

# Norcatatur News

By the Norcatatur News Committee

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

Results of the dart tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Nov. 4 were: Game 1 - Patty Stapp, first; Kristi Gallentine, second; Alice Barnett, third. Game 2 - Alice Barnett, first; Patty Stapp, second; and Kristi Gallentine, third.

Wava Reames and Beth Johnson visited Frank Ward at Norton on Friday.

Dee Magers had a birthday breakfast for Rea Magers on Sunday morning. Their son Jeff, and Joy came from Cedar Bluffs and enjoyed breakfast with them. Later Rea and Dee went to Lyle for the church bazaar.

Kaitlyn Stapp of Hays was a weekend visitor of Dave and Patty Stapp and Sam. On Saturday Patty, Sam and Kaitlyn visited Marian Dempewolf and Linda Schliep, Spencer and Addison.

The Norcatatur United Methodist Church appreciates everyone who came to support the church by attending the annual pheasant supper. There were 88 that signed the book.

Happy birthday and anniversary to Cindy Shirley, Nov. 18; Merle Shirley, Nov. 19; Dale Goss, Kaley Ward, and Oran and LaVerne Milner, Nov. 24.

Dewaine Stapp was guest of Charlotte Meints and her family for the wedding of her granddaughter, Amber Walinder to Cory Werth at Hays on Friday evening, Oct. 30.

They had lunch with Kaitlyn Stapp, Dewaine's granddaughter, and then attended the Girls State

Volleyball Tournament to watch the Oberlin girls' team compete. At the tournament Dewaine visited with Barbara (Chambers) Higgins, Overland Park, and Chad Higgins, son of Barbara and Dick Higgins, of North Dakota, formerly of Norcatatur. Chad is superintendent of the schools in Moundridge.

Matt and Jamie James are the proud parents of a son, Matthew Henry James Jr., born Nov. 9, 2009, at North Platte, Neb. He was welcomed by two sisters, Lyndsay Jo and Raelynn Grace. He is the newest grandson of Larry James of Norcatatur and the late Terri James.

Sgt. Russell James of Norcatatur has been deployed to Afghanistan for nine months. He would enjoy hearing from friends. His address is James, Russell A., Marsoc TF 821, 207 Arsic West Herat FSB, AP0/AE 09354.

The Norcatatur City office will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving.

Lisa Leichter brought R.D. Thornton to the Norcatatur Museum on Friday, Nov. 13. This was also R.D.'s birthday. Lisa and Chris Dempewolf visited with R.D. during the day. Other visitors of his over the weekend included M.J. Dempewolf, Sharee Dempewolf, Sunnie Fredrickson, Lynn Streit, Ray Jr., Jen, Bryce, Abbey and Isaac Thornton. He really appreciated the cards and hearing from his Norcatatur friends.

The Buschy clan visited at the home of Doug Dempewolf on Monday. Doug had a barbecue for them while they watched the Denver Bronco vs. Pittsburgh Steelers game. Other visitors at the Doug Dempewolf home throughout the

weekend were Lisa Leichter, Chris Dempewolf, Sharee Dempewolf, Aaron Mann and Scott Lyon.

After church on Sunday, Bee Nelson and Dorothy Ward accompanied Keith Anthony to the Lyle bazaar.

Ballots for Charter Ordinance No. 4 will be mailed out Tuesday, Dec. 1, and must be returned by noon Tuesday, Dec. 15. If you are not a registered voter and would like to vote in the upcoming election, the last day to get registered is Monday, Nov. 30. Registration forms can be picked up at the Norcatatur City office or the Decatur County Clerks office. The Decatur County Clerks office will be open until 9 p.m. on Nov. 30. Absentee ballots will be available. Call the county clerk's office to get signed up for this option.

On Wednesday, the Chatty Hatters from the Red Hat Society, Lenora and Norcatatur group went to the Veterans Day Parade in Norton in their white convertible, driven by Carol Campbell, and a black truck, driven by Devonna New. In the white convertible, the passengers were Iris Smith, Judy Jackson, Pansy Price, Sally Ellis and Carol Campbell, daughter of Iris Smith. The other vehicles Red Hat passengers were Devonna New, Norma McCallister, Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson. It was a little cool, but we all had a lot of fun.

### Museum Tid-Bits

Thanks to Veda Woods for her first iron. It is huge and heavy! She said, "Can you imagine ironing baby clothes with that?" Also, thanks to Veda for the Trustee's record book for Grant township. The first entry is June 25, 1928, and last entry is Dec. 1938. Also in the book is a poll book of the general election for Grant township in 1942. Thanks Veda, for the Citizens State Bank coasters.

# Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

husband, Dawn and Shane Irvin, Wichita; Herschel and Jody Betts, Delores Depperschmidt, and John and Dianne Bremer.

The Decatur Community High School presented Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific" Friday and Saturday evenings in the auditorium. Among those in the cast were Cassidy Shields as Pamela Whitmore, Elizabeth Nedland as Willamina Harbison and Ruth West, Ryan May as Abner, and Hunter Nedland as Professor. As an added attraction, there was a cameo performance by a resident bat.

Cole May and Cameron Nedland, students at Kansas State University in Manhattan, came back for the weekend to watch "South Pacific" and visit their parents, Robert and

Sally May, and the Dan Nedland and Rhonda May family.

Ralph and Norma Unger, Stan McEvoy, Colleen Geihler, Gene and Kristi Gallentine, and Marilyn Gamblin attended the Kansas Association of Counties annual conference Sunday through Tuesday, Nov. 15 to 17, in Overland Park.

Andrew and Stephanie Frankforter, Ethan and Isaac, Kearney, Neb., visited Friday through Wednesday, Nov. 13 to 18, at the home of Elwood and Jeanie May.

Jaron Tate will appear on the Biggest Loser show Wednesday, Nov. 25, and will be featured in the "Where they are now" section after competing in the Beach2Battle-ship Iron Man Triathlon earlier this month.

# Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Theresa Solko, 72, formerly of this community, who died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, at Community Hospital in McCook. Survivors include a son, Tom J. Solko, rural Herndon; three daughters, Marie and Jarrett Sis, Atwood; Jean Solko, Colby; and Patricia and Steve Oberg, McCook; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Solko. Funeral services were held Monday morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon, with burial at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Word was received of the death of Mrs. Walter (Genevieve) Holmdahl, 96, of Lompoc, Calif., on Nov. 9. Her late husband was a native of this community. Survivors include

a son, DuWayne and Bonnie Holmdahl and family of Lompoc. Funeral services were held in Lompoc on Nov. 16.

Cecil Hess and Mary Lou Olson were in Kearney, Neb., on Tuesday, where Mrs. Olson had a doctor's appointment. They also visited Mrs. Olson's granddaughter, Keely Wilson, Julie, Harmony and Derek.

Thanksgiving services will be held at 7 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) at the Herndon Covenant Church.



# Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Laverne Niemeth, Jerry and Kim joined Francis Janousek for the annual Thanksgiving dinner Sunday at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

The Herndon community extends sympathy to the family of Theresa Kennedy Solko who passed away Thursday, Nov. 19, in McCook. Services were Monday at St. Mary's with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Herndon.

Janice Sattler, Atwood, Allison Foxhoven, Parker, Colo., and Bob and Julie Hafner shared Thanksgiving dinner with their aunts, Edie Pettea and Joan Noble, on Sunday at Cedar Living Center. Rich and Mike Noble, Colorado Springs, were weekend visitors of their mother.

Herndon PRIDE will provide "Brunch with Santa" on Sunday, Dec. 6, as their Main Street Christmas celebration. Breakfast casseroles, rolls, juice, coffee and hot chocolate will be served from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for a freewill offering. Come join us for music, door prizes, fun and friends! Don't forget to bring your list for Santa!

Pat Marintzer, Idalia, Colo., and Carol Kompus took Wilma Bobinmyer to McCook this week. Pre-Thanksgiving guests of Wilma were Pat Marintzer, Doug Bobinmyer Jr, Carol Kompus, Pete and Eileen Portschy. Lawrence Wendelin, Gothenburg, Neb.; stopped by to visit Wilma and family after dinner.

St. Mary's Catholic Youth Organization of Herndon returned home on Sunday after four faith-filled days in Kansas City at the National Catholic Youth Conference. The group from Herndon was part of 24,000 teenagers and sponsors who took part in worship, general

sessions, music, workshops and fun during the conference, which was held at the Sprint Center and the Convention Center.

A highlight was a pilgrimage of adoration for the Blessed Sacrament on Friday morning. The group walked in prayer and music the eight blocks from the Sprint Center to the Convention Center following the priests, servers, and bishops. The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus lined the first block. The delegation from the Salina Diocese, which consisted of 1,100 teenagers and sponsors, attended Mass on Friday night at 11 p.m. in the Westin Crown Center Ball room after the conference. The Mass was presided over by Bishop Paul Coakley. The teenagers going from St. Mary's Parish were Damian Kogl, Marcus Portschy, Michael Herzog, Kassi Williams, Brandi Williams, Audrey Basgall and sponsors: Deb Portschy and Deanna Williams. The next NCYC will be held in Indianapolis in November 2011.

