

# Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

The Norcatour Christmas Drawing will be held at noon on Saturday at the All-purpose Room in the Norcatour City Building. The potluck will begin at noon, with the family sign-up for the drawing at 1 p.m. A bake sale and auction will be held at 1:30 p.m., with proceeds to benefit the Norcatour City Building. The Christmas Drawing will be held at 2 p.m., and Santa will make an appearance. For more information call Deb Marshall, (785) 693-4344, or Chris Dempewolf at 693-4461.

Items that will be auctioned off at the drawing are on display at the Norcatour City office, including a quilt made and donated by Kay Strevey; metal yard art (2) by Carl Lyon, CW Welding; a fleece blanket made and donated by Chris Dempewolf; pancake mix (2) from Norcatour Grain Inc.; glass and brass stand from Red Roof Peddler; 2004 stamp mint set from Postmaster Deb Combs; 1986 Norcatour Centennial Book from Norcatour Museum; and a goodie basket.

If you have an item to donate, please bring to the city office by . Anyone unable to make it to the auction who would like to place a bid may contact Chris Dempewolf at the city office.

A benefit hog roast for Ron Montgomery has been tentatively set from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for Saturday, Jan. 12 at the Norcatour City Building. Watch for more details. If you would like to help by making a dessert and/or salad, please call Chris Dempewolf. Ron Montgomery was injured in a farm accident recently. Mail will reach him at Route 1, Box 75, Jennings, Kan., 67643. Please keep Ron in your prayers.

Dale Brunk of Oberlin and his daughter Janene Kleidosty of Lancaster, Calif.; Betty Reid and Lula Hix of Norton; Arlene Hix and Gail Bailey of Norcatour met at the Cardinal Bar and Grill for lunch Wednesday, Nov. 28. Dale is a cousin of Betty Reid and the late Wilbur and Francis Hix. After lunch they went to Arlene's home and visited.

Prairie Land Food distribution will be at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Educational Building.

Guests at the home of Larry James the first weekend of December were grandchildren, Raelynn and Lynd-

say James and their parents, Jamie and Matt of North Platte, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller left on Monday, Nov. 26, for Topeka to stay a week at the Curt DeDonder home. Melissa went to Palm Springs for a week to attend a conference, and Stan and Carol babysat granddaughter Sophia. On Saturday, Dec. 1, Stan went to Kansas City with friends and stayed with Max Crosby to attend the Chiefs football game. On Monday, Dec. 3, he returned to Topeka, then he and Carol returned home.

## NEW ARRIVAL

A son, Dillon Wayne, was born on Nov. 24, 2007, at the Decatur County Hospital to Windy Farr and Chris Kuhlman of Oberlin. He has two older brothers, Jack and Tony. Grandparents are Janet Anthony, Gary and Cathy Anthony, and Mr. and Mrs. Errin Kuhlman. Gary, Cathy and Keith Anthony went to see the little one on Sunday, Nov. 25.

Veda Wood donated memorial obituaries to the Norcatour Museum. If you have any Norcatour or Lyle items you would like to donate to the museum, please send to Box 89, Norcatour, Kan., 67653.

Dorothy Ward had lunch with daughter, Lora Linn Leichliter at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin on Nov. 29.

Birthdays: Terri James - Dec. 7; Sheree Milnes - Dec. 11.

David Johnson, Brittany and Joie of Lenexa; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Claussen of Olathe; Delphyn Biggs and Cathy Claussen of Oberlin were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Beth Johnson and Fred Molzahn. David Johnson reported to Fort Bliss, Texas on Nov. 25, for two months of training before he is to be sent to Iraq.

