

# Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Stan and Ramona Shaw and Logan Black, Colby, spent Christmas week at the home of Danny and Cindy Black and Bowen, Carlsbad, N.M.

Guests of Bob and Neoma Tacha on New Year's Day were Roger and Peggy Tacha, Oakley; Dusty Tacha, Winfield; and Royal and Gayle Tacha, Hoxie.

Lori Schiefen and Katlyn, Overland Park, were Christmas guests at the home of Sue Long.

Family at the Tom Votapka home to celebrate Christmas Eve were: Mary Votapka, Cedar Living Center, Oberlin; Sue Long, Jason Rowh, Brecken and Drake, Jennings; Ann and Rex Rowh, and Jodi and Raymond Inguanza, Meagan, Samantha and Christopher, Cimarron; Mark and Ashley, Wichita; Lori Schiefen and Katlyn, Overland Park; Michele, Josh, Brooklynn and Aliarra Ivans, Kansas City; Rollie and Jean Halligan, Goodland; Angie, Jay Dee, Brennan and Brady Brumbaugh, Owasso, Okla.

On Sunday, Dec. 26, Ethel Taylor and granddaughter, Rachel Taylor, Hays, brought Swedish exchange student, Sophia Rasmusson to the Tom Votapka home. Sue Long and Tom took the visitors on a tour of the Kanona area. Sophia is 17 years old and is a distant relative of the Johnson family.

Christmas morning guests at the Daryl and Marge Hartzog home

were Scott and Tracey Hartzog, Norcat; Steve Hartzog, Dallas, Texas; Stann Hartzog and Becky Carter, Jennings; and Stacy and Jocelyn Hartzog and Allison, Olathe.

On Sunday, Martin and Darlene LaRue celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary at the Decatur County Hospital. Martin and Darlene were married Jan. 1, 1955, at the Jennings United Methodist Church by the Rev. Wilbur Hooper. Martin is currently a patient at the hospital while he receives physical therapy following right hip replacement surgery after suffering a fall on Nov. 30. Stann Hartzog celebrated his birthday also. Stann was born Dec. 31, 1964, at the Decatur County Hospital. His parents are Daryl and Marge Hartzog, Jennings.

The following were in attendance: Martin and Darlene LaRue; Earl and Patty Hartzog, Hoxie; Bob and Joyce Hartzog, Oberlin; Daryl and Marge Hartzog, Norcat; Steve Hartzog, Dallas, Texas; Stann Hartzog, Becky Carter, Jennings; and the Rev. Glenn and the Rev. Barbara Patterson, Hoxie.

Troy and Anne LaRue and Jared of Fulton, Mo., were Christmas guests of his parents Martin and Darlene LaRue. They were guests of Bob and Joyce Hartzog of Oberlin on Christmas Day. Others attending were; Kyle Hartzog, Oberlin; Cheryl Hartzog, Atwood; Daryl

and Marge, Scott, Tracey, Steve, Stann, Stacy, Jocelyn and Allison Hartzog and Becky Carter.

Sharon Gaston, Ames, Iowa; Todd Gaston, Sumter, S.C., and Cody Clark, Boone, Iowa, came Wednesday to visit with Wayne and Louise Cressler. Grandson Todd is a Major in the Air Force. He is a meteorologist. He and his wife Kim and children Bobby, Jon, Laurel and Grant will be going to Germany on Jan. 10 where he will be stationed for the next three years.

United Methodist Women will meet a 2 p.m. on Wednesday Jan. 5, at the church.

Lawrence and Lila Jennings celebrated Christmas on Dec 26 with a family dinner. Attending were Brett Jennings, Brian and Westley Jennings of Soloman, Dale and Tammy Musgrave, Eric Musgrave, and Seaman Ryan Musgrave, who is home on leave, of Ong, Neb.; Luke, Erin, and Ada Norman of Crawford, Neb. New Year's guests were also Brent, Rhonda, and Brendan Jennings of Topeka.

