

Tips for a safe Halloween



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
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The excitement in choosing a costume and parading among neighbors and friends can distract children and make them more vulnerable to food-related hazards.

Limiting trick or treating to your immediate neighborhood or a community-sponsored event is recommended. Parents and children are urged to be cautious with holiday foods:

- Offer a light meal or snack prior to trick or treating or other holiday events, so that children will be less hungry, less likely to eat on the run, and less likely to sample unknown treats.
- Encourage children to respectfully decline candy and other foods that are not commercially packaged. Examples might include a homemade caramel apple or popcorn ball, hands full of peanuts or candy corn.
- Be ready and waiting to help trick or treaters sort candy and discard treats containing known

allergens (nuts, for example) and others that could cause choking (hard candy or small toy) or injury (such as a sharp pencil).

- Encourage children to choose preferred treats and enjoy one or two, before storing candy out of site.
- Integrate holiday candy into meals and snacks over the next few weeks to manage sweets and extend holiday enjoyment.

At community or other events, it is advised that parents 1) check to make sure cider is pasteurized, and 2) if bobbing for apples, wash apples before adding them to the

tub.

At parties, scare bacteria away by keeping hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Keeping trays of party foods stored safely until goblins arrive, and, also, not leaving perishable food at room temperature for more than two hours is advised.

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The Norcatur volunteer fire fighters will hold a hot dog roast at 6 p.m. Saturday at the firehouse. The firemen plan to make this an annual event.

Birthdays: Virgil Price, Oct. 20. Anniversaries: Gary and Cathy Anthony, Oct. 23; Scott and Tracey Hartzog, Oct. 25.

LIVE BIG Youth Group meets at 3 p.m. Sundays.

Adult Bible study meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at the Educational Building. The group is studying the book of Romans.

On Sept. 27 a peer review committee from Public Square Communities visited Norcatur, Jennings, Dresden and Oberlin for the re-accreditation review for the Decatur Tomorrow steering committee.

Norma McCallister and Carolyn Plotts led the tour of Norcatur showing the review committee Auker Park, the Decatur Co-op Association elevator, the United Methodist Church, the museum, library, city offices and the work-out room and the multi-purpose room at the Norcatur City Building. Decatur Tomorrow received its accreditation with many favorable comments being made about the community conversations in Norcatur and Jennings.

Dave and Patty Stapp, Sam Stapp, Kaitlyn Stapp and Gabby Schamberger went to Erie on Oct. 14 to spend the weekend with Kortney and Jerrod Poire and Kynleigh. The family celebrated Kynleigh's first birthday.

Virgil and Joyce Price recently had a visit from her brother, Max Thielbar, Lincoln. Mr. Thielbar also visited another brother and his wife, Melvin and Carlotta Thielbar in McCook.

Rea and Dee Magers attended the Lyle potluck and entertainment night on Oct. 15.

Deb Scott, Norcatur postmaster, won the drawing for the pale turquoise and pink quilt.

Oct. 16, Wayne and Norma McCallister and Sherrie Regal played dominoes at the Virgil Price home.

Recent guests at the Stan Miller farm were Melissa and Curt DeDonder and Sophie, Topeka; Justine and Casey Tuttle and Jade, Norcatur; Bev DeLano, Wichita; Aimee Applebury, Eli and Karyssa, Colby; and Casey Morris, Lubbock, Texas. They were all supper guests of Gary and Annette Miller, Oberlin, on Oct. 15. The occasion was to celebrate Melissa and Gary's birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller were Oct. 16 guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Tuttle.

Brian Kelley, Fredrick, Md., was an Oct. 12 supper guest of his aunt and uncle, Jim and Carolyn Plotts. Mr. Kelley was staying at his farm about 15 miles northwest of Norcatur. Other guests were James and Charlotte Plotts.

As a celebration trip of being free from dialysis treatments, Ron and Jerry Temple went to Independence, Mo., to attend a Gaither Vocal Band concert. Bee Nelson accompanied the Temples. Mrs. Nelson's daughter, Tara Nelson, Independence, went to the concert with the group.

