

The Norcatour Rural High School Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, May 28, 2005. All alumni, spouses of deceased alumni, and attendees are invited, including anyone who attended the grade school or high school. A dance will follow the banquet.

Contact Von Johnson, alumni treasurer, at 117 West Legend Drive, Pueblo West, Colo., 81007-1714, for tickets. Tickets will need to be purchased by May 1, 2005, for the caterers.

L. Edward Temple Jr. writes that he and Fu Sing plan to come back to the area for the Norcatour Rural High School reunion during the Memorial Day holiday in 2005.

Winners at the first pool tournament held at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were: first, Norcatour's "Minnesota Fats" R.D. Thornton; Kieth Alstrom, Oberlin, second; and Melanie Kier, Clayton, third. The next tournament will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 10. Future tournaments will be the second Monday of each month.

Christmas was celebrated early, on Dec. 18 and 19, at Holcomb for the Wayne McCallisters. They visited Rob and Dodie, Matt McCallister and Scott Nading of Holcomb. Mike McCallister of Hays; Cindy, Clayton and Emily Braun of Munger; and Mildred

Schwab of Norton were also present.

Katherine Severns, Norton, sent in a poem that was printed in the *Norcatour News*. She sent copies of the poem to families who have loved ones that won't be home for Christmas. She has also written a gospel song, "Glory to God," which was accepted by a publishing company in Nashville, and it will be published in a gospel album this month.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jim Bob Beachel, Frank Ward, Sandy Gade, Carissa Wentz - Dec. 22; Ronald Anderson - Dec. 25; Fred Molzahn, Lynn Ward - Dec. 26; Bill and Bee Nelson - Dec. 28; Beth Sebaugh, Galen and Jamie Wentz - Dec. 31; Darrel Barnett, Megan Wentz - Jan. 2; Chris Dempewolf, Jeff and Lorie Roe - Jan. 3.

A New Year's Eve party will be held Friday, Dec. 31, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill, beginning at 6 p.m., featuring an all-you-can-eat bull fry and glazed ham with old-fashioned baked beans and potato salad.

Senior Citizens met Dec. 17, with 13 members in attendance. Winners were Clent Hatfield, June Jolly and Esther Miller. The next meeting will be Friday with a potluck supper at the Educational Building at 6 p.m. Cards will follow at 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, Dec. 15, Oran and LaVerne Milner drove to Phillipsburg where they met Bob and Beanie Fiser of Belleville for lunch and visiting.

Bee Nelson and Gwynn Ward of Clayton, and Joy and Sam Chapman of Liberty, Mo., flew from Kansas City, Mo., to Long Beach, Calif., on Dec. 15 to attend funeral services of a first cousin, Aloha (Deimer) Reese, on Dec. 16. Exhibitors in a display of rug hooking at the Norton Library include Betsy Jakowski, Norcatour; Carolyn Burtis, Oberlin; and Mary Ewing, Cedar Bluffs.

The Norcatour Christmas Drawing was held on Dec. 18, with 55 families attending. The winner of the Pre-school giveaway basket was Beth Sebaugh, and Matthew Helm won the custom wood furniture giveaway. Virgil and Joyce Price won the lighting contest in Norcatour, with Jim and Carolyn Plotts receiving second place, and o Tad and Rebecca Hartsough, third.

Esther Miller had Monday Bridge Club at her home on Dec. 13. Virgil and Joyce Price took Kenneth to Hays on Dec. 17, for a checkup with his surgeon.

The *Norcatour News* will not be published again until Jan. 4.

# Many participate in contests

Greetings: The turkey and all the trimmings are gone, just the leftovers to get rid of and the extra pounds to shed. I hope everyone had a joyous holiday.

The winners of the Home Lighting Contest were as follows: Oberlin — Bob and Lynn Boyd, first place; Kevin and Carol Brown, second place; and Scott and Sandy Zeigler, third place; Norcatour — Virgil and Joyce Price, first place; Jim and Carolyn Plotts, second place; and Tad and Rebecca Hartsough, third place; Jennings — Stan and Ramona Shaw, first place; Eugene and Dona Mrstik, second place; and Imogene Keenan, third place. Thanks to everyone who strung up lights, decorated windows and homes, and put up the neat displays. This made all the towns bright and cheerful for the holidays.

Oberlin Business Alliance drawing brought a large crowd to main street in spite of the brutal winds from the north. Millie Lippelmann won the \$1,000 of Santa Bucks to spend in Oberlin.

