

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

On Christmas Day, Rea and Dee Magers enjoyed dinner with their son, Jeff and Joy Luoto, near Cedar Bluffs. On Friday, Bee Nelson, and Tara and Anita visited them. On Sunday, Bob and Cheri Pomeroy, Lakewood, Colo., spent a few days with them. On Monday, they went to New Almelo, to see the beautiful St. Joseph's church. "Toots" Magers visited on Monday.

Jerrod and Kortney Poire, Emporia, and Kaitlyn Stapp, Hays, were holiday guests of Dave and Patty Stapp and Sam.

Tara Nelson and Anita Volskay (and Wiggles) of Independence, Mo., spent the Christmas holiday with Tara's mother, Bee Nelson. They had Christmas dinner with Bob Sawdon at the Andbe Home in Norton. They also visited with Rea and Dee Magers, Wava Reames, Dorothy Ward, and Wayne and Norma McCallister.

Houseguests at the Stan Miller farm on Dec. 31, were Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ogorzoka, Kearney, Neb.

Christmas Eve guests of Marian Dempewolf for soup supper were Dave and Patty Stapp and Sam, Doug Dempewolf, Norcatour; Kaitlyn Stapp, Hays; Jerrod and Kortney Poire, Emporia; Rose Riffle, Dan and Jolene Dempewolf, Andrew Dempewolf, Oberlin; Dave and Linda Schliep, Spencer and Addison, McCook; Amber Dempewolf, Topeka; Greg Dempewolf, Darcie Zuck and Jada, Culbertson, Neb.

Kortney Poire and Kaitlyn Stapp enjoyed the Fiesta Bowl football game in Scottsdale, Ariz., on Jan. 5.

Lloyd and Sharon Stanton of Salina arrived Christmas Day to visit his mother, Arlene Hix. They also visited James and Lena Skrdland and Beth Mustoe at the Andbe Home in Norton and his uncle, Veryl and Vi Van Der Wege in Norton.

The Barnett family met at the Cardinal Café on Dec. 28. Present were David and Retta Hare, Janice and Heather Ebner, Keith Baker, Norton; Joe, Trudy, Jordyn and Megan Hare, Russell; Kathy, Eric, Kristan and Ericka Wilkens, Holdrege, Neb.; Darrel and Alice Barnett and grandson, Alex Barnett, Haysville; Bob and Kay Strevey, Trudi, John, Elissa and Nora McCollum, Liberty, Mo.; Wendy, Loren, Ivalea and Andrew Tien, Hollie, Justin, Jared and Ben Ricke, Andover.

Christmas guests at the Strevey home were Hollie, Justin, Jared and Ben Ricke, Andover; Wendy, Loren, Ivalea and Andrew Tien, Andover; and Trudi, John, Elissa and Nora McCollum, Liberty, Mo.

Alex Barnett, Haysville, was a Christmas holiday guest of his grandparents Darrel and Alice Barnett, then his parents, Darren and Julie Barnett, joined them.

Gary and Cathy Anthony held a holiday family dinner attended by Chris Kuhlman and Windy Farr, Jack, Tony and Dillon, as well as, Keith Anthony.

Keith Anthony reports that he is done with the round of chemo, but has more than seven radiation treatments left to go, which he began Dec. 29.

Mike McCallister, Hays, visited Wayne and Norma McCallister on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Mildred Schwab, Norton, enjoyed Christmas Day with the family. Roger and Rae Jean Kimble, Sidney, Mont., were there on Dec. 29. Norma and the Kimbles attended a family gathering in Downs with

their sister, Barb and Dave Wagner, Leavenworth.

Gary and Devonna New have returned from spending the holidays visiting their son, Allan New and family, and their daughter, Cindy Resmiller and family, Denver.

Prairie Land food packets can be picked up at the Methodist Church Educational Building at 8 a.m., on Saturday.

"Winter Break" visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Thornton of Brackettville, Texas, were Leland Francis, Wilson, and Shelby Thornton, WaKeeney. Leland Francis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Verle Francis, former residents of Norcatour, now living in McCook.

Brandy and Matt Kuhlman are the proud parents of a baby boy, Eric Mathew Kuhlman, born Friday, Jan. 9, in the McCook hospital. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 15 ounces and is 20 inches long.

Kay Anderson Smiley, Maryland, daughter of George and Fairie Hughes Anderson, formerly of Norcatour, has a new great-granddaughter. Destiny Renae was born Dec. 29, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Also, Kay's great-grandson finally, at age five, had surgery on his club foot.

Bee Nelson and Dorothy Ward attended the benefit supper held for Keith Anthony on Jan. 11 at the Cardinal Bar and Grill, sponsored by the Norcatour Commercial Club and Royal Neighbors. Sloppy Joes were furnished by the Cardinal Bar and Grill. Ron Temple and his singing group, "Faith, Hope and charity," entertained the crowd.

The new address for Bob Crabill is Hodgeman County Long Term Care, Box 310, Jetmore, Kan., 67854, or to his home address, 817 Bramley, Apt. 14, Jetmore, Kan., 67854.

