

# Norcatatur News

By the Norcatatur News Committee

Senior Citizens met Friday, Dec. 18. There were 12 players present. Winners were Eleanor Jenson, June Jolly and Pastor Larry Danforth. The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, at the Educational Building.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Cadet H. Harmon, 87, who died Nov. 4, 2009.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Dec. 16 were Sam Stapp, first; Bill Ellis, second; Stan Miller, third; and Von Johnson, fourth.

Results of the dart tournament on Dec. 16 were: Game 1 - Alice Barnett, first; Kristi Gallentine, second; Dolores Gallentine, third. Game 2 - Patty Stapp, first; Dolores Gallentine, second; and Alice Barnett, third.

The Norcatatur Youth Group went caroling Sunday, Dec. 20. Ten youths and seven adults met at the Educational Building to start the route. An excited group boarded the trailer lined with straw bales and pulled by a pickup. They spent about an hour and a half on the streets singing carols and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. It was a beautiful afternoon and we hope the town enjoyed seeing this special activity put on by the youth group. They all ended the event at the Educational Building having hot chocolate and spiced apple cider with cookies and brownies.

Jay Locy called Dorothy Ward on Thursday evening for a short visit. He accompanied a neighbor who

has a plane the other day for a flight over Harlan, when the neighbor asked him where it was he lived in Kansas. When told Norcatatur, he flew him over our little town. It was quite a thrill for Jay. We should have all been looking up! "Merry Christmas, Jay!"

Ernest and Donna Huff stopped by for a visit with Virgil and Joyce Price Saturday morning while delivering them some eggs.

Whispering Pines held their Christmas party Saturday, Dec. 18. Guests of Merle (Honey) Cozad were David and Karen Cozad. Guests of Frank Ward were Leslie and Lynn Ward and Wava Reames.

Sunday afternoon some long awaited guests of Wava Reames arrived! Grandkids Shawnda Hall and James Reames.

Troy, Deb and Amanda Marshall, as well as Andrea and Evelyn Spanier, traveled to Manhattan the weekend of Dec. 12 to attend Anthony Marshall's graduation from K-State, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with an emphasis on Painting and Honors Cum Laude. He is now living at home and planning on substitute teaching in the Oberlin Schools while he works on building his portfolio for Grad School.

Happy birthday to Ronald Anderson, Dec. 25; Fred Molzahn, Lynn Ward, Dec. 26; Mary Irwin, Dec. 30; Beth Sebaugh, Dec. 31; Darrel Barnett, Megan Wentz, Jan. 2, and Chris Dempewolf, Jan. 3.

Happy anniversary to Galen and

Jamie Wentz, Dec. 31; John and Cristy Baker, Jan. 1; and Jeff and Lori Roe, Jan. 3.

Ralph Pool, after developing some health problems at his home in Kinsley, decided it best to go home with his daughter, Lee Ann and husband Terry in Eureka. He is experiencing recover rest and rehabilitation and is feeling much better. Mail will reach him at this address: Ralph Pool, c/o Terry and Lee Ann Campbell, 211 N. Walnut St., Eureka, Kan., 67045.

Patty Stapp and Linda Schliep, Spencer and Addison took Marian Dempewolf out to lunch to celebrate her birthday on Dec. 4. After lunch they spent the afternoon decorating for Christmas.

Patty Stapp, Sam Stapp and Marian Dempewolf attended Spencer Schliep's first preschool Christmas program at the Peace Lutheran Church in McCook on Thursday evening, Dec. 17.

Weston Mathew Stevenson was born Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009, to Mathew and Megan (Hillebrand) Stevenson of Norton. Weston weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces. His grandparents are Frank and Susan Hillebrand of Clayton.

The Norcatatur City Council is going to be getting bids to put on an A-framed roof on the grade school section of the city building. Several people have said they would be interested in donating money to help the city out with this project. We are asking for pledges from you so we know how much people are willing to give toward this project, to see if it is even feasible for the city to do. You can contact Chris Dempewolf at the city office with your pledge.

