

Royal Neighbors will be hosting a ham and bean with cornbread dinner at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Norcatur City Building. The community is invited and a dessert would be welcomed. Donations are accepted with funds going to the Decatur County Food Bank. Come join us for dinner!

The United Methodist Women of Norton are sponsoring a "Cookie and Candy Walk" to be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., today (Wednesday) Dec. 3, at the Norton Senior Center, 208 W. Main.

A variety of cookies and candies made and provided by church families, will be sold with proceeds going to mission projects.

Norcatur filled the recycle trailer, recycling 1,500 pounds! Keep saving your items, the trailer will be back from Dec. 1 through Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Happy Birthday to Timothy Helm, Nov. 29; Troy Wentz, Dec. 1; and Ruth Dickey, Dec. 2.

The Senior Citizens met Nov. 21 with 10 players present. Winners were Joyce Sumner, Beth Johnson, and Claudia Bridges. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. this Friday, in the Educational Building.

In celebration of Bula Kelley's 90th birthday on Dec. 4, her sons are presenting her with a birthday card shower. She lives at Juniper Village, P.O. Box 191, Lamar, Colo., 81052.

The Norcatur Christmas drawing will be held Saturday, Dec. 20. A community potluck dinner will be served at noon; registration for the drawing at 1 p.m. and the drawing and santa at 1:30 p.m. The dance has been canceled.

Darrel and Alice Barnett have a great-nephew on the swim team at Blue Springs, MI., High School. The weekend of Nov. 15, the team qualified for the state meet held at St. Louis, Mo. After Saturday's preliminaries *The Blue Springs Examiner* titled their article "Wildcats put themselves in Wright position for state trophy." Their nephew, Jameson Wright, finished sixth in the 200-yard freestyle, eighth in the 100-yard butterfly, and third in both

the 200 and 400-yard free style relay. He is a junior in high school. His father is Ren Wright of Blue Springs and his grandparents are Tom and Mary Wright of Salina. Mary is a sister of Alice Barnett.

Frank Ward joined Wava Reames, Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson for lunch at the Hidden Dragon in Norton last Saturday.

We had a rather frightening event in Norcatur when Twila and Dean Forbes's grandchildren were visiting them. Their grandson, Dawson, had a serious accident while playing. He was taken to Kearney, Neb., by helicopter. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family and especially with the little guy.

On Nov. 16 a family birthday party was held for R.D. Thornton at the Good Samaritan Center with pizza, cake and ice cream. Family members that were able to attend were Chris Dempewolf, Sharee Dempewolf and Aaron Mann, Laci Leichliter, Ralph and Lynn Streit. On Nov. 22, Lisa and Laci Leichliter visited him.

Word was received that Bob Crabbill had the misfortune to break his hip on Nov. 9. He is progressing at the rehabilitation center at the Hays Medical Center. We wish him lots of fortitude and a speedy recovery. His address is: Hays Medical Rehab Unit, 2220 Canterbury Dr., Hays, Kan., 67601.

Prairie Land Food will be offering not only their usual food pack but several special holiday food packs. You must order before Monday, Dec. 8 and payment is required when the order is placed.

By purchasing a food pack, you will be automatically entered into a drawing to win a free food pack for January, February and March. For more information, call Terri James at 693-4261; Bee Nelson, 693-4569; or The Bank of Norcatur.

MUSEUM TIDBITS

Thanks to John and Carol New for the Reid Lumber Yard ledger books that they bought at the Leichliter estate sale. What a great find! Thanks to Alice Rubendall for the Cardinal banner that she donated to the museum. Also donated was a piece of

cloth that has all the signatures of the Norcatur Rural High School Senior Class of 1955 on it.

We received a desk that was in the Citizens State Bank from the Leichliter estate. A big thanks to Gary and Chris Bushey and Doug Dempewolf for helping move the desk to the museum. Thanks to Doris Clydsedale for the Norcatur Centennial ribbon.

Thanks to the Norcatur News ladies for copies of the wonderful pictures that have been in the news the last few weeks. If you have any pictures of Norcatur we would love to have copies of them!

Sympathy is extended to the relatives of Mildred Lang, who died Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008, in San Leandro, Calif.

She was the former Mildred Erickson, daughter of Olaf and Christina (Westman) Erickson and was reared in this community. She was a 1936 graduate of Decatur Community High School in Oberlin. Survivors include a daughter, Tonya and Chuck Gillespie, and a son, Karneil and Linda Lang, and families. She was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar Lang. She was a sister-in-law of Elma Lee Erickson.

