

Norcatatur News

By the Norcatatur News Committee

Sympathy is extended to the family of Velda Ward, 83, who died Friday, Dec. 19. She was born on a farm in Norton County on Aug. 18, 1925. Services were held on Monday, Dec. 22 at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin, with burial in Norcatatur Cemetery.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill Wednesday, Dec. 17, were Larry Lively, first; Carl Lyon, second; Rusty Montgomery, third; Von Johnson, fourth.

Virgil and Joyce Price were pleasantly surprised Sunday evening when Jamie, Quentin, Wyatt and Bryndon Wentz came to visit and brought them a gift of homemade goodies from the Prairie Dog 4-H Club.

Friday night supper guests at the Dempewolf's were Chris Bushey, Keith Ward, Sharee Dempewolf, Aaron and Hayden Mann, Scott Beachel and Ryan.

Sharee, Aaron and Hayden were overnight guests. Supper guests on Saturday were Sharee Dempewolf,

Aaron and Hayden Mann, Laci Leichliter and Keith Ward.

Laci Leichliter was an overnight guest.

Steve Hirsch will be in the Norcatatur City Office Thursday, Jan. 8.

On Sunday, there was a Thornton Christmas at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. Those that were able to attend were R.D. Thornton, Chris Dempewolf, M.J. Dempewolf, Sharee Dempewolf, Aaron and Hayden Mann, Lynn and Ralph Streit, Lisa and Laci Leichliter, Ray, Jen, Bryce, Abbey and Isaac Thornton.

Mary Leslie accompanied Bee Nelson to McCook Friday, Dec. 19, for her eye appointment. The ladies had lunch and a short shopping trip to Wally World. Bee's car was covered with slush when they got back to Norcatatur.

Happy Birthday to Ronald Anderson, Dec. 25; Fred Molzahn, Lynn Ward, Dec. 26; Mary Irwin, Dec. 30; Beth Sebaugh, Dec. 31; Troy Wentz, Jan. 1, Darrel Barnett, Megan Wentz, Jan. 2; Chris Dem-

pewolf, Jan. 3; and Mike Mapes, Jan. 6.

Happy Anniversary to Galen and Jamie Wentz, Dec. 31; John and Cristy Baker, Jan. 1; and Jeff and Lori Roe, Jan. 3.

Robert Schoenrad has been a patient at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb., since Wednesday, Dec. 17. He was returned home Sunday, Dec. 21.

Word was received of the death of Charlie Glass on Tuesday, Dec. 9. His wife is the former Brenda Johnson. Memorial services were held Monday, Dec. 15, in Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Norcatatur Rural Fire Department will have its Eighth Annual Pizza Fund Raiser in January. Pizzas must be ordered by Friday, Jan. 16, with delivery being Sunday, Jan. 25. Contact any member of the Norcatatur Fire Department to place an order.

Prairie Land Food packs will be available to order through Monday, Jan. 12.

Contact Terri James, 693-4261, or Bee Nelson, 693-4569, or The Bank of Norcatatur.

Cardinal Bar and Grill winners from the drawing on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 20 were Madison Urban, winning the eight foot stocking.

Connor McVay and Timothy Helm won the radio control trucks. Santa was present to give candy out to the big and little kids.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Sunflower Senior Citizens Christmas dinner was held Dec. 19. The main meal was fixed by the Senior's officers. Others brought salad or dessert. Attending were Stan and Ramona Shaw, Bob and Neoma Tacha, Helen and Keith Muirhead, Tom Votapka, Sue Long, Mary Votapka, Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier, Larry and Alice Mizer, Imogene Keenan, John Keenan, Oberlin; Wilma Mader, Bob Jones, Carla Latimer, William and Tommie Kump, Pat Hall, Violet Foster, Rachel Carter and Louise Cressler. The next potluck dinner will be Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the Senior Center.

Amy McKenna and Doug Osborn were married at the Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville on Saturday, Dec. 20. The ceremony was followed by dining and dancing.

Guests at the Mike and Joan McKenna home also included Deb and Dwight Osborn, Chad and Molly Osborn, Bailey and Cade, Randy and Sarah Timesch and Skylar, Kingman; Dwight and Jean Lynch, Shawnee; Andrew and Lisa Moreau, Kansas City; Brock and Becca Peterson, Will and Henry, DeMotte, Ind.; Brett McKenna and Tracey Weber, Claflin and Bill and Bryan Peterson, Clifton.