Elaine Kingsley and Aaron of Allen, Texas spent Friday, Nov. 16, with Rocky and Bev DeLano in Wichita. On Saturday they went to Hays to visit Steve and Marva Miller. Elaine and Aaron came to spend Thanksgiving week with Dewaine Stapp. On Sunday, Nov. 18, Elaine, Aaron, Dewaine Stapp, Leone Purton and Alice Shirley met Dave and Patty Stapp, Kortney and Jerrod Poire, Kaitlyn Stapp, Sam Stapp, Beth Sebaugh and Dan

Poire for lunch at the Cardinal Bar and Grill. Afterward Elaine visited with Donald and Goldie Stapp. Joy Votapka joined Dewaine Stapp and Elaine Kingsley and Aaron for supper on Sunday. On Monday and Tuesday Aaron enjoyed playing golf with his granddad, Dewaine Stapp. Elaine Kingsley met Judi Cuthbertson and also visited with Delores Stapp.

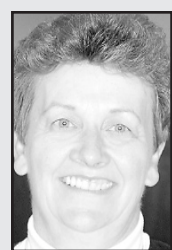
Wednesday supper guests of Dewaine Stapp were Elaine Kingsley and Aaron, Leone Purton, Dave and Patty Stapp, Kaitlyn Stapp, Sam Stapp and Jori Diederich. Elaine and Aaron left on Nov. 22. On the way Elaine spent the night with Steve and Marva Miller while Aaron spent Thanksgiving evening with his grandmother, Marvis Kingsley, in Hays. On Friday, Nov. 23, they spent the night with Bev and Rocky DeLano in Wichita.

Thanksgiving Day guests of Leone Purton were her daughter, Kim, and granddaughter, Danielle, from Los Angeles; Dewaine Stapp; Elaine Kingsley and Aaron, and Dave and Patty Stapp, Sam and Kaitlyn.

Thirteen Senior Citizens met Nov. 30 at the Educational Building for a covered dish dinner. Winners were Claudia Bridges, Gwynn Ward, and Eleanor Jensen.

Lee and Lora Arnold were Thanksgiving Day guests of Jim and Carolyn Plotts. Other guests were her brother, Bob Kelley and friend, and Jim's father, Jim Plotts.

# Make some new traditions



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
Multi-county Extension Agent

Holiday traditions get passed through the ages. Favorite family recipes, carols and decorations are enjoyed year after year. This season, take a look at your food safety habits.

Resolve to begin a new family tradition: throw out all your unsafe and outdated food habits with the garbage. Adopt newer, safer ways to handle traditional holiday foods.

**Old habit:** Thawing meat or poultry on the kitchen counter or under hot water.

**New tradition:** To prevent the growth of harmful bacteria, meat or poultry should be thawed, in its store wrapper, in a pan in the refrigerator. Allow one day of thawing time for each five pounds of frozen meat or poultry.

A faster way (30 minutes of thawing time for each pound of frozen meat or poultry) to thaw a small package of meat or poultry is to submerge it, in its store wrapper, in a large clean pan filled with cold tap water. Drain and replace the cold water every 30 minutes.

**Old habit:** Washing raw meat and poultry before placing in the oven.

**New tradition:** To reduce the risk of bacterial contamination from rinse water splashing onto the sink and adjoining countertops, raw meat and poultry should not be rinsed. Heat will kill any bacteria present during the cooking process.

**Old habit:** Cooking turkey and

meat long enough for the juices to be clear.

New Traditions: Use a food thermometer to check if meat is finished cooking. Cook turkey to an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit, and cook beef to 160 degrees.

Don't have a food thermometer? Add it to your family's gift list and use it in good health.

**Old Habit:** Using a "five-second rule" to determine how long food is safe to eat after it falls on the floor.

**New Tradition:** There never has been such a rule! If a holiday treat

– or any food that can't be washed off – topples to the floor, don't eat it. In the spirit of "out with the old, in with the new," throw it away and stay safe from harmful bacterial.

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## "Drawn to Wood"

### From Bill Duncan, Oberlin Church of Christ

Taken from the Norton Christian Church bulletin, May 13, 2007, written by Jeff Nielsen.

As she stood watching, Mary, the mother of Jesus, remembered all of it, but especially that last conversation with her son.

