

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Jim and Carolyn Plotts hosted a dinner party Nov. 16 to honor Wayne Filley on his 70th birthday. Also attending was Barbara McCool.

Dewaine Stapp attended the Nov. 18 funeral for Freely McGee, father of his daughter-in-law, Karen (Randy) Stapp in Kansas City. He visited family until Nov. 20 when he flew to Dallas. His grandson, Aaron Kingsley, picked him up at the airport and took him to the home of Dewaine's daughter, Elaine Kingsley. They spent Thanksgiving week together. Dewaine returned home Nov. 27.

Thanksgiving Day callers of Arlene Hix were Betty Reid of Norton and Wanda Nguyen of Lone Tree, Colo. Saturday evening callers of Arlene and Marjorie were Gail and Denise Bailey.

New residents of Norcatour are Gust and Kay Foth, who moved from Aurora, Colo. They purchased the former Louie and Joyce Anderson property and are slowly remodeling. At the moment, they are living with their son, Paul, in Norcatour. Marjorie Prince visited Virgil and Joyce Price on Nov. 27.

Jim and Carolyn Plotts left Nov. 22 on their annual trip to Dallas. They stopped in Hays for a quick

breakfast and coincidentally, ran into their Norcatour neighbors, Monty and Linda Hunt, who were also traveling to see family for the holidays. The Plotts spent the remainder of the week at the home of their daughter, Kara and Adam Bravo and granddaughter, Taylor. Other guests were daughters, Halley Roberson, Dallas, and Jennifer Auxier, Alexandria and Aniston, San Antonio. The Plotts returned home Nov. 26.

Birthdays: Troy Wentz, Dec. 1; Ruth Dickey, Dec. 2; Leota Goss, Dec. 3. Anniversaries: Dale and Leota Goss, Dec. 3; Gust and Kay Foth, Nov. 30 (48th).

LIVE Big Youth Group met Sunday, The Bible Study group meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at the Educational Building. The group is studying the book of Romans.

Dorothy Ward and Bee Nelson had Sunday dinner at the Hidden Dragon in Norton. Joining them were Dale and Leota Goss and Jim and Carolyn Plotts.

David Johnson and daughter, Lili, were weekend guests, Nov. 19, of his mother and brother, Beth Johnson and Fred Molzahn. Mrs. Johnson accompanied them back to Lenexa to spend Thanksgiving Day with David and his family. David

and another daughter, Zoie, returned Beth to Norcatour.

Lloyd and Sharon Stanton, Salina, visited his mother, Arlene Hix, from Nov. 22 to Nov. 26. They also visited his brother Gail Bailey and his sister, Marjorie, of Liberty, Mo., who visiting here.

Thanksgiving Day came and went way too fast at the Rea and Dee Magers home. Arriving the day before from Colorado were Bob and Cheri Pomeroy, Zach, Brenda, Ryan and Matthew Pomeroy with his girlfriend, Angie Plank. Thanksgiving Day Jeff Magers, Cedar Bluffs, came over and all went to Lyle to be with Toots Magers and her family, making a total of 24. On Friday, the gang put in a new wood floor in a flatbed trailer for the couple, then downed a damaged tree and hauled it to the tree dump. The Pomeroy's prepared Mexican food for supper, then everyone played Scrabble.

On Saturday, Joy Luoto, Jeff's girlfriend, joined the fun of cooking another turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Zach and his family left Saturday afternoon; Jeff and Joy headed home Saturday evening and the Pomeroy's left for Colorado after Sunday breakfast.

Carl Lyon and Jodi Lyon, along with their dog, Willy, drove to Wichita, Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter and sister, Sharlynn and her family. Terry and Barb Lyone, Wichita, stopped by for a short visit.

Thanksgiving guests of Dorothy Ward were Mark and Debby Ward, and Brandon, Hugo, Colo. Work schedules prohibited K.J. and Bre from coming and Brandon had to be at work in the afternoon. Mark always does a few odd jobs for his mother while here and Debby

brought most of the dinner, to help make things easy.

Wava Reames had Thanksgiving dinner at with Ruby Pflieger in Norton. Helping prepare the meal were Lynn Ward, Kalely Daniels and M.J. Dempewolf. Additional guests were Leslie Ward, Robert Daniels and Keith Ward.

Vene Leichter came for the funeral of his cousin, Lora Arnold, on Nov. 28. Debbie and Steve Obrecht and Darcy Robbins also came. They were especially glad to see their cousins from Oklahoma.

The Norcatour Christmas Drawing will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17 in the multi-purpose room at the former grade school.

Book Potpourri will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday at the Library.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

There was a large crowd of friends and relatives at the funeral for Lora Arnold on Monday to commemorate her busy life, and offer condolences to her children, John and Susan.

There were three quilters at Lyle on Tuesday. We will probably take a breather from that, except what we do at home, until after Christmas.

