

Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

Bee Nelson enjoyed watching the Macy Thanksgiving Day Parade with Bob Sawdon, then they were guests for a delicious turkey dinner, along with Beth Mustoe and her daughter from Maryland at the Norton Andbe Home. It was also great to see Ethel Miller and her son Mick Miller, Evelyn Lyon and Sonya Montgomery of Almena.

Happy Birthday to Terri James on Dec. 7.

An e-mail comes from Bobby Crabill to tell us that Bob Crabill is back in the Jetmore Hospital swing bed program. He began therapy on Dec. 1.

Thanksgiving guests of Dorothy Ward, were Mark, Debby and Brandon Ward, Hugo, Colo., and grandson K.J. Ward and friend Breanna Sage of Newton.

It was good to have a telephone visit on with Wava Reames, who is in the Good Samaritan Hospital at Kearney, Neb., recuperating after knee replacement surgery on Nov. 18. She said that Velda Ward is again in the hospital at Oberlin, and her husband, Frank is being treated at Cedar Living Center for pneumonia. Mail may be sent to: Wava Reames, Good Samaritan Hospital, Room 339, 31st and Central, Kearney, Neb., 68847.

Dave and Patty Stapp, Kaitlyn and Sam were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Marian Dempewolf, Oberlin. Other guests for dinner were Bob Dempewolf, Rose Riffle, Andrew Dempewolf, Dan Dempewolf, Oberlin; Lee Dempewolf, Jamie and Cailee, Topeka; Dave and Linda Schiep, Spencer and Ad-

dison, McCook; Greg Dempewolf, Darcie Zuck and Jada, Culbertson. The group enjoyed playing "corn hole," and an outdoor bean bag game.

The Norcatur Christmas drawing will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20 with a community potluck at noon; registration for the drawing at 1 p.m. and the drawing and Santa at 1:30 p.m. Checks to help with the meal and drawing may be made to the "Norcatur Drawing" and given to Chris at the city office or mailed to either the Norcatur City Office, P.O. Box 89 or to Deb Marshall, 2505 W. Lane, Norcatur, Kan., 67653. The cost for meat (ham, turkey or roast) and fruit basket donations will be \$15.

MUSEUM TIDBITS

Thanks to the Leichter estate for the Norcatur High School yearbooks and for the small chalkboard that is made from chalkboard from the school.

Don't forget the museum is open through the winter months. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon.

Lynn Streit came to Oberlin on Wednesday last week to take her dad, R.D. Thornton to Larned for the holiday until Friday.

Chris Dempewolf went to Larned on Thanksgiving to spend time with her family. Others there were Ralph, Lynn, Jesse and Jacob Streit, Shelby and Susie, Ray, Jen, Bryce, Abbey and Isaac Thornton and R.D. Thornton.

Sunday lunch guests of the Doug Dempewolf's and M.J. were Sharee Dempewolf and Aaron Mann of

Colby and Keith Ward.

Guests for Thanksgiving holiday at the Stan Miller farm were Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Sophia, Topeka; Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle, El Dorado; Mr. and Mrs. Rocky DeLano, Wichita; and Aimee Applebury, Eli and Karyssa, Colby. Additional guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Oberlin, after they took the family and Derrick Bolliger, Oxford, Neb., to Thanksgiving dinner at the Cardinal Bar and Grill.

Winners of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were John New, first; Larry Lively, second; Gene Gallentine, third. There was no pool tournament for Nov. 26.

Matt and Jamie James, Raelyn and Lyndsey of North Platte, Neb., enjoyed Thanksgiving Day with Larry and Terri James. Russell and Karen James of Jacksonville, N.C., called to say that they are expecting a baby.

Thanksgiving holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Otter were Betty Knapp, DaMonte and new baby girl, Khamania. They arrived from Manhattan on Wednesday, Nov. 26, stopping to see Uncle Marty in Hill City. Thanksgiving was spent with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Otter and family. Friday they went to Norton to visit Grandma Knapp. On Saturday, Levonne held a baby shower at her house. They returned to Manhattan on Sunday.

