

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Those from Norcatour who drove to Norton to enjoy the "Living Nativity" presented at the United Methodist Church were Galen and Jamie Wyatt, Quentin and Bryndon Wentz, Jeff and Michelle; Lance and Nick Armbrister, Darren and Lois; Megan, Rebecca and Amy Wentz, Darrel and Alice Barnett, Bob and Kay Strevey, and Pastor Larry Danforth.

Happy birthday to Sheree Milnes, Dec. 11; Mindy Braun, Dec. 12; Heather Baker, Dec. 14; Bryndon Wentz, Dec. 16.

Marjorie Prince returned to her home in Liberty, Mo., on Nov. 23 after spending time visiting her mother, Arlene Hix.

They enjoyed visiting James and Lena Skrdlant at the Andbe Home in Norton; Veryl and Vi Van Der Wege in Norton and Virgil and Joyce Price in Norcatour.

Bee Nelson accompanied Barbara McCool to Wichita on Nov. 29 to visit her son, Todd Nelson and

family and helped Todd celebrate his birthday.

Pool winners at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were Von Johnson, first; Dean Forbes, second; Carl Lyon, third.

Dart tournament winners were Kristi Gallentine, first; Patty Stapp, second, game 1; Renee Harman, first, Patty Stapp, second, game 2; and Alice Barnett, first, Patty Stapp, second, game 3.

Mrs. David Johnson, of Lenexa, returned home on Dec. 3 after spending three weeks in the hospital.

Winners at Senior Citizens on Dec. 6 were Joyce Sumner, Claudia Bridges and Lora Arnold. The next meeting will be 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Educational Building.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Barnett, who received the 2008 Norton County K-State Extension Appreciation Award.

Bee Nelson, Twila Forbes and Dorothy Ward traveled to Kearney,

Neb., Friday, Dec. 5, to bring Wava Reames home from the hospital. Healing of her knee replacement surgery is progressing nicely.

Bee Nelson and Dorothy Ward attended the ham and bean supper, Sunday evening at the City Building for the benefit of the food pantry and sponsored by the Royal Neighbors Club.

Bob Crabill, in the Jetmore Hospital, is slowly improving and enjoys visits from his family. Please give him a "lift" by sending a card to Robert Crabill, Jetmore Hospital Jetmore, Kan., 67854.

Museum Tid-Bits

Thanks to Darrel West for all the wonderful items that he donated to the museum. Some of the items were a grade card of Alice Bell's from 1920; Class of 1927 and 1936 graduation announcements; 1926 school play program; a calendar from 1917; Clayton High School graduation announcement from 1911 and lots more. Thanks!

Trimming holiday food costs



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
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And now, sticker shock at the grocery store?

With food being such an integral part of upcoming holiday celebrations, stretching food dollars can be a challenge. Here are some food shopping tips:

- Food prepared at home is typically less expensive than similar foods prepared in a restaurant. To save, eat more meals at home.

- If short on time, buy food prepared at a grocery store or supermarket, which will generally be more expensive than food prepared at home, but less expensive than a similar meal at a restaurant.

- Consider a less expensive meal – a brunch, sandwich night or soup supper – to trim costs for holiday gatherings, or plan a potluck to share the expense of feeding a crowd. Also, a post-holiday gathering may allow additional savings on traditional holiday foods and offer an opportunity for a more relaxed get together.

- Eliminate holiday-themed one-time-use only paper items or other disposables.

- Do it yourself. Buying a prepared fruit basket or vegetable tray will usually be more expensive than buying fruits and vegetables and preparing and arranging them yourself.

- Plan meals in advance to take advantage of advertised specials. Supermarket fliers (in newspapers and on display stands near shopping carts) highlight bargains of the week.

- Keep a running grocery list, and

take it shopping with you.

- While shopping, look at cost-per-unit signs, such as cost-per-ounce, per-pound or per-item, posted on the front of the store shelf below the product to determine the least expensive brand and least expensive package size before buying.

- Skip specials at the end of the aisles. Such specials can be perceived as sale items, but aren't always at sale prices.

- Plan to shop once a week. Additional trips to a store take time and add to fuel costs, but shoppers rarely pick up just one or two items.

- Buy in quantities that fit your needs to reduce waste.

