

# Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Norcatour Senior Citizens will not meet to play pinochle until 1 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 13, in the Norcatour Methodist Church Educational Building.

Word has been received of the death of Jim Barker, husband of Nadine Barker, Lebanon, Ore.

Charlie Kelley, Lamar, Colo., stopped Nov. 11 to have a short visit with his aunt, Joyce Price. He had come to hunt pheasants but said he didn't see any.

Trudi, Elissa and Nora McCollum, Liberty, Mo., spent the weekend of Nov. 9 with her parents, Bob and Kay Strevey. They came to help serve the Pheasant Supper at the Norcatour United Methodist Church on Nov. 10. They also attended the craft fair in Norton.

On Oct. 27, Noah Bristol, grandson of Gust and Kay Foth, cut his big toe on his right foot with a circular saw. He underwent surgery in Hays and returned home to recover at his home in Norcatour. His mother and sister, Karen Bristol and Hope, came from Aurora, Colo., to see him. Young Noah has been hard on

his cast, wearing through his first one in two weeks. He has a new one that is guaranteed to last a month. Noah and his twin sister, Morgan, recently spent a weekend with his uncle, Paul Foth in Lenora.

Happy birthday wishes to: Rea Magers and Howard Sumner, Nov. 14; Dewaine Stapp, Judy Shirley, Troy Marshall, Nov. 17; Cindy Shirley, Nov. 18; Merle Shirley, Nov. 19.

Over the weekend of Nov. 2 to Nov. 4, guests of Dave and Patty Stapp were Jerrod and Kortney Poire, Kynleigh and Bailey; Kaitlyn Stapp, Michael Schamberger and Gabby; and Sam Stapp. Other visitors were Delores Longwith, Linda Hunt, Barry and Donna Gregory, Brad Gregory, Gail Ann Werner, Hastings, Neb.; Marian Dempe-wolf, Linda Schliep, Spencer, Addison and Denise, McCook; and Dewaine Stapp, Oberlin.

A stray cat showed up at Jim and Carolyn Plotts' on Nov. 3. He is about half grown and is mostly gray with some white spots. He is a sweet cat and is very friendly. Call

Carolyn at 693-4544 if you lost him or would like to provide a loving home to him.

Deb Marshall completed her radiation treatments last week and will only have to see her doctor every three months. She will also continue on medicinal treatment for a couple of years.

Darrel and Alice Barnett went to Haysville at the Campus High School to watch the theater production, "The King and I" in which their granddaughter, Megan, had a part. Megan is a freