

Stan and Carol Miller are recipients of the 2005 Kansas Bankers Association Soil Conservation Award for their conservation practices, including an intensive no-till program and terracing. The Millers were honored with the other winners Saturday evening, Jan. 21, at the Norton County Conservation District's annual meeting at the Norton American Legion.

Congratulations to Casey Morris, son of Bev Morris, Hoxie, and Chet Morris, Quinter, who received the top honor of being invited to join Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society at Kansas University, Lawrence. Casey is the grandson of Gary and Annette Miller, Oberlin, and the late Mary Jane Miller; the grandson of the late Claude Morris, and Phil and Sylvia Combs; and the great-grandson of Esther Miller, Norcatour. Casey has spent many summers in Norcatour working on the farm for his uncle, Stan and Carol Miller, and has often spent time off from college with the Millers and other relatives and friends.

The grapevine has it that Norcatour's newest resident, Richard Wicker, has had knee surgery in Denver and is now recuperating. Hopefully he will be home soon so he can enjoy his new garage.

Justine Miller visited a few days at the Stan Miller home, leaving for Butler Community College, El Dorado, on Jan. 15.

Eric and Sheree Milnes were still celebrating Christmas Jan. 14-16 while in Colorado with his three sisters and two brothers.

Winners of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Jan. 16, were: first, Larry Lively; second, Stan Miller; and third, Jerald Leitner.

Bee Nelson was a houseguest of her daughter, Tara Nelson, in Independence, Mo., in mid-January. She attended the 15th wedding anniversary celebration of her cousin, Joy (Griffith) Chapman and her husband, Sam, held Jan. 15 in Liberty, Mo. Bee's brother, Don Ward, Mission, and his son, Bart and Sharol Ward, and Ali, of Roeland Park, were also there.

While in Missouri, Mrs. Nelson also visited Joyce (Norris) Kolsky of Sedalia, Mo., a cousin of Joyce Chapman. Joyce is a former teacher at Jennings, along with her mother, Rebecca Norris, when Bill and Bee taught there. Another couple attending the anniversary celebration were Phil and Mary Young. Phil is a former resident of Reager, and sent greetings to friends in the Norcatour area.

Mrs. Nelson returned home Friday, Jan. 20, riding with Pastor Kathy Aeillo as far as Almena. She met Norma McCallister there and she brought her home.

Norcatour Royal Neighbor members who attended the installation of officers at McCook on Jan. 17 were Estella Harold, Beth Johnson, Maxine Brooks, Lee and Lora Arnold, and Neoma and Bob Tacha. All received door prizes.

Senior Citizens met Jan. 20 for cards. Winners were Gwynn Ward,

Virgil Price and Al Sedlmayer. The next meeting will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Educational Building.

Randy Stapp, Mt. Vernon, Tenn., came Jan. 15 to visit his dad, Dewaine Stapp, and brother, David Stapp, and family. Supper guests of Dewaine Stapp on Jan. 18 were Randy Stapp, David, Patty, Kaitlyn and Sam Stapp, Alice Shirley, and Don and Goldie Stapp. Randy left on Jan. 19.

Velda Ward has returned home from the hospital in Oberlin.

Being an avid Bronco fan, Wava Reames invited fellow avid Bronco fans Carolyn and Jim Plotts over Sunday afternoon, Jan. 22, to watch Denver clobber Pittsburgh. Unfortunately, it didn't turn out that way, but they had an enjoyable visit and mopped up the tears together.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 9 in Hill City for Gladys Williams, 58, of Cimarron, who died Jan. 6 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita. She was a sister of Kathy Van Meter of Lyle.

Wava Ward and Marguerite Clark enjoyed watching the recent football games, including Jan. 22. Wava is glad to be back in Norcatour.

Tim and Diane Leffler, and Jessi and Dalaina Karnes went to Kanorado to visit their Grandmother Schritter and family, and to help work cattle.

Mark and Debby Ward visited his mother, Dorothy Ward, the weekend of Jan. 21-22.

Kenneth Price's horses strayed from the pasture, but Dave Ward them and with several people, they got them back home.

Birthdays and anniversary: Dennis and Judy Shirley - Jan. 29; Larry Dick - Jan. 31.