Happy Birthday to Dean Railsback, Jan. 17; Mary Sedlmayer, Larry Hix, Jan. 18; Stan Applegate, Jason Gallentine, Jan. 20.

Results of the pool tournament on Jan. 7 at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were Gerald Jackson, first; Stan Miller, second; Forbes, third; Jeff Roe, fourth.

Marguerite Clark has returned to Good Samaritan Center, Oberlin, from the Kearney Good Samaritan Hospital, where she had surgery for her broken hip. Mail will reach her at Good Samaritan Center, 108 E. Ash, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Bee Nelson took Wava Reames to Kearney, Neb., for a doctor's appointment on Jan. 9. They stopped in to see Joyce Price. Virgil was also there.

Frank Ward is moving from Cedar Living Center in Oberlin, to Whispering Pines in Norton. His new address will be 102 Whispering Pines, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Results of the Dart Tournament held Jan. 7 were, first game, Renee Harman, first place; Alice Barnett, second; Patty Stapp, third; second game, Patty Stapp, first; Renee Harman, second; Alice Barnett, third; third game, Patty Stapp, first; Renee Harman, second; Kristi Gallentine, third.

Sgt. Russell James left Jan. 1, for four months of more extensive training in San Angelo, Texas. He is to be deployed in October to Afghanistan for a second tour. He and his wife have recently moved to a new home. Their new address is 522 OCIDrive, Jacksonville, N. C., 28540.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Clifford S. Laird, 57, who died

Dec. 31, in Fernley, Nev.

The city elections will be held in April. If you are interested in serving on the council, get your name on the ballot by contacting the County Clerk's office at (785) 475-8102.

Just a reminder that the recycle trailer will be here the first 10 days of each month! Please remember the trailer is for recyclable items only! If you are unsure what can be put in there, a list is located in the city office.

On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 11, Windy and Chris Kuhlman, Jack, Tony and Dillon visited the Anthony family. They shared wedding photos and chocolate cake. Keith and his daughter Lynn, who recently arrived from Texas, were also at the gathering. Afterwards they all went to the Cardinal Café to enjoy the fundraiser for Keith. An abundance of food was provided by 115 to 120 attending individuals. The total sum collected was \$1,920. This could not have been done without everyone helping from this large community in which we live.

Jerry and Cheri Hill drove to Denver on Dec. 16, where they met their youngest daughter and son-in-law and flew to Fort Myers, Fla., to spend the holidays with extended family. They returned to Denver on Dec. 29, and then to Norcatour on Dec. 30.

Jeff Magers and Joy Luoto of rural Cedar Bluffs visited his parents, Rea and Dee, on Sunday afternoon. Later, they all attended the benefit for Keith Anthony.

New board members selected

Hello from the Chamber.

The annual banquet was Thursday night at the Bohemian Hall. Gerry Neff did a wonderful job catering. We had plenty of delicious food for everyone. Thank you to Gerry and her helper, Dorothy Alstrom, and Janeil Jensen.

Everyone really enjoyed the players who put on a melodrama. It was funny and entertaining. I think it would be fun to see them again. Thank you, Decatur Area Theater Association members!

The new board members were voted in: Adam Kadavy, Ken Shobe, Robert Groneweg, Martin Burton, Cindy Shirley, and Krickit Steinmetz.

They will have their first official meeting at 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center. Members continuing their terms are Dave

Chamber News

By Tina Watson

Olson, Deanna Castle and Amanda Grafel.

The whole evening went well. I do need to apologize to members who were not put on the Chamber/Oberlin Business Alliance member lists in the program. I know I have apologized to a few of you personally for this, but I might have missed someone. So to those of you, I apologize.

When I copied everything over from a master list to the tiny print, column format for the banquet programs, I lost some members in the process.

Thank you to museum Director Sharleen Wurm, and her assistant, Michelle Hollars, for everything.

Anytime we needed anything, you two were right there on top of things. We really appreciate everything.

I will miss the members who are going off the board: Kem Bryan, Tami Shaw, Sid Metcalf, Beth Harmon, Kelly Wasson, and Kari Ketterl. I am honored that I got the opportunity to serve as your director, even if it was for such a short time.

The Ambassadors luncheon will be at noon on Thursday, Jan. 29. Don't forget! New board members are invited as well as the members who just completed their terms. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there!

See you on the brick streets!

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Kathy Van Meter went to Holbrook, Neb., to the First State Bank party and played Bingo. She, accompanied by Lloyd Frandsen of Cambridge, went to Quinter, where they had a belated Christmas celebration at the home of Tim and Julene Nejdil. All the family was there. On Monday, Jan. 5, Kathy, Joyce Sumner, Eleanor Jensen and Margaret "Toots" Magers played pi-

nochle at Good Samaritan Center.

A group of Lyle women met at the Cardinal Bar and Grill Monday noon to celebrate Joyce's birthday. Besides the guest of honor, there were Toots Magers, June Jolly, Kathy Van Meter, Eleanor Jensen, Veda Wood and Veda's great-granddaughter, Aubrey High.