The McKenna family gathered at the Nick and Kathy Otter home in Hoxie on Christmas Day. Guests

included Sean Otter, Hoxie; D'Ann Basart, Jalen and Rylan, Mankato; Brett McKenna and Tracey Weber, Claflin; Jacque McKenna, Iowa City, Iowa; Sarah McKenna, Toppeka; Marcus McKenna, Hays; Greg and Paula McKenna, Marlee, Landee, Hallee and Baylee, Selden; Pat and Shelley McKenna, Chris McKenna, Jerry McKenna and Mary Kinser, Mike and Joan McKenna, Jennings.

Christmas dinner guests at the Galen and Meme Carper home were Cecil and Annette Bailey and Katie, Leoti. Saturday guests were John and Carol Topliff and Josh, on leave from the Air Force, Goodland; and Theresa Hopson, Rebecca and Matthew, Bethune, Colo.

On Christmas Day, the Carter family enjoyed gathering at the Sunflower Center for dinner and visiting.

On Saturday, the Mader family held a surprise birthday celebration in the Sunflower Senior Center for Jim Mader. Leanna Sloan, Hoxie, catered the meal and Violet Krizek baked and decorated the birthday cake.

For the Dec. 16 meeting, the Jennings Tuesday Study Club met at the United Methodist Church. After the meeting, greeting cards for several members who are living elsewhere were signed. Joan McKenna will

send these. A holiday letter from Twila Stieben was enjoyed. Helen Rhodes and Joan McKenna were the hostesses for a luncheon of salads and desserts. Gail Brandyberry, postmistress at Jennings, joined them during her lunchtime. Ruth Chance, Violet Foster, Carla Latimer, Sue Long, Joan McKenna, Joan Metz, Helen Rhodes, Lynn Tacha and Neoma Tacha were present. The gifts for the Angel Tree family were wrapped for delivery to Oberlin. The January meetings, will be lunch at the Broken Wheel with a tour of Bus and Coach Int. afterwards.

Jennings City Council will meet Thursday, Jan. 8 instead of Thursday, Jan. 1. For the week of Jan. 5, Council will be held upstairs in the Community Hall.

Marcia Casey, Denver, spent the weekend at the Lawrence Jennings home. On Sunday they, Brett Jennings, Lee and Judy Ploussard, Oberlin, and Dean and Myrna Musgrave, Indiandola, Neb., hosted a surprise 25th Wedding Anniversary party for Dale and Tammy Musgrave in Ong, Neb.

On Saturday, Lawrence and Lila Jennings had their Christmas dinner for Brian and Westley Jennings, Solomon; Dale, Tammy, and Erin Musgrave, Ong, Neb.; Brett Jennings, Rhonda Jennings, Wichita; and Brendan Jennings, Hastings.

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

On Christmas afternoon, Chris Wood visited Helen Marintzer, Pooch Portschy and Loren Escher at Good Samaritan in Oberlin. She also visited Edie Pettera and Wilma Bobinmyer at Cedar Living Center.

Payton Juenemann's first birthday party was held at the Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin on Friday, Dec. 26. Celebrating with her were great-grandmother, June Fortin; great-grandmother, Eula Juenemann, Oberlin; great-grandmother, Janice Sattler, Atwood; great-grandparents, John and Ardythe Cederberg, Oberlin; grandparents, Dave and Joyce Juenemann, Selden; grandmother, Cindy Sattler, Herndon; Mary, Kate and Collin Clark, Atwood; Karen, Bennett and Winston Sattler, Scott City; Randy and Adam Sattler, Hutchinson; Lisa, Lauren and Lindsay Fortin, Oberlin; John and Roger Carlisle, Cedar Bluffs; Jill and Danae McCorkle, McCook; Diana and Trey Olatunbosun, Houston, Texas; Marjorie Olson, Oberlin; and parents, Chase and Dana Juenemann. Payton enjoyed a princess party with a little princess cake of her own.

A family Christmas dinner was held at the Judy Solko home with Ron, Diana, Rodney and Kimberly Solko, Oberlin; Tom Solko; and Tim Solko, Timberly and Teather Solko attending.