Dennis and Judy Shirley's 45th wedding anniversary was Jan. 29. Cards will reach them at 106 N. Antelope, Oberlin, Kan., 67749, or email them at judydennissaniv@yahoo.com.

Denny Leichter, accompanied by Ruth Gill, attended the funeral of Chris Eckhart, 48, Friday, Jan. 13, in Fremont, Neb. He has a brain tumor.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller went to Kearney on Jan. 13, and had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ogorzolk. They all got together with Mr. and Mrs. Davie Stapp and Mr. and Mrs. Thad Schemper, and went to Almherst to eat supper on Saturday night, Jan. 14, then went to the Kearney Events Center to see a show by Rodney Carrington.

Richard William White Jr. was born Jan. 13, 2006 at the Annapolis Medical Center, Annapolis, Md., weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces. His parents are Rick and Erin White. His grandmother is Patricia White, and great-grandmother is Kay (Anderson) Smiley, of Denton, Md.

Word has been received of the death of Roy Craig, brother of Bill Craig of Norcatour, on Friday evening, Jan. 20. Roy served in World War II as a paratrooper, and was a veterinarian in Wamego for 20 years. A memorial service was held in Portland, Ore., with inurnment on Feb. 3.

John Shirley, Scott City, was a guest of his mother, Alice Shirley of Oberlin, the weekend of Jan. 21-22. Alice, John, and Juanita Eckhart had lunch at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Saturday. John was in the area to attend the basketball tournament in Colby which Scott City was taking part and Scott City won the tournament. John returned home after the tournament.

Glen and Carolyn Strevey, Boulder, Colo., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 3. They were high school sweethearts. Carolyn is a homemaker and enjoys classical music. Glen is retired from Ball Aerospace, and enjoys farming and woodworking. The Streveys like to travel and spend time with their family, which includes four children, 11 grandchildren, and one step-granddaughter. Cards will reach them at 1340 Deertrail Road, Boulder, Colo., 80303.

Nadine Barker has donated copies of the Brown, Bailey, Wycoff and Hackney pictures, obituaries and other family history to the Norcatour Museum. Also donated recently are additional obituaries of people from the Norcatour and Devizes area, and information on the 100th anniversary of the Lyle United Methodist Church. The Norcatour Museum may be contacted at Box 89, Norcatour, Kan., 67653.

# Tips for keeping foods warm

If you're preparing several foods that will finish cooking at different times, you can hold most hot foods for about 15-20 minutes in a pre-heated oven set to 200-250 degrees Fahrenheit. For longer holding periods the U.S. Department of Agriculture advises, "Set oven temperature high enough to keep the hot food at 140 degrees Fahrenheit or above. Check internal temperature of food with a meat thermometer."

Keeping food hot for extended periods of time may reduce its quality.

Examples of keeping food warm include:

- Place pancakes or waffles in a single layer on a baking sheet as you make them, if you want to serve them all at the same time.
- Keep hot takeout food — such as barbecued meat or Chinese food — warm by transferring it to an oven-safe baking dish and placing it in the oven while you prepare another dish to serve with it.
- If you mash potatoes in an oven-safe saucepan, place the pan in the oven to stay warm while you finish preparing the rest of the meal.
- When stir-frying in several batches, transfer cooked food to the oven until everything has been stirred.

By applying these ideas to everyday preparation of meals at home, you can successfully put a meal on



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
Multi-county Extension Agent

the table and have all the dishes warm and ready to eat at the same time.

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## Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Herndon Senior Citizens met at the Senior Center for a potluck on Jan. 18. Debbie Rummel of the Rawlins County Health Department took blood pressures. John Eby won blackout in bingo and Beth Chartier the door prize. The

next business meeting will be today at the Senior Center.

Ron and Rodney Solko of Oberlin were last Saturday dinner guests of Monica Solko.

Tom and Tim Solko were Saturday visitors.

Internet tonight!  
Call 475-2206

## 'Are You Ready for the Final Exam?'

By Pastor Doug Hasty of Oberlin and Prairie Chapel United Methodist churches

Recently I started reading a *New York Times* bestseller, "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren. Today I would like to share some ideas from the book.