Rea and Dee Magers received word that her brother-in-law, Noel Alexander, Potter, Neb., died. He had been suffering from throat cancer.

Saturday Book Potpourri will be at 10 a.m. in the library. If you like to read, you are invited to come.

Repairs have begun on the city offices roof that was damaged in recent high winds.

Donations of books to the Norcatur Library were received from: John Snyder, Kristi Steven and Gary and Cathy Anthony.

If you are looking for a house to rent, buy or sell, call Deb Marshall in the city office, 693-4461

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo., were Sunday morning brunch guests of Kent and Chris Wood. After brunch, they cheered the Broncos on to a victory.

Ann Solko and Esther Pennington, Herndon, visited Joan Noble in Oberlin Sunday morning at Cedar Living Center.

Julie Hafner attended the annual Oberlin Herald correspondent's dinner at the LandMark Inn on Friday. Staff and neighboring correspondents were introduced with everyone wishing Mary Lou Olson a speedy recovery. A few lucky women won fall table decorations and guest's were treated to a kitchen towel set gift after enjoying a delicious meal.

Jason Hafner, Lexington, Neb., spent several days with his parents, Bob and Julie Hafner last week.

The Belles of St. Mary's and one much-appreciated 'supporter', Floyd Trail, entertained at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood Thursday afternoon. The group sang a variety of best-loved songs with pianist, Theresa Rippe, to celebrate the

October birthdays of the residents. Ice cream sundaes were enjoyed while visiting with the residents.

Esther Pennington hosted a birthday party for Chris Wood on Friday afternoon. Beth Chartier, Ann Solko, Voni Sattler, Julie Hafner and the honored guest enjoyed snacks and birthday cake while Aunt Esther quizzed the group on the latest national news.

Chuck and Eileen Unger were brief visitors of Les and Myrna Pettera Saturday afternoon in Herndon.

The Herndon senior citizens had a great turnout for their monthly dinner last Wednesday at the Center. The door prize was won by Sharon Frick and Janet Roark won the blackout.

Julie's Memory Jogger's
The Herndon Nonpareil
November 5, 1914

Tongish - O'Leary Nuptials
A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Catholic Church here Tuesday morning at eight o'clock. Mass celebrated by Rev. Father Victor, which joined in the Holy

bonds of matrimony, Miss Mary Tongish and Mr. Frank E.O'Leary of St. Francis.

The bride was attended by Miss Anna O'Leary, a sister of the groom and Anthony Hafner was best man. The ceremony was witnessed only by immediate relatives and friends.

After the ceremony at the church, the wedding party drove to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Tongish where the happy couple and members of the family partook of the wedding breakfast. Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary are widely known, in this end of the country and are both popular and highly respected young people.

After a short visit with relatives and friends, they will be at home on the groom's farm near St. Francis. The Nonpareil joins their many friends in extending heartiest congratulations.

Raise money with the classifieds.
475-2206.

Good Samaritan News

By Lisa Paulson

When one learns that their loved one has been diagnosed with a debilitating illness, it is usually not a surprise, for they have been noticing changes for quite some time. But to actually hear a doctor confirm what they already knew can still bring a cascade of varying emotions.

Relief: in knowing that there is a reason that explains the changing behaviors and inability to care for themselves.

Fear: in not knowing the full implication of what this change will mean for their mom/dad and the entire family.

Anger: either directed at the disease itself or toward the person who has the symptoms...sometimes even God.

Grief: grieving the loss of the one you once knew and loved so much.

Helplessness: Not knowing how to best care for, comfort or love this special person especially knowing that they too are experiencing these same, sometimes overwhelming emotions.

Loneliness: feeling as if no one understands what you are facing.

God understands... and that is why He laid the mission of the Good Samaritan Society on the heart of our founder the Rev. August (Dad) Hoeger. We understand...and that is why we try our very best to carry out this mission to provide a home-like environment where the loved ones will live life to the fullest, despite the physical and mental challenges that arise. We rely heavily on the love and support of their families and friends, the community, volun-

teers and the churches to provide a well-rounded abundant life experience. Our goal is that they have peace, pleasure and purpose, focusing on the strengths and giving them love and encouragement.