- Buy less expensive seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables that are available locally. Use perishable produce first, and then canned, dried or frozen fruits and vegetables to complete meals.

- Store leftovers promptly to preserve food quality, and use leftovers within two to three days or wrap and freeze for future meals to further trim food costs. Suggestions include using leftover turkey in sandwiches, wraps or pita pockets, in a casserole, pasta sauce or soup, which also may incorporate leftover broth and vegetables.

More tips about food, nutrition, health, cooking and recipes are available at your local K-State Research and Extension Office or e-mail twatts@oznet.ksu.edu.

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Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Brad and Deanna Williams and Voni Sattler attended the funeral of Voni's nephew, Shaun Henry, in Wray, Colo., on Saturday afternoon.

St. Mary's Catholic Youth Organization hosted coffee and rolls to a large crowd on Sunday, following mass at St. Mary's hall. The members also had a fundraising table set up with items for purchase or chances to win on the drawing. The money raised will go toward their trip to National Catholic Youth Convention next November. The expressed thanks to everyone for your generous support.

Pam and Stu Stuczynski enjoyed supper with Carol Kompus on Wednesday evening. On Monday, Carol and Sharon Vogel shopped in McCook and ate lunch at the new "La Puerto" restaurant and Carol visited her mother, Wilma Bobinmyer, on Sunday at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. Seems that nasty old flu-bug is moving on. The residents are feeling better at Cedar Living.

Pete and Eileen Portschy hosted their family Christmas on Sunday at their home. Guests enjoying Christmas dinner and a gift exchange were Greg and Rita Marintzer and Joe, Dean and Deb Portschy, Marcus and Neil, Cheri Kastens and Elijah, and Gene Kleidosty, all of Herndon;

Justin and Lori Marintzer, Hays; Isaac Marintzer, Colby; Jacob and Tara Marintzer, Wamego; Abraham Marintzer and Alex Williams, Emporia; Leah Sharp, Atwood; and Caleb Kastens and Eva Anderson, Ludell.

Richard and Theresa Rippe and Rodney, and Katelyn Clark attended the wedding of Richard's niece, Ashley, in Manhattan last weekend. She is the daughter of Clifford and Sue Rippe. Other brothers there that they hadn't seen for quite awhile were Ed Rippe and sons, Garrett and Jonathan, Yuma, Ariz.; Ron and Debi Rippe, daughter Holly and husband John, Tyler, Texas; and also Richard's sister, Carolyn Glaves and daughters, Tammi and Cindy, Yuma, Ariz. They spent time in Salina on the way home with Pat and George Cardinal and Michelle, Bob, and Joshua Dolan.

Julie's Memory Joggers Oct. 15, 1914

Joe Hutfles was in Friday after the twentieth load of lumber for his big barn. Joe says the building is now enclosed. He has seven men working on the job and they keep him busy going to town after material.

Matt Grafel recently sold his 320-acre farm in Richland township to R.C. Drath, and is now in Montana looking up a location. Shortly after becoming owner of this farm,

Robert sold the improved quarter to Joe Martin.

Paul Riener was in Wednesday from the state line country and closed up a deal with the Foster Lumber Co. for a bill of lumber from which to build a barn. Paul secured a good crop this year and will use some of the proceeds in improving his farm.

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'Joy to the World'

By Tom Smith, Interim Pastor, Oberlin Covenant Church

A lady owned a canary named Pretty Pete. He was like a member of the family. She loved him greatly. One day, however, she was vacuuming the floor of Pete's cage. Pretty Pete was sitting on a little swing suspended from the top of his cage. Unfortunately, the telephone rang. As the lady reached for the phone with her free hand she absent-mindedly tipped the end of the vacuum cleaner hose upward into the cage. Suddenly she heard an awful squawk and realized that Pretty Pete had been sucked into the vacuum cleaner. Throwing down the phone, she opened the vacuum cleaner as quickly as possible. There lay Pretty Pete among all the dirt and lint. He was bruised, battered and bleeding. The horrified woman picked him up, rushed over to the sink, held him by his little legs under the faucet and washed him off with cold water.

A few days later a friend, who knew about this

unfortunate occurrence, asked how Pretty Pete was doing. "Oh," said the lady, "He's doing all right, I guess. Except he doesn't sing much anymore. He just sits and stares off into space with a kind of glassy-eyed look on his face."