Thanksgiving guests of Wayne and Norma McCallister were Rob and Dodie McCallister and Matt and Jessica Howell of Hays, Mildred Schwab of Norton and Carl Lyon.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Thanksgiving guests of Don and Joan Grafel were Steve, Susan, Makenzie and Todd Nelson, Oberlin; and Janet Davenport, Omaha.

Kurt, Kris, Kayla and Kourtney Grafel of Utica were last weekend guests of Don and Jona Grafel. All attended the wedding of Keaston Grafel and Danielle Bohme in Atwood on Nov. 29. Keaston is the son of Kurt and Kris Grafel. Also attending the wedding were Keith, Roma and Sydney Grafel, Council Grove; Kent Grafel and Kris, Kristyn and Kamryn Clapp, Culbertson; Steve and Karolyn Martin, Windsor, Colo.; and Kyle, Cindi, Benjamin, Sarah and Rachel Grafel.

Rick Wood of Arvada, Colo., visited Kent and Chris Wood for a few days this past week.

Guests of Jim and Sharon Vogel were Randy Fassnacht, Sharon's brother, and sons, Jeremie and Horton, and Mitchell Fassnacht of Kansas City. All came for deer hunting and all three got a deer. Todd Hoffman, Castle Rock, Colo., and Justin Adams stopped in on their way home.

Esther Pennington's visitors this week were grandchildren, Valentine and John Solko, and Father Dan Scheetz. Saturday, St. Nicholas Day is not practiced in our country as much as in European countries but Voni Sattler and Chris Wood celebrated by bringing treats to their Aunt Esther.

Julie and Bob Hafner attended the PRIDE Christmas chili soup dinner on Sunday. Santa came bearing gifts and door prizes were drawn for those in attendance. Adding to the festivi-

ties were Voni Sattler, Chris Wood and Carol Kompus singing "Jingle Bells" with the PRIDE supporters joining in. Thank you, PRIDE, for all your hard work! Keith Ketterl was a visitor of Julie and Bob and they enjoyed dinner at Roger's Bar and Grill on Friday.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Brad and Deanna Williams were family, Chelsey, Zachary, Brandi and Kassidi; Allen and Patti Park and family, Alex, Breanna, Brittani and Nicolas of Hays; Kathy, Sami and Braden Leitner of Atwood and Voni Sattler.

The St. Mary's Christmas Mothers Altar Society met on Sunday, following mass in the church rectory. Father Dan Scheetz led the group with an opening prayer. Old and new business was discussed with the 2008 officers, Beth Chartier, Nadine Green and Ann Solko being thanked for the good job. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 25 in the rectory with officers and leaders being named for 2009.

The Del Solko sausage crew finished the project Tuesday morning and the high-commander, John Kleidosty, headed home to North Platte, Neb. The high-commander elect will be announced later.

Joan Hartner Noble is recuperating from surgery and would welcome get-well cards from family and friends. Her address is: Mrs. Joan Noble, Fountain Lake Health and Rehab, 1208 Hwy. 7 North, Hot Springs Village, Ark 71909.

Father Dan Scheetz celebrated mass at St. Mary's Catholic church Monday evening for the Feast of

the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8.

Julie's Memory Joggers

1954, Herndon 75th Anniversary. *The Citizen-Patriot*

By the time of the 75th anniversary celebration in 1954, Herndon had a population of 350, paved streets completed in 1949, a municipally owned light plant and system (1937), a locker plant (1942), a sanitary sewage system (1937), ultra-modern public school building (1941-\$220,000), a 3,000 book library (1932), city auditorium (1936), park with native-stone stadium (1940), lighted ball diamond (1948), Boy Scout house (1949) and 30 energetic businesses operating and a 75 member Chamber of Commerce (1934).