Word was received of the death last week of Dan Bergren of Akron, Colo. He and his wife, Frances, were former Atwood residents and attended the Herndon Covenant Church.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Dave and Sherry Bergling were

Holiday season starts off great

Chamber News

By Tina Watson

With the Christmas Opening, the parade, and the Arts and Crafts Show behind us we can now focus on Christmas day. What a way to get the holiday season off to a good start!

The Aquarius Club did a nice job setting up for the soup supper. The chili Megan Carter made for the occasion was delicious.

The parade winners in order from first to third were: Ward Drug, The Bank, and Rocking R/Tripple Creek Riders.

Kathy Brainard did such a wonderful job decorating The Gateway for the holiday season. Visitors and

vendors alike made comments on how beautiful the foyer was.

Beth Harmon worked hard and did an excellent job with the Arts and Crafts Show.

Delores Jennings won the door prize that was given away. It was donated by Gifts and Things located inside Oberlin Tire.

Santa Bucks are now available from the Chamber. This year they are embossed. We encourage mer-

chants to inform their employees of the embossing. If they are not embossed they are not official and will not be honored. So merchants be sure to check for it before you accept your Santa Bucks!

The next big event coming up is the Family Christmas Potluck at the Good Samaritan Center at 6 p.m. on Friday. The Golden Rings will perform.

See you on the brick streets!

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Olive Bergling, Atwood; Mac and Jeri McPheeters, Colby; Jeremy and Jason Bergling, Mission; Stephanie Heighton, and J.J. Cousins and friend, Kathryn, Hays; Sarah Bergling, Herington; and Alicia Bergling, Kelly and Trinity, Oberlin.

Norma Anderson spent Thanksgiving in Austin, Texas., with her son, Lynn Anderson.

Those who enjoyed a post-Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday at the Oberlin Covenant Church were Bill and Maxine Peebles and Karen, Denver; Bob and Sally Olson, Ludell; Rennie and Jeaneen Olson, Irving, Texas; David Olson, Swisher, Iowa; Bob and Annette Frenzl and Whitney, Salina; Larry and Deb Marks, Amalia, Joe and Amber, Mulvane; Ava Perkins, Wichita; Keith and Mary Lou Olson, Herndon; Rex Olson, Sam and Abbie, Boulder, Colo.; and Mark Olson and Mary, Oberlin.

Barbara Olson spent the weekend in Leawood with her daughter, Sarah and Brandon White.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Daisy Schmidt were Kurt and Kathy Frisbie, Monument, Colo.; Craig and Kristen Engelson, Hunter and Wyatt, Larkspur, Colo.; Tanner Schmidt, Topeka; Clint Schmidt, Denver; and Chris and Sherri Schmidt, and Joe and Vicki Schmidt.

Guests of Elden and Detta Anderson for Thanksgiving Day dinner were Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, and Gary Anderson.

Mike and Nione Rhodin, Loveland, Colo., and Edla Olson were Thursday dinner guests of Steve and Arian Arnold.

J.R. and Carrol Ginther were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Harlan and Naida Ginther of Atwood. Other guests were Gary,

Garnett and Donnie Ginther, Gordon Ginther, Nola Winters and Caleb Vanover.

Guests of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky for Thanksgiving Day dinner were Kendal and Tammy Neal, Katrina and James, Oberlin; Brian and Kristi Gutchewsky and Gavin, Kearney, Neb.; and Joel and Sarah Uerling, Addyson and Hayden, McCook.

Clint Schmidt of Denver and Danace McDonald of Colby accompanied their parents, Chris and Sherri Schmidt, to Mankato, where they attended funeral services for Mrs. Schmidt's brother-in-law, Dean Leonard, on Friday at the Christian Church.

Covenant Women will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at the Herndon Covenant Church for a prayer sister gift exchange and to fix Christmas cookie plates.

Preparing for a New Season

By the Rev. Doug Hasty,

Oberlin and Prairie Chapel United Methodist Churches

Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel (*Isaiah 7:13-14*).

This past Sunday was the First Sunday of Advent. Advent marks the first season of a new church year and it is a time of preparation. The season of Advent celebrates the coming of the Lord. The focus can be shared between themes of the Lord's birth and first coming, as well as looking forward to the Second Advent of our Lord into human history. Advent is a time of mystery and wonder as we keep our eyes open to ways that God might reveal Himself in special ways during this season. The mood is one of expectation and longing for God's kingdom to break into the mundane routine of our world.

Some church traditions light a special candle for each of the four Sundays of Advent. The candles may be part of a wreath made from evergreen branches fitted into a circle. The First candle reminds us of our hope and is sometimes remembered as the prophecy

candle as we remember that God keeps all of His promises. The Second candle is the peace candle and it reminds us that the angels came to announce the birth of God's Son proclaiming peace on the earth. The Third is the candle of love and it reminds us that God loves us so much that He sent His one and only Son to come and be our Savior. The Fourth candle is the candle of joy and it speaks to us of the joy we will have in God's kingdom; the reign of Jesus Christ will be filled with joy. Then on Christmas Eve or Christmas day a white candle called the Christ Candle is lit. The Christ Candle helps us to focus all of our attention and celebration on Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is uniquely the Son of God, born of the virgin Mary, and lived a life without sin, and willingly laid down his life to become the Savior of the world.