Sometimes the circumstances of life drain the joy and vitality completely out of us. We don't sing much any more. In a way we sit around with a glassy-eyed expression just staring off into space. We may feel that we've been sucked up in a vacuum cleaner and there's no one to get us out.

Luke 2:10-119 TEV "... I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David's town your Savior was born – Christ the Lord!" Christ really is the answer. He will bring joy and peace to our lives, if we let Him be born anew in us!



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 LUTHERY 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.

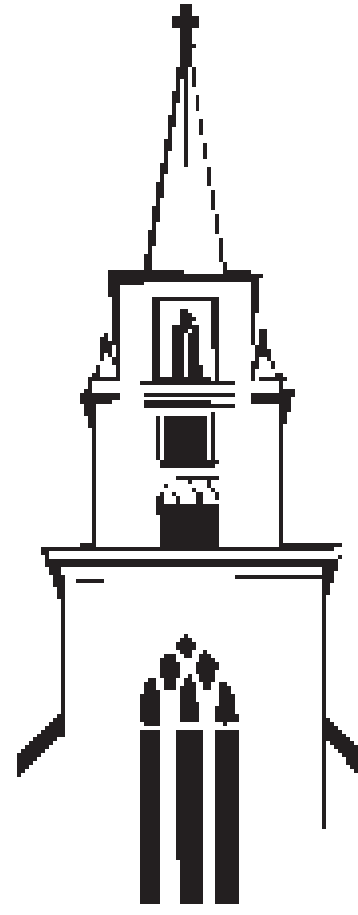
EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN
Pastor Tom Smith
Interim Pastor
810 West Cedar, Oberlin
Office Phone 785-475-2769
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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.
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Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The City Council held a council Christmas banquet at Montana Mike's in Colby on Wednesday evening. Those attending were Mayor Dennis Allison and wife Vicki, council member Dwight Williams and his wife Charlotte, Mike Johnson and wife Evelyn, Nancy Dahl and husband Jay, Dave Williams and wife Gayle, Betty Nickols, Jolene Hansen, city clerk; city manager, Bill Scott and wife Gidget, Judge Rick Ress and wife Melanie, Lee and Ruth Luna and John Ray Gould. After a delicious meal, the council held its monthly meeting. Mayor Allison brought the meeting to order and gave an overview of the year 2008 activities highlighting the

property clean-ups and the addition to the city building.

The community appreciates the free December utility bill (minimum amount) which the council motioned and passed 5-0 at the November meeting.

Golden Plains High School kitchen staff, Wilma Ritter, Delores Juenemann, and Ruth Luna, will be fixing a Christmas dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 17. If you would like to purchase a meal for \$3.65, contact the school.

Several attended Bingo Night held at the Red Barn on Saturday evening.

Until next time make your week memorable.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Esther Ready, New York City, was a Friday evening visitor of John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica. She spent from Friday to Sunday in Oberlin visiting her parents, John and Muriel Ready.

Members of St. John's Lutheran Church enjoyed a Christmas party hosted by Gaylord and Shirley Shields at their home Sunday evening.

David Bremer, Newton, accompanied by his daughter, Angie Ah-

Chin and granddaughter, Olivia Costa, Oakland, Calif., were late Sunday evening visitors at the John Bremer home and overnight guests of Herschel and Jody Betts. They were en route from Oakland to Newton, where Angie and Olivia will relocate.

Jessica Bremer arrived Friday evening at the John Bremer home to spend a few weeks with her family over her Christmas and New Year's college break.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

The Sunday School Christmas program will be presented at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. Covenant Women are asked to bring finger foods for the fellowship time to follow.

Members of the congregation will meet at 4 p.m. at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin on Saturday or a caroling party there and at other homes, after which they will carol in Atwood.

is recuperating satisfactorily after being hospitalized last week. His mother, Donna Kelley, spent a few days with him.

Weekend pheasant hunting guests of Dave and Sherry Bergling were Steve and Dillon O'Neill, Roy Del-saver, and Jason and Tyler Spetzer, Brighton, Colo.; and Randy Paulett, Erie, Colo.

Tyler and Tiffany Witt were Saturday evening visitors of Keith and Mary Lou Olson.

Kirk Kelley of Davenport, Iowa,