

# Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ruth Ann (Gill) Leichter, 56, of Clayton, who died Jan. 4, after a short battle with cancer. Memorials can be made at the Norcatour United Methodist Church or the Gideons International.

Senior Citizens met Jan. 2, at the Educational Building with 12 players. Winners were Lora Arnold, Bob Strevey and Paul Welch. The next meeting will be at 1:30 on Friday in the Educational Building.

Larry and Terri James spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in North Platte, Neb., with their grandchildren Lindsey and Raelynne James and their parents Matt and Jamie James.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Clifford Laird, 57 of Reno, Nev., husband of the former Vonda Leichter, who died Dec. 31. Burial was at the Clayton Cemetery on Saturday.

Peggy Lu Wright, 58, died Oct. 18, 2008, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She was the daughter of Howard and Willadean (Shelabarger) Wright.

Funeral services were held in Hill City for Frieda Seabolt, 90, of WaKeeney, who died Dec. 26, 2008, at the Trego County Lemke Long Term Care. Burial was at the Norcatour Cemetery. She was the mother of Joyce Anderson of Norcatour.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Lawrence "Wayne" Wiltfong, 78, of Norton, who died Dec. 26, 2008, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. He was a brother of Pansy Price.

Roy F. Jurey, 67, died Dec. 26, 2008, at Smith County Memorial Hospital. Services were held at Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel in Phillipsburg, with Pastor Lorna Paulus officiating, followed by burial in Norcatour Cemetery.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Willadean "Willie" Mae Shelabarger Blackmore, 90, who died Monday, Dec. 22 at the Golden Living Center of Chase County in Cottonwood Falls.

Among those who attended funeral services for Velda Ward besides her family, Johnny, Shawna, and James, were Bobby Crabill and Laurie Dansel, Jetmore; Larry and Penny Bishop, Denver; and Gary and Terri Ritter, Manhattan.

Friday evening visitors of Wava Reames were Bee Nelson, Tara Nelson, Anita Volskay, and Wiggles. On Sunday they had dinner at the Chinese Cafe in Norton. Monday morning visitors were Keith and Linda Jurey, Albuquerque.

Happy Birthday to Debbie Marshall, Jan. 7; Debra Helm, Jan. 8; and Clint Hatfield, Jan. 10.

Gary Anthony was privileged to walk Windy Farr down the aisle as she married Chris Kuhlman on Sunday, Dec. 28, at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin. The Rev. James Jennings officiated. Gary and Cathy also attended the wedding reception at the American Legion. The wedding rehearsal was Saturday evening, followed by an informal rehearsal sandwich supper at the Kuhlman home.

Norcatour Rural Fire Department is having its Eighth Annual Pizza Fund Raiser. Pizza orders must be turned in by Friday, Jan. 16. Delivery will be Sunday, Jan. 25. Contact any Norcatour Fire Department member to place your order.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller were Christmas Eve guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller in Oberlin. Mr. and Mrs. Rocky DeLano, Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle, El Dorado; Mr. and Mrs. Chad Applebury, Eli and Karyssa, Colby; and Casey Morris, Lubbock, Texas, were all

there and helped Gary and Annette Miller celebrate their 25th anniversary.

Stan and Carol Miller and Mr. and Mrs. John Rule Sr., Clayton, went to Hays on Dec. 26 to visit Mr. and Mrs. John Rule Jr.

The Millers also visited Steve Millers in Hays and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller, Mission, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Reynolds of Colorado.

The Stan Millers and Rules also enjoyed a Christmas family reunion at the Holiday Inn in Salina with all of the family present.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Claussen and Annika, Olathe; Cale Claussen, Lawrence; Connie Gordon, Agra; Delphyn Biggs, Oberlin; Fred Molzahn and Beth Johnson were dinner guests of Cathy Claussen in Oberlin on Friday.

Those present at the Bob and Anita Montgomery home in Oberlin on Dec. 25, were Bobbi and Lee Frakes, Trenton, Neb.; Brady Shuler and Jason Gillespie, Lincoln, Neb.; Blaine Shuler, Kearney, Neb.; Blake, Amanda, Keegan and Karson Shuler, Bartley, Neb.; Ron, Gina and Alyssa Montgomery, Jennings; Shane Montgomery and his fiancée Crystal, Salina; Renee and Scott Harman, Norcatour; Chance Harman, Hyannis, Neb.; Rusty Montgomery, Norcatour; and Michael, Billie, Jay and Cody Frakes, Morland.

