Memorial tree planned by Hospice Services

County will be decorating a Christmas Memorial Tree for the holidays at the United Northwest Federal Credit Union in Oberlin.

each honored person will be placed on the tree for a donation to the annual campaign.

Christmas Tree," said county Hospice Coordinator Carol Duncan, " you honor the cherished memories letting yours shine through."

Hospice Services of Decatur of loved ones. It is also a tradition of helping others in Decatur County to receive much-needed care and comfort during a final illness.

By giving to Hospice Services, An ornament with the name of you allow someone to share their gift of life with family and friends

"During this season of giving and "By giving to the Memorial caring, we invite everyone to help decorate the tree. There's a little bit of an angel in all of us. Thanks for

Patronage checks given by electric cooperative

The Prairie Land Electric Cooperative board recently approved a capital credit retirement totaling

Checks were mailed to members on Dec.1 for patronage they had with the cooperative since 1985. In the past five years, Prairie Land has paid more than \$1.6 million in capi-

tal credit refunds. In addition to the capital credit payout, they issue monthly billing credits of 1/2 cent per kilowatt hour that will total over \$500,000 in 2004. Since 1999, Prairie Land members have received over \$5.4 million in capital credit refunds and

direct billing credits.

The cooperative's financial strength over the past few years has made monthly credits and year-end payouts possible, said President Gilbert Berland.

"As a member-owned electric cooperative," he said, "our mission is to provide our members with good quality service and at the same time keep rates as low as possible consistent with sound business practices. We are happy to return dividends to our member-owners at a time when prices for natural gas, propane and fuel oil are on the rise.'

Turner concert set inNorton

Nashville recording artist Josh Train," at the Grand Ole Opry. It has Turner will perform at 7 p.m. on Sunday at the East Campus Auditorium in Norton, sponsored by the Norton County Arts Council.

Mr. Turner grew up on a farm near and great-grandfather were farmers. A strong Christian, he says his songwriting ability is a gift from God.

He received a standing ovation when he sang his hit, "Long Black for information.

been nominated for Song of the Year by the Country Music Association and the Christian Country Music

He is accompanied by members Hannah, S.C., where his grandfather of a five-piece band, including his

Tickets for the concert are available at the Norton Chamber of Commerce office. Call (785) 877-2501

Neighbors hold holiday dinner

guests, including Jim Huston of Gateway on Friday for a holiday

Oracle Nadean Stoney welcomed the guests. The flag salute was given and Millie Lippelman gave the in-

Fifty-three Oberlin members and Huston gave the program, which included advice on letting someone Loomis, Neb., a Royal Neighbor know where important papers are in field representative, met at The case of death. He also encouraged each person to make a list to make things simpler to settle following a Members were also present from

the Norcatur, McCook, and Wilsonville camps. Diane Hasenberger and After a delicious dinner, Jim Robin Edgett won the door prizes.

Moran named wheat leader

Wheat Leader of the Year by the by the wheat organizations. National Association of Wheat Education Committee and the U.S. Wheat Associates.

has gone beyond the call of duty on Reno, Nev.

Kansas Congressman Jerry behalf of wheat producers, and is the Moran was recently named the 2004 highest Congressional honor given

The award will be presented at the Growers, the Wheat Export Trade North American Grain Congress, the combined annual convention of the National Association of Wheat The award is presented each year Grocers and the National Grain Sorto one representative or senator who ghum Producers in February in

Septic system fee planned

major funding changes.

As of Jan. 1, 2005, they will lation of modification of all septic or (785) 462-8636 at Colby.

The Northwest Local Environ- systems within the Northwest Local mental Protection Group has had Environmental Protection Group

They will continue to offer free charge a \$50 Letter of Intent fee, private water testing to private indisimilar to a permit, which is good for viduals only. For details, contact the one year. It is required on the instal- office at (785) 421-2769 at Hill City,

K-State sets ag conferences

Kansas State University Research and Extension is offering the following area and statewide agricultural conferences and field days to

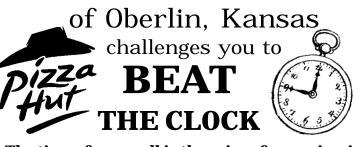
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all interested persons. Dec. 14-15: Kansas Hay and

Dec. 16: Strategic Thinking and Business Planning Workshop, Manhattan, (785) 532-3526.

Jan. 13: Strategic Marketing Workshop, Manhattan, (785) 532-Grazing Expo, Hutchinson, (888)

For details, contact the local extension office.



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Club News

Prayer Partners revealed

ist Women met on Dec. 1 at the meetings be held in the evening home of Angie Wilson. Roll call was answered with a custom or gift remembrance by 10 members. Co-hostesses were Traci Uehlin and Joyce Rippe.