Toots Magers went to Lora's funeral on Monday. She sewed on Tuesday, and June Jolly brought her to Norcatour on Friday for Senior Citizens cards. She plans to go see

Helen Helm when she is home, but the snow may change the plans some. Lynn Scrivner scooped paths for Toots at Lyle.

Kathy VanMeter and Lloyd Frandsen attended a meeting at North Platte on Thursday sponsored by the Holbrook First State Bank; "Agriculture and Beyond" with Dr. Kohl, who speaks all over the world.

June Jolly's KT Club met on Thursday and had their Christmas Party.

Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

What a lovely blanket of snow we received this weekend. While it made getting to activities and events a little harder, it sure was a nice break from the monotony of brown and gray.

Shepherd's Staff would like to invite everyone to the Christmas Open House on Saturday, Dec. 10.

It is a come and go event, with family-centered activities throughout the facilities. Chili and chicken noodle soup will be served by the Girl Scouts in the Main Center (225 Main Street) from 5 to 7 p.m.

During that time, musician Trevor Baker will provide entertainment in the Main Center, "The Legend of the Candy Cane" will be read in the Ranch House, and the Boardin'

House will be open for tours. There will also be a small collection of nativity's on display at the Boardin' House.

At 7 p.m., a family-friendly Christmas movie will be shown in The Hall (230 Main Street). There is no cost for any portion of this event; however, a free-will donation basket will be at in the Main Center. Funds given will go to cover traveling expenses for Trevor Baker and Shepherd's Staff. Concessions will be available for purchase during the movie.

I would love to put your news in the Rexford News. You can leave your news in the jar by the door in the Red Barn, call 687.2076, or email griffithsgang@gmail.com.

Good Samaritan Center

By Lisa Paulson

The Christmas activities officially opened with the Family Potluck and Lighting of the Tree Ceremony on Friday night. Almost all of the residents gathered with their loved ones in Town Square to hear "The Legend of the Candy Cane" read by Lisa Paulson. It is always good to "put something before your eyes to remind your heart" and that is what happened when the room was totally darkened and the tree was lit, revealing a beautiful white-feathered tree dripping with shimmering candy canes. You may be wondering how the candy cane could make us think of Jesus, but here is how...and... why.

The candy cane is made in the shape of a shepherd's staff. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. Turn it over to reveal the first letter in Jesus' name. It is made of hard candy to remind us that Christ is the "rock" of our salvation. The wide, red stripes represent the blood of Jesus shed on the cross for each of us so that we may have eternal life through Him. The white stripes represent Jesus' virgin birth and sinless life. The narrow red stripes symbolize His stripes, or scars by which we are healed. The peppermint flavoring is like hyssop used in Old Testament times used for purification and sacrifice.

When we break our candy cane, it reminds us that Jesus' body was broken for us. And when we share candy canes with others, we are sharing the love of Jesus with them. Now, when you see a candy cane I know you will think of Jesus!

When the lights came on lots of oohs and ahhs could be heard and young Brittney Johnson sang a Celtic rendition of "O Holy Night." Loren Schrock and Cheryl Miller then played harmonica and piano while everyone took in good food and fellowship. It was a wonderful evening reflecting the true meaning of all our Christmas celebrations and setting the mood for all the upcoming festivities we will enjoy.

The 180 Boys joined Edla Olson, Amy Rehm, Loren Schrock, Lucy Schissler and Dorothy Pryor in the Quiet Room to watch "Indescribable" by Louie Giglio. The heavens are telling the glory of God this DVD took us on a visual journey into the expanse of His creative handiwork and then brought home the realization of His greatness, grace and love for each of us.

The STAR Committee wrapped Christmas packages for the residents as they spent the afternoon shopping. Our thanks to staff and local businesses, Prairie Petals, Stanley Hardware, Dollar General, Ward Drug and the LandMark Inn for donating items to be chosen.

Bingo was moved to Thursday night to accommodate the November Birthday Dance Celebration that took place on Wednesday. The Monday Evening Club brought Michael Milbauer to town as well as a vast assortment of pies. Birthday Honorees were Leone Porsch and Walt May. What fun to dance the night away! Thank you, Ladies!

Amongst all the gaiety and fun, we paused for another type of celebration, the celebration of the life and death of our dear Bessie Peterson who will be spending Christmas with Jesus this year! Town Square was filled with those who knew and loved her and wanted to say goodbye. The service was given by Janice Shobe and the Good Sam Choir sang "The Spirit Song."

Visitors were: Cheryl Miller for **Loren Schrock**. Jerry Hill for **Cheryl Hill**. Jim and Reva Marshall, Robert and Penny Fringer, Tami Cook (Norcatour) for **Dorothy Hunt**. Murry and Audrey Pavlicek for **Mary Lemman**. Frank and Mert McEvoy and Ralph and Norma Unger for **Lucy Schissler**.

