By Julie Hafner

Bob and Julie Hafner spent a few days with their son, Jason Hafner and Raquel Frerichs in Lexington, Neb. They celebrated New Year's by cheering for Nebraska in the Gator Bowl, and were happy with the Husker win over Clemson.

Family and friends gathering at Roger's Bar and Grill in Herndon on Dec. 31 to celebrate Clarence Lorentz's 80th birthday were Evelyn, Rod and Roger Lorentz, Karmel Hutfles, Sandy and Andy Green, Rob and Melissa Brown and Timberly and Teather Solko, Vernon and Sue Frick, Lavern and Sharon Frick, Lance Jording, Don and Pam Stuczenski, Ron and Rosie Leitner, Randy and Jackie Leitner, Chuck and Eileen Unger, Joe and Nadine Green, Voni Sattler, Dave and Judy Ketterl, and Gary Wahrman, Herndon; Matt and April Green, Mitch and Cindy Curtin, Atwood; Dorothy, Kieth and Gary Alstrom, Oberlin;

Eldon and Eleanor Odle, Prairie View; Marvin and Dixie Lorentz, Rick and Jeffrey Lorentz, Janet Haag, Ann Cappell and family, Mc-Cook; Cathy Lorentz, Omaha; Derick and Amber Lorentz, Lincoln, Neb.; Sandi Littemeir and family, Denver; and Dude Drain, Trenton, Neb. Many stopped by with warm wishes

at Roger's last week were Gene and Nanette Philbrick and grandson Wurm for his 80th and Emmy Lou

Keith and Roma Grafel and family of Council Grove were guests of Don and Joan Grafel on Dec. 22 and Dec. 23.

Troy, Brandi and Bart Ecker, all of Hays, spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with Sharon Ecker. Carla Marintzer was also a Christmas Day guest. Marlin and Dana Marintzer, Oberlin, were Christmas afternoon visitors.

On Christmas Eve Don and Joan Grafel and Todd Nelson of Herndon were guests of Steve, Susan and Makenzie Nelson of Oberlin. They all attended the Christmas Eve service at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

Bob and Julie Hafner enjoyed Sunday dinner with their aunt, Edie Pettera, at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin. They spent the afternoon sharpening their skills on the Wii game. Looks like more practice is needed in bowling to beat the pro,

On Dec. 25, Don and Joan Grafel, Todd Nelson, Herndon; and Steve, Susan and Makenzie Nelson of Oberlin traveled to Casper, Wyo., to attend the wedding of Brett Philbrick and Brenna Harkins on

Cafeteria cooks: Mrs. Pauline

Others celebrating their birthdays Dec. 27. Brett is the son of Kevin of Don and Joan. They all attended the rehearsal dinner the evening before the wedding.

The Herndon community received word last week of the death of Rosanna Sattler McAdams. Rosanna was born in Herndon, daughter of Elizabeth and Otto Sattler.

Funeral and burial services were held in Tarkio, Mo. Sympathy is extended to relatives in the area.

Karolyn Martin of Windsor, Colo., spent time on Saturday with

Don and Joan Grafel. Also visiting were Emily Atchley and a friend from Knoxville, Tenn., last weekend.

Julie's Memory Joggers

Beaver Tales — 1956 High School board: Francis Malone, Karl Wendelin and Edward Barenberg.

Grade School board: Charles Adams, Clerk; Albert Zwickl, Director and John Grafel Jr., Treasurer

Yearbook staff: Jerry Solko, Doris Sattler, Vernon Franke, Marcia Berger, Myron Barenberg, Larry Kompus, Editor; Eileen Kogl, Business Manager; and Charles Unger, Assistant Editor

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Custodians: Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lorentz

Riepl and Mrs. Alvena Ecker.

Baking shortcuts are not best

Sometimes shortcuts in baking don't yield the best results. While time may be saved, quality can be sacrificed. Here are some ex-

Adding eggs – some cookie recipes specify to add eggs one at a time and mix between each addition. If eggs are added one at a time, the cookies can be thick and chewy. This allows the eggs to combine evenly with the fat. When eggs are added all at once, the cookies will spread more, be more uneven in shape, and will not be as chewy.