# Common ingredients for dips

Need a quick dip recipe for unexpected company? Enjoy these four dip recipes made from items commonly found in your fridge or cupboards. They're filled with nutrient rich foods such as beans, peanut butter, cheese, yogurt, and salsa. Serve with fruit, vegetables and whole grain dippers.

Dip Tips:

- Keep cut fruits from turning brown by coating them with an acidic juice such as lemon, orange, or pineapple juice. Or use a commercial product protection such as Fruit Fresh®, and follow manufacturer's directions.

- Cover and refrigerate cut fruits and vegetables until ready to serve.

- Most cold dips taste best if refrigerated for about an hour before serving to let flavors blend.

- Perishable foods like dips and cut fruit and veggies should not sit at room temperature for more than two hours. DO NOT ad fresh dip to dip that has been sitting out. Use any dip that has not been served within three to four days.



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
Multi-county Extension Agent

### Salsa Yogurt Dip

Mix two parts plain yogurt with one part salsa (example, mix 1 cup plain yogurt with 1/2 c. salsa)

### Creamy Peanut Dip

1/4 c. creamy peanut butter  
2 T. Orange juice

1/2 c. yogurt, low-fat vanilla

Directions:

In a small bowl, mix the peanut butter and orange juice until smooth. Stir in vanilla yogurt. Cover and put in the fridge until chilled.

### Pinto Bean Salsa Dip

1 can (approximately 15 oz.) pinto beans, drained and rinsed or 1 1/2 c. cooked dried beans

1 c. shredded cheese

1/2 - 1 c. chunky salsa

1 - 2 T. Chopped onion

1/4 - 1/2 t. chili powder

Directions:

Mash beans with fork. Mix in cheese. Stir in enough salsa until mix is desired consistency for dipping. Add onion and seasoning as desired. Serve cold or cook stirring over medium heat until cheese melts and mix is well blended and hot (about 5 minutes)

### Honey Yogurt Fruit Dip

1 c. non-fat or low-fat yogurt

1 t. vanilla

1/2 t. cinnamon

2 - 3 T. honey

Directions:

Mix yogurt with vanilla and cinnamon. Add honey to taste until desired sweetness is obtained. Tip:

# Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Troy and Anne LaRue, Fulton, Mo.; Jared LaRue, a student at the University of Columbus in Missouri; and Jessica and Chris Jaeger, Kansas City, Mo.; arrived Thursday to celebrate Christmas with Troy's parents, Martin and Darlene LaRue. On Saturday evening Marge and Daryl Hartzog, Steve Hartzog, Garland, Texas; and Stan Hartzog and Becky Carter joined the group at the LaRue home.

Christmas Day guests of Daryl and Marge Hartzog were their children, Scott and Tracey Hartzog, Norcatatur; Steve Hartzog, Garland, Texas; Stacey and Jocelyn Hartzog and Allison, Olathe; and Stann Hartzog and Becky Carter. Steve will remain a few days to visit.

Lawrence and Lila Jennings accompanied Dale and Tammy Musgrave to Chadron, Neb., on Dec. 18, to attend the winter commencement at Chadron State College.

Erin Musgrave Norman received her Bachelor of Arts Degree that evening. They then were weekend guests of Luke and Erin Norman at Crawford, Neb., returning home Sunday evening.

Rebecca and Brock Peterson, Will and Henry, DeMotte, Ind.; and Amy and Doug Osborn, Olathe, spent several days with their parents, Mike and Joan McKenna over the Christmas holiday. Those braving the winter weather to join them on Christmas Day included Brett and Tracey McKenna, Claffin; Maxine Sauvage, Bill Sauvage and Pat Chard, Oberlin; John and Donna Sauvage, Selden; Trudy Stockham, Norton; Nikole and Nathan DeWitt, Ethan and Macy, Inman; and Amanda and Lyle Davidson, Spencer and Shelby, Delphos.

