

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

A Red Cross blood drive is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Jennings United Methodist Church on Friday, sponsored by the church. Please contact Marge Hartzog at (785) 678-3010 if you want to donate blood, can help as hostess or be willing to bring cookies or sandwiches.

On election day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, the Jennings Lions will serve hamburgers, chips and dessert from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by donation at the community hall.

The Hunter's Breakfast will be served from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 10 at the former Masonic Hall. This is sponsored by the Historic Building Preservation Committee.

The Pheasant Hunters supper will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Jennings United Methodist Church. The menu includes roast beef, ham loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn and green beans, salad bar and pie. Adults and children, \$7 per plate. Children 4 and under eat free.

Card players at Sunflower Senior Center last Wednesday were Eleanor Morel, Agnes Wahlmeier, Carol Carter, Diane Carter, Stan Shaw, Wayne Cressler, Scott Taylor, Ramona Shaw and Louise Cressler. Everyone is welcome.

On Oct. 21, a board meeting for the Jennings United Methodist Church was held following a turkey dinner prepared by Bob Jones. The meeting was held to prepare for

Church Conference on Sunday. Children's Hour at the Jennings City Library was held Oct. 20 with nine children attending.

Oscar's, a restaurant in Hoxie, served a lunch of bacon and grilled cheese sandwiches, tomato soup and peanut butter cookies to the Jennings Tuesday Study Club on Oct. 23. Members present were Rachel Carter, Louise Cressler, Pat Foster, Patty Foster, Violet Foster, Pat Hall, Sue Long, Wilma Mader, Roberta McAllister, Joan McKenna, Joanie Metz, Helen Muirhead, Helen Rhodes, Sheila Rhodes, Lynn Tacha and Neoma Tacha.

After lunch the wonderful autumn weather was perfect for the drive to the country home of Kristen Johnson for our October program. Kristin repurposes ornamental gourds into a wide range of beautiful art items. She displayed crosses, Christmas ornaments, vases, purses, lamps and jewelry. The program was fascinating and fun.

Work continues on the addition to the Jennings Museum on the north side of the former Royal Neighbors building.

On Oct. 21 Bernie and Othelia Vacura were honored when Bert Moore, executive secretary of commerce of the American Short-horn Association, stopped at their farm to look at the Vacuras' herd. He was especially interested in the bull, "Saskvalley Image 12X" which the Vacuras purchased in Canada. Bernie can remember only

one other time, about 25 years ago, when someone from the association stopped to view their herd.

Trick or Treating at the Lila Jennings home last Thursday was the Jennings Book Club. Members found pumpkins, spooks, and plenty of delicious treats. Attending were Ruth Chance, Helen Rhodes, Carla Latimer, Terri Hanke, Joan McKenna, Mary Arnold, Lynn Tacha, Sue Long, Kay Brown, Patty Foster, Violet Foster, Pat Hall and hostess, Lila Jennings. "Bless Me, Ultima" by Rudolfo Anaya was the book read and discussed at the meeting. Joan McKenna will be the hostess in November.

The Oberlin Herald held a luncheon at the LandMark Inn last Friday for staff and correspondents. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch and social time. We thank them for doing this each year.

The community extends sympathy to the family of Kay (Kinsler) Reedy, who died last Wednesday. Her funeral was Tuesday at the Hoxie Christian Church. Kay graduated from Jennings High School with the Class of 1958.

Trick or treat with popcorn

Popcorn is a good choice for healthy eating. It contains fiber, providing roughage the body needs in the daily diet. Popcorn is low in calories—only 31 calories in one cup when popped without added fat.

October is National Popcorn Poppin' Month. Here are some popcorn ideas for another special time in October—Halloween.

1. Bony Fingers. Fill clear plastic gloves (the type designed for wearing in the kitchen when preparing food) with popcorn. Tie the end with orange and black ribbon.

2. Halloween Party Popcorn. By mixing Halloween candy with popcorn, you cut back on the total amount of candy offered. Serve with a scoop from a large bowl. Or, fill a self-closing sandwich bag with popcorn for each child. Combine popcorn with your choice of the following ingredients.

- raisins and other dried fruit
- candy corn
- nuts
- gummy worms
- orange/black candies such as jelly beans or candy coated chocolate pieces



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Regional Extension Agent

3. Ghosts. Wrap a small popcorn ball in plastic wrap. Place wrapped ball in the middle of a large, sturdy white napkin. Tie the napkin together over the popcorn ball with white string, so the ends of the napkin hang out to form the body. Draw on a scary face with a black marker.