Janet Anthony, Pat Cozad, Ardith Wayne, Jennifer Juenemann, Sharla Ritter, Kathy Brainard, Delores Zodrow and Doug Brown all won \$25 in Santa Bucks. The winner of the year-long pass at Sunflower Cinema was Kaine Fredrickson. Congratulations to all and thank you for taking time to sign up.

Winter is up on us with vengeful force. The wind chill is fierce; the animals are really hovering close to shelter. This is almost January 2005 and we can expect this. Where has the year of 2004 gone? They say that time flies when you get older and I believe them.

The Chamber annual meeting

# Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

and banquet are fast approaching. Jan. 20 is the date set, starting at 6:30 p.m. at The Gateway with a steak supper, to be followed by Eric Eicher as our guest speaker. He will talk on OZ to AHS, how the story of the Wizard of OZ has helped and hindered us. He will do some magic with all this. It promises to be a lot of fun.

The Home and Garden Show will be March 19 and 20. We are planning on a large crowd of vendors and browsers.

Stop by, have a cup, warm up a bit and tell me about your holidays.

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# Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

A New Year's Eve family fun and game night will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Herndon Covenant Church. The annual meeting of the church is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 9, following a sack lunch at noon.

Christmas Day dinner guests of John and Ardythe Cederberg were Jim and Renee Wolf, Christa and Jamie, Pierre, S. D.; Larry and Denise Pettera, Erin and Dalton, and Tanner and Jolene Pettera, North Platte, Neb.; Donnie and Diane Ruppert, Adam, Derek and Megan, McCook; Ron and Cindy Sattler and Dana, and Chase Juenemann.

Holiday guests of Wesley and Eulaine Benda were Bob and Connie Smith, Eden Prairie, Minn.; Losson and Leanne Pike and Wes, Ashland; Drew Pike, Chicago; Lukas Dommer, Switzerland; Gerald and Patti Benda, Ludell; Daryl and Shirley Maresch, Nathan, Jenna and Tim, Nekoma; Mitch and Bev Messerly, Paul and Anna, Sublette; and Mark and Barbara Olson, Sarah, Kurt and Mary.

Guests of Dick and Donna Kelley for the holidays were Kevin and Debbie Kelley and Seth, Silver Lake; Lance Cpl. Nate and Jamie Kelley, Virginia Beach Naval Base, Va.; Kirk Kelley, Davenport, Iowa; Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica, Frederick, Colo.

Nick Anderson, Lawrence and his fiancée, Stephanie Reed, Olathe, were weekend guests of Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe. They and Gary Anderson were Christmas Eve supper guests of Elden and Detta Anderson and they all had dinner on Saturday at the Richard and Maureen Anderson home.

Dinner guests of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky on Saturday were Kendal and Tammy Neal, Oberlin; Brian and Krista Gutchewsky, Lawrence, and Joel and Sarah Uerling and Addyson, McCook.

Sunday supper guests were Brian and Krista Gutchewsky, and Dale Allacher.

Christmas guests of Steve and Arian Arnold were Mike and Nione Rhodin, Loveland, Colo.; Galen and Lynne Olson, McKinney, Texas; and Edla Olson.

Weekend guests of Esther Noren were Larry and Judy Thelander, Salina; Jeremy and Carissa Thelander, Lincoln, Neb.; Ken and Alice Robson, Ellsworth; Andy Robson, Bennington; Kirk and Janelle Robson, Hutchinson; Doyle Seaman, Abilene; and Steve and Connie Noren and family.

Bob and Sally Olson spent Christmas with the Bob and Annette Frenzl family in Salina. Additional guests were Rennie and Jeanene Olson and Scott, Frisco, Texas; David Olson, Swisher, Iowa; Jon and Daisy Olson, Corbin and Candlin, Iowa City, Iowa; Larry and Deb Marks, Amalia, Amber and Joe, Mulvane; and Louis and Ava Perkins, Wichita.

Weekend guests of Gordon and Norma Anderson were Robert and Carol Fink, Austin and Ashley of Wamego.

Holiday weekend guests of Chris and Sherri Schmidt were Curtis and Dawnelle Heim, Kaili, Kelsi, and Christopher, Tucson, Ariz.; Clint and Erin Schmidt, Denver; and Eric Heim and friend, Alise Schillinger, Fort Collins, Colo. Additional Sunday dinner guests to honor Christopher Heim on his first birthday were Virgil and Rose Weldon, and Lorin and Donna Pauls, Aurora, Colo.; Danace O'Malley, Clae, Jordan and Kainin; and T. C. McDonald, Colby; and LeRoy and Daisy Schmidt.

