

# Norcatatur News

By the Norcatatur News Committee

Marcia Hixon of Norton was a Christmas guest of Bill and Audrey Craig. On Monday, Clay and Becky Craig, Clay Jr., Chad and Stacy were there from Denver.

Birthdays and anniversaries for January: Jan. 2: Darrel Barnett, Megan Wentz; Jan. 3: Rod Leichter, Chris Dempewolf, Jeff and Lori Roe; Jan. 4: Leslie Ward; Jan. 6: Mike Mapes; Jan. 7: Debbie Marshall; Jan. 8: Debra Helm.

A New Year's weekend guest of Lora Linn Leichter was her son, Ron Leichter of Colorado Springs. Saturday guests for a post-Christmas supper and gift exchange were KG and Dorothy Ward, and Rodney, Lisa and Laci Leichter.

Merle Shirley and Doris Sloan went to Dallas with Patrick Shirley to visit Mrs. Sloan's daughter, Cindi and family for Christmas.

Rea and Dee Magers went to Lakewood, Colo. on Dec. 22 to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter and family, Bob, Cheri, Zach and

Matt Pomeroy. On Christmas Day, Dee's family, the Hahns, gathered at a rental hall and had their family get-together. A carry-in Christmas dinner and a "Texas" gift exchange was enjoyed.

Don and Jesse Brewer of Rolla, Mo. visited Goldie Brewer on Dec. 24. Christmas Day guests there were Don and Jesse, Donna Warren, Mike and Fern Mapes and Corky Cochran of Norton. On Tuesday, Goldie, Don and Jesse drove to Colorado, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Selvaige, Adam and Seth of Colorado Springs and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vick of Monument.

Friday evening guests of Fern Mapes for a fish fry were Don and Jesse Brewer of Rolla, Mo., Goldie Brewer and Mike Mapes and Donna Warren.

New Year's Day guests of Donna Warren of Oberlin were Fern Mapes and Mike, and Goldie Brewer.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Milner spent the Christmas holidays in Denver with

Bruce Bishop and family and Vera Bishop. The Milners, and Vera and Bruce met George and Wilma Bishop on Friday for breakfast. They also made a trip downtown to view the Christmas lights.

Senior Citizens met Dec. 29 for a potluck dinner. There were 23 present, including two guests, Bill and Dorothy Wood of Oberlin. Winners were Lula Hix, Merle Hix and Lorretta Carter and tie, Gwynn Ward.

Delmer Clark had surgery for the removal of a cancerous kidney at a hospital in Indianapolis, Ind., on Dec. 26. He returned home on Dec. 29. He is doing well and would enjoy hearing from friends. His address is: 2704 W. State Rd. 14, Silver Lake, Ind. 46982-9201.

Mr. and Mrs. Oran Milner attended the 50th wedding anniversary of Norman and Julie Gallentine at The Gateway in Oberlin on Dec. 30, then visited Leona Bollinger at Cedar Living Center and Ivah and Pearl Alexander at the Good Samaritan Center.

The Norcatatur Fire Department is having their Annual Pizza Night on Jan. 21. The cost will be by donation, which will be used for a new furnace for the firehouse and equipment. To place an order contact the fire department. Orders need to be in by Jan. 14. In case of bad weather they will reschedule for Feb. 4.

# Flu shots are still available



## Healthy Hints

By Marilyn Gamblin  
Decatur County Health Department

With the delay in the influenza vaccine this year, we have seen a decrease in the number of people being vaccinated against the flu. I want to encourage anyone who routinely gets a flu shot, and hasn't done so, to get one. It is not too late and there is vaccine available.

Influenza, or flu, is a viral infection of the respiratory system: nose, throat and lungs. This is often confused with symptoms associated with the stomach and intestine including nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. There are two types of influenza virus - A and B. Each type includes many different strains which tend to change each year.

Influenza occurs most often in the winter months. People are at greatest risk of getting the flu from mid-December through March. Illness resembling influenza may occur in the summer months, but it is usually due to other viruses. Anyone can get the flu, but it is most serious in the elderly, people with chronic illnesses such as cancer, emphysema, diabetes or weak immune systems.

The flu is highly contagious and is easily transmitted through contact with droplets from the nose and throat of an infected person during coughing and sneezing. Symptoms include: headache, high fever, chills, cough and body aches. Intestinal symptoms

are uncommon. Although most people are ill for only a few days, some people have a more serious illness, such as pneumonia, and need hospitalization. Symptoms usually appear one to three days after infection and is considered contagious from the day symptoms appear and may last a week.

Treatment: Rest, liquids and acetaminophen are usually adequate. There are some prescriptions that may help. If symptoms persist, you need to consult your physician.

