

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Oct. 28 were Loyal Springer, first place; Kendall Fisher, second; Bill Ellis, third.

Results of the darts tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Oct. 28, in the first game were Dolores Gallentine, first place; Tonya Porter, second; Kristi Gallentine, third. Game 2: Tonya Porter, first; Kristi Gallentine, second; Dolores Gallentine, third.

Lloyd and Sharon Stanton of Salina, arrived in Norcatour on Oct. 23, to spend a few days visiting his mother Arlene Hix and his brother

Gail Bailey and family. The Stantons and Arlene Hix attended the Methodist Church Soup Supper and Bazaar Saturday evening, Oct. 24. The Stantons also visited his Uncle Veryl and Vi VanDerWege in Norton before returning home on Monday, Oct. 26.

Happy birthday to John Arnold, Nov. 3; Scott Harmon, Nov. 4; Dale Butler, Keith Anthony, Nov. 8; DeWayne Jackson, Nov. 9.

Bob Montgomery and Renee Harman spent Oct. 22-24, in Kansas City for the Prairie Circuit Finals Rodeo. Scott Harman had qualified for this. He had a good rodeo and

finished seventh all around. He was a happy cowboy!

Anita Montgomery and Bobbie and Lee Frakes attended their grandson and great-grandson's first birthday party in Morland, Friday, Oct. 23.

Bob and Anita Montgomery, Bobbie and Lee Frakes, Ron and Gina Montgomery and some of the Carroll family attended the volleyball game in Colby, Oct. 26, where the Curtis team Alyssa Montgomery plays on were playing their last game of the season.

To celebrate her 83rd birthday, Janice Cleland Underwood and her eldest daughter took a 16-day vacation to London; Budapest; Bratislava, Slovakia; Vienna, Austria; Passau, Germany, and Amsterdam, Holland. They visited many beautiful places along the way. The food was good and the other tourists were very friendly and some they will keep in-touch with. They headed back to London and then home to Denver after a great celebration.

United Methodist Church will hold its Annual Pheasant Supper Saturday, Nov. 14, at 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost will be \$7 for adults and \$3 for children; children under 6 eat free. Supper will include Turkey and dressing, ham loaf, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, salads and desserts.

Jim and Carolyn Plotts returned home late Friday night from a mission trip to Juarez, Mexico, where they helped construct a house for a needy family. They have lots of vanilla to sell.

Simplifying holiday cooking

Hosting a holiday meal can bring family and friends together for a day of good food and fellowship, but the day can also spell stress for the host or hostess.

Traditional Thanksgiving menus can be easily divided so guests can share in the preparation and lighten the load for holiday hosts.

Here are some frequently asked questions about preparing turkey for a holiday meal.

Q: Which is better, fresh or frozen turkey?

A: The taste of fresh and frozen turkeys is comparable. Consumers can typically purchase a frozen turkey at a pre-holiday sale price and save some holiday cash to purchase supplies for other side dishes.

Q: How much turkey should I buy?

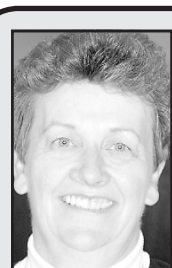
A: The general rule in buying a bone-in turkey is to allow one pound per person. If additional white meat is preferred, consider buying a larger turkey or an additional turkey breast.

Q: Is there a best way to thaw a frozen turkey?

A: Place a frozen turkey (in its store wrap) in a shallow baking sheet (with a lip to catch drips) in the refrigerator. Allow one day of thawing time for each 4-5 pounds of turkey.

Q: Is there a faster way to thaw a frozen turkey?

A: If you have forgotten to put the turkey in the refrigerator to thaw, use the cold-water method. Submerge the turkey (in its store wrap) in cold water in a clean, large sink or bathtub. Allow 30 minutes of thawing time per pound. Drain and replace cold water every 30 minutes during



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
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the thawing process.

Q: Is it necessary to wash a turkey after removing the store wrap?

A: It is no longer recommended to rinse a raw turkey in cool running water. Heat during cooking will kill any bacteria present. Eliminating this step cuts the risk of cross contamination from rinse water splashed around the sink and on the counter.

Q: Will a pop-up timer do?

