

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Sympathy is extended to the family of Luella Smith, 79, of McCaive, Colo., who died Nov. 16. She is survived by her two daughters, Aurelia Jackson, Norcatour, and Christine Sheldon of McCaive, Colo. She is also survived by her husband, Warren Smith.

Results of the Cardinal Bar and Grill Pool Tournament held on Nov. 12, were Stan Miller, first; Dave Stapp, second; Chuck Forbes, third.

Royal Neighbors will be holding a ham and beans with cornbread and dessert benefit dinner at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7, in the Norcatour City Building. The community is invited and a dessert would be welcomed. Funds go to the Decatur County Food Bank. Come join us for dinner.

Dean and Donna Knutson, Council Bluffs, Iowa, spent the weekend of Oct. 25 with Bob and Anita Montgomery in Oberlin. They all attended the wedding of their great-nephew and grandson, Blake Shuler and Amanda Weaver in McCook. Also attending were Ron, Gina, Alyssa, Shane and Crystal Montgomery of Jennings; Renee, Scott and Chance Harman, Dave and Patty Stapp of Norcatour and Dewaine Stapp of Oberlin.

Rusty Montgomery spent the Oct. 25 weekend in Wichita where he was a groomsman in the wedding of his friend D.J. Johnson.

Jerrod and Kortney Poire, Emporia, and Kaitlyn Stapp, Hays, were last weekend guests of Dave and Patty Stapp and Sam. Saturday lunch guests of Dave and Patty Stapp and Sam were Bob Dempewolf, Rose Riffle, Dewaine Stapp and Marian Dempewolf, Oberlin; Linda Schiep, Spencer and Addison, McCook; and Kaitlyn Stapp, Kortney and Jerrod Poire.

Jerry, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill, will be giving away a 10-foot Christmas stocking for a lucky girl on Sunday, Dec. 21. Watch the *Norcatour News* for what the boys have to win in the weeks ahead.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to Merle Shirley, Brandy Kuhlman, Jessica Rhodes, Nov. 19; Joyce Anderson, Nov. 20; Marylyn Barnett, Nov. 21; Brian Cook, Nov. 23; Kaley Ward, Oran and LaVerne Milner, Nov. 24; Lance and Mindy Braun, Nov. 25.

Renee Harman, and Bob and Anita Montgomery spent the weekend of Nov. 7, 8, and 9 in Alva, Okla., for Scott Harman's rodeo. He did well, but didn't make the finals. No more rodeos until February. Renee fixed dinner for about 20 of Scott's friends one night after the performances in honor of his birthday.

Ron and Gina Montgomery went to Denver, Nov. 5, for the funeral of Gina's great-uncle. They and Alyssa spent Nov. 8, at Kearney seeing a doctor about a knee injury of Alyssa's.

Dorothy Ward, Bee Nelson and Mary Leslie attended the chicken and noodle dinner at the Norton United Methodist Church Saturday, Nov. 15.

Beth Sebaugh, Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson ate Sunday dinner Nov. 16 at the Cardinal Bar and Grill. They were joined at the round table by Wayne and Norma McCallister.

Bob and Shirley Anderson's response to Dorothy Ward's e-mail inquiry as to whether the Southern California fires are impacting them. Fortunately, there is no impact. The fires are 50 miles north and east from Corona del Mar (part of Newport Beach in Orange County). The fires in Los Angeles County are, approximately, 50 miles north of

Howard who resides in San Pedro. The fires occur when the humidity is low and the winds reverse from blowing off the ocean to blowing from the north and east and off the desert areas inland from the coast. The smoke, however, is sent west towards the ocean. The result has been spectacular sunsets, from their home, as the sun sets behind Catalina Island, about 26 miles away.

The United Methodist Women of Norton are sponsoring a "Cookie and Candy Walk" to be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the Norton Senior Center, 208 W. Main. The proceeds will go to mission projects.

This is an opportunity to get a variety of holiday sweets for family and/or holiday entertaining.

Nov. 8 weekend guests of Alice Shirley were her daughter, Pam and Gary McClellan of Shawnee, Okla.