Preventive or control of influenza: Routine immunization against influenza is the most important control measure. All high-risk individuals should be vaccinated every year. Because new viruses often appear, the effectiveness of the vaccine sometimes varies from one year to the next.

Other viruses cause diseases that seem like influenza and the influenza

vaccine does not protect against these other viral infections. Once you receive the influenza injection it takes approximately two weeks before you are considered protected. The side effects and risks are minimal to none for the influenza vaccine.

If you haven't gotten your flu shot yet, just call or come to the Decatur County Health Department, 785-475-8118.

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## Rexford News

By Lula Thieler

Commander John Gould reports that a total of 23 adults and children enjoyed the Rexford American Legion's annual New Year's Eve party on Dec. 31. They enjoyed cards, games, pool, lots of food, and even noise makers. Attending were Legionnaires, auxiliary members, family members, and friends from the Rexford area.

Funeral services were held for Albert Garrett on Thursday morning in Colby at the Harrison Chapel. He died Dec. 31, 2000. He was a resident of Rexford for many years and sympathy is extended from the community.

Noreen Harker of Burlington, Colo., was a Christmas Eve guest of Doug and Joan Todd. All the children, Jeff and Nancy Todd, Haines and Colby, Tuttle, Okla; Jody and Cade Leeper, Wilmore; and Jay and Brandy, Todd and Taylor were home for Christmas.

Lawrence and Zula Horinek had as guests for Christmas Patty Ann Casey, Dodge City; and Larry Horinek and Gary Delzeit, Colby.

Lawrence Horinek's sisters, Sally Seitz and husband, Bob, and Rose Ryan, from Denver, came on Jan. 4 to spend a few days.

Guests of Clea Moeder for Christmas and New Year's weekend were

Robert and Marsha Moeder and Chris, Hutchinson, and Tim and Shelly Moeder, Taylor and Pexton, Colby.

Rick and Chris Roth came on Sunday and Dan Roth and family of Dodge City came Christmas Day to have Christmas with Vesta Roth. On Tuesday Rick went to Smith Center to get his other two boys and they had Christmas again.

Vesta Roth hosted the Social Hour Club at the Red Barn Wednesday afternoon with nine present. Little Elizabeth Jardin, Marjorie Leh's great-granddaughter, was a guest. Each told about their Christmas for roll call. The same officers were elected to serve another year. Mrs. Leh received the hostess gift. The next meeting will be held at the Barn on Jan. 27.

Those who were with Rex and Betty Carswell for Christmas were Vince and Peggy Carswell, Oberlin; Scott and Kristin O'Hare and children, Hillsboro; Steve and Terry Salter, McPherson; Daryl and Rita Carswell and family, Hays; Robert and Peggy Dible and boys, Menlo; Amy Pfannenstiel, Damar, and Lula Thieler.

Guests of Tracey King and Christopher for Christmas Eve were Beth Thayer, Arlene Standley, Peg Greenwood, Nea and Albina Gamez, of Selden.

# "Forgiveness—How Great It Is"

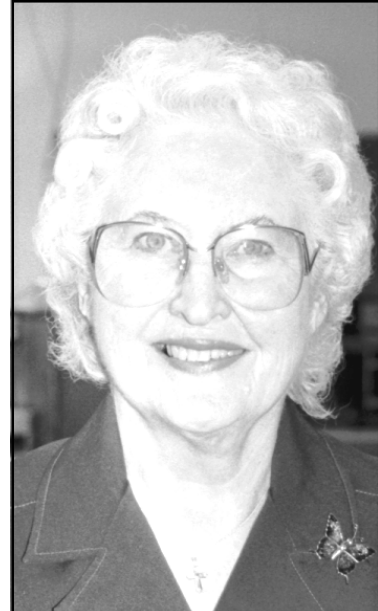
By Co-Pastor Charlotte Pierce, United Church of Oberlin

"Be kind to each other, be understanding. Be as ready to forgive others as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you." — Ephesians 4:32 (Phillips trans.)

Forgiveness is one of the greatest aspects of our lives. Because of our sins, we have rejected God's right to create a good and glorious creation, by breaking faith with God and introducing the discordant note of sin in the midst of God's good earth. We have alienated ourselves from God. Forgiveness of sins means an opportunity to restore a betrayed or broken relationship. Through forgiveness, the alienation we have produced is overcome, and we are reconciled with God. And when our relationship with God is healed, we are then in a position to be reconciled with people. Through the gift of reconciliation, God brings people together overcoming hurt, betrayal and barriers of race and nations. In Jesus Christ, barriers caused

by sins are overcome.