Won't you join with me and countless other Christians in preparing to celebrate the birth and coming of our Savior? Let the gift that God gives bring peace and joy to your heart. Watch and be alert for the way that God will reveal His presence and His glory during this Advent season.

Grace and Peace.



Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Gaylord and Shirley Shields, and Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy, and Caitlin left Wednesday for Omaha where they spent Thanksgiving with Mike and Nancy Shields and Corinne, returning home on Sunday.

Brett and Ali Shields and Sam were additional Thanksgiving guests at the Mike Shields home.

Rhonda May, Hunter and Elizabeth Nedland, and Cole May left Wednesday for a skiing holiday in Breckenridge, Colo. They returned home Sunday evening.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Norman and Joanne Wendelin were Ladd Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb.; Greta Wendelin, Lawrence; Rory Wendelin, Seward, Neb.; Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield; Jay and Suzanne Cooper and Ian Crane, Wichita; and Wayne and Lois Larson.

Walter and Betty May, Dan Nedland, and Cameron Nedland, Manhattan, enjoyed Thanksgiving Day dinner at the home of Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah.

Eunice Andrews, Perry, Ga.; David May, McCook; Stean Olson, Hays; Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Wilma May, Evelyn Olson, and Justin and Wendy Scott, Garret and Gage were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Jerry and Connie Olson.

Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Grace, and Edith and John Tate were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Lois Carson.

Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin, were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of her parents, Gerald and Darlene Schaffer, Hoxie.

Thanksgiving Day supper guests of Duane and Lois Unger, Colby, were his sons, Scott Unger, Las Vegas, Nev.; and Mike Unger, Huntington Beach, Calif.; Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly, Shawnee; Ryan and Darci Unger, St. Francis; and Ralph and Norma Unger.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of John and Dianne Bremer were Arthur and Alice May, Helen Derby, Rowena Carpenter, Jessica Bremer, Topeka; and Kristen Bremer and Dwayne Bray, Colby.

Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, left Friday to attend a Baresel family reunion in Junction City.

They enjoyed the light parade Friday evening and attended a Saturday morning brunch at the Robert and Chris Munson home

followed by afternoon visiting and supper at the home of Charles and Deanna Munson. They returned home Sunday afternoon.

Following the Friday evening Christmas Light Parade, Ladd, Greta, and Rory Wendelin, Wayne and Lois Larson, Bill and Bonnie Condit, Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Ian Crane, Craig and Karen Larson, Colby Larson, Lonnie Weyeneth, Danbury; Brooke and Donnie McCorkle and Paul Wood, McCook, were supper guests at the Norman Wendelin home to celebrate Suzanne and Joanne's Nov. 29 birthdays and Ian's Nov. 28 birthday.

Saturday guests of Ryan and Darci Unger, Dillon, Drew, Ty, and Brock Zweygardt, St. Francis, for a belated Thanksgiving dinner were her parents, Kenneth and Janet Roberson, St. Francis; Butch and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly, Shawnee; and Ralph and Norma Unger.

Eunice Andrews, Perry, Ga., enjoyed supper Sunday and Tuesday evenings with Rhonda May and Dan Nedland and family and then returned home Saturday after spending a week visiting her mother, Wilma May, and other family and friends.

Kris Erickson, Lindsborg, was a Saturday evening visitor at the Norman Wendelin home.

Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante, and Richard and Anna Shaw, Oberlin, and Jennifer Shaw and Casey Harshman, Emporia, were Sunday noon dinner guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw for their family Thanksgiving dinner.

Jennifer Shaw, a student at Emporia State University, came home Tuesday to spend Thanksgiving with her family. She was visited on Saturday by Casey Harshman and they returned to Emporia Sunday afternoon.

Richard May and Nolan, Lawrence, spent Friday to Sunday visiting family, especially his parents, Walter and Betty May.

Kansas State University students Kelly Olson and Cameron Nedland, Concordia University student Rory Wendelin, and Washburn University student Jessica Bremer returned to college Sunday afternoon after spending Thanksgiving break with their parents.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Craig and Karen Larson were Zane and Gladys Geis, and Carl Larson and his friend.

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.

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..

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.

THE WORKING MAN'S CHURCH
C&H Power Line Building on Hwy 83 (North of the Airport) Oberlin, Kan.
Pastor John Paulson
SUNDAY: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Come as you are.



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