

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

Certainly by now you have heard the "Don't Forget to Remember Me" Rockathon yielded a bountiful harvest, \$1,437.93 and still counting!

Edla Olson, Dorothy Pryor, Crystal Moore, Eva Bryan, Amy Rehm, Opal Bryan, Alice Bobbitt, Galen Tacha, Leone Porsch, Lucy Schissler, Evelyn Olson, Doris Marintzer, Loren Schrock, Mary Waldo, Don Gilbert and our newest resident, Arlie Hafer, took to their rockers at 9 a.m. to begin the 2011 Rockathon.

The money raised will fund the Ladies Bible Study Service Project. This year's proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Association. Our prayer is to help further research for treatment, prevention and, ultimately, a cure. The outpouring of support was tremendous. Not only did the community rally to sponsor these residents but the talent that came to entertain was again absolutely awesome! Our most heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who made this endeavor another huge success.

Are you wondering about the other happenings this week? Here comes the **CLUB REPORT**: History Buffs, Walt and Betty May, Amy Rehm, Lucy Schissler, Dorothy Pryor, Elden Haas, Leona Helmkamp and Violet Schissler climbed aboard the Orphan Train with Anita.

The First Hand Friends climbed into the hearts of their Reading Pals

as they read to them for the first time. They had fun searching for Sammy the Squirrel when they finished.

Pumpkin Toss was a nice way to spend a cloudy autumn afternoon. Leone Porsch took first with a score of 425; Galen Tacha was a close second at 390; and Alice Bobbitt was in third place with 335.

Bingo night still goes strong. Fourteen Residents showed up to play on Wednesday.

Story Telling was spent reading stories that were written by the residents earlier. Every time we hear them again, we laugh a little harder.

Bible Study is in the second week of the 23rd Psalm. Alice Bobbitt, Lucy Schissler, Walt and Betty May, Violet Schissler, Leona Helmkamp, Amy Rehm, Edla Olson, Evelyn Olson, Olive Arnold, Crystal Moore and Dorothy Pryor attended.

In House Club spent the afternoon on Friday churning butter. It will keep until this Friday when they will bake bread on which to spread it. Coleen Rippe brought her churn and everyone took turns until the butter was just right. One of the nurse's aides came by and asked why they didn't just take it to Stanley Hardware and have Joe shake it on his paint shaking machine...creative but not nearly as much fun.

Poker Club got together. They are: Alan Adleman, Barb Beisner, Lucy Schissler, Myrtle Waldo and Elden Haas. Myrtle once again took

home the trophy.

Visitors this week were: Recent guests: Edie Tate, Becky, Gracie and Molly Tate for Lois Carlson. Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin. Carolyn Strevey and Von and Joy Johnson for Crystal Moore. Marilyn Horn for Myrtle Ross. Lloyd Waldo, and Jody Betts for Mary Waldo. Connie Simonsson and Tiffany Phillips (California) for Amy Rehm and gOllie". Max Carman for Myrtle Waldo. Arian Arnold (Herndon) and Galen Olson for Edla Olson. Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Mert McEvoy, Nola Carlson and Arlene Glad for Lucy Schissler. Reva Marshal, Penny Fringer and Tami Cook for Dorothy Hunt. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for Doris Marintzer. Jerry Hill for Cheryl Hill. Gerald Olson for Evelyn Olson. Christine Dean for Don Gilbert. Sisters Kathleen and Susan for Lucy, Eva, Olive, Shirley and Opal. Shelby Hackney for Ethel Nemeth. Eulaine Benda's children were here and took her out on the town for the Herndon Covenant Church Smorgasboard. Bob and Neoma Tacha for Galen Tacha. Ralph and Norma Unger for Lucy, Earl, Walt and Betty.

Have a safe Halloween

For many people, an autumn event like Halloween is a fun time to dress up in costumes, go trick-or-treating, attend parties, and eat yummy treats. These events are also opportunities to provide nutritious snacks, get physical activity, and focus on safety. Below are tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for trick-or-treaters and party guests.