Marguerite Clark fell Saturday evening and broke her hip. She is in Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney, Neb., and had surgery on Jan. 4. Mail will reach her at the Good Samaritan Center, 108 E. Ash, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

# Annual banquet Thursday

Hello friends!

The Chamber is getting ready for the annual banquet on Thursday. It will begin at 7 p.m. in the Bohemian Hall at the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum.

Gerry Neff will be catering the event. The cost is \$16 per person; please make reservations at the Chamber office at (785) 475-3441. We will see you there.

The following nominees are in for the new Chamber board: Amanda Anderson, Martin Burton, Kelli Dickinson, Robert Groneweg, Adam Kadavy, Richard Kimble, Lisa Paulson, Cindy Shirley, Ken Shobe and Krickit Steinmetz.

It makes a full ballot this year with 10 people interested in being on the board. Members will vote for six

## Chamber News

By Tina Watson

at the annual banquet. Good luck, nominees.

We also are excited about the upcoming Ambassador Luncheon. Invitations were sent out to our Ambassadors last week. We will be having lunch at Coffee, Tea, and Me on Thursday, Jan. 29, to show our appreciation, and so I can get to know them better. I am looking forward to meeting everyone soon!

Table Tents are on order and we are waiting for them to come back from print.

All of you who are anxiously

awaiting them, they will be out soon!

Again, thank you to all of you who have renewed or became a member of the Chamber and/or Oberlin Business Alliance.

Your membership helps us to accomplish the many important services and events we offer to our community.

Together we represent a significant voice, and as a group, we make a positive difference.

Have a beautiful day. See you on the brick streets.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Konnie Green, Williamsburg, Va., arrived Friday to spend the weekend with her sister and husband, Karen and Craig Larson.

John and Dianne Bremer, Jessica and Kristen, and Warren and Jan Bainter hosted a birthday party Saturday afternoon for Arthur and Alice May in honor of their 90th birthdays.

Among the many relatives and friends attending were out-of-town nieces, Elvera Wendelin, Lindsborg; Myra Sater, Holcomb; nephew Brian and Hannah Hartman, Jeanette, Brianna, and Phillip, Greeley, Colo.; and friend, Esther Ready, New York City.

Kevin Geis and son, Zane, Ames, Iowa., arrived Sunday morning to visit his parents, Zane and Gladys Geis.

Additional Sunday dinner guests at the Geis home were daughters Konnie Green and Karen and Craig

Larson. Kevin, Zane, and Konnie will be guests of their parents for a few days before returning home.

Brian and Hannah Hartman, Jeanette, Brianna, and Phillip, Greeley, Colo.; were Friday overnight guests at the John Bremer home.

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## Rexford News

By Vicki Allison

The year 2008 is officially over once the Christmas and holiday decorations disappear from the downtown main streets and the neighborhood yards. Midwest Energy assisted City Manager Bill Scott in taking down the city ornaments on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The December Pinochle Tournament had 10 players entered; Bill Dible and Ken Sanford took first place.

Cleda Moeder and Buck Harper celebrated Christmas on Dec. 26 and 27 at the lake house of her son, Robert, and his wife, Marsha, at Kanapolis Lake. Cleda's grandson, Christopher, who is working on a master's degree at Georgetown University, Washington D. C., and son, Tim and family of Kansas City, were also present.

The Dennis and Vicki Allison household was busy with activities over the holidays with extended family. Family members included Vicki's mother, Madonna Anderson, Gem; brother, Duke, and children, Duke II and Jayci, Topeka; sister Debbie and Dan Thompson, Round Rock, Texas; Jacob Morton and Aaron Morton, Austin, Texas; brothers, Tim Anderson and Marty Anderson, Colby; April and Sienna Vargas, Selden; Tina Ohlrogge and Dan Urban, Colby, and her sons Mitchell and Shane Ohlrogge and their father, Mark Ohlrogge, Levant; brother, David and Lori

Anderson and Sage and Sophie, of Owasso, Okla.; brother, Dustin and Francis Anderson and Maranda, Paige, Dustin Jr., and Brooke, Winfield; and brother, Shawn and Nikki Anderson, Kansas City. Vicki's children and families also attended; Chad and Desiree Wark, Morgan, Hayden, and Dylan, Rexford; Chance and Rebecca Rains, Jaren, Victoria; Kristin Wark, Kansas University, and Jami Wark, Fort Hays State University. Vicki's sister, Cindy Neff and husband Chris of Comins, Mich., were not able to make the trip back to Kansas.

