

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Gathering for a family Thanksgiving on Saturday were Bart Ecker, Troy and Brandi Ecker of Hays, Marlin and Dana Marintzer, Oberlin and Sharon Ecker and Carla Marintzer.

Crowds formed Friday morning in Herndon, not for Black Friday shopping but for sausage mania. Prairie Partners and the Brethren once again gathered in a controlled environment cranking out ring after ring of their customized recipe. High commander John, CEO of the Partners, is very dedicated and demands high standards. Basic sausage making knowledge and a few other things, handed down by ancestors, will leave a vibrant legacy for family generations to come. Budget items were discussed and new cookie sheets were vetoed while foot warmers made the cut. All returned home Sunday with no one challenging the status of the high commander and thankful for the countless hours of enjoyment.

Kevin and Nanette Philbrick of Casper, Wyo were Tuesday to Saturday visitors of Don and Joan Grafel. Other guests for Thanksgiving were Steve and Susan Nelson, Oberlin; Makenzie Nelson and Matt Buesch, Wichita; Janet Davenport, Omaha; Todd Nelson, Colby; Sarah Grafel, Sterling, Ks; Rachel Grafel, Ben and Mariah Grafel, all of Herndon.

Tom and Myra Sattler flew out of Denver last week to spend a few

days with Matt, Angela and Thomas Haller in Atascadero, Ca. They enjoyed shopping, visiting, eating and seeing the ocean. The weather was fabulous and had a great time for the few days spoiling Thomas.

Congratulations to Isaiah David White, born to Aaron and Sarah White of Norton, Ks at 8:00 a.m. November 24. Isaiah weighed 6 lbs; 9 oz's and was 20 inches long. Brother Gideon welcomed Isaiah home along with grandparents, Dave and Judy Ketterl, Herndon and Hal and Marilyn White of Kingsdown, Ks.

Janice Sattler, Atwood and Julie Hafner hosted a family Thanksgiving celebration Thursday at the senior center in Herndon. Those enjoying a day of delicious food and tricky guessing and Pilgrim games were Rob and Isaiah Sattler, Oakley, Ks; Cody Sattler, Omaha, Ne; Randy and Adam Sattler, Hutchinson, Ks; Jeff Jobs, St. Joseph, Mo; Ron and Cindy Sattler, Herndon, Eric Sattler, Atwood; Brian Clark, Atwood; Buford Clark, Atwood; Dave, Jackie, Caitie, Allie, Caleb, Eli, Seth, Emmie and Gracie Foxhoven, Parker, Co; Katelyn Clark and Rodney Rippe, Hays, Ks; Janice and Jayme Sattler, Atwood; Jake Sattler and Kat Mullen and Bob and Julie Hafner, Herndon.

Abe, Alex and Addisyn Marintzer of Emporia came for an extended Thanksgiving visit. Greg, Rita and Joe hosted Thanksgiving. Those

attending were Abe, Alex, Addisyn of Emporia, Justin, Lori and Isaac Marintzer; Gene Kleidosty, Pete and Eileen Portschy, Cheri Kastens and Caleb all of Herndon and Elijah Kastens of Hays.

Don and Diana Solko, Jim, Destiny Schroeder and family, Janelle, Renae and Mark Solko gathered at Rachelle Solko's home for soup on Thanksgiving. Saturday, Rachelle Solko hosted Thanksgiving dinner. Her guests were Don and Diana, the Jim Schroeder family, RayeAnn Solko and family of Stratton, Renae of Topeka, Janelle of Hays, Mark of Colby, and Vern Beagley of Atwood.

Family spending time with Richard and Theresa Rippe over the Thanksgiving Holiday were Kevin and Megan Rippe, Lilly, Michaela, and Allison; Tim and Alicia Rippe and Wyatt; Ed Rippe and Michelle Stevens, and Marvin Holle Ludell; Aaron, Brenda Schilde and Addisyn, Minneola; Rodney Rippe and Katelyn Clark, Hays; Ron and Debi Rippe, Tyler, Tx and John and Holly Brockway, Lone Tree, Co.

Be on the lookout for Santa sneaking around Herndon on Sunday, December 5. He just may be looking for good boys and girls to hand out some goodies.

Santa just may be traveling through around 10:00 in the morning in the vicinity of St. Mary's School but don't tell anyone, it's our secret!