A: Pop-up timers packaged with

a turkey have a short probe that is not usually deep enough to get an accurate temperature reading. Try using a food thermometer.

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Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

The community extends sympathy to the family of Kim Kathka who passed away Wednesday, Nov 4. He was a 1993 graduate of Herndon High School. Services were held Saturday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin, with burial following at the Oberlin Cemetery.

St. Mary's Fall Festival will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday with a turkey and ham dinner for a freewill offering. There will be cash drawings and a drawing for a savings bond. Tickets will be available through the festival dinner at \$1 each; six for \$5 or 13 for \$10. There will also be a cake walk and parish council and Catholic Youth Organization games.

On Tuesday morning Myrna Pettera of Loveland, Colo., visited her aunts, Esther Pennington, Herndon, and Rita Eckerdt, Loveland, Colo., on Tuesday morning. Julie Hafner stopped by for a short visit also.

Jean Leitner, Herndon, and Charlotte Smith, Topeka, visited Elaine Fikan and daughter, Kathy, in Atwood on Sunday afternoon.

Keith Pettera, Lakewood, Colo., made a fast trip to Kansas Tuesday afternoon to wish Grandma Edie Pettera of Cedar Living Center a happy 98th birthday. Keith returned home Wednesday morning. On Wednesday, Les and Myrna Pettera were luncheon guests of Kent and Chris Wood.

Weekend guests of Danny J. and Jean Leitner to help Danny celebrate his 60th birthday were Jennifer Leitner and Tiffany Stecklein, Wichita; Jeff, Danielle and Isabelle Leitner, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Charlotte Smith, Topeka. On Saturday, they all attended the annual Heritage Days craft fair. Jeff, Danielle, Isabelle and Jennifer were hosts for the birthday party on Friday evening, Nov. 6, with family and friends attending. What happened at this Herndon event stays in Herndon.

On Sunday, Kevin and Megan Rippe hosted a birthday get-together for Michaela at the bowling alley in Atwood. Those helping her celebrate her fifth birthday were her sisters, Lilly and Allison; friends, Emma and Ellie Anderson of Oberlin; family, Richard and Theresa

Rippe, Tim Rippe and Wyatt; Rodney Rippe, Katelyn Clark, Ed Rippe and Michelle Stevens.

Alfonse Unger passed away Thursday, Nov. 5, in McCook. He was born to Andrew and Theresia Unger on March 29, 1916, and was a 1934 graduate of St. Mary's School in Herndon. Funeral Mass was held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in McCook on Tuesday and burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

The senior citizens will hold their dinner and meeting Wednesday, Nov. 17, at the center at noon. Sue Frick is now president and Sharon Frick is secretary-treasurer and can be contacted for anyone interested in renting the center.

Sharon Vogel hosted the "Red Hat Chicks" recently at Roger's with lunch and games. Those attending were Rosemary Bergling, Jean Pochop, Virgie Burk, Anna Weishapl, Jeanette Vrbas, Maxine Wright, Gertie Kastens and Sharon Vogel. Door prize was given for the best costume with Jean and Gertie winning.

Visitors at the home of David and Bonnie Franke this weekend were Brenda, Aaron, Candaesa, and J.D. Van Horn of Ottawa, and Andrea Powell of Council Grove. They were here to attend the birthday party for Danny Joe Leitner on Friday night and to attend the funeral for Kim Kathka on Saturday.

Marlene Cook, Parker, Colo., was a guest of Janice Sattler over the weekend. Marlene and Janice joined Bob and Julie Hafner and Les and Myrna Pettera at Roger's on Friday evening and the gals participated in the Heritage Day Craft show on Saturday.

Julie's Memory Joggers

March 7, 1918, Nonpareil

Birth Notices: Dr. Fleckenstein reports the following births the past week: March 1- To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pitner, a girl. March 1- To Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hartner, a girl. March 4- To Mr. and Mrs. Jos. T. Barenberg, a girl. March 5- To Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Zwickl, a boy.

Reported to us by Dr. A.L. Nichols: March 6- To Mr and Mrs Tony Weishapl, a girl.