On Sunday, they met Pam's best friend from high school, Lee (Arnold) Mapes and her husband John of Norton for lunch at the Cardinal Bar and Grill. Joining them were Robbie, Nolan and Gannon Henningson.

Well, another great birthday for Rea Magers has come and gone. Rea and Dee met their longtime friends, Loyd and Mary Waldo from Oberlin at the Cardinal Café for lunch on Friday and celebrated Rea's birthday. Lots of calls and cards made the day very special.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The Sunflower Senior Citizens potluck supper to be held Nov. 11 was postponed to Nov. 13. A noon dinner was enjoyed and bingo was played afterwards. Those attending were Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier, Ruth and Merl Chance, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Alice and Larry Mizer, Ramona Shaw, William and Tommie Kump and Louise Cressler. The senior organization is collecting items to take to the Food Pantry

in Oberlin. You can leave the items at the Sunflower Senior Center.

Jennings United Methodist Church members will have a potluck dinner following church on Sunday, Nov. 30. The decorating of the church will then be done. A short Pre-Charge Conference meeting will also be held Sunday.

If you are interested in helping with the assembly of wreaths to be placed on the graves of the veterans

buried in the Jennings and Big Timber cemeteries, call Neoma Tacha 678-2470. National Wreath Laying Day is in December.

Terri Hanke and her mother, Elda Hanke of rural Phillipsburg joined 45 others on the trip to Israel, Jordan and Egypt, not four others as stated in last week's paper.

We are having beautiful weather in Northwestern Kansas. Have a joyful Thanksgiving!

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Thanksgiving Eve services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Herndon Covenant Church.

Claude Graham of Fresno, Calif., and Zane Graham of Fayetteville, Ark., left Sunday after visiting Ron and Marlene Erickson and family.

Congratulations to J.R. Ginther of Achilles, who placed first in the two-year-old stallion class with his stallion, Rhondo Skip, at the National Foundation Quarter Horse Show in Salina.

Another Ginther horse, Premium Buck, was awarded first place in the Get-A-Sire class.

He is a professional horse trainer and breeder and also has 80 head of buffalo, which he and his wife, Car-

rol, raise to sell for slaughter.

Keegan Peckham, son of Charles and Connie (Peterson) Peckham of Atwood, is among young Kansans who received a nomination from U.S. Senator Pat Roberts for appointment to a U.S. Service Academy.

He is a senior at Rawlins County High School and has received his nomination to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

He is a grandson of Bessie Peterson of Atwood and the late Clarence Peterson, a native of this community.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Eunice Andrews, Perry, Ga., arrived Saturday evening to spend a few days visiting her mother, Wilma May, and other family and friends. Rory Wendelin, a freshman at

Concordia University, Seward, Neb., arrived over the weekend to spend her Thanksgiving break with her parents, Norman and Joanne Wendelin.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Don't forget Winterfest 08 on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. in downtown Selden and Hoxie.

Birthdays and anniversaries - Nov. 27 - Carol Shaw (90), Janice Kruse, Stephanie Juenemann, Dan Juenemann. Nov. 28 - Katrena Murphy, Bud Rogers, Lola Wessel, Ruth Bainter. Nov. 29 - Jessica Koerperich. Nov. 30 - Carl and Cheryl Ochs, Angela Wessel. Dec. 1 - Mark Juenemann. Dec. 2 - Francis Porsch, Betty James, Pam Washington. Dec. 3 - Tammy Miller. Dec. 5 - Kim Juenemann, Nicole Schiltz, Mike Weins, Brian Sulzman.

On Thursday at Senior Citizens, Edna Schiltz won high, Janice

Kruse took second, Alfred Albers got low and Jeanie Spresser had the most aces. Other members present included Lola Cook, Paulie Neff, Betty James, Shirley Emigh, Gail Mumm, Bernita Aumiller and Marilyn Meyer. There will be no meeting this week due to Thanksgiving.

No school after Wednesday; school will resume again on Monday.