- G**oing trick-or-treating?
- S**words, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- A**void trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- F**asten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- E**xamine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Regional Extension Agent

Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.

Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent skin and eye irritation.

Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.

Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

Only walk on sidewalks or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats unless you know the cook well.

Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Otherwise, stay outside.

Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

If you follow these simple guidelines, your chances of having a safe Halloween increase dramatically.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Heritage Associates of Jennings, Czech Museum held its monthly meeting Oct. 6. President, Neoma Tacha, called the meeting to order with directors, Mike Tacha, Doyle Brown, Alice Mizer, Mary Wahlmeier, Lila Jennings, Bob Tacha and Dean Gawith present. The need for future space was discussed with several ideas being presented. Memorials were received for Galen Carper, Alfred Wahlmeier and Frances Votapka Monthith. The government has decided to no longer charge non-profit groups for post office box rent. The next meeting will be at 2 p.m., Nov. 3.

The Senior Citizens Potluck supper on Tuesday, was enjoyed by the following: Stan and Ramona Shaw; Bob and Neoma Tacha; Rachel Carter; Eleanor Morel; Agnes Wahlmeier; Bob Jones and Louise Cressler. A good time was had play-

ing bingo with Bob Jones doing the calling.

Jennings City council met Thursday, with four council members present. Rick Foster did not attend. Guest, Lynn Doeden, spoke to the council about opening the clinic again here. Tuesday, Nov. 8 will be the beginning date of the clinic opening.

The town's cat population was discussed. The council is asking residents to get their cats spayed or neutered and keep them at their house.

The panel on the old shop door has been replaced. The city purchased a 2002 John Deere tractor with bucket and grapple fork. It is being housed in the new city shop. City water meters will be read on Friday. If your meter is still inside please post the reading on front door.

In other business the council discussed repairing the roofs of the shelters at the roadside park; reported that the State's landfill inspection was held Oct. 11; the ham, bean and cornbread dinner was well attended.

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A beginner's questions The Rev. Linda Willey, Oberlin United Methodist Church

October is the first month that I have written these articles since moving to Oberlin in July of 2010. I was excited to see my article in the paper until I read the last two paragraphs, which had absolutely nothing to do with what I had meant to write!

The mistake was entirely my own; I had began a second article before I emailed the first one to the paper and accidentally attached it to the end. Because of this, the first article ended very poorly, at least to my way of thinking! I would like to continue those thoughts here.

I began a confirmation class in the United Methodist church this fall, the first I have taught for almost six years. That first night saw the room full of seven junior high students and one high school student. I began by asking if they had any general questions, not expecting anyone to ask anything. Instead, I was peppered by questions that came almost too fast for me to answer: "Is it bad not to be baptized? Do you have to go to church to be a member? Why do people of different religions fight? Do you have to be baptized in public? What's the deal with the pope?"

These questions should not have surprised me. They are all questions that I have had at some point in my life, mostly when I was the same age as the confirmation students. Now that I have had some time to think about

it, I feel more capable of answering those questions, and thought I would share my thoughts.

"Is it bad not to be baptized?" No. It is an expression of faith, if you are a youth or adult, or of your parents' faith, if you are a baby. But if you are not baptized, you are not a bad person.

"Do you have to go to church to be a member?" No. But if you do not participate in the life of a church, including attending worship every week, I would ask you why you want to be a member of a church, and talk with you about what being a member of a church means.

"Do you have to be baptized in public?" No. But in the United Methodist Church, the congregation makes a promise to take care of the person being baptized and to include them in the life of the church, and the person being baptized promises to participate in the life of the church. These promises are best made publicly.

"Why do people of different religions fight?" Because as human beings, we think we are always right, all the time. It takes time and energy to listen to people who believe and think differently than we do, and often, we are reluctant to invest that time and energy. Therefore, it is easier to fight.

"What is the deal with the pope?" No idea. Maybe Father Mark will write about that in a future article!



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.

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.

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.

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.,

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Ed Woods
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.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, open Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; 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.