The Christmas wreaths placed on Veterans graves in the Jennings and Big Timber Cemeteries will be taken up on Saturday, Jan. 8. Those interested in helping are asked to meet at the Jennings Cemetery at 2 p.m. For details, call Bob Tacha at 678-2470.

Sunflower Senior dinner will be at noon on Tuesday Jan. 11, at the center.

Don't forget the blood drive at the Jennings United Methodist Church on Tuesday, Jan. 18, honoring Lawrence Jennings., who has acute leukemia. Call Marge Hartzog, at 678-2664 for details.

# Cleanliness prevents illness

Want to avoid colds and flu this winter?

Start in the kitchen.

A kitchen sink may look innocent enough, yet, a sink drain can harbor more than 500,000 bacteria per square inch.

Consumers are advised to wear protective gloves and mix one tablespoon of chlorine bleach with 4 cups of water to scrub the basin of the sink before pouring the solution down the drain to clean it twice a week.

Kitchen sponges also harbor germs, so try adding sponges to the drying cycle of the dishwasher to sanitize them, or using dish cloths and towels that can be changed on a daily basis, laundered and disinfected in hot soapy water with a little chlorine bleach and vinegar added to the wash cycle.

Other tips for keeping the kitchen healthy include:

\* Wash hands before and after handling raw and cooked foods.

\* Disinfect counters on a daily basis, and each time after handling or preparing raw fruits and vegetables, meats and poultry.

\* Use courtesy wipes to disinfect handles, infant or toddler seats, or



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
Multi-county Extension Agent

other parts of a grocery cart that appear unclean.

\* While shopping, place foods that can attract bacteria (raw fruits, vegetables, meats, and poultry are examples) in disposable bags provided by the market or other vendor to prevent cross contamination.

\* At home, place reusable or other grocery bags on the floor or alternative surface (a chair or stool, for example), rather than risk potential contamination on the kitchen counter, island or tabletop.

\* Wash reusable grocery bags regularly.

\* Clean while cooking and preparing meals and snacks.

\* Follow manufacturer's instructions when cleaning any appliance. If spattered food remains in a microwave, heating one cup of water (in the microwave) to create steam

can help soften debris and simplify cleaning; be sure to clean all six surfaces of a microwave oven's interior.

\* Clean keypads, touch screens, cabinets, hardware, and ceiling fans periodically; wash hands in hot, soapy water frequently.

More information on cleaning and maintaining a healthy kitchen is available at your local K-State Research and Extension office or e-mail to: twatts@ksu.edu.

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## Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

The New Year is here. I don't really have one resolution, but am going to try and do better at several areas of my life. One is to do better at eating healthy, and then exercise more than I have been. We'll see how I do. My third thing is to finish some of my crocheting and quilting projects. I did actually finish one crocheted proBoth of the hobby shops in town will be seeing me while I attempt to finish these projects. I have mentioned them before, but there may be others that need to finish some needlecraft projects also.

Norma Carman is owner and operator of Country Quilting & Keepsakes on west Commercial, and Carol Stamm is operator of Homefires on north Penn Ave. Norma specializes in quilts, while Carol carries more products for crocheted and knitting projects. I took a crochet class with Carol, but I need to finish the project, so I will be seeing her again sometime this week. I know she would be happy to help anyone who wishes to learn this hobby.

On Norma's schedule she has listed many classes coming up in January. One I hope to attend is her Quilt Till You Wilt Weekend on Jan. 14, and 15. I hope to get a good start on my unfinished projects. I have a set of beautiful log cabin blocks I put together about eight years ago, so that will be my first quilt project to finish.

A couple things to remember are the Oberlin Business Alliance meeting on Wednesday at the LandMark Inn for a lunch meeting at noon.

The Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce is holding their annual meeting next week on Thursday, January 13, at the Golden Age Center west room beginning at 6:30 p.m. Cost for the meal is \$15. Please call or stop in at the office to make your reservation. The office number is 475-3441. Remember that this is a county wide Chamber, not just for Oberlin, and the Chamber would welcome all supporters.

Have a great week!