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Decatur Health Systems

By Othelia Vacura

We are entering the intestinal flu season, and some of our residents and patients are showing the classical symptoms that go along with it — upset stomach, vomiting and diarrhea.

In order to prevent the spread of viral infections, people who feel ill or are beginning to have symptoms should not visit their friends and family at the hospital. An important reminder at this time is also to remember to wash your hands frequently. This simple act can protect you from infections and others as well. The biggest culprit in the spread of colds, intestinal flu and influenza is unwashed hands.

Employees of Decatur Health

Systems celebrated the honor of our facility receiving the Thomas Sipe Award on Dec. 1 with a pizza party. The award was given by the Kansas Hospital Association in recognition of the dedication in developing our Specialty Clinic area. The text of our application for this award can be found on our website www.decaturhealthsystems.org.

This year, our employees are again encouraged to share the Christmas spirit and do their part in contributing to the community food bank. Collection boxes have been set up in our back hallway. We hope to make the holidays and the coming year a little brighter for needy families.

Shout Merry Christmas!

By Bill Duncan, Church of Christ, Oberlin

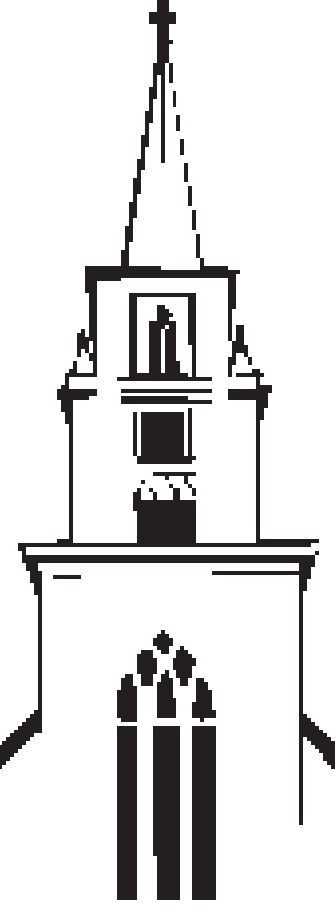
'Twas the month before Christmas
When all through our land,
Not a Christian was praying
Nor taking a stand.
The politically correct police had taken away
The reason for Christmas — no one could say.
The children were told by their schools not to sing,
About Shepherds and Wise Men and Angels and things.
It might hurt peoples feelings, the teachers would say,
December 25th is just a 'holiday'.
Yet shoppers were ready with cash, checks and credit,
Pushing folks down to the floor just to 'get it'!
CDs from Madonna, an X-Box, an I-pod,
Something was changing, something quite odd!
Retailers promoted Ramadan and Kwanzaa.
And hopes to sell books by Franken and Fonda.
As some stores hung trees upside down
At others the word Christmas — was nowhere to be found.
Inclusive, sensitive, di-ver-si-ty, you see,
Are words that are used to intimidate me.
Now Daschle, Now Darden, Now Sharpton, Wolf Blitzen,

On Boxer, on Rather, on Kerry, on Clinton!
At the top of the Senate, there arose such a clatter
To eliminate Jesus, in all public matters.
And we spoke not a word, as they took it away,
Forbidden to speak of Salvation and Grace,
The true Gift of Christmas was exchanged or discarded,
The reason for the season, got stopped before it started.
So as you celebrate "Winter Break" under your "Dream Tree,"
While sipping your Starbucks, listen to me—
Choose your words carefully, choose what you say
Shout MERRY CHRISTMAS, not Happy Holiday!
(copied)
— My question to all of this is: "Whose feelings" are the enthroned gods before whom the rest of us must bow down and make our sacrifices? Who says so?? By what authority?
Revelation 1:18 — Jesus: "I am the living one. I died, but look — I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the key to death and Hades."
—Merry Christmas, from Bill Duncan, born Dec. 25, 1933.



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, LEOVILLE**
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
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