Forgiveness moves in two directions. It is received from God, but it is also given to our neighbor and even to our enemy. That is oftentimes very difficult to do. We really haven't comprehended the sheer graciousness of God's forgiveness if we cannot begin to offer it to others. Sin is rarely, if ever, merely between ourselves and God, but usually involves others in webs of complexity. Sinner and victim are held together in mutual bondage. Only forgiveness, given and received, can cut us free from that bondage. Jesus did an extraordinary thing when he claimed the power to forgive sin. But he did something even more extraordinary when he gave that power to his followers. A designed power was placed into human hands. It is available to us today and every day. Let's use it! Amen.



## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

**OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
785-475-3103  
The Rev. James Hoover, Canonical Pastor  
Sister Marilyn Wall, Pastoral Administrator  
MASSES: SATURDAY, 6 p.m. SUNDAY: 8 a.m.

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Bobby Potter, Minister  
539 E. 2nd St., St. Francis  
SATURDAY: Saturday Worship, 9:15 a.m.; Sabbath School, 11 a.m.

**JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Glenn Krebs, pastor  
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
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SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.

**UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN**  
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA  
Rev. Barbara and/or Nolan Pierce  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Bell Choir, 6:30 p.m. Choir practice every Wed. at 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion, 1st Sun. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Wed. at 8 p.m.

**OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST**  
102 North Cass — 785-475-3067  
The Rev. Gary M. Fisher  
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.

**OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Beaver and Mill  
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. Junior Worship, grade 3 & down; 2nd Sundays: All-church dinner. WEDNESDAY: Home Bible Studies, 7:30 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. King's Kids, 6:30 p.m.; Youth, 8 p.m. Women's Group, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 2 p.m.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE**  
The Rev. James Hoover 785-386-4496  
MASS: Jan. Mar. May July Sept. Nov.— SUN., 10 a.m.  
Feb. Apr. Jun. Aug. Oct. Dec.— SAT. 7:30 p.m.

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The Rev. James Hoover 785-386-4496  
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**PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST**  
The Rev. Gary M. Fisher  
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.

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Pastor: Dale Thiele 785-693-4378  
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SUNDAY: Sunday School and Morning Worship, 9 a.m.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON**  
The Rev. Damian Richards  
Phone 785-322-5560  
MASS: SUNDAY, 8:30 a.m.

**HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH**  
Keith Reuther, Pastor  
Phone 785-322-5316  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning worship, 11 a.m.; Youth meeting, 4 p.m.; Bible study 7 p.m.

**NORCATATUR UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Dale Thiele 785-693-4378  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

**LYLE UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Dale Thiele 785-693-4378  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship 11 a.m.; Youth meeting, 4 p.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.

**LUND COVENANT CHURCH**  
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**PIONEER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
709 E. Oak, Oberlin  
Steve Smith, Pastor  
Phone 785-475-3251  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Services, 7 p.m.

**EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN**  
The Rev. Heidi Wiebe  
810 West Cedar, Oberlin  
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Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler  
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SUNDAY: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship and Educational Hour, 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays. Congregation Council, third Sunday, 10:45 a.m. Youth Group, first and third Sundays, 10:45 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Confirmation class, 6:30 p.m.; Women's Bible Study second Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

## Cedar Living Center

The worship service on Dec. 31 was given by Pastor Gary Fisher of the Oberlin United Methodist Church. A social hour was held before supper on Sunday afternoon in honor of New Year's Eve.

The first bingo on Tuesday afternoon was won by Florence Graves and the blackout game was won by Bea Wolfram.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon. Father Jim Hoover and Sister Marilyn Wall were here for Mass on Thursday morning.

Loretta Nelson assisted with pinocle on Thursday afternoon.

Phyllis Cochran celebrated her birthday on Saturday. Leonard and Dorothy Cochran were her guests for a birthday lunch on the patio.

Dee McDougal is a new volunteer at the Center.

Recent visitors: Frank Bouts, Donald Ashley, Mary Ann Zodrow, Paul Zodrow, Selden; Sandy and Larry Wolfram, Liberal; John and Deanell Tacha, Lawrence; Harold and Jean Focke, Colleen Fikan and family, Atwood; Jean and Elton Gillespie, Clayton; Tracy Hartzog, Lisa Rhodes, Jerry and Ron Temple, Norcatatur; Phil and Marj Law, Lakewood, Colo.; Doris Gilbert, Gem; Janice Doyle, Lincoln, Neb.; Alan Vavroch, Man-

hattan; Steve Martin, McCook; Marle and Greg Miller, Mary and Larry Miller and Brian, Russell, Ryan and Adam Miller, Dresden; Ray and Julie Kidder and Morgan, Meade, Colo.; Michael, Kim, and Darlene Thomas, Portland, Ore.; Lisa Woody, Ludell; Lester Ketterl, Culbertson; Rhonda Wildeman, Paul and Kathy Nauer, Jennings; Monte and Julie Burrell and family, Wauneta, Neb.

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