablespoons sliced almonds lettuce leaves
Toss chicken, cranberries, and almonds with dressing and serve on lettuce.

Turkey Vegetable Soup (2 servings)

- 1 cup chopped, cooked turkey
dash of pepper
1/4 chopped onion
1/4 cup chopped celery
2 thinly chopped carrots
1/4 teaspoon thyme
2 cups low-sodium chicken broth



Home Time

By Tranda Watts Multi-county Extension Agent

- 1 cup cooked pasta or rice
1. Add all ingredients, except pasta or rice, to pan. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to a simmer and cook covered until vegetables are tender crisp, about 10 to 15 minutes.
2. Add pasta or rice and cook a few more minutes until heated.

More ideas:

• Turkey and cranberry sandwich: Spread cranberry sauce on top of two slices of buttered bread. Place sliced turkey on one bread slice and cover with the other bread slice.

• Grilled turkey and cheese sandwich: Add thinly sliced turkey when you make a grilled cheese sandwich.

For extra kick spread a little cranberry sauce on the turkey.

• Open-faced hot turkey sandwich: Heat sliced turkey with leftover gravy until hot throughout.

For each sandwich, top one slice of bread with turkey slices and gravy.

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Advertisement for Purple Wave Auction on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 10 AM. Location: 808 W. Old Hwy 56 | Olathe, Kan. Items include ATVs, motorcycles, and electronics. Includes website www.purplewave.com.

Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Sympathy is extended to the family of former Herndon resident, Bertha Unger, 95, who died Thursday in Denver. Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday afternoon at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in McCook.

Marge Berger Coetter of McCook and Pam Stuczynski spent several days in Omaha recently caring for Pam's son, Brandon, who was recuperating from surgery.

Stu and Pam Stuczynski, and Marge and Bill Coetter spent Thanksgiving with Diana and Jim Brunson and family in Omaha. While there, they celebrated an

early Christmas.

Herndon PRIDE Main Street Christmas was a success with a big crowd attending the chili dinner and the visit from Santa Claus on Sunday. Kathy and Sami Leitner, Deanna, Chelsey and Kassidi Williams, and Voni Sattler entertained with Christmas carols and Chelsey played a solo on the piano.

Hours at the Herndon Library are from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. Come in and check it out. Two new books are: "American Warrior" by Brig. Gen. John "Doc" Bahnsen Jr., U.S. Army Retired, and "Don't Forget to Wave" by Larry K. Cooper. Chapter 18 is on Herndon.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Word was received of the death of Mrs. Emery (Ruth) Chance of Bremerton, Wash. Funeral services were held there on Friday. Among survivors are two daughters, Cheryl West and Carol Hafner, and two step-children, Larry Chance and Lois Berry.

Mildred Holmdahl spent Thanksgiving with her daughter, Janet and Sherrill Vermillion, and family in El Dorado.

Covenant Women Ministries will hold their Christmas meeting and

prayer sister gift exchange at 7 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) at the Herndon Covenant Church. Members are to bring snacks for Christmas plates for shut-ins.

Other upcoming Christmas activities at the Herndon Covenant Church include a birthday party at 3 p.m. on Dec. 20 at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood, hosted by Covenant Women Ministries; the Christmas program at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 23, followed by a brunch at 11:30 a.m.; and a Christmas Eve service at 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

The Golden Plains School at Selden will hold their Christmas program at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10. The Golden Plains Elementary staff will be hosting a soup supper in the community center from 5 to 6:30 p.m. with donations going to the playground fund.

The Selden Lions Club will be having its annual soup dinner on Saturday, Dec. 15. They will be serving beef and noodles, and chicken and noodles with mashed potatoes at the Community Center. This will be an evening meal. Please support your local civic group.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Ann Hazlitt won high, Jamie Spreser took second, Betty James got low and Leone Porsch had the most queens. Other members present included Helen Karls, Edna Schiltz, Lola Cook, Carol Shaw and Shirley Emigh.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Dec. 6 - Dave Mitchell; Dec. 7 - Don Juenemann, Julie Stevenson; Dec. 8 - Aldea Finney; Dec. 9 - LaVina Paulson, Trina Aumiller; Dec. 10 - Dale Smith, Rick Shaw, Bernadette Sanders; Dec. 12 - Betty James, Paul Zodrow.

Desperate Times

By Heidi M. Wiebe

Evangelical Covenant Church of Oberlin

Advent is a time of waiting in a culture that does not like to wait. Christmas merchandise has been for sale since before Halloween and many of the decorations, trees and lights went up in our community and in our homes just last week after Thanksgiving.

In the midst of our hurry up Xmas culture, God says wait - wait for Christmas joy, wait for salvation, wait for God's hope to come to the rescue. Even Dr. Seuss understood the patience needed to wait. Listen to his words from "Oh, the Places You'll Go!":

"The Waiting Place ... for people just waiting. Waiting for a train to go or a bus to come, or a plane to go or the mail to come, or the rain to go or the phone to ring, or the snow to snow or waiting around for a Yes or No"

Advent is such a waiting place - where we are called to stop in the midst of the craziness of the season and

simply wait around for God's "yes" amidst the world's "no." It is hard to wait when the world seems to be crashing down around us. It is hard to wait when we are desperate for answers and solutions to the difficult problems we face.

The prophet Isaiah says "There's a day coming..." (Isaiah 2:1), a day when God's presence will be made known, a day when people will seek to live by God's truth, a day when peace and justice will be the only way people live. That day came when Jesus was born and lived among us. Jesus turned people's desperation into hope, their "no" to a "yes" to God and his ways.

But the Advent season reminds us that we are still waiting, waiting for Jesus to come again and set up his new kingdom here on earth. So as we wait for such a coming, may our waiting be tinged with desperation, believing that the God of salvation will bring hope into our lives and may our waiting cause us to "live in the light of God." (Isaiah 2:5)



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

Multi-column listing of church services for various congregations including Oberlin Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Oberlin Community Fellowship (Southern Baptist), Norcaturnew United Methodist, Faith Lutheran Church, Lyle United Methodist, Evangelical Covenant Church of Oberlin, Lund Covenant Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Mary's Catholic, Herndon Immanuel United Church of Christ, and Herndon Covenant Church.

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