

Norcatatur News

By the Norcatatur News Committee

Sympathy is extended to the Leone M. Purton family. Leone passed away on Nov. 3 at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin at the age of 79.

Bee Nelson enjoyed visiting with Richard and Mildred Eckhart, Niantic, Ill., along with Juanita Eckhart, Oberlin, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill.

Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson had a nice visit with Dean Blickenstaff, Overland Park, Kan.; Bruce Bishop and his son, Michael Bishop of Denver; and Michael's friend, Ryan Moore, also of Colorado, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Sunday, Nov. 2.

Guests at the Stan Miller farm last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle of El Dorado.

On Oct. 25 we learned that Paula Strayer is home after having quadruple by-pass surgery at Hays, and getting along fine.

Happy Birthday Dale Butler and Keith Anthony, Nov. 8; Dewayne Jackson, Nov. 9.

Annika RaNell weighed 8 pounds, 1.4 ounces and was 20 inches long when she was born on Nov. 1 in Olathe. Her parents are Chris and Angie Clasussen. Grandparents are Cathy Claussen, Oberlin, and Mike and RaNell Johnson of Lincoln. Great-grandparents are Beth Johnson of Norcatatur and Don Claussen, Salina.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Daniels of

Eric, are the parents of a baby boy, Dallas Ryan, born Oct. 26, 2008. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces. He has a brother, Jaden, 18 months. Roger and Laura Daniels are the grandparents. Beth Johnson is the great-great grandmother.

Twila Forbes and Bee Nelson helped Oran and LaVerne Milner move some more of their belongings on Oct. 28 to 104 Whispering Pines, Norton, where they now have an apartment. Bee and the Milners finished the move on Oct. 29.

Bee Nelson took LaVerne Milner to Phillipsburg Thursday morning, Oct. 30, for an eye appointment. Oran and Benji visited their home in Norcatatur while they were gone.

Senior Citizens met Oct. 31 with a delicious pot luck dinner. Cards followed with 14 players. Winners were Lora Arnold, Joyce Sumner and June Jolly and Bob Strevey tied for low, beating out "Unknown."

Bob and Lois (Johnson) McPherson are doing pretty well after just getting pace makers for their hearts.

Rea and Dee Magers met their son, Jeff, and Joy Luoto of Cedar Bluffs, on Saturday at the Town Talk restaurant in Cambridge, Neb., for a late birthday celebration for Dee. The Magers also visited their special friend, Helen Helm, at the Heritage Retirement Home. On Sunday, they went to church at New Almelo, and following the services,

they did a "cemetery crawl" at the New Almelo cemetery.

Bee Nelson, Beth Sebaugh and Dorothy Ward ate at the Cardinal Bar and Grill after Church on Sunday. They were joined by Rea and Dee Magers, and John and Carol New.

CHRISTMAS DRAWING

The Norcatatur Christmas drawing will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20. The schedule includes: oon - community potluck; 1 p.m. - registration for drawing (one name per household); 1:30 p.m. - Drawing and Santa; 8 to 11 p.m. - Dance. We are planning on adding something new this year. We'll have a dance for all ages in the all-purpose room of the city building. Adam Spanier and Bryan Richards, "The Decatur Brothers," will be the DJs.

We will be making phone calls soon asking for donations. We would like to have donations in by Sunday, Nov. 30. Checks may be made to the "Norcatatur Drawing" and given to Chris at the city office or mailed to either the Norcatatur City Office, P.O. Box 89, Norcatatur, Kan., 67653; or to Deb Marshall, 2505 W. Lane, Norcatatur Kan., 67653. The cost for meat and fruit basket donations will be \$15.

If anyone or a club wants to have a bake sale that afternoon, please let Chris or Deb know as soon as possible. This is a great opportunity for a bake sale.

How to save on food costs

Are you feeling squeezed by rising prices?

Here are some ideas to help you reduce your food costs while feeding your family well.