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Weather permitting "The Wreaths Across America" project is scheduled for Friday Dec. 10. We will meet at 1 p.m. at the Shimmick building to pick up the wreaths and meet at the Jennings cemetery at 1:30 p.m. to place the wreaths on all veterans graves, then proceed to the Big Timber cemetery to do the same.

On Saturday Dec. 11, at 10 a.m., the Jennings American Legion will honor the veterans with a brief ceremony at the Jennings Cemetery, then they will go to the Big Timber Cemetery and honor the veterans there with a brief ceremony. Volunteers are needed for this project. Anyone wishing to place a wreath on a specific veterans grave, please contact Neoma Tacha (785) 678-2470 or Lila Jennings (785) 678-2299. Otherwise, volunteers will place the wreaths. We do encourage the public to come and honor our veterans.

This program has been held in the Arlington Cemetery since 1992 and was started by M. Worcester of Harrington, Maine. The wreath project is also held in State Military cemeteries. The Jennings American Legion and Jennings Auxiliary Post and the Czech Memorial Museum are the sponsors of the local wreath project.

The Jennings Lions Club will be serving soup from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11, at the Community Hall. Freewill donations appreciated. At 1:30 p.m. Santa will be in Jennings at the Community Hall to visit with all the children. There will also be a drawing held afterwards.

On Friday of Thanksgiving weekend, guests of Galen and Meme Carper were Teresa Hopson and Rebecca, Bethune, Colo. On Saturday Micheal and Emily Mangus, Lawrence; Devin Mangus, Manhattan; and Steven and Dani Mangus, Kanorado visited their grandparents.

Thanksgiving guests of Bob and Neoma Tacha were Roger and Peggy Tacha of Oakley.

Thanksgiving guests at the home of Colleen and Kevin Wagoner, Sharon Springs, included: Stan and

Ramona Shaw, Jennings; Cindy Black and Bowen, Carlsbad, N.M.; Logan Black, Colby; and Kyle and Lisa Bollers, Tyce and Tenley, Lochbuie, Colo.

Guests at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw on Saturday for an early Christmas family gathering included: Chris Gillespie and Tom Neff, Marion; Elliott and Tamara Gillespie, Alex and Emma, Belton, Mo.; Aaron and Tara Gillespie and Jackson, Hays; Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Lisa Bollers, Tyce and Tenley, Lochbuie, Colo.; Mark and Shelley Shaw, Ethan and Erin, rural Logan; Cindy Black and Bowen, Carlsbad, N.M.; Logan Black, Colby; Zach and Katie Golemboski and Lexy, Colby; Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton; Nick and Kerrie Wahlmeier, Oberlin; and Adam Wahlmeier and Ashley Wagoner, Norton.

The community extends sympathy to the family of Herbert Petracek, who died unexpectedly at his home in Lacey, Wash., on Nov. 15. He was born in Jennings and attended Jennings High School. He was a brother of Ruth Chance.

On Nov. 16, members of the Jennings Tuesday Study Club met at the United Methodist Church and traveled to Rexford. The group met at the Shepherd's Staff for a meeting and luncheon. After lunch, a tour of the Huston House was given to the group. The members then went to tour the McCarty Dairy. Judy McCarty furnished dessert for everyone.

Members attending were: Rachel Carter, Ruth Chance, Pat Foster, Vi Foster, Patty Foster, Pat Hall, Carla Latimer, Joan Metz, Joan McKenna, Wilma Mader, Merle Snyder, Helen Rhodes, Lynn Tacha, Neoma Tacha, Helen Muirhead and Sue Long.

Lawrence and Lila Jennings hosted a family Thanksgiving dinner on Friday for Brian Jennings and Westley, Solomon; Brent and Rhonda Jennings, Topeka, Andrea Workman, Arkansas City; Brendan Jennings, Hastings, Neb.; Dale and Tammy Musgrave and grandson Dax, Ong, Neb.; Eric Musgrave, Edgar, Neb.; Luke and Erin Norman and Ada, Crawford, Neb.; Brett Jen-

nings, and Frances Bader. Saturday visitors were Crystal Jennings and Brianna Kuhlman of Salina.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Quintin and Lindsay Cundiff, St. Louis, Mo., were Monday noon dinner guests of Martin and Evelyn May.