He was not a boy, of course. He was tall and strong and thirty birthdays old. But he was still her boy.

"I must go now," he had said, "I have always been drawn to wood."

She had looked into his dark eyes, her smile full of hurt and a mother's love.

"Such a fine young man," she thought as she brushed the sawdust and wood shavings from his curly brown hair for the thousandth time. But this time was different.

Something about the set of his jaw and the flash of fire in his eyes told her, "This is the last time."

Even in his twenties, Yeshua (Jesus) was respectful and supportive. This was especially so after Joseph died. Yeshua took over the carpenter's shop and did what the eldest son was expected to do.

"You have sawdust and shavings in your hair, Yeshua. Just like when you were a little boy with your father, Joseph."

She hoped her words might hold him near a moment or two longer. But as she spoke them, it was Mary who paused.

She thought of the man who had stood by her when the only explanations were divinely insane. She missed him so. Yeshua's presence in the shop had always reminded her of her Joseph. While they looked nothing alike, he was very much his father's son.

With Joseph's death had come the resurrection of suspicion and the cruel words, "Mary's boy! Mary's boy!"

But Yeshua would just shrug and smile as if he heard some faraway song.

Mary's smile and motherliness brought no response

this time.

"You have always been drawn to wood," she said nervously.

She had kept her feelings hidden, but since the wedding in Cana, she knew the promises from long ago were beginning to unfold. He was no longer her little boy – she knew it as well as she knew the dark eyes, the curls of brown hair, and the tenderness in his voice when he spoke to her.

This was his good-bye. More than leaving home, he was leaving her and all he knew as family, behind.

"You have always been drawn to wood!" she softly repeated.

She touched his brown curls and brushed the shavings from his hair, one more time. It was true, he had always been drawn to wood.

She had said it often, hoping that it would keep him near her, or at least in the shop, despite the angel's promise that he would be King and Savior when he was born and she placed him in the wooden manger.

Now, in the shadow of his cross, the thought pierced her like a dagger, "You have always been drawn to wood."

"I must go now, mother!" he had said firmly. "It's time. It is time for me to do what you know I must do. As you have so often said, 'I have always been drawn to wood.'"

As she stood shivering from the cold in her soul, she now remembered everything: the manger, the wood shavings, and especially the day that he left.

Now, just three years later, the rattling sounds of her son's labored breathing shook her. Tears stained her cheeks as she stood looking at the little boy she once swaddled and placed in the wooden manger.

Mary softly cried and said for the final time, "My precious son, you have always been drawn to wood."



## Good Samaritan News

Christmas activities officially opened with the Lighting of the Tree Ceremony, Wednesday night. Almost all of the residents gathered in a dimly lit Town Square to hear "The Legend of the Christmas Tree" read by Lisa Paulson. The room was then totally darkened and the tree was lit.

Lots of oohs and aahs could be heard and Anita Hirsch played the guitar while several carols were sung. It was a wonderful, quiet evening to reflect on Jesus and the true meaning of all our Christmas celebrations, hopefully setting the mood for all the upcoming festivities we will enjoy.

On Monday, the Lyle Gals came for a delightful afternoon of pinochle. Edla Olson, Eva Bryan, Lucy Schissler, Opal Bryan, Lora Zwickle and Pooch Portschy took part in the fun.

Faye Miller, Hazel Flaska and Kathryn Post helped with the decorating on Tuesday. Two beautiful trees were trimmed by their hands, one at the front porch and the other in Angel Lane. The pre-lit fiber optic trees were donated by Shayla Williby, for which we are very thankful!

The Kayettes came on Thursday from the high school to bring door ornaments for each resident and they also sang for us before devotions began. It is always a joy to see new faces around the holidays, a blessing to both young and old as they meet and converse with one another.

We had a special celebration on Friday, the STAR Tea. This is a time of employee recognition and awards are given. Good food and door prizes are part of the program.

The residents are invited to join us for this event as well.