The Cost of Waste

Families throw away a lot of the food they buy, about 14 percent. That adds up to about \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year for an average family of four! (The range depends on whether the family uses a thrifty food plan or a more liberal one, and is based on September 2008 food prices.) Take these steps each week to stop the waste and save that money:

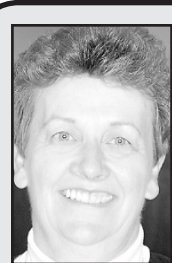
Savings plan

- Plan one week of meals, focusing on using foods you already have in your refrigerator. Plan to prepare extra servings on the days when you'll cook. Freeze these extra servings and eat them on days when your time is short or your energy is low. This will decrease the temptation to eat out or to buy expensive convenience foods.

- Before shopping, make a list of the additional foods - and the amounts - that you'll need in order to prepare the meals you planned. Write your grocery list in the same order as the layout of the store.

- To help prevent waste, plan to buy a little less of refrigerated perishable foods than you think you'll use. Instead, buy a few extra non-perishable foods.

- Buy according to the list when



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

you get to the store. This will help you avoid impulse buys and will reduce the amount of time you spend in the store. The average shopper spends \$2.17 for every minute they're in a supermarket.

- Buy more expensive foods only when they are on sale, and then buy a little extra to freeze, if possible.

- Shop less often. This will save you time, as well as saving you money on gasoline and on impulse buying.

If you have questions about food, nutrition, health or safety, please feel free to contact your local K-State Research and Extension Office or e-mail me at twatts@oznet.ksu.edu.

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Local Man Prevails In Scuffle With Hoodlums

BEXAR COUNTY- Tom W., after using Thera-Gesic® on a sore left shoulder, encountered two hoods breaking into a car in a parking lot. He whacked one of them upside the head and ran them off. When asked why he took the risk, he painlessly replied: "None of your dang business!"

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Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The meeting of the United Methodist Women was held Wednesday afternoon. Pastor Carrie opened with a prayer. "Gratitude" by Pastor Carrie was an interesting program. Scriptures from Hebrews, the Psalms and II Corinthians were read. She asked "What were we grateful for" and did it have a silver lining.

President Kay Brown conducted the business meeting. She reported a \$540 clear profit from serving Hunters Supper. The group discussed some changes we might want to do before next year's supper. The new church sign to be put at the highway has arrived. Kay will call the Kansas Department of Transportation about placement of it. A person in our church to receive "Special Membership" pin was chosen. Thank offering was taken.

The women discussed sending a box to Operation Iraqi Children and a box to Iraq for the soldiers to distribute. A box will be placed in

the church for this. A list of items we can send is at the church. Anyone may bring their donations to the church.

Members present were: Helen Rhodes, Kay Brown, Pastor Carrie and Louise Cressler. Kathy Nauer joined us at 3 p.m. Mrs. Rhodes served crackers, cheese and coffee.

On Sunday, Nov. 30, after church, there will be a potluck dinner and decorating of the church.

Stan and Ramona Shaw went to Kansas City Sunday to visit his mother who is in the hospital following back surgery last week.

Several in the Jennings area have been sick recently with a flu-like respiratory illness.

Hunters have been combing the area for pheasants and deer. Some report very good luck. Our weather was to change Monday evening with perhaps some snow. Farmers have been busy trying to get their crops harvested.

'History Lesson'

By Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, Faith Lutheran Church, Oberlin

October 31st marked the anniversary of an important day in Christian history. On the last day of October in 1517, a young Catholic priest and university professor in eastern Germany nailed 95 theological statements onto the church door in Wittenberg. This one event began a new chapter in Christian history. The Reformation Period in the life of the Church was begun by this protest. For many Christians today this history lesson has been forgotten. Many have never heard the story. It is an important story not only for the drama of that moment, but also for the fallout from it.

Did you ever ask yourself the question, why are there so many different denominations? In the early 1500s there were only two Christian denominations in the world. In the East, the Orthodox faith (i.e. Greek Orthodox Church); and in the West, the Roman Catholic Church. These two denominations have their roots all the way back to the first disciples. These two groups grew apart slowly over many years due to differences in culture and language. By the 11th century, these two Christian groups officially recognized that they were two separate denominations.