The Capella Nova Brass quartet, Joanne Wendelin, Paul Wood, Donnie McCorkle, and Lonnie Weyeneth, entertained with Christmas music at Oberlin's Cedar Living Center, Wheat Ridge Terrace, and The Parade of Lights Friday evening.

Friday evening following the Parade of Lights, Norman and Joanne Wendelin hosted a soup supper/birthday party at their home to celebrate the birthdays of Joanne and her twin sister, Suzanne Cooper. Attending were Jeff and Kimberly Wickersham, Calvin and Cason, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Paul Wood and Donnie McCorkle, McCook; Lonnie Weyeneth, Danbury; Ladd Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb.; Greta Wendelin, Lawrence; Rory Wendelin, Seward, Neb.; Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Wichita; Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield; Wayne and Lois Larson; Craig and Karen Larson; Brad Larson and Kathy Almuist.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests at the Norman Wendelin home were Wayne and Lois Larson, Ladd Wendelin, Greta Wendelin, Rory Wendelin, Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Bill and Bonnie Condit, Brad Larson and Kathy Almuist.

Jeff and Kimberly Wickersham, Calvin and Cason; Keith and Marie Geis; Tom and Havelly Holtz and family; Zane and Gladys Geis; Carl and Janene Larson and Elsie; Colby Larson and friend, Shanna; and Ryan Diener were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Craig and Karen Larson.

Jeff and Kimberly Wickersham, Calvin and Cason, Council Bluffs, Iowa, were Wednesday to Sunday guests of her mother, Karen and Craig Larson.

Houseguests of Zane and Gladys Geis during the Thanksgiving holiday were their son and daughter-in-

law, Keith and Marie Geis, Wheatland, Wyo, and their granddaughter and family, Tom and Havelly Holtz and children, Douglas, Wyo.

Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Grace, enjoyed Thanksgiving Day dinner at the home of John and Edith Tate.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests at the home of Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, were Walter and Betty May, Ben Jorns, Richard and Delayne May, Brianna, Danica, and Nolan, Lawrence; Victor Vaca, Houston, Texas; Robert and Sally May, Cole May and Alyssa Rippe, Manhattan; Rhonda May and Dan Nedland and Elizabeth; Cameron and Hunter Nedland, Manhattan; Rhiannon Davies and Liam Davies-Nedland; and Roger May and Ryan.

Word has been received of the death of Elmer Voelker, 90, of Palmer, who passed away early Thanksgiving Day. Elmer was the first cousin of Martin May and Walter May and his funeral was held Monday, Nov. 29.

Nelda Wojsznarowicz, Denver; John Wojsznarowicz, Las Vegas, Nev.; Kristen Bremer and Dwayne Bray, Colby; and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Herschel and Jody Betts. Justin Zodrow was an afternoon visitor at the Betts home on Thanksgiving Day. Nelda and John, relatives of the Betts and Bremers and houseguests

at the Betts home from Wednesday afternoon to Sunday morning, also visited with the John Bremer family during their stay.

Tara Tate and Abigail, Hot Springs, Ark., were Saturday visitors of John and Edith Tate.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields returned home Sunday afternoon after spending a week visiting their son and family, Phil and Karen Shields, Justin and Anna, Salisbury, Md., and enjoying the Thanksgiving holiday with them.

Casey and Jennifer Harshman, Richard and Anna Shaw, and Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Ralph and Violet Shaw to celebrate their family Thanksgiving.

Casey and Jennifer Harshman, Emporia, were Friday to Sunday guests of her parents, Richard and Anna Shaw.

While here to celebrate their May family Thanksgiving, the Richard May family and Victor Vaca were houseguests of the Rhonda May and Dan Nedland family.

Quintin and Lindsay Cundiff, St. Louis, Mo., arrived Saturday, Nov. 20, at the home of his parents, Greg and Janice Cundiff, and returned home on Friday.

Jessica Bremer, Washburn University, arrived Tuesday evening to spend Thanksgiving Break with her parents, returning to Topeka on Monday.

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The Reason for the Season (Pt. 1) Gene Gee, Oberlin Community Fellowship

Not too many weeks ago the world watched as 33 miners were rescued one by one from what could have been one of the worst mining tragedies in history. Trapped nearly a half mile below the surface of the earth, without light.