The winner of the Bulldog blanket, raffled at Jokers, was won by Teri Gould. Peggy Saddler, of Gem, made the blanket for Golden Plains seniors as a money making project. Peggy is the grandmother of Kelton Jones, a senior at Golden Plains, and son of Alan and Sally Jones.

The City of Rexford has two city council positions up for election this spring and also three positions for the Golden Plains school board will be open for election.

If interested, there is an application form that must be filled out and turned in to the County Clerk's office in Colby by noon, Jan. 27, 2009.

There is also a \$5 fee (payable to the County Clerk) that must be included with your application.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

## The New Year is Upon Us

By Pastor Carrie Buhler, United Methodist Churches at Jennings and Dresden

On Dec. 31, did you find yourself looking back over the past year, or did you find yourself getting stressed out about everything that you want to accomplish in the coming year? Maybe a little bit of both?

As I watched the news, I began to think about all the souls who weren't going to see 2009, and I asked myself, "Why?" Why weren't they here anymore? Why are we here to see 2009? I can't answer the first two questions, only God can. But I do have an answer to the third question. We are here because of God's grace. Period. It's really that simple, we are here by the grace of God. I happen to think that's a wonderful way to begin this new year!

As for looking back over the last year, noting all of the joys and laughter, successes and blessings is a good thing to do, for it keeps us humble. It helps us to appreciate what we have and the people we love. Even the failures and the losses can be seen in a positive light if we learn from them. In that way, we grow.

Getting stressed out over the new year? There's no need. I know, it's human nature to stress over things you can't control. Even though we aren't in control of the future, God is. He takes care of things that are precious to Him. Thanks to Jesus Christ's sacrifice, we know how precious we are to our heavenly Father!

We hear in *Matthew Ch. 6*, You can't worship God and money both. If you decide for God, living a life

of God-worship, it follows that you don't fuss about what's on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Has anyone, by fussing in front of the mirror, ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? All this time and money wasted on fashion — do you think it makes that much difference?

Instead of looking at fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers — most of which are never seen — don't you think He'll attend to you, take pride in you, do His best for you? Don't be so preoccupied with receiving, so you can respond to God's giving. People who don't know God and the way He works, fuss over these things, but you know both God and how He works. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met."

Wow! What a great message to begin this new year! God is in control and He cares for us! That is quite a comfort and a relief in these uncertain times. We just need to remember that although we may not know what tomorrow will bring, we do know who will bring tomorrow. Thanks be to God!



## 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, LEONVILLE**  
Fr. Henry Saw Lone  
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**  
Fr. Henry Saw Lone  
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

**OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
Mike Larson  
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**  
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  
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: 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, 7 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. 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.

**NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Larry Danforth  
Almena  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

**LYLE UNITED METHODIST**  
Guest Speakers every Sunday  
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.

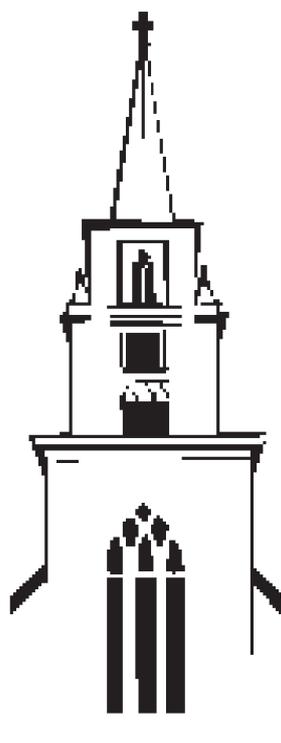
**EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN**  
Pastor Tom Smith  
Interim Pastor  
810 West Cedar, Oberlin  
Office Phone 785-475-2769  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

**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  
Interim Pastor: Kevin Schnakenberg  
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays..

**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 Communion first and third Sundays. THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study second Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

**THE WORKING MAN'S CHURCH**  
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Pastor John Paulson  
SUNDAY: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Come as you are.



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