Softening butter – Many recipes call for softened butter. The ideal temperature to achieve is 67 degrees Fahrenheit. To speed up this process, cut the stick of butter into smaller pieces and let set at room temperature for 30-60 minutes. Another option is to soften butter in the microwave oven. Be careful not to melt it!

Salted verses unsalted butter -Many recipes today call for unsalted butter. This does not add extra salt to the recipe. Salted butter has about one-third teaspoon salt per stick (or one-half cup). It can also have extra water which can affect the quality of the finished recipe.

Sifting – This step can be important as it incorporates air into the dry ingredient, such as flour. While measuring by weight is ideal, not all cooks have a scale. Therefore, it is important to sift when using measuring cups. One cup of sifted flour will weigh less than one cup of unsifted flour. This can drastically affect the quality and texture of a baked product. Also, follow recipe directions regarding when to sift.



Home Time

By Tranda Watts Multi-county Extension Agent

'One cup flour, sifted" is measured then sifted. "One cup sifted flour" is sifted then measured.

Substitute for cocoa - This chocolate powder is unique and one-of-a-kind. There is not a good substitute as other chocolates have too much fat compared to cocoa. So, if a recipe calls for cocoa, that is what should be used.

For further information, please feel free to contact your local K-

State Research and Extension Office or e-mail twwatts@oznet. ksu.edu.

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SPECIAL COFFEE

The public is welcome to attend the Swearing In Ceremony for Officials on Monday the 12th of January, 2009 at 10 a.m. on the Second Floor of the Decatur County Courthouse.

Coffee Reception following to Welcome --Commissioner Gene Gallentine County Clerk Colleen Geihsler Register of Deeds Kari Ketterl

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Correction: Catering at Jim Mader's birthday party was done by Leann and Ed Simon not LeAnna Sloan as printed incorrectly in last week's issue by the newspaper.

On New Year's Day, Jim and Wilma Mader traveled to Burlington, Colo., to the home of their son, Ronnie and Lorraine Mader and Brenda and also visited with granddaughter. Dr. Jennifer and Robert

Christmas visitors of Rachel Carter at her home in Jennings and with William Carter in the Cedar Living Center in Oberlin, were Ann and Dick Graner, Bethany, Mo. Weekend visitors were Jane and Jim Wahlmeier and Amanda, Concordia; Mike and Joni Wahlmeier and family, and Josh and Amy Wahlmeier and family. New Year's weekend visitors were Allan and Sherry Carter, Overland Park; and Miss Cawlfield.

United Methodist Women will meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 7. The undecorating of the church is on the agenda.

The Sunflower Senior Citizens potluck will be held at noon on Jan. 13. Terri Hanke will speak on her adventure to the Holy Lands, Egypt, etc. Anyone who would like to come is welcome, regardless of age.

City Council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in the community hall.

Among the 1,300 fall graduate students who were candidates for degrees from Kansas State University during commencement exercises on Dec. 12 and 13 at Manhattan and Salina were Brett Michael McKenna, Bachelor of Science in agribusiness; Derrick Mein, Bachelor of Science in agriculture; and Russell Miller, Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering, all of Jennings.

Health Systems By Othelia Vacura

The first blood drive for 2009 in To date, we have 24 donors scheduled with a goal of 60.

There is still a nationwide shortage of blood, so all donations are encouraged and much appreciated. A donor is eligible to give blood every 56 days. Please remember to eat regular meals and drink plenty

To make an appointment, call the Decatur County will be from noon Red Cross at (800) GIVE-BLOOD. to 6 p.m. Thursday at The Gateway. In Kansas, 16-year-olds may donate with a parent's consent.

Please bring photo identification or your American Red Cross donor card.

