

WILSONVILLE

By **VELMA HOLTZE** and **LAURIE LAWS**

Velma Holtze returned home Wednesday evening, Dec. 1 from a week's visit with her daughter, Ivalene Simmons, at Oshkosh. Velma had met Ivalene at Holdrege on Nov. 22, where they attended the pre-school program of grandson, Caden Erickson. They returned to Oshkosh on Tuesday morning. Ivalene's family, Carolles of Holdrege, Russells of Hays, Richard and children of North Platte, and James of Oshkosh enjoyed Thanksgiving at their mother's home. Russells who had remained until Sunday were forced to remain until Monday because of the storm.

Basketball season is under way. Cambridge played their first two games on Thursday and Friday evenings and were the winners (boys and girls) both nights.

Carla Holtze spent from Thursday until Saturday in Hastings at the home of her daughter, Kendra Hoagland and family.

Baptist-Christian Church worshippers entered a church Sunday morning decorated for Christmas, complete with a beautiful tree, angels, poinsettias, the manger scene and candles. Several had gathered to do this decorating on Tuesday evening. Several of the men erected the outdoor manger scene on Thursday afternoon.

Connie Holliday led in the advent "anticipation" candle lighting service. Special music was a duet by June Palmer and Earnest tenBensel accompanied by Earnest's wife, Jan.

Joe and Alice Kasson enjoyed having their children and grandchildren as guests over the Thanksgiving vacation. This included Greg and Karen Kasson, Henderson, Nev., Lisa and Marc Bauer and children, Moorhead, Minn., and Kirk and Kim Kasson and children, Almena.

United Methodist Women
United Methodist Women met at the church on Nov. 18. Pres. Lillian Lemaster opened the meeting with prayer and the "purpose". Mary Wilmot gave the treasurer's report. A monetary Christmas gift will be sent to Epworth Village. A donation will also be given in memory of Mary Mewmaw, wife of the Rev. Lisle Mewmaw who was a Wilsonville minister in the 1950s. Recognition pins will be given to Georgia Stahr, Rex Wilmot and Kent Lang.

Lelia Lang had the lesson on the thank offering. She had pictures on display and members read various articles on the deaconess movement within the United Methodist tradition. She closed with prayer and the tape "From a Distance". Lunch was served by Nadeane Haag followed by filling out the 2005 year books.

Baptist-Christian Women
Nine members of the Baptist-Christian Women's Fellowship met at the beautiful Christmas decorated home of Becky Utilize on Dec. 2. V. President, Margaret Brown conducted the business meeting, which consisted of secretary and treasurer reports. Several thank you's were read for the care package and Thanksgiving plates that were delivered. Also announced was the community bridal shower which will be held for Cassie Lewis and her fiancé on Jan. 8, which the group is hosting. Some discussion was held on the February meeting when Coleene Cole from Camp Joy will be guest speaker.

Instead of the regular lesson several women shared Christmas music, stories and inspirational Christmas thoughts. The women gathered around a very pretty Christmas table for a Christmas dessert served by hostess, Virginia Rice.

Teacher to Run in Marathon
While reading the *Scottsbluff Herald* at my daughter, Ivalenes, I ran across an interesting article which I thought might be of interest to readers in this area. It concerned Craig Johnson, a former resident of Wilsonville and teacher at Beaver Valley in the 80s, now of Bridgeport. Craig has been participating in the marathon runs each fall. For several years he has qualified to run in the Boston marathon, but each year he would say "Maybe next year. I can't afford it this year". It was the same again this fall when he qualified, however, much to his surprise, and due to support of students and parents,

it will be different.

Parents who have felt his influence on their children these past years at Bridgeport school where he went when he left Beaver Valley, as well as some of his indebted students vowed there would be money for him to compete in Boston this next spring. The community began making plans.

On Nov. 24 they held a community box social. Not the kind of box social that many remember, but one where individuals, families, and businesses filled and decorated boxes with, not a supper to be eaten with someone, but full of items relating to whatever theme they chose. These boxes were auctioned off that evening. Craig in his quiet manner cannot believe that the community is backing him in such a magnificent way, but the community people say "Craig is worth every bit of the effort they are putting forth".