Sunday supper guests of the Richard Anderson family were Gayle Anderson, Jason, Clay and Kendra, and Jenny Swart.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Quentin and Olive Bergling were Mac and Jeri McPheeters and Casey, Colby; Jennifer Gade, and

Wayne and Stephanie Heighton and granddaughter, Dawn, Hays; Richard and Susan Bergling, Amy, Sarah, Megan and Cassidy, Larned; and Dave and Sherry Bergling.

# 'Spiritual Progress—2005'

Bill Duncan, Oberlin Church of Christ

Have you ever told God that you love Him? You can if you want to, since we have been made in His image. God seeks an intense personal relationship with you, because He loves you. *"Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so."*

May I suggest three ways to gain spiritual progress in 2005 A.D.?

1. Strengthen your relationship with God through Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Mark 12:39. Jesus stated, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, your soul, your mind, your strength."*

James 4:7, *"Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Come near to God and He will come near to you."*

2. Ask God to work in and through you in 2005.

Philippians 2:13, *"It is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purposes."*

Matthew 5:13-14, *"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are*

*the light of the world, a city on a hill that cannot be hidden."*

3. Prepare for unusual difficulties in 2005. It should be obvious that we live in different times. The devil is furious with our nation and wishes to destroy our Godly values. He is staging a war and we must be prepared to recognize and resist him.

Matthew 5:10-12, *"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you because of Me (Jesus). Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven."*

II Timothy 3:12, *"everyone who wants to live a Godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."*

We can rejoice together this time next year because of our spiritual growth. With God's help we are, *"... more than conquerors through Him who loves us ... and nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

P.S. I have read the end of the book (the Bible), and we win!



# Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

**OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
Jim Martin  
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SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.

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The Rev. Doug Hasty  
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.

**HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
The Rev. Nolan and Barbara Pierce  
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 10 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. 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 COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)**  
Pastor: Bobby Cornelius  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., AWANA Club 4-6 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.

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

**CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo  
Almena  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.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.

**OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
South Beaver Street - Oberlin  
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. Junior Worship, grade 3 & down. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.

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MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m

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**NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo  
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SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

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SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.

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The Rev. Heidi Wiebe  
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, 7:30 p.m.

**LUND COVENANT CHURCH**  
Pastor: Tom Smith  
10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. SATURDAY: Men's breakfast & Bible Study, 7 a.m.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
510 North Wagon  
Pastor: Rev. Rick Langness  
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785-475-2333  
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; KICK, 3:45-5:30 p.m. each Wednesday.

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
404 North York Avenue  
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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.

# Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Sympathy is extended to the family of Anna Mae Ketterl, 81, who died Wednesday at her home near Herndon. Funeral services were held Monday morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon with the Rev. Damian Richards officiating. Burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery.

Winners of the Herndon PRIDE Christmas lighting contest included: Don and Pam Sluczynski, first; Clarence and Evelyn Lorentz, second; and David and Judy Ketterl, third.

Don, Joan, Kyle and Kent Grafel attended the Healy-Rexford junior high basketball game at Grandford on Dec. 9 to see their granddaughter and niece, Kayla Grafel, play. Her father, Kurt Grafel, is the coach.

Hank and Ann Martin had lunch with Lucy Evans in McCook last Monday.

Tony and Bev Kleidosty of Riverdale, Neb., and Nick Kleidosty of Elm Creek, Neb., spent last weekend with Mildred Grafel.

Bob, Liane and Anikka Martin

hosted a Sunday pre-Christmas dinner at their home. Guests were Ann Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Kirche Martin and Kiania, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kircher, Jeff Dudensing, Rebekka Martin and Nick Martin.

Ron Solko of Oberlin was a last Sunday dinner guest of his mother, Monica Solko. Tom Solko was also a visitor.

Jim Cox and James of Richmond, Va., visited his father, Frank Cox, at his home, and also his mother, Wynemah Cox, at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

Herndon Senior Citizens met for a potluck dinner on Dec. 15. Judy Ketterl and her preschool and kindergarten children came to sing Christmas carols. Shari Horinek, county health nurse, took blood pressures. Edie Pettera won blackout in bingo and Ann Martin won the door prize.



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