Volunteers are always needed to help as escorts, walking donors from the cots to the food area. If you would be interested, please call of fluids for several days before Suzanne Ahlberg at (785) 475-2208

Traer News By Maralyn Courange

Ryan and Ashley Wheelbarger of and the late Darrell Palmer, and Omaha are the parents of a son, Cole Douglas Wheelbarger, born Dec. 25, 2008, at the Nebraska Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces. Grandparents are Mary and Doug Palmer, Wilsonville, Neb.; Kelly Brown, Oberlin; and Cambridge, Neb., and the late Leon he is stationed.

O'Brien; June Palmer, Wilsonville,

1-800-469-0456

Maralyn Courange, Oberlin, and the late Irvan Courange.

Kane Ware arrived Dec. 19 to spend the holidays with his parents, Kirk Ware of Oberlin, and Valerie Holthus of Culbertson. His dad and brother, Gabe, took him to Omaha Don Wheelbarger, McCook. Great- on Sunday, where he left by plane grandparents are Carolyn O'Brien, to return to Fort Knox, Ken., where

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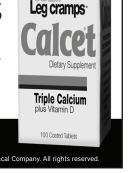
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Plan a New Year's resolution

By Pastor Doug Mason, Lund Covenant Church, Oberlin

I would like to suggest to you a New Year's resolution. I know how likely they are to fail, but this is not a hard one yet it can have immense spiritual rewards. It's the same resolution I challenged Lund Covenant Church with last Sunday and the same one I challenged the residents at both nursing homes with. That challenge is to make scripture memorization a

Now why would I pick scripture memorization? Well, for lots of reasons. One of which is that I have slacked off this practice myself and need to get back into it. As it turns out most Christians can't recite anything more than *John 3:16* and many can't even do that. If you ask a church kid to recite a scripture do you know what they are most likely to quote? "Jesus wept" - the shortest verse in the Bible.

All of us, every day are challenged, in some way, with our Christian beliefs and values. We are tempted, we are confronted, we are ridiculed and if we don't fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom have a foundation to stand on we can fall.

Over and over again the Bible tells us to get the ing the Word of God strengthens us.

In the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy, God said to the Israelites, "Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds." We need to have the Word inside us so that we can apply it to our lives.

Memorizing God's word can purify our hearts and will make a profound impact on our lives. What are you putting into your mind and heart? Why not

Excuses? I've heard them all. "It's too hard," "I have a poor memory," "I'm too old," "I'm too busy." None of those hold water.

Here is my challenge. Memorize one scripture per month this year. That's simple. Thirty days per scripture. It's not much, but at the end of the year you will have 12 scriptures memorized. I'll even suggest January's verse. Psalm 27:1. It's the same verse I challenged my congregation with. This is how it goes. "The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I shall I be afraid?"

Try it. Work on it. If you see me in town quote it words of the Bible inside of us. Why? Because know- to me. It'll make my day. It will also have dividends



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 Com-

munion first and third Sundays. THURSDAY:

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9:30 a.m.

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Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH 785-475-3103 Fr. Henry Saw Lone,

MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE Fr. Henry Saw Lone

MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday. SACRED HEART CATHOLIC. **SELDEN** Fr. Henry Saw Lone

OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY **ADVENTIST CHURCH** Mike Larson

MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

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

JENNINGS-DRESDEN 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 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 & 3rd Sundays. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Sun. following Worship

OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist) Pastor: Fred Dycus

Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., AWANA Church School, 10:30 a.m. Club 4-6 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Service,

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,

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Larry Danforth 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,

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. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON The Rev. Galen Long Phone 785-322-5560 MASS: SUNDAY, 8 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 Group, 4 p.m.

NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Larry Danforth Almena

SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.;

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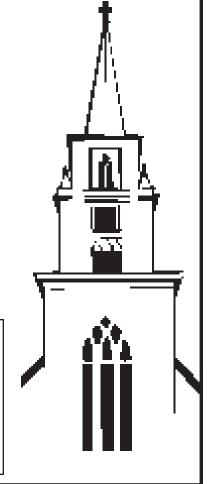
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SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

LUND COVENANT CHURCH Pastor: Doug Mason 10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Wor-

ship, 11 a.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study and prayer, 7:30 p.m ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH 510 North Wilson Interim Pastor:

Kevin Schnakenberg SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd





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