Wilsonville congratulates Craig and wishes him the best in the BIG marathon.

Christmas Double 8 Party
Double Eight Club met Dec. 1 evening for their annual Christmas party at Heritage Plaza with Velda Hill as hostess. Her guests included her daughter, Merna Harper, Indianola, her sister, Esther Zuchlford, Indianola and her sister-in-law, Marilyn Wolzen, Cambridge. Guests were seated at a Christmas decorated table with snow globe favors. Preceding a delicious supper, grace was given by Virginia Rice.

A program followed the meal with Alice Kasson and Virginia Rice leading the guests in singing of Christmas carols. One of Helen Steiner Rice's Christmas poems was read by Adeline Ballou. Pat Yost gave a reading, "Santa and a Soldier" followed by Alice giving "An Old Fashioned Christmas" taken from Ideals magazine. Virginia concluded the entertainment with a humorous bit of reading "Ten Reasons why Santa could be a Farmer".

The women joined in helping Book chairmen, Becky Holtze and Virginia Andre, put the finishing touches to the 2005 year books. After a gift exchange everyone enjoyed Christmas cookies and candy served by Becky Holtze.

Congratulations
Freshman Nathan Sell, grandson of Glen and Margaret Cox, has done it the second year in a row. Nathan competed on Nov. 14 in the district finals of the American Legion Speech contest where he placed first, just as he did last year. The theme was "It's Your call; America's in Your hands." This competition has two parts, a written part about different parts of the constitution and an oral section made up of two speeches. Nathan was well prepared as he has been working on this for a year. He spoke on the sixth amendment which was the assigned topic for all contestants as well as the topic he chose, which was Capitol Punishment and lowering the voting age to 18. Nathan felt that the highlight of his speech was the quote "Voting, what can you give us? Reformation, contribution and representation to secure freedom, liberty and justice, the bean of America."

Nathan is dedicated to preparing for college by earning scholarships even though he is over three years away from entering college. This district placement earned him a \$400 scholarship as well as the opportunity to compete in the area competition at Mitchell, Neb., on Dec. 4. Though Nathan is only a freshman he already has his goals set. He wants to attend Northwestern to study to be a history professor. However Nathan excels in other fields such as music and drama and does filming for many of Southern Valley ball games where he is a student.

Nathan is the son of Jeff and Gwen Sell and made his home in Wilsonville when he was in the lower grades.

Nathan competed on Saturday in Mitchell and placed second in that competition.

More news from the Sell family, though a bit late, is the baby boy, Jaxson Michael who was born Nov. 1 at the North Platte Hospital. Jaxson joins other family members which include brothers Nathan and Jake and sister, Stephanie, and parents, Jeff and Gwen. The family lives in Beaver City.



NORTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
The Rev. Lew Van Der Wege, Pastor
804 W. Wilberforce, Norton
877-2196

FRIDAY—7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Services
SUNDAY—8 a.m. Early Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
2 p.m. Andbe Home
3 p.m. Norton Manor
7 p.m. Bridge Service
MONDAY—6:30 p.m. First Place
WEDNESDAY—4 p.m. Children's Choir
7 p.m. Chancel Choir
8:15 p.m. Bell Choir
THURSDAY—6 p.m. Bridge Band Practice
SATURDAY—Reeves/Tyler wedding and reception

EDMOND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Lew Van Der Wege, Pastor
SUNDAY—9 a.m. Worship Service

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Georgia Briery, Senior Warden
102 E. Waverly, Norton
877-2589

FRIDAY—10 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist
SUNDAY—9:30 a.m. Christian Education
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist; Celebrant, Fr. Dennis Gilhousen; Lay Reader, Don Johnson
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour.
Host, Diana McGee
3-4 p.m. God's Pantry, Don Johnson