## Begin and End Doug Mason, Lund Covenant Church

I'm sure that most of us have seen those comic strips and cartoons that have a bearded man walking with a sign that read, "The End Is Near." These guys are the doomsayers that the world enjoys poking fun at. They are portrayed as thinking that the end of everything is at hand. I think it is safe to say that these doomsayers are not entirely wrong, because we are always near the end of something.

We are always dealing with some kind of ending and, as a result of that, we deal with a new beginning. Any time there is an end to something, there is a beginning of something else. Louis L'Amour wrote, "There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. That will be the beginning." Some of our endings are extremely earth shattering, but most are minor and go by almost unnoticed.

Many people, including church-goers, have never accepted the fact that God's promise of a Savior has been fulfilled. If you read the Bible, but don't really believe that the events and prophecies actually happened or will happen, then your time reading is pretty much a waste of time. If God doesn't really exist in the first place, then the end of your life means the end of your existence. You become no more than an evolutionary mistake. But because of the promises listed in God's Word, we have faith that there is a new beginning possible for each of us. At the end of our life here on earth we begin life eternal in God's

heavenly kingdom.

What is your faith in?

Is it in the stock market - the fall harvest - the man or woman of your dreams? Maybe your faith is in yourself - if so, look long and hard in the mirror. Better yet, look in God's mirror, the Bible, and see how you look. What do you know about tomorrow? Will faith in yourself get you through tomorrow if tomorrow you find yourself a quadriplegic?

I have a better place to put faith. That faith is in the Bible. There are over 6,000 years of promises and proof of promises fulfilled. It gives us promises that apply to each of us individually.

As we begin 2011, why don't we take a moment to reflect on this last year? Were there any new beginnings? What ended for you? Did your life mean anything to anybody, beside yourself? As far as that goes, did your life mean anything to you? What is there in your life that needs to have an ending? What needs to begin?

Let's try something drastic. Instead of living for self in 2011, how about living for God? Instead of saying "I want" ask "What does God want?" Turn over the controls to God. Remove that bumper sticker that says, "God is my co-pilot" and let God be the pilot.



## 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, LEOVILLE**  
Fr. Mark Berland,  
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday

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

**JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Pastor: Barbara Patterson  
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. Linda Willey  
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. Linda Willey

SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Praise team practice, 8 p.m.

**CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Ed Woods  
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: Fellowship and coffee time; 10:00 a.m. The "no sermon" worship hour with the Lord's Supper and Adventures With God, 10 a.m. open Bible Study; TUESDAY: Ladies Bible Study, 9 a.m.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON**  
Fr. Nick Parker  
Phone 785-322-5560

MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.

**HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH**  
Pastor: Keith Reuther  
Phone 785-322-5316

SUNDAY: 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Youth group, 4 p.m.

**NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Ed Woods

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:

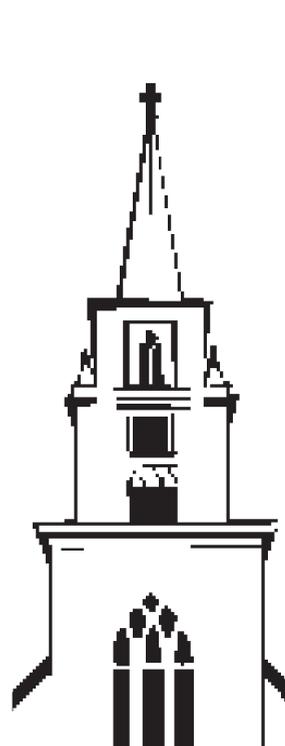
Kevin Schnakenberg  
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible  
class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service,  
8 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd  
Sundays..

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
404 North York Avenue

Oberlin, Kansas  
The Rev. Charlotte Strecker-Baseler  
Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053

SUNDAY: Worship, 10:00 a.m.; Fellowship  
and Educational Hour, 11:15 a.m. Holy  
Communion first and third Sundays.

THURSDAY: Women's Bible Study second  
Thursday at 9:30 a.m.



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