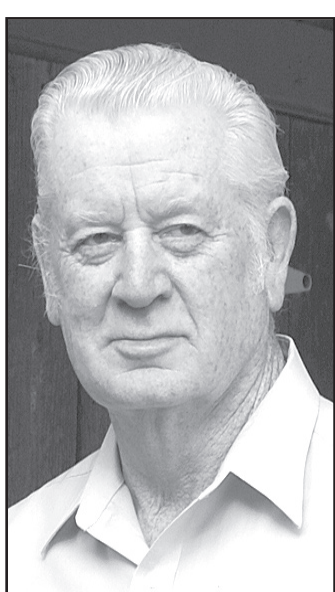
My thought was, "What a horrible thing to be trapped in total darkness without the hope of ever being rescued." Then after 13 days a glimmer of hope appeared as a drill bit pierced a small hole through the ceiling of this cavity where they were trapped. With that glimmer of hope and now able to communicate with family and friends on the surface they managed to survive for another 50 days while rescue workers bore a 28-inch hole from which they were rescued one at a time.

As we celebrate Christmas, may we be reminded that the real reason for Christmas is the fact that the

birth of Jesus was and is to bring hope to a hopeless world. As I watched the cable which was attached to the rescue capsule disappear into the dark hole, I thought, "That cable was their only lifeline."

Then I was reminded that Jesus, the Christ of Christmas, is my only lifeline. He is your only lifeline as well. While the economy may not be as good as it once was, and you and I may not be able to give like we have in the past, let us remember that all the gifts you and I may give or receive, there is nothing that will ever bring the inner satisfaction that many are searching for, like the presence of Jesus in your life.

John 3:16: God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



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

JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor: Barbara Patterson
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. Linda Willey
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. Linda Willey
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Praise team practice, 8 p.m.

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ed Woods
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: Fellowship and coffee time; 10:00 a.m. The "no sermon" worship hour with the Lord's Supper and Adventures With God, 10 a.m. open Bible Study; TUESDAY: Ladies Bible Study, 9 a.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
Fr. Nick Parker
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.

HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
Pastor: Keith Reuther
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Youth group, 4 p.m.

NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ed Woods
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Guest Speakers

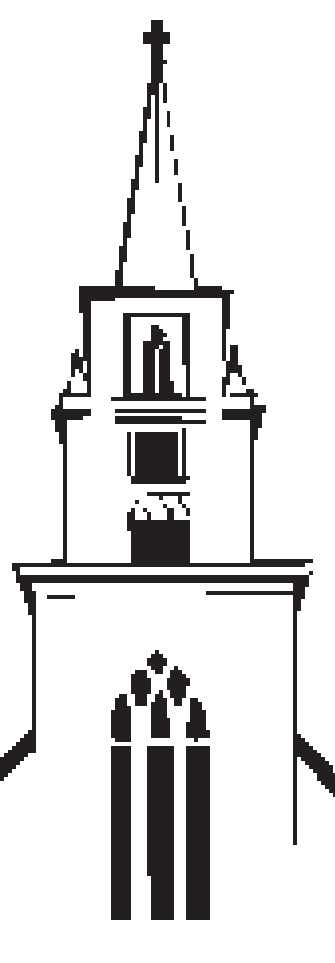
every Sunday
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.

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 and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays..

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
510 North Wilson
Interim Pastor:
Kevin Schnakenberg
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Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Someone mentioned the other day that they really liked the first snow, and then they didn't want any more for the winter. Well, they should be happy today I trust all had a good Thanksgiving and overate like the rest of us. The weather was good for all of the travelers. Even with all the bad stuff going on in the world, I hope people realize that we still have a lot to be thankful for.

Did you see Santa as he arrived in Oberlin on the fire truck for the Light Parade last Friday? The Oberlin Business Alliance sponsored this event for Oberlin's Christmas shopping kick-off. The streets were full of parade watchers. As I was visiting that evening, I hear there are many people from other towns, plus our own families that travel to Oberlin

that day just to watch the parade. The Oberlin Business Alliance thanks all those that participated to help make this a beautiful event.

Also remember the Christmas Decorating and Lighting Contest which is sponsored by the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce. The judges will make a tour of each city in Decatur County starting on Dec. 15. Anyone living in the rural areas who wish to be considered for this contest can call the Chamber office at 475-3441 to leave your name and directions to your home. There are three prizes, which are Chamber Santa Dollars, to give away: \$50 for first, \$30 for second, and \$20 for third. These Chamber Dollars can be used in any Decatur County business.