COMMUNITY FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Pastor Terry Laughlin
e-mail: laughlin@ruraltel.net
313 W. Lincoln
SATURDAY—7 a.m. Men's Prayer at the church
SUNDAY—9:15 a.m. Christian Education
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
6 p.m. Royal Rangers
WEDNESDAY—7 p.m. "Created For His Glory" Bible Study

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Vincent Thu Laing
877-2234
stfanci@ruraltel.net
108 S. Wabash, Norton
Mass Schedule
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Monday 7:30 a.m.
Tuesday No Mass
Wednesday 7:30 a.m.
Thursday 8 a.m. Mass
Friday 7:30 a.m.
Saturday 7 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
4 p.m. Saturday, 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment
TUESDAY—7 p.m. Bingo
WEDNESDAY—7 p.m. SYF (K-8)
First Friday of the Month—Adoration following Morning Mass
First Saturday of the Month—8 a.m. Marion Devotions
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NORTON MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE
Hospital chaplain, Monday through Sunday, Aeillo
Sunday Services, 2 p.m. Andbe Home; 3 p.m., Norton Manor, Scheimo

PRAIRIE VIEW REFORMED CHURCH
The Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele
410 Holland, Prairie View
973-2794
SUNDAY—9 a.m. Morning Worship Services.
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
7 p.m. Joint Services at

Luctor Christian Reformed Church

LUCTOR CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
2 miles east and 3 miles north of Prairie View
The Rev. Jeffrey Van Der Weele
973-2794
SUNDAY—9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Choir Practice
11:30 a.m. Morning Worship

REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Timm O. Meyer
e-mail: timmomeyer@ruraltel.net
805 W. Holme, Norton
877-3138
SATURDAY—10 a.m. Christmas Day Song Service
SUNDAY—9:05 a.m. "Goodness From the Good Shepherd" Radio Broadcast, KQNK 106.7 FM & 1530 AM
10 a.m. Worship Service
11:10 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study
MONDAY—5:45 p.m. Confirmation at Alma
7:30 p.m. Worship Service at Alma
FRIDAY—7 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship Service

NORTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Jeff Nielsen, Minister
Cody Shepherd, Youth Minister
e-mail: ncc_office@sbcglobal.net
208 N. Kansas, 877-2871
FRIDAY—6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
SUNDAY—8 a.m. Early Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:40 a.m. Worship Service
No Bible Bowl or Youth Group
WEDNESDAY—6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
9 a.m. Prayer and Fellowship
No AWANA Supper or Bible Bowl
7 p.m. Upper Room Prayer Group
FRIDAY—Office Closed

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD
Pastor Terrill Worthington
1010 Churchill Dr.
877-2181
SUNDAY—9:15 a.m. Time of Prayer (Adults)
9:30 a.m. Time of Prayer (Children in kitchen)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
7 p.m. Evening Service
WEDNESDAY—6 p.m. 3D at Parsonage
7 p.m. Adult Bible Study
8 p.m. Committee Meetings

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Rev. Rick Rostek
814 N. Second, Norton
877-2430
FRIDAY—6:45 p.m. Pre-Service Carol singing
7 p.m. Christmas Cantata
11 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
SUNDAY—9 a.m. Sunday School, Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
WEDNESDAY—2 p.m. Andbe Home
FRIDAY—7 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship Service

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ALMENA
Kirk Kasson, Pastor
e-mail: congo@ruraltel.net
SUNDAY—9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Church Services
4:30 p.m. Membership Classes
7 p.m. TFC
MONDAY—3:30 p.m. Good News
TUESDAY—7:15 a.m. Teen Women's Discipleship
WEDNESDAY—7 p.m. Kirk and Kim's Small Group
7:30 p.m. Women's Fellowship
THURSDAY—7:15 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, LOGAN
Father Joseph Thalany
SUNDAY—8:30 a.m. Mass
MONDAY—5:30 p.m. Mass

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LOGAN
Pastor Troy Buss
SUNDAY—9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Church services
WEDNESDAY—7 p.m. Bible Study