The STAR Ministry was initially designed only for staff members, but it has become increasingly clear that residents, as well as staff, provide a rich and compassionate ministry to each other.

STAR is an acronym which stands for STop Along the Road. It refers to Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan who stopped along the road to help a wounded traveler. It also refers to the critical importance of our stopping for the people we meet every day along life's journey. This program helps to unite us as one big family, giving and receiving love, compassion, encouragement, joy and blessings.

Sunday services were given by the Assembly of God Church. The Gospel Singers practiced for their performance next week. Residents who are members of the singers are Lucy Schissler and Dorothy Pryor.

Recent visitors were: **Dorothy Hunt** - Ron and Dixie Snyder of Colby, Reva Marshall, Mildred Black; **Opal Bryan** - Sharon and Marvin Slabaugh; **Faye Miller** - Donna Lincoln; **Thelma Spiers** - Don and Joan Grafel, Herndon; **Eva Bryan** - Dick and Donna Kelley, Elden and Detta Anderson; **Hubert Mumm and Doris Marintzer** - Vicky and Bud Mumm of Gem; **Lucy Schissler** - Mert McEvoy; **Ethel Nemeth** - Helen Brooks, Betty Heisel, Darci Meitl; **Dorothy Bryan**: John and Carol Barrett; **Pooch Portschy** - Cheri Kastens of Herndon; **Jeanette Conway** - Daisy Rhein; **Elaine Thomas** - Barbara Castor; **Eulaine Benda** - Wesley Benda.

## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

<p><b>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 785-475-3103 Fr. Henry Saw Lone, MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday</p>	<p><b>OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)</b> Pastor: Fred Dycus SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., AWANA Club 4-6 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST</b> Pastor: Ray Gilstrap Almena SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 404 North York Avenue Oberlin, Kansas Rev. 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. THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.</p>
<p><b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE</b> Fr. Henry Saw Lone MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</p>	<p><b>OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>LYLE UNITED METHODIST</b> Carol Woodmaneee, Almena Lyle Lay Speaker SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.</p>	
<p><b>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN</b> Fr. Henry Saw Lone MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday</p>	<p><b>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST</b> Pastor: Ray Gilstrap Almena SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN</b> 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 p.m.</p>	
<p><b>OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH</b> Mike Larson 120 South East, Oberlin SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>OBERLIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> 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 &amp; 4th Thursdays, 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>LUND COVENANT CHURCH</b> 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.</p>	
<p><b>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS</b> Carrie Buhler, pastor SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. DRESDEN SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> South Beaver Street - Oberlin Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.</p>	<p><b>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 510 North Wilson Pastor: Rev. Rick Langness Secretary: Norma Unger 785-475-2333 SATURDAY: Worship, 7 p.m.; 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.</p>	
<p><b>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST</b> The Rev. Doug Hasty SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON</b> The Rev. Damian Richards Phone 785-322-5560 MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m</p>		
<p><b>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Pastor: Dennis Brown SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.</p>	<p><b>HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH</b> Keith Reuther, Pastor Phone 785-322-5316 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. Youth Group, 4 p.m.</p>		
<p><b>UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN</b> 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 &amp; 3rd Sundays. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Sun. following worship</p>			

## Herndon News

By Voni Sattler

Chris Dean is hospitalized after undergoing surgery at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. Mail will reach her at room 308, 10 E. 31st Street, Kearney, Neb., 68847.

Chris Wood, Esther Pennington and Voni Sattler attended the funeral of Bertha Unger in McCook last Monday, Dec. 3.

Bob and Julie Hafner of Herndon, and Jan Sattler of Atwood visited their aunt, Edie Pettera, at

Cedar Living Center in Oberlin on Sunday, Dec. 2. They also attended the funeral of Bertha Unger in McCook.

Bob and Julie Hafner attended a Christmas dance at Cedar Living Center Thursday evening. The band was Vic Mowry from Hoxie.

Potluck dinner at the senior center will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday, Dec. 19. There will be a business meeting and bingo. All are welcome.

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