Joyce Sumner flew to California and found that her sister, Lorraine,

had passed away the evening before. We are so sorry, Joyce. Donna and Earnest Huff are getting over their colds. She says they are about back to normal.

We hear that Joyce Price may be out of the hospital at Kearney soon. She and Virgil have had several issues lately; his shoulder surgery, her shingles and then pneumonia. We pray that they will be all well soon.

Accept no bull!

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

When was the last time you thought of yourself as a disciple of Jesus Christ? We almost never do, since we're typically uncomfortable with placing ourselves up on that pedestal where we placed the thirteen disciples and Paul. We certainly aren't worthy like they are, we say to ourselves.

Have you ever read *Psalms 50:9* in the Revised Standard Bible? "I will accept no bull from your house." In other words, putting these disciples up on a pedestal and then telling ourselves that we aren't worthy to be in their company is bull, and God won't accept it, so neither should we!

The saying goes, "God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called." The Bible is chock-full of ordinary people just like us, who get called by God. They struggle, they deny, they even run away. But in the end, God wins, and they are able to fulfill their duty. These stories are meant to inspire us and to teach us.

Shiphrah and Puah were Hebrew slave midwives while the Hebrews were in slavery in Egypt. They were the lowest people on the food chain. But they loved and feared God more than the Pharaoh. When Pharaoh gave the order that all of the baby boys were to be killed, these two unlikely heroines saved a baby from that horrific slaughter. They, of all people, took the first steps that eventually led to the Exodus. Shiphrah and Puah teach us that God can work through anyone. Even us.

David was the youngest son of Jesse. When God sent the prophet Samuel to anoint one of Jesse's sons to be the new king of Israel, Samuel didn't even give

David a glance. He looked to his older, stronger, more-likely-to-be-a-leader brothers.

But God had a plan and He wanted David. God was telling Samuel to look beyond the outward appearances, as He does, and to see into the heart, as He does. David's story teaches us not to judge others to lead the church based on what we see outwardly. We need to judge their ability to lead by looking at their hearts.

And then there's Paul. Oh boy, do we put Paul up on a pedestal! We gloss over that whole Pharisee phase he went through, persecuting early Christians. We like the post road-to-Damascus Paul, and we look to him as a model for being a kinder, gentler version of Saul. He gets put on a high pedestal indeed. That is unfortunate for us, though. For when we do that, we forget that the lesson of Paul, is that the basic qualification a person needs to be a Christian leader is to be forgiven. That is something all of us need, for when we each experience forgiveness, we can then give forgiveness. When we receive God's grace, we can give God's grace.

See? We all have the making of being great Christian leaders in our communities if we will only allow God to equip us for the task at hand and ahead. We all have the "right stuff" of discipleship within us. We just have to believe in ourselves as strongly as God does. In the words of the old spiritual, "If you can't preach like Peter, and you can't pray like Paul, just tell the love of Jesus, and say, 'He died for all.'" That's no bull!



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
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.

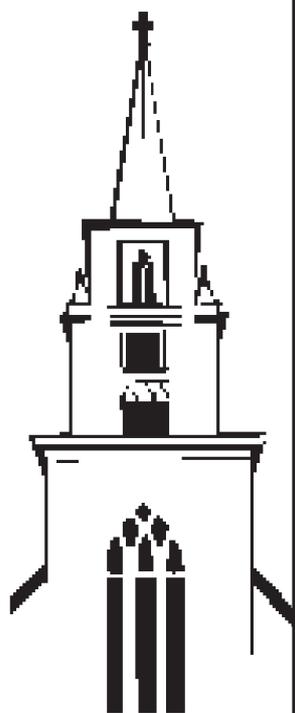
LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Guest Speakers every Sunday
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.

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.

THE WORKING MAN'S CHURCH
C&H Power Line Building on Hwy 83 (North of the Airport) Oberlin, Kan.
Pastor John Paulson
SUNDAY: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Come as you are.



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Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Memorial services were held for Mildred (Erickson) Lang on Saturday in San Leandro, Calif.

Relatives who gathered at the home of Elma Lee Erickson on Saturday to honor Mrs. Lang were Alan and Pat Erickson, Colby; Delbert and Joan Erickson, Atwood; Sharon Lohofener, North Platte, Neb.; Phil Erickson, Tony and Trish Henningsen, and Frank McEvoy, Oberlin; and Don and Em Threlkel, Atwood.

Violet Schissler is recuperating at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center from a broken hip, which she suffered in a fall on Jan. 11.

Her daughters, Carol Martin, Littleton, Colo., and Cindy Gillespie, Aurora, Colo., spent time with her in Hays.

Margaret McEvoy has been spending time in Grinnell to help care for her new grandson, Spencer Clay Beckman, son of Brian and Dawn Beckman, who was born on Jan. 5.

She and their other children, Ethan and Jordyn Beckman, spent the weekend in Oberlin.

Elma Lee Erickson, and Don and Em Threlkel were among those who attended the open house at Hillcrest