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Kathy Aeillo
669-2554
SUNDAY—10 a.m. Church School
11 a.m. Worship Service

LENORA CHURCH OF GOD
SUNDAY—10:30 a.m. Worship Service
WEDNESDAY—7 p.m. Bible Study

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
404 N. York Avenue, Oberlin
SUNDAY—9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Fellowship and Educational Hour
Holy Communion, first and third Sundays
7:30 p.m. Congregation Council second Wednesday

NORTON SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
105 S. Case Street
Pastor Jim Nichols
SATURDAY SERVICES—9:45 a.m. Church Services
10:45 a.m. Sabbath School

LONG ISLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
The Rev. Shelly Cox
554 Washington
854-7626
SUNDAY—11 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Morning Worship
FIRST SUNDAY—12 noon Fellowship Dinner
1 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting
FIRST WEDNESDAY—2 p.m. United Methodist Women's Meeting in Fall, Winter and Spring

NORTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Charles Ross
112 S. Archer, 877-5214
SUNDAY—11 a.m. Worship Service
6 p.m. Evening Service
WEDNESDAY—7 p.m. Mid-Week Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

LIVING HOPE FELLOWSHIP
One mile south of Norton at corner of PDRA road
Pastor Jerry Cummings
877-2426
SUNDAY—10 a.m. Worship and Praise Service.
WEDNESDAY—7 p.m. Youth and Children's Programs
7 p.m. Adult Home Bible Study
THURSDAY—7 p.m. Prayer Meeting

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
Phillipsburg Branch
Noel Krouse, Bishop
620 7th Street
SUNDAY—10 a.m. Sacrament meeting
11:15 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Primary
12:05 a.m. Priesthood meeting
12:05 a.m. Relief Society
Visitors welcome.

LOGAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Shelly Cox
303 W. Church, 689-4350
SUNDAY—9:15 a.m. Wor-

ship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Fifth Sunday song service
FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAYS—6:30 p.m. UMYF
SECOND WEDNESDAY—1:30 p.m. United Methodist Women
THIRD WEDNESDAY—7:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

UNITED PARISH OF LENORA
The Rev. Jack Kersenbrock
140 E. Iowa, 567-4420
SUNDAY—10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship Services

LYLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Carol Woodmansee
SUNDAY—8:00 a.m. Worship Service

MAPLE GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
9 miles west
4 1/2 miles north of Norton
Pastor Leon Neher
SUNDAY—10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship Service
4th Tuesday, Women's Fellowship
3rd Sunday, Noon, carry-in dinner

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, NEW ALMELO
stjoseph@ruraltel.net
Father Vincent Thu Laing
Pastoral Administrator, Stan Chapin
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass
Friday and Monday 8 a.m. Scripture Communion Service
Weekday Mass Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

ALMENA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Kathy Aeillo
669-2554
SUNDAY—8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
WEDNESDAY—7 p.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
2ND SUNDAY—Noon Fellowship Dinner
1:00 p.m. Administrative Board Meeting
3RD THURSDAY—1:30 p.m. United Methodist Women in Fellowship Hall

HENDLEY/WILSONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES
The Rev. R.L. Malchow
10 a.m. Sunday Worship Hour
1st and 3rd Sundays, Hendley
2nd and 4th Sundays, Wilsonville
Coffee Fellowship after service
3rd Thursday U.M.W.

LIVING WORD BAPTIST CHURCH
308 West Crane
Interim Pastor Terry Laughlin
SUNDAY—9 a.m. Morning Worship
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
MONDAY—7 a.m. TFC Ministry Team Breakfast
7 p.m. TFC Connection
WEDNESDAY—7 p.m. Prayer and Praise Time

WILSONVILLE UNITED BAPTIST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Minister, Keith Theobald
SUNDAY—9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship and Communion
1st Thursday, B.C.W. 9 a.m.

NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Kathy Aeillo
693-4519
SUNDAY—10 a.m. Worship Service
11 a.m. Sunday School