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

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SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

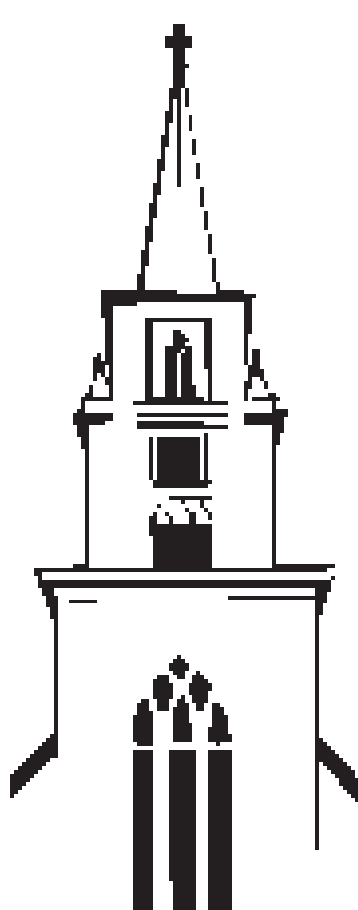
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810 West Cedar, Oberlin
Office Phone 785-475-2769
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

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SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study and prayer, 7:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Selden News

By Jacque Boultinhouse

On Oct. 13, during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Paulie Neff won high, Ralph Weis took second, Lola Cook got low and Betty James had the most Kings. Other members present include: Edna Schiltz, Jeanie Spreser, Matt Finney, Lillian Sulzman, Pat Wessel, Bernita Aumiller, Royce Cook, Carl Mumm, Gail Mumm and Bob Wessel.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Oct. 21, Fred Mumm; Oct. 23, Kory Koerperich; Oct. 24, Tristan Porsch, Vicki Sulzman, Scott Anderson; Oct. 25, George Wessel, Araya Astalosh; Oct. 26, Julia Otter, Maureen Bruggeman; Oct. 27, Sam Shuler, J.R. Albers.

School Calendar: Oct. 21, 7 p.m. high school football in Rexford with Wheatland/Grinnell; Oct. 22, ACT tests; Oct. 24, No school, teacher

in-service day; Oct. 25, 10 a.m. junior high volleyball tournament at Brewster; Oct. 27, 7 p.m.; high school football at Logan.

Oct. 26 the Catholic youth will be collecting canned food and non-perishable items for the area food banks. The kids will be out collecting in the evening so leave your porch light on for them. If you are going to be gone and would like to donate, either leave your items in a bag on the porch or drop them off at Midway Cafe or Karls Store. Since we have area people that live in both Decatur and Sheridan Counties all donated food will be divided between the two counties.

The next pinochle night will be at 7 p.m., Nov. 19, at the Community Center in Selden. Cost is \$10 per person so bring a partner and some snacks.

Decatur Health Systems

By Becky Wilson

Pink ribbons are a common sight in October, which is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

They're intended as a visual reminder of the fight against the disease and to show solidarity with those who currently have breast cancer.

Decatur Health Systems is celebrating "Wear Your Pink" day on Friday, so pin on a pink ribbon or wear pink clothing to help remind one another about regular mammograms.

Since the awareness month program began in 1985, mammography rates have more than doubled for women age 50 and older, and breast cancer deaths have declined. Early detection does save lives. That afternoon at the hospital, the radiology staff will be on hand to answer questions about screenings and refreshments will be served.

If you happen to drop by the hospital on Friday, or any time this week, be sure to check out the drawings on

the wall next to the nurses' station. First graders from Oberlin Elementary School toured the hospital, clinic and Cedar Living Center a couple weeks ago. They learned about the importance of hygiene, about how big a washing machine has to be to do the laundry for such a big building, and about what a turtle looks like when x-rayed. When they returned to their classrooms, the students colored pictures about what they learned, and they are on display right now.

Not to be outdone by the first graders, 22 second graders from Mrs. Tacha's class visited the residents of Cedar Living Center on Oct. 11 and brought books about insects that they had written and illustrated.

The students read to the residents from their books for about 20 minutes, and they will be returning twice a month. Cedar Living Center residents are anxiously awaiting their return.