What word picture best describes your life right now? Would you say your life is like: a runaway train, a merry-go-round, a humming bird, a target, a salmon swimming upstream, a laser beam, a spinning top, stuck on a treadmill or a boat floating downstream? Does more than one of those images fit you more than once during a day?

Rick says: "Everyone's life is driven by something." Most dictionaries define the verb drive as "to guide, to control, or to direct." Whether you are driving a car, a nail, or golf ball, you are guiding, controlling, and directing it at that moment. What is the driving force in your life?

Right now you may be driven by a problem, a pressure, or a deadline. You may be driven by a painful memory, a haunting fear, or an unconscious belief. Rick points out five of the most common ones: guilt, resentment and anger, fear, materialism and the need for approval.

Now those five influences don't sound like the most helpful and healthy of influences to give guidance, or control, or direction in someone's life. But when you know and believe that you were created for a purpose, that your life is not an accident and that you were created so that God could love you, that changes everything.

Rick suggests there are five great benefits of living a purpose-driven life: Knowing your purpose gives meaning to your life, simplifies your life,

helps you focus your life, motivates your life, and will prepare you for eternity.

One day you will stand before God, and the Lord will do an audit of your life, a final exam, before you enter eternity. The Bible says, "Remember, each of us will stand personally before the judgment seat of God ... Yes, each of us will have to give a personal account to God" (Romans 14: 10b, 12).

Fortunately, God wants us to pass the test, so he has given us the questions in advance. From the Bible we can surmise that God will ask two crucial questions: First, "What did you do with my Son, Jesus Christ?" God won't ask about your religion or doctrinal views. The only thing that matters is, did you accept what Jesus did for you on the cross and did you learn to love and trust him?

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

Second, "What did you do with what I gave you?" What did you do with your life — all the gifts, talents, opportunities, energy, relationships, and resources God gave you? Did you spend them on yourself, or did you use them for the purposes God made you for?

The first question will determine where you spend eternity. The second question will determine what you do in eternity.

Are you tired of being caught on a treadmill, running in a rat race, spinning like a top, or going on a roller coaster? Then let me encourage you to find your purpose in the heart of God. Just ask the Lord to show you and in His grace and mercy He will speak to your heart.

Grace and peace.



## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

**OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
785-475-3103

The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam,  
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE**

The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam  
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**

The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam  
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

**OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**

Jim Martin  
120 South East, Oberlin  
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.

**JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS**

Carrie Buhler, pastor  
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
DRESDEN  
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.

**PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST**

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

**HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Pastor: Dennis Brown  
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.

**UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN**

109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA  
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 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.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON**

The Rev. Damian Richards  
Phone 785-322-5560  
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.

**HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH**

Keith Reuther, Pastor  
Phone 785-322-5316  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.

**NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST**

Pastor: Kathy Aeillo  
Almena  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

**LYLE UNITED METHODIST**

Carol Woodmanee, Almena  
Lyle Lay Speaker  
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.

**EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN**

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: Doug Mason  
10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study and prayer, 7:30 p.m.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

510 North Wilson  
Pastor: Rev. Rick Langness  
Secretary: Norma Unger  
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. Foundations Bible Class, Thursday, 7-9 p.m.

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

404 North York Avenue  
Oberlin, Kansas  
Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler  
Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053  
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.

**Super Sunday Football Championship!**

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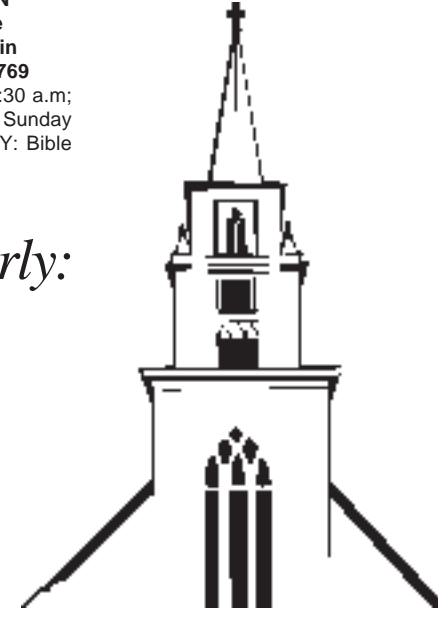
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