A big thanks goes out to Travis Smith, Devinn Ritter, Tracey Bruggeman, Judy Rogers Ellis Walker and Steve Rogers for all their assistance in getting Christmas lights put downtown on Saturday.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The Rexford Community Church had 111 wrapped gifts for their Operation Christmas Child project, delivered to KGCR Radio Station on Friday. A truck will pick them up from there and deliver them to the Colorado Springs drop off.

There will be 20 individuals going to Denver on Friday to help at the Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center. They include Delores Dible, DeAnn Dible, Darla Dible, Darrel Dible, Bill and Mary Luna, Jessica and Andrew, Kendra Spresser, Kade Spresser, Jonathan Broeckelman, Isaac Broeckelman, Andrew Broeckelman, Tanner

Moss, Aisha Walter, Ethan Walter, Brandy Gilbert, Shawn Gilbert, Mindy Walz and daughter, Morgan Walz.

Community walkers are encouraged to use either gym at the school. The big gym is available 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the little gym 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

The Red Barn has these items for sale: Cookbooks, \$14.95 (\$5 S&H); Rexford Phone Books, \$2.50; and Magnetic Address Books, \$1. Contact Jolene Hansen to purchase any of these items at (785) 687-4646.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Traer News

By Maralyn Courange

Kane Ware, son of Kirk Ware of Oberlin, and Valerie Holthus of Culbertson, Neb., has joined the Army Reserve. He is currently taking basic training in Kentucky for 13 weeks, then will go to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

He would appreciate hearing

from family and friends. His address is: Pvt. Kane Ware, A Co. 2146 Inf., 4th Plt. Night Stalkers, 3576 Wilson Road, Fort Knox, Ky. 40121-5726.

He is a grandson of Maralyn Courange of Traer.

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'Thanksgiving'

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

During the fall of the year at the end of November, we take time to give thanks for the many blessings that God has poured out upon us. The psalmist writes in *Psalm 65*, "You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy. May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing."

The King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Jesus Christ our Savior is also our Good and Great Shepherd who provides us with everything we need for this journey that we call life. As we count our many blessings, we recognize, like the psalmist, that we have been crowned with this outpouring of God's grace and love.

However, this year we find ourselves faced with a challenged economy. As Christians we are reminded by this psalm and others that the things we need are provided for, but not everything we want. This year we are faced with the challenge to identify those things which are truly needs from those things which we merely desire or want.

Psalm 98 begins with the call to sing a new song, "O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre and the sound of melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn, make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord."

Each year we have a special community Thanksgiving worship service to lift up our songs of thanks and praise for the many blessings that God pours out on us. This past Sunday afternoon we gathered at St. Mark's Church at the Decatur County Museum to lift up our thanks and praise for yet another year of God's grace. A shared meal followed in the Bohemian Hall and it was a blessed time of food and fellowship.

Psalm 95 calls us to give thanks, "O come let us sing to the Lord. Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand."

As we gather around the table with family and friends this Thanksgiving, name your blessings. Let us join in a prayer of Thanksgiving: "Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."



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, LEONVILLE
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.

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

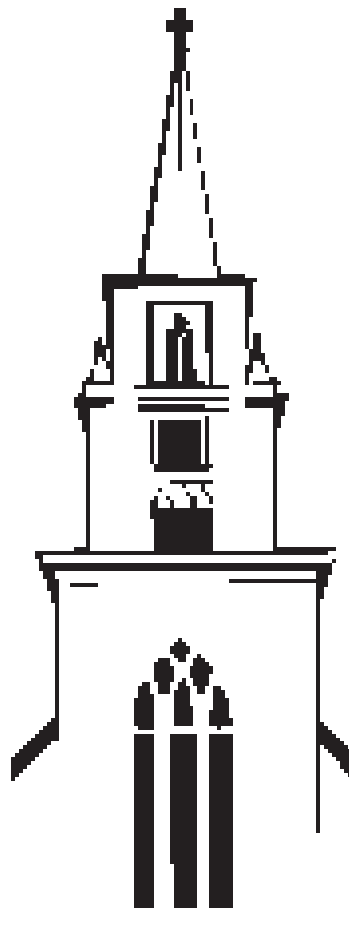
LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Guest Speakers every Sunday
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.

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..



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