Coleen Rippe read a story from the book, "I thought there was a road there," for devotions. A thank you card was read from the Macfee family. The Special Mission Recognition pin will be presented at the next meeting.

for anyone who wanted them. It the program.

Prairie Chapel United Method- was suggested that some summer so more working members could attend. The Christmas program will be held at 7 p.m. on Dec. 22.

It was voted to have Prayer Partners next year and names were drawn. Members tried to guess their Prayer Partners, then found out when they opened their gifts. Rowena Cathcart gave the program in the absence of Ethel Railsback.

The next meeting will be at the New books were purchased for home of Nadene Lafferty on Jan. the reading program. President 5, with Rowena Cathcart as co-Angie Wilson had a box of books hostess. Coleen Rippe will give

Group enjoys Christmas carols

Women met on Dec. 1 at Wheat Ridge Terrace with residents as invited guests. Devotions, based Edla Olson. She also told of her visit to the Holy Land during the This Christmas." Christmas season in 1987.

Group singing of several favorite Christmas carols was led by Amy Carman, who accompa-Smith told about the composer of sang several solos, "What Child

Oberlin United Methodist Is This?", "O Holy Night" and "Mary, Did You Know?" and was joined by her children, Isaac and Patience in singing "Away in a on the Christmas story from the Manger." Mrs. Smith closed with Gospel of Luke, were given by an appeal for peace in the world by reading "What I Want Most

Hostesses were Pat Wright, Marian Fraker and Joan Betts, assisted by Marcia Lohoefener.

Day of Prayer and Self-Denial nied the singing on her guitar. will be observed at the Jan. 5 noon Program chairman Maxine meeting with a brown bag lunch in the fellowship hall of the each carol and how it had come church. Hostess will be Louise to be written. Mrs. Carman also Pollnow and program leader will be Mary Waldo.

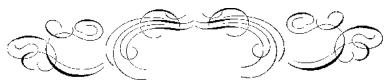
> Please join us in celebrating Shirley A.

Ward's 70th Birthday with a card shower.

Our 'old nurse' joins the ranks of the septuagenarians on December 8th.

Shirley's address is: 1002 E. Ash, Oberlin, KS 67749

Thanks! The family of Shirley Ward Sorry Mom, your kids were behind!





Home Time

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By Tranda Watts Multi-county Extension Agent

Think safety when traveling with food

many people to bring food to gatherings, such as holiday meals. How do you decide who brings what or especially if traveling over a halfhow to travel with food if you're asked to bring something?

ing what to take, consider type of food and distance to travel. Remember the two-hour rule: avoid leaving perishable foods at room temperature longer than two hours (one hour in warmer seasons when the temperature is over 90 degrees Fahrenheit). The two hours includes preparation time for foods that aren't cooked or foods that need more preparation steps after cooking.

People traveling a long distance might bring non-perishables such as rolls, breads, and cookies. Those traveling about a half hour or less can more safely bring perishable foods such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs and dairy products or foods containing these items. Nearer relatives also are a better choice for providing salads, relishes and veg-When traveling with food, keep

hot foods hot (140 degrees or higher) by wrapping them in foil, and then in heavy towels. Or, carry them designed to keep food hot.

Place cold foods in a cooler with sion office, 475-8121.

It's a time-honored tradition for ice or freezer packs, or in an insulated container with a cold pack so they remain at 40 degrees or lower, On arrival, place cold foods in the

When assigning foods or decid-refrigerator. Place hot foods in an oven turned up high enough to keep the food at an internal temperature of 140 degrees or above; use a food thermometer to assure the food stays at a safe internal temperature. Plan to serve shortly after guests have

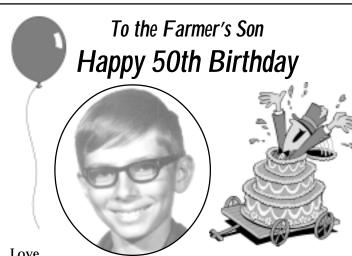
Another possibility is to carry all perishable food in an ice chest and come early, then prepare the food after you arrive. Remember, if you travel with

food, take a detour around the "dan-

ger zone". Keep hot foods hot (140 degrees or higher), and cold foods cold (40 degrees or lower). If you have further questions about food safety or preparations for

the holidays, contact your local extension office. Tranda Watts is Kansas State

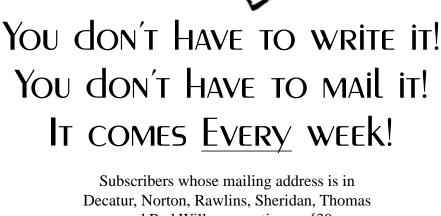
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