Of course there are many other gifts you can give to substitute for candy if you want to. You could give small 4 or 5 crayon packs, color books, stickers, hair "pretties" (as my granddaughters call them) for the girls, perhaps small inexpensive tops, cars, jacks, pick up sticks or other old style games they may not be familiar with.

If you really want to go out on a limb, perhaps small fruit such as

the small tangerines that come in small bags, apples or even a cluster of grapes that you have washed and placed in individual treat bags would be a possibility.

Use your creativity and see if you can surprise the little trickers that come to your door with a slightly different treat this year—perhaps using popcorn to help celebrate Popcorn Poppin' Month.

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Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

The 2012 "Light of the World" Good Sam Rockathon is this weekend! We are counting the days and praying for a wonderful turnout! It is timely that a Lighthouse will be the theme decoration with hurricane Sandy on the horizon this year.

This week, we celebrated with the families of two of our beloved family members, Roxie Pomeroy and Cheryl Hill. Our love and prayers are with their families and we want to thank them for entrusting their loved ones to us.

Five birthdays with the Pi Alpha Club were celebrated. Our thanks to them and Marty Olson for bringing flowers and delicious cobbler to our birthday honorees: James Colgan, Jim Schroer, Marylu Brown, Lucy Schissler and Phil Erickson. Entertainment was presented by Kendal and Amy Carman's children: Isaac, Patience, Moriah, Gideon, Hope and baby Faith.

St. John's Lutheran's Kids in Christ's Kingdom (KICK) kids; Gracie and Gabbie Vontz, Hunter May, Alex Eskew, Josh Russ and Gage Scott came under the direction and talents of Dianne Bremer, Shirley Shields and Norma Unger to sing and play bells for a musical celebration for a full house of residents!

The Spook Parade is this today, right after school! Oberlin Business Alliance is helping us this year and we are excited. Colonel Sanders will be on hand to do the judging at the annual parade. Ribbons and candy will be handed out for trick-or-treaters!

Don't forget to join us this Saturday for the Rockathon. The entertainment schedule is ready and

sponsor sheets are still available at, local business and here at Good Sam. If you want to mail your contribution the address is 108 E. Ash Ave. Oberlin, Kan. 67749 just write Rockathon in the memo line.

Recent visitors were: Sally Henningson for **Connie Cramer**. Max Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**. Ralph and Norma Unger for **Walt and Betty May**, **Lucy Schissler**, **Margaret Vacura** and **Earl Brown**. Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**. Gerald Benda for **Eulaine Benda**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Reva Marshall, Penny Fringer for **Dorothy Hunt**. Susie Sabatka (Atwood) for **Vera Kacirek**. Gene Leitner, Barbara Leitner (New Mexico), Pat Tongish (Newton), Julie Hafner (Herndon) and Elsie Wolters for **Marcella Leitner**. Pat Fringer, Reta Barratt and great-granddaughter Riley Larkins for **Margaret Vacura**. Nadine Tacha (Jennings) for **Galen Tacha**. Gerald Olson for **Evelyn Olson**. Ron and Becky Hunziker (Breckenridge, Colo.) for **Amy Rehm**. Frank and Mert McEvoy for **Lucy Schissler**. Jeannie May for **Elwood May**. Tom and Jennifer Phillips (Seattle, Wash.) for **Marylu Brown**. Jody Betts for **Marcella Leitner** and **Margaret Vacura**. Galen Olson for **Amy Rehm**, **Lucy Schissler** and **Louise Pollnow**. Bernice Martin and Pat Wurm for **Louise Pollnow**. Pastor Nancy Proffitt, Jeremy Tally and Tonya Tally for **Dwayne and Betty Jones**. Marty Olson for **Jim and Grace Schroer**. Pi Alpha Club, St. John Lutheran's KICK Kids, Gerry Neff and Phyllis Metcalf for **ALL!**

Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

The Herndon community extends sympathy to the family of Donald Charles Riepl of Aurora, Colo. Don died last Friday, at the age of 83. He was born to William and Anna Hutfles Riepl in Herndon. Viewing was Monday, with the Rosary at Newcomer East Chapel. The funeral Mass was to be held Tuesday <Oct.30> at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Aurora. Herndon rosary was today, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with burial following at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Roseanna Stoney, Herndon,

joined Clarence and Margaret Niermeier of Ludell, traveled to Elm Creek, Neb., to celebrate the 50th birthday for Mary Ellen Purdy. Family and friends surprised Mary Ellen, with pizza, cake and ice cream.

Janice Sattler and Julie Hafner spent Tuesday in Colby, enjoying lunch and shopping.