### Julie's Memory Jogger's Nov. 26, 2009

What do you get when you cross a turkey with a centipede?

A drumstick for everybody. **March 7, 1918, Nonpareil** Ralph Bone, the efficient mail carrier on rural route No. 1, found the mud so hard to wade thru Monday that he took pity on his "Lizzie" and left it at Harry Jennings and walked all the way, the entire route of 14 miles, which he could do about as fast as he could make it with the car. Tuesday he went out with a team and thought he would go out to the car and then leave the team and come in with the car.

Happy Thanksgiving!

# 'God's Plan Is Restored'

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

Tomorrow is the Day of Thanksgiving. I invite you to be thankful for our loving God. God has provided so very much for us. God has created us in God's own image. God had provided in the Original Plan of creation a way to live in perfect harmony with one another and with God. Despite the fact that this Original Plan was broken by the first human beings, Adam and Eve, we have been restored by God's Son, Jesus. On the cross at Calvary, Jesus Christ died for our sins. At Easter God raised Jesus from the dead to new life. Jesus solved humanity's problem of brokenness apart from God when Jesus gave a perfect sacrifice of his life on the cross. Everyday we are invited to die to sin and to rise to new life, living our lives for Jesus.

We were created to have freedom of the will. This means that God will not force us to do anything, even to do the things God desires us to do. God will not force us to love each other nor Jesus and his gift to us. We are perfectly free to turn our back on God, not say thank you for the blessings we have received, including Jesus' precious gifts. Instead, we are invited

to give thanks and to participate in the blessings God has granted us. It is clear that God's Original Plan is also Jesus' plan that we believe and participate in the eternal life and abundant life that is offered to us.

Although humanity has a long history with a pattern of rejecting, being ungrateful, and not participating in God's plans, this does not have to be our future. We see greed, selfishness, callousness, deceitfulness, meanness, (and the list could go on and on) all around us, and yet, we are free to do otherwise. I invite you to rejoice and be glad for the blessings you have to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. Let us be grateful to our gracious and almighty God. May God bless you as you give thanks this holiday weekend.

Loving and gracious God, you have made us and you own us. You have also redeemed us at a great price with the life and death of your Son, Jesus the Christ. Help us to be eternally grateful, and to give you due praise and obedience. Empower us to walk through this life as your faithful people. Amen.



# 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, LEVILLE**  
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.

**NORCATATUR UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Larry Danforth  
Almena  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

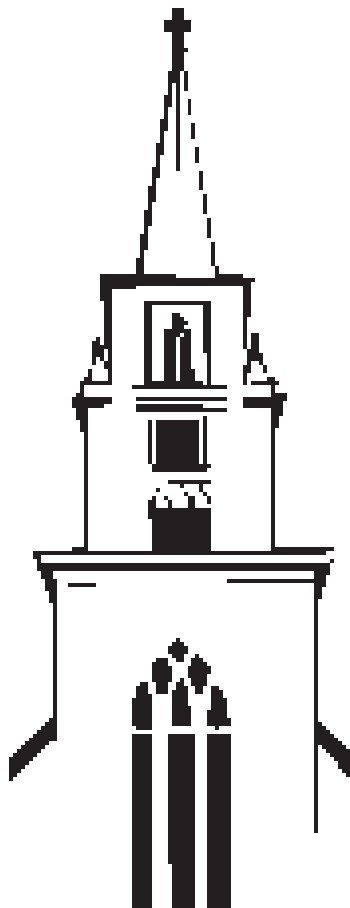
**LYLE UNITED METHODIST**  
Guest Speakers every Sunday  
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.

**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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# Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

The community extends sympathy to the family of Phil Morel of Norton, who died Nov. 17. His mother, Eleanor Morel; brother, Bob, and sister, Diane Carter all live in Jennings. His sister Teresa Reyher lives in Lubbock, Texas, and brother, Pat, lives in Norton. His funeral was Saturday morning at Norton.

An interesting yo-yo demonstration and informative talk was given Sunday morning at the United

Methodist Church by Matt Johnson from Youthville, followed by a potluck dinner and the decorating of the church for Christmas.

Ann DuBois, Abbie and Madison, Norton, attended church with her parents, Ken and Julie Carter.

The City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3, in the Sunflower Senior Center.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving Day, everyone!

1,800 Kansans qualify for additional savings on Medicare.

Do you or your loved ones? Find out by contacting the Area Agency on Aging nearest you, toll-free, at

1-866-457-2364