Guests of Joe and Nadine Green celebrating Christmas were Dave and Debbie Unger, Ozawkie; Jerry, Connie and Kylie Reitcheck, Jeanne, Mitchell and Brittany Tuma and Marty Ruda, all of Colby; Jeff Ruda and Carly Hawthorne, Hays; Dave, Baron and Emma Green; Billie Jo Ross and Makayla Ross.

Nicolette Nemeth celebrated her 13th birthday on Dec. 26, along with Rick and Shelli Nemeth, Cheryl Timm, Ludell; Emily Timm, Manhattan; Travis, Melissa and Ashton Rickford, Hays; and Bob and Geraldine Nemeth.

Roseanne Stoney spent Christmas Eve with Paul, Michelle, Melissa and Ryan Prewo in Logan. She traveled to Logan with Aaron and Shauna Stoney and returned home with Larry and Deb Stoney. Roseanne was a Christmas guest of Clarence and Margaret Niermeier, Jayme and Chris of Ludell.

Dean, Deb, Marcus and Neil Portschy left on Christmas Eve day to spend the holidays with Deb's family in Stockton. They attended Christmas Eve mass in Stockton where Father Galen Long was the celebrant. After Mass, they enjoyed a gift exchange and snacks at the home of Deb's parents, Freddie and Shirley Reed. Christmas Day was spent with all the family at the home of Deb's sister, Scot and Denise Murchie. The Portschys returned home on Friday.

Jeff, Danielle and Isabelle Leitner, Colorado Springs, and Jennifer Leitner, Wichita, were guests of their parents, Danny J. and Jean Leitner on Christmas Eve.

Danny and Jean hosted Christmas Day with the following attending: Kent Grafel, Culbertson; Kurt, Kristin, Kayla and Kourtney Grafel, Utica; Erik, Amy and Jackson Schlimmer, Volga, S.D.; David

and April Sattler, Norton; Jennifer Leitner, Wichita; Kyle, Cindi, Benjamin, Sarah and Rachel Grafel, and Leon and Marita Portschy, Herndon.

Over Christmas and the weekend, Kati and Mike Latulip of Colorado Springs, and Jesse Niemeth of Hays, were at the home of their parents, Jerry and Kim Niemeth. Jan Alexander of Arvada, Colo., spent the Christmas weekend with her mother, Laverne Niemeth and enjoyed a holiday dinner at the home of Jerry and Kim. They also visited other relatives in the Herndon area.

A Christmas family gathering was held at the Brian and Mary Clark farm on Saturday for a noon buffet. Those attending were Janice and Jayme Sattler, Eric Sattler, Bufard Clark, Brian, Mary and Collin Clark, Atwood; Katelyn Clark and Rodney Rippe; Chase, Dana and Payton Juenemann, Hays; Rob Sattler, Oakley; Randy and Adam Sattler, Hutchinson; Dan, Karen, Bennett, Winston, and Margo Sattler and friend, Sam McDaniel, Scott City; and Ron and Cindy Sattler, Julie and Bob Hafner and Jerry Sattler, Herndon.

After a wonderful buffet of soup and finger foods, a wild dice game was played in a disorderly fashion. The winners snatched a multitude of gifts from under the tree and from each other. Some needed band-aids at the end of the game, or was that after the football game? Everyone enjoyed snacking on the baked goodies and playing more games before departing for home.

Bob and Geraldine Nemeth were Christmas Day guests of Johnny, Amber, and Kennedy Timm of Ludell.

Christmas guests of Dave and Judy Ketterl were Aaron, Sarah and Gideon White, Norton; and Adam and Angela Ketterl, Atwood. Adam and Angela traveled to Liberal, on Friday where Adam was the best man for Nik Martin and Lisa Kitten's wedding on Saturday in Plains. Dave and Judy, Aaron, Sarah and Gideon attended the wedding in Plains and the reception in Liberal. Dr. Lisle Kauffman, Kansas City, former teacher in Herndon, also attended.

Charlotte Smith, Buhler, spent the weekend with Danny J. and Jean Leitner and Jennifer Leitner, Wichita. She came to attend the baby shower on Sunday for Amy and Jackson Schlimmer of Volga, S.D.