Remember to "fall back." This is the last week of Daylight Saving Time 2012. Change those clocks back officially at 2 a.m., Sunday.

Julie's Memory Joggers

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Herndon community opens senior center

Herndon's Senior Center will officially open their new center Wednesday with a potluck dinner. Open house will be from 2-4 p.m. Grant funds were received through the Northwest Area Agency on Aging. The metal structure is 30x60 foot along Main Street. Local resident Byron Zimmerman drew up blueprints for the building. Two building lots were donated by for-

mer resident, Bill Reiters.

Mrs. Ann Martin who helped with the 1980 census said Herndon now boasts 249 people and 170 houses. Thirty-nine persons within a two block radius of the new center qualify as senior citizens. Tentative plans call for the center to be open five afternoons a week. Bingo appears to be the biggest drawing card for the older generation but cards are played occasionally. Professional artist Rudy Wendelin donated several paintings to add to the décor.

Let's celebrate All Hallows' Eve

The Rev. Nancy Proffitt,
Oberlin and Prairie Chapel United Methodist Churches

Jesus said to believers, "You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14.

This article is in the Halloween edition of *The Herald*, so what better topic than Halloween. As Christians we are often confused about just how we should feel and act on this day and the days surrounding it. Maybe these are some questions you have had:

- Where does the word Halloween come from?
- Why do we trick or treat?
- Why do we decorate pumpkins?

The name Halloween is a combination of the words All Hallows' Eve, which refers to the evening before All Saints' Day on Nov. 1. The term hallow means holy. We hear it in the Lord's Prayer: "Our Father who art in heaven, 'hallowed' be thy name." Matthew 6:9. In early church history Christians celebrated people whom they considered superior in holiness, especially those martyred for their faith. In churches, this became the celebration of All Saints' Day. Christians then considered saints to be heroes of the faith. Another term for this celebration was Hallowmas.

During Hallowmas in the British Isles, there was a tradition called souling. The poor would go from door to door asking for food and drink in return for a prayer for the dead. It was traditional for them to receive baked bread, apples, nuts, ale and coins. They would go souling in disguise, some dressed as saints and even conducted mini-plays for the homeowners.

It is said that in the British Isles goblins, imps, fairies and trolls were thought to do much mischief

on Halloween. As a result this was a favorite night for energetic youth to play practical jokes. In Ireland churches, Halloween begging involved a costume and a good-natured bribe.

Decorating pumpkins, or jack-o-lanterns, also comes from the British Isles. Jack-o-lantern referred to the night watchman or a man with a lantern. The first use of the word referred to a carved vegetable lantern. There was a long tradition of using beets, turnips, and other vegetables. It really doesn't have any particular association with Halloween.

However, as Christians it can be explained as an analogy of what God does in our lives when we put our faith in Him:

- Scoop out all of the insides of the pumpkin — God removes our guilt, shame, bitterness, anger.
- Carve a happy face — God fills us with joy.
- Place a candle inside — God comes to dwell in our hearts and shine through us so that we can be the light to the world.

Here are some ways we can shine our light in the darkness of Halloween:

- 1). Decorate your house with lots of light, fill it with music and offer the best candy, even attach a verse or gospel message to your treat.
- 2). Have a pumpkin carving contest.
- 3). Invite neighbors over for cookies or treats. Be creative with images that you use.

May God help us to be light in the darkness and to find ways to creatively bring the hallowed back into Halloween.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

<p>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH 785-475-3103 Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 10:30 a.m. Sunday IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Guest Speakers every Sunday SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.</p>	<p>404 North York Avenue Oberlin, Kansas The Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053 SUNDAY: Worship, 10:00 a.m.; Fellowship and Educational Hour, 11:15 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays. THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.</p>
<p>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN Fr. Mark Berland, MASS: 5:30 p.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>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. DRESDEN SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Ed Woods SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p>	<p>LUND COVENANT CHURCH Pastor Roy Matthewson 10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin. Sunday: Sunday School 10am Worship 11 am "The Difference is worth the Distance" facebook.com/LundCovenantChurch</p>	
<p>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST The Rev. Nancy Proffitt SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 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. Praise and Worship time, with Weekly Lords Supper, Multi-media Bible sermons & open bible studies combined. Private Bible studies on request.</p>	<p>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 510 North Wilson Interim Pastor: Brad Rick 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>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON Fr. Nick Parker Phone 785-322-5560 MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH</p>	
<p>OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST 102 North Cass — 785-475-3067 The Rev. Nancy Proffitt SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Praise team practice, 8 p.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>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.</p>	<p>NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Ed Woods SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p>		
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