Many of these same emotions were heightened this week in the wake of loved ones tragically lost and laid to rest for both residents and staff. In Bible study this week we focused on the antidote that soothes and heals...forgiveness.

Pastor John Paulson came to deliver a message as a precursor to the "Reviving the Hearts of Oberlin" Preaching and Prayer Vigil. Bessie Peterson, Dorothy Pryor, Edla Olson, Amy Rehm, Mary Waldo, Lucy Schissler and Leona Helmkamp have committed to pray even though they will not be at the Gateway.

Pastor Charlotte then brought the afternoon service. We are so pleased that the residents remain so actively involved in the heartbeat of the community. Thanks to friends, family and clergy that are faithful to being a part of their lives!

Which is evident in this long list of recent guests: Edie 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. Traci and Julia Otter (Hays) for Leone Porsch. Connie Simonsson for Amy Rehm. Max Carman for Myrtle Waldo. Arian Arnold (Herndon) and Galen Olson for Edla Olson. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for Opal Bryan. Frank and

Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler, Edith Persinger, Arlie Hafer and Earl Brown. Reva Marshall, Penny Fringer, Traci, Tawana and Haley Snyder (Okla.), Wesley Ziegelmeier (Okla.), Tami Cook, Casey Cook and kids (Norcatur), Eric Kuhlman (Marion), Ellen and Iris Osborne (Wichita) and Tara Sue Larson (Colby) for Dorothy Hunt. Kerri and Luke Schipper (Hoxie), and Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for Mary Lemman. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for Doris Marintzer. Jerry Hill for Cheryl Hill. Bob and Janice Baer (Topeka) and Connie and Gerald Olson for Evelyn Olson. Srs. Kathleen and Susan for Lucy, Eva, Olive, Shirley and Opal. Helen Brooks for Ethel Nemeth. Ralph and Norma Unger for Lucy, Earl, Walt and Betty. Betty Hafer for Arlie Hafer.

"Linda and United Methodist. Church of Oberlin - so many thanks for your warmth, hospitality, and your music! All the best into the coming fall, winter and beyond. Tip."

I found this note in the basement of the church two weeks ago.

Tip was a young man bicycling across the country, and he was looking for a place to spend the night. Someone pointed him to our church.

After first turning him away, I thought about what I had talked about with the confirmation class, with whom I had spent an hour talking about the Holy Spirit. I told them about the time 20 years ago when I picked up a hitchhiker, believing that God moved my car to the side of the road. I decided that if I told those young men that they should listen for the Holy Spirit talking to them, I should do the same.

Providing shelter and comfort

The Rev. Linda Willey,

Oberlin United Methodist Church

And so the church offered shelter to a stranger. We were doing what we are supposed to do.

Last Wednesday, we held a service of prayer and lament for Corey Cook. Those who gathered cried, shared aloud our fears and our prayers, lit candles, sang a hymn and comforted each other.

Some of those present may never be together in the same place ever again. But for one hour of one night, they were a supportive community, an example of what the church at its best is supposed to be. I believe it was the church at its best, its very best. I believe it was a picture of what the Kingdom of God will ultimately be.

Sheltering the stranger and comforting those who mourn, in October, God's people did these things very well.



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<p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</p>	<p>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.,</p>	<p>LYLE UNITED METHODIST Guest Speakers every Sunday SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.</p>	
<p>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 5:30 p.m. Saturday</p>	<p>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Ed Woods SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>	
<p>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor: Barbara Patterson SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>LUND COVENANT CHURCH Chairman Brad Marcuson 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.</p>	
<p>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST The Rev. Linda Willey SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON Fr. Nick Parker Phone 785-322-5560 MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>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, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays..</p>	
<p>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Pastor: Dennis Brown SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>PAUL'S FUNERAL HOMES A Trusted Name Since 1925. Phone: 785-475-3127 — Oberlin 785-386-4311 — Selden Derek Riner Rick and Dori Pauls</p>	
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