'Brokenness'

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

Last week we looked at God's Original Plan for humanity. In that plan God created Adam and Eve out of love to live in perfect harmony forever. God's intention included the hope that humanity would love and serve God and love and serve one another. We explored the fact that God created the relational dynamic between God and humanity to be one of free will. If God had forced humanity to love God in return, it would not be love. Love is never forced; it must allow for free choice. Despite the fact that this was a perfect plan, humanity chose to disobey God by eating from the one tree that God said not to touch. The tree they were not to eat from was the Tree of Knowledge. By reaching for the fruit of this tree, they were reaching to be like God, that is, to have the same knowledge as God. The consequences of their disobedience resulted in limitations to their lives and brokenness in their relationships.

One of the limitations that resulted was a limitation to their very lives. Originally they were created to never die, to be immortal. Now, due to their disobedience they would experience death. The brokenness in their relationships was evident immediately as Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the serpent for their eating of the forbidden fruit. Also, there was brokenness in their relationship with God. God has to go searching in the Garden for Adam because Adam is so ashamed of what he has done that he has hidden himself away from God. Both Adam and Eve become aware that

they are naked. By eating of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge, they have become aware of their disobedience. Previous to that they were in perfect harmony with their surroundings and did not need clothes. Now they have become aware of good and evil, and they know they have done wrong. Out of love, God has pity on them and provides them with clothes.

When we stop to think about our human condition even today, we realize that the experience of life is filled with limitations. Our minds can only comprehend so much. For instance, we cannot imagine a universe that extends forever. Or, that God has always existed and always will. There is a limitation to how long we will live. There is a limitation known as gravity, or how long we can go without air or water or food. We say that no one is perfect. Our limitations are all around us.

Next week we will explore the struggle humanity has faced in every generation down through history in trying to be faithful to what God is asking of us. Throughout the Bible there is a reoccurring theme of humanity's failure to keep promises and God's intervention of love.

Gracious God, we thank you for not deserting this fallen world. We praise you for breaking into history in the flesh-and-blood person of your Son, Jesus the Messiah. Help us to understand that, in Jesus, your eternal kingdom has begun and will never end. Amen.



Jennings News

By Voni Sattler

Several from Jennings attended the United Methodist Charge Conference held in Oberlin Sunday afternoon.

Word was received here that Rev. Glenn Krebs of Wakeeney, had gall bladder surgery last week. We pray he will recover quickly.

Pat Hall is feeling better. She had some health problems after having a stent put in. Violet Foster will go to Texas next week. She is to have eye surgery again.

Dorothy Jones has been entertaining the shingles for several weeks now. Shingles are a painful thing to have and we wish her well.

The City Council met Thursday evening with four council members present. Mark Carter was absent. Several items were discussed. We will put a valve and fire plug at the water tower. Right now there is

a gate at the bottom of the tower which has to be opened to drain the tower. Maguire Iron will be contacted to do this work. Trees were trimmed at the City Park. Tin will be purchased for the roof of the restrooms. Trimming of trees hanging over into the streets was discussed. Norton Correctional will be contacted to see if we might get the men to do this for us. They have done a lot of work in the past for us. Santa's arrival in Jennings will be on Saturday, Dec. 12. Lions Club and council work together on this. Water meters will be read on Nov. 20, weather permitting.

Reminders: Hunters Breakfast will be served at the Masonic Hall from 6 to 9 a.m. on Saturday. The Hunter's Supper will be served from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church.

Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The Rexford Lions Club will be having its annual Pheasant Hunter's dinner, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, on the opening day of pheasant season. All hunters and the community are welcome to come and enjoy soup and pie.

Mark your calendars to enjoy another fun night of Bingo at the Red Barn at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Golden Plains Community Outreach is accepting donations to give toward the Dolly Parton Imagination Library which provides books to children from birth to five years

old in the Golden Plains School District. Rexford contacts are Nancy Dahl, 687-3600, or Sondra Barnett, 687-2520.

Red Barn weekly activities: Monday - Barnswallows, 2 to 5 p.m.; Wednesday - Ladies Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Thursday - Come on Down, 2 to 5 p.m.; Fridays - Koffee Klatch, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Every second Saturday of the month there is Bingo for the 50+ crowd.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
Fr. Mark Berland,
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Jerry Nowack
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: Gene Gee
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.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 Fr. Stephen Folorunso
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 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.

NORCATOUR 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 9 a.m.

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN
Pastors: Chris and Sharon Nelson
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, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays.

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