By the early 1500s the Pope, the head of the Roman Catholic Church, and the King in Europe combined to have all the political power over western Europe. The young Catholic priest in Wittenberg, Martin Luther, had uncovered abuses in the way money was being raised to build a new church in Rome, St. Peter's Basilica. This was part of the protest that Luther included in the 95 theological statements that he wanted church officials to be in conversation about. Instead, Luther was summoned to a church court to answer questions

and to renounce his writings. By this time he had written several pamphlets. He did not renounce the writings. The next step was more serious. Declared an outlaw following his second court appearance, Luther was kidnapped by friends and hidden away in a remote castle. Luther was excommunicated, kicked out of the Catholic Church.

Followers of Luther became known as Lutherans. Never intending to start his own denomination, Luther found himself the leader of a new denomination. Other church leaders in Europe protested as well against the Catholic Church. From John Calvin, Zwingli, and others came other Protestant faiths. A Second Reformation Period decades later produced even more pronounced changes in the faith practices of Christians.

Luther's motto was "Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone." What Luther found wrong in the Church of his day were practices that he could not find justification for in scripture. His Doctrine of Justification (faith statement): we are justified (saved) by God's grace through faith alone. It is Jesus who saves us, not our works. I believe this is a statement that is still relevant for us today. Whether or not Luther would protest as a Catholic today is up for debate. The changes that came about through Vatican II (a major church gathering over several years in the Catholic Church during the early 1960s) provided major changes for the better and corrected many of Luther's grievances. I give thanks for Luther's insight and courage in standing up for God's love which left its mark on the history of Christianity.



Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Muriel Ready was honored with an open house for her 100th birthday at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin Saturday afternoon. The party was hosted by her husband, John Ready, and their daughter and family, Esther Ready and David Chomowicz and Nick, New York City. Among those attending were Representative Eber Phelps, Hays, who presented Muriel with a framed certificate recognizing her on her 100th birthday, Kristen Bremer and Dwayne Bray, Colby, and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica.

Marvin May left Friday for Andover to visit his daughter and family, Brian and Sarah Shaw and Caden. Sunday morning he attended a dedication service for Caden at Hope Community Church

in Andover, returned to the Shaw home for dinner following worship services, and returned home Sunday evening.

Richard and Anna Shaw attended the wedding of Ryan Diederich and Arlie Daubin at the Houston Street Ballroom in Manhattan Saturday afternoon. They returned home Saturday evening.

Warren and Jan Bainter, and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica were Saturday evening guests of Arthur and Alice May to celebrate Jessica's birthday with homemade cake and ice cream.

Jessica Bremer, Topeka, arrived Friday evening to spend the weekend with her parents, John and Dianne Bremer. She returned to campus Sunday afternoon.

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, LEVILLE

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: Larry Danforth
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.

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. Galen Long
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.

NORCATATUR UNITED METHODIST

Pastor: Larry Danforth
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

LYLE UNITED METHODIST

Guest Speakers every Sunday
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN

Pastor Tom Smith
Interim Pastor
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

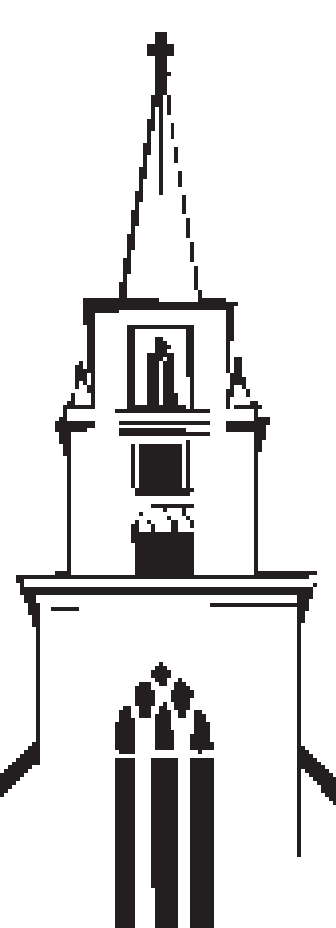
510 North Wilson
Interim Pastor: Kevin Schnakenberg
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays..

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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