Gerald and Connie Olson for Evelyn Olson. Edie Tate for **Lois Carlson**. Eunice Martin for **Glenn Martin**. Von Johnson for **Crystal Moore**. Steve and Marilyn Horn for **Myrtle Ross**. Loyd Waldo, Jody Betts, Marian Fraker and Kathy Fraker (Fallon, Nev.) for **Lory Waldo**. John and Connie Simonsson for **Amy Rehm**. Max and Veanna Carman for **Myrtle Waldo**. Susie Sabatka for **Vera Kacirek**. Galen Olson and Arian Arnold for **Edla Olson**. Ralph and Norma Unger and Rusty Addleman for **Alan Addleman**. Kim and Kourtney Brumley for **Margaret Vacura**. Brecklyn Jensen for **Violet Schissler**. Ella Betts for **Earl Brown**. Ann Mines for **Leona Helmkamp**. Marvin and Sharon Slabaugh for **Opal Bryan**. Gerald Olson for **Eulaine Benda**. Troy and Amy Haas for **Elden Haas**. Rhonda May for **Walt and Betty May**. Bud and Vicky Mumm (Gem) for **Doris Marintzer**.

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The Picture as a Whole Doug Mason, youth minister Oberlin Teens for Christ

The event we celebrate as Christmas is the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Did you know that Jesus' birth is the fulfillment of the Old Testament? Do you realize that all the stories from Adam and Eve up to Jesus' birth are related? We tend to leave the bible stories as separate, unrelated episodes, but if you look at the whole picture you see a fascinating journey of a people God picked out to reveal himself to the world. It's not as complicated as it seems and its sequel, the New Testament, makes a lot more sense when the stage has been set and the necessity of Immanuel, "God with us" makes more sense when we understand the Bible's connectedness. So, over the next few weeks I'll give you a tour through the Old Testament and lead you up to the need for Christmas.

Are you ready? Here we go:
Part I

In the beginning God existed and he was lonely. So He created this magnificent planet we know as earth and he put two people on this planet to take care of God's special Garden. Those two people we know as Adam and Eve. In that garden were two special trees, the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God left instructions not to eat from a specific fruit tree, but Adam and Eve couldn't resist the temptation. These humans demonstrated what became a tendency among humans; a tendency to choose their own will over God's will.

God kicked Adam and Eve out of his garden and left them to fend for themselves.

They had children, the first two being Cain and Abel. Cain's selfishness showed through in an offering that God didn't accept, so Cain, out of jealousy,

killed Abel and things went from bad to worse until God got fed up with people. He had a man named Noah build a humungous boat called an "ark." Noah and his family stocked the ark with two of every kind of animal. Rains came that wiped out all people except for Noah's family.

After the floodwaters subsided Noah, his wife and his sons and their wives exited the ark and started repopulating the earth. Hundreds of years passed by and the world became replenished. Then a man named Abram was born. He grew to manhood in an area called Mesopotamia.

God talked to Abram. He told him to pack up and head west to a land that God would reveal later. So Abram packs up and takes his wife, animals and servants with him, though he didn't know where he was going. Ever feel that way?

Under God's leading Abram arrived in a land called Canaan. God told Abram that he would have descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and the grains of sand. The problem was that Abram wasn't a spring chicken by that time and his wife, Sarai was beyond normal child-bearing years.

Eventually God delivered on his promise, even though Sarai and Abram got impatient and complicated the problem. Sarai and Abram finally bore a son named Isaac, whom Abram loved deeply. Eventually God changed their names to Abraham and Sarah. Abraham proved his faithfulness to God by being willing to give up his son, Isaac, but God stopped Abraham just in time.

What's up with that? Find out more next week!

Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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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.
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102 North Cass — 785-475-3067
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The Rev. Royce Leitner
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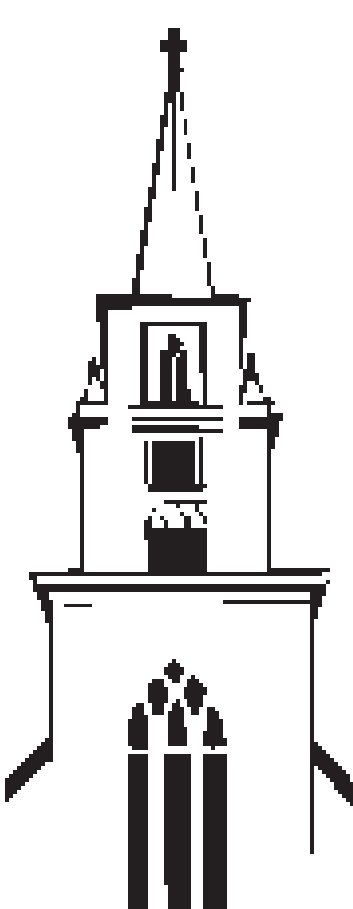
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Pastor: Judi Stricker
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- OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)**
Pastor: Gene Gee
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- CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST**
Pastor: Ed Woods
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.
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Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
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MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.
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Pastor: Keith Reuther
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SUNDAY: 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Youth group, 4 p.m.

- NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST**
Pastor: Ed Woods
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SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.
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Doug Mason, youth minister Oberlin Teens for Christ

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