Guests at the Greg and Paula McKenna, Marlee, Landee, Halle and Baylee home in Selden for Christmas Eve supper were Rebecca and Brock McKenna, Will and Henry, Demotte, Indiana; Amy and Doug Osborn, Olathe; Sarah McKenna, Topeka; Jacque McKenna, Iowa City, Iowa; Marcus McKenna, Hays; D'Ann Basart, Rylan, Jalen and Rick, Mankato; Nick and Kathy Otter, Sean Otter, Hoxie; Mike and Joan McKenna; Pat and Shelley McKenna, Chris McKenna and Jerry McKenna.

Imogene Keenan and family enjoyed their Christmas celebration Sunday held at the Sunflower Senior Center.

There was no Christmas Eve services or Sunday morning worship

services at the United Methodist Church in Jennings because of the weather.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Helen Derby, rural Dresden, who died Saturday, Dec. 26, at Oberlin. She was a school teacher at Jennings school for many years. Her funeral was held Tuesday at the Dresden United Methodist Church.

Christmas dinner guests of Lawrence and Lila Jennings on Dec. 26 were Brian Jennings, Solomon; Brent, Rhonda, and Brendan Jennings, Topeka; Andrea and Morgan Workman, Goddard; and Brett Jennings. Brian Jennings returned home that afternoon after spending the week here helping with harvest and snow removal. The Nebraska Musgrave family was unable to attend due to the snow storm.

The December meeting of the Czech Museum was held on Dec. 7 at the Royal Neighbor Hall of the Museum. President, Neoma Tacha conducted the meeting with directors, Larry Mizer, Lawrence and Lila Jennings, Dean Gawith, and Bob Tacha present.

We discussed the Kansas Day Program that will be held on Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Jennings Senior Center. There will be a speaker who will display items about buffalo hunts and give an interesting talk along with special numbers by area persons. The public is invited to join us there that day at 2 p.m.

Dalene Gawith has finished putting the museum inventory on computer discs. Mary Wahlmeier is also helping with this project.

The wreaths for the Wreaths Across America project were put up in the Jennings Cemetery on Dec. 11 with the help of many volunteers who braved the cold and snowy weather. On Saturday, Dec. 12, the Jennings American Legion did military honors at the cemetery with a nice group in attendance. We thank all those who helped with this project. Due to the snow drifts in the Big Timber Cemetery, the veterans' wreaths will be put out at a later date.

The Dresden Cemetery was decorated with veterans' wreaths the week before by Dean Gawith and his group of Dresden helpers. Dean and helpers began a Dresden "Wreaths Across America" project for their cemetery this year. They also decorate graves at Adell and Shilboleth cemeteries.

# Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Since Christmas Eve was on Thursday there was no Senior Citizens last week. They will resume activities again Thursday, Jan. 7.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jan. 1 - Mike and Tammy Porsch, Gayle and Ruth Bainter, Amy Aumiller. Jan. 2 - Boyd and Marge Wilson. Jan. 3 - Elizabeth Schreiner, Leanne Juenemann. Jan. 4 - John

Mosier, Gerid Spesser, Bill Bainter, Mike Kruse, Jenna Bruggeman, Ed Hosman. Jan. 7 - John Kruse, Ron Kaus.

School Calendar: Jan. 5 - High School Basketball at St. Francis. Jan. 7 - Junior High Basketball in Rexford with Brewster.

# Lyle News

By Veda Wood

Kathy Van Meter attended the party and dance put on by the First State Bank of Holbrook, Neb., on Dec. 23.

The Chatty Hatters, Red Hat ladies of Lenora and Norcatatur got together for pizza and grab-bag gift exchange at the Pizza Hut in Norton Thursday evening.

As usual, the Friday pitch game included several Lyle people, Margaret "Toots" Magers, June Jolly, Joyce Sumner and friends from Norton, Claudia Bridges and Eleanor

Jensen, and myself, Veda Wood.

The same group came to the annual potluck lunch and drawing at the city building on Saturday. Everyone won gifts, turkeys, hams, beef roasts, meals at the café, gas from D&M, gifts from Shear Creations and others. "Toots" Magers won the big gift, a tool kit, and then Santa came with treats for the kids, including some big kids. Thank you to Mary Long's Shear Creations for my gift, and a roast (I'll find the donor's name later).