Friends and family joining Richard and Theresa Rippe for the Christmas holidays were Kevin, Megan, Lilly, Michaela, and Allison Rippe, Oberlin; Tim, Alicia, and Wyatt Rippe, Ludell; Brenda and Aaron Schilde, Minneola; Rodney Rippe and Katelyn Clark, Hays; also Norma and Roger Cichorz, Boulder, Colo.; Gary and Pat Sloan, Colby; Jennifer Selby, Hutchinson; Ron and Debi Rippe, Tyler, Texas; Holly and John Brockway, Dallas, Texas; Tyler, Emily, and TyLynn and Kensly Blank, Kensington.

On Saturday, Richard and Theresa attended the wedding of Nik Martin and Lisa Kitten at Plains.

Thanks for sharing your family news and Happy New Year to all!

'Reaching for Something Better'

By Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler,

Faith Lutheran Church, Oberlin

Today is the seventh day of Christmas. Merry Christmas! There are twelve days in the Christmas season. Just three days before Christmas in 1943 Berlin, Germany experienced heavy bombing, including the destruction of a large church in downtown Berlin, the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church. On January 25, 1998 I saw the remains of this church.

If you have ever seen photos of the remains of this large church left standing after war, it does not do it justice. When my husband and I first walked up to this building, I was struck with a profound silence that filled my entire being. The Germans had left this shell of a building to stand as an ever present reminder of the devastation of war, the ultimate human act of selfishness and violence.

For my husband, who has studied WWII his entire life trying to understand how Hitler could come to power among Christian people, the site of the church ruins was profound. He felt that this shell of a church left standing, spoke volumes and that his search for understanding was complete.

In Luke 2:22-40 which was the gospel for the First Sunday of Christmas, last Sunday, we have a similar feeling from Simeon. Simeon was guided by the Holy Spirit to go to the temple in Jerusalem. While he was there at the temple, he came upon Joseph and Mary and their infant son, Jesus. Simeon had seen a vision from the Holy Spirit that he would see the Messiah before he died. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." Simeon's joy is complete. He has completed his life's

journey. His spiritual quest has come to fruition. He has come to see the Messiah.

As Christians we do not have to wait until we are old and have searched for a lifetime in order to know and see the Messiah in our lives. The apostle Paul's letter to the Galatians in 4:4-7 helps us to understand that we have been adopted as children of God by God's love through our baptism into Jesus Christ our Messiah and his dying and rising for us through the cross and resurrection. Therefore, we are IN the world but not OF the world, a world that is sinful, selfish, violent and destructive.

May we be reminded daily that God's love works in a powerful way through baptism. We can be adopted by God's love to be something different than the ways of the world. Let us reach for something better in our lives in the coming year. May God's peace and joy be with you.

+ Blessing for the New Year +

Into your hands, O God, we commend the coming year.

May we see each day as a blessing and a gift. May we remember in all we do the holiness of life.

O most merciful God, into your hands we commend our days.

May they be filled with an awareness of your presence and an eagerness to serve you well.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. 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, 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.

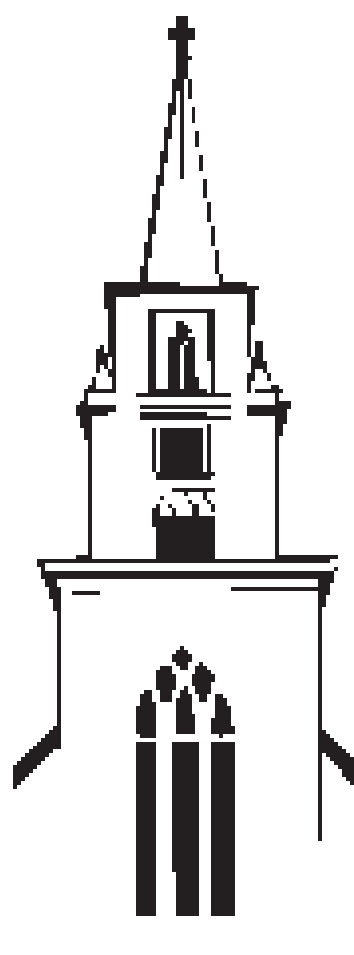
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
510 North Wilson
Interim Pastor:
Kevin Schnakenberg
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays..

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.

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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