It was good to see Gary Anthony at the drawing, and so many people coming to visit with him.

Joyce Sumner gave each of several friends of Leone Purton a sampler made by Leone. They were amusing pictures of quilting ladies.

Jim Plotts' dad had surgery on his knee. His infection is cleared up and he is recuperating.

Judy and Charlie Easton visited "Toots" Magers Sunday afternoon and did some jobs for her.

# Be a New Creation!

By Pastor John L. Paulson

New Year resolutions; false hope followed by real disappointment. Self-will was once described to me as taking hold of the steering wheel of a mighty ship but not taking off the auto-pilot. We might steer in a new direction for a short period of time but will soon grow weary and let go. As our self-control weakens, we return to our old pre-programmed course of action.

Did you know God created us with an "autopilot"? That autopilot is called our sin nature. Because of this sin nature we are sinners. We sin because we are sinners, it is our very nature. God says a sinner will never enter heaven.

Though we are conceived as sinners, we are saved by choice. The choice that saves us is to repent from our life as a sinner and then choosing to make Jesus Christ our personal Lord and Savior. Jesus resets our "autopilot." No resolution of self improvement or good deed can overcome our sin nature. To be suitable for heaven, to be in God's holy presence, we must be recreated, reborn.

Please read *John 3:1-6*. The idea of being reborn is a basic premise of the Christian life. The apostle Peter states, All honor to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for it is by his boundless mercy that

God has given us the privilege of being born again. (*1 Peter 1:3 NLT*) Peter also states, Now you can have sincere love for each other as brothers and sisters because you were cleansed from your sins when you accepted the truth of the Good News. So see to it that you really do love each other intensely with all your hearts. [23] For you have been born again. Your new life did not come from your earthly parents because the life they gave you will end in death. But this new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God. (*1 Peter 1:22-23*). Also see *Titus 3:5; Romans 6:1-11; 1 Corinthians 3:1-2; II Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15; Ephesians 4:22-24 and Hebrews 5:12-14*.

It is the New Year and a time when many people want new lives. Do not resolve to change yourself. Instead submit to Jesus Christ and be reborn. Then not only is your salvation fixed for eternity but God will use His power through the Holy Spirit to help you live life free from the bondage of your sin nature. Don't let January first be just a new year, let it be a new life, an eternal life through total surrender to Jesus Christ.

May you obtain peace with God through faith in Jesus Christ while it is yet obtainable.



# Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

**OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
785-475-3103  
Fr. Mark Berland,  
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE**  
Fr. Mark Berland,  
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**  
Fr. Mark Berland,  
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

**OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
Jerry Nowack  
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: Gene Gee  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.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 Fr. Stephen Folorunso  
Phone 785-322-5560  
MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 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.

**NORCATATUR 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 9 a.m.

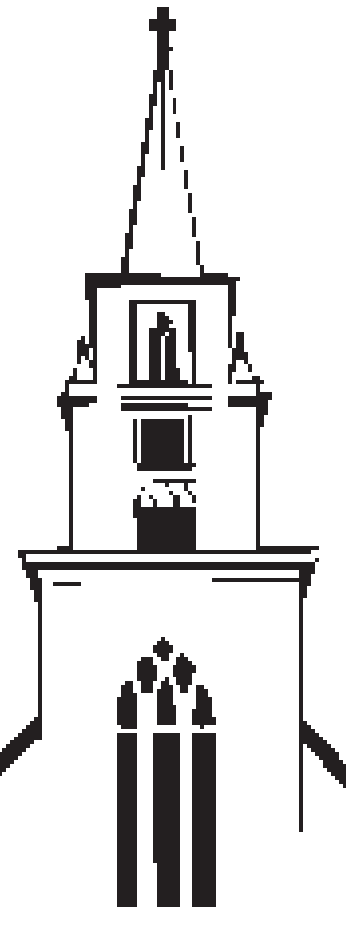
**EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN**  
Pastors: Chris and Sharon Nelson  
810 West Cedar, Oberlin  
Office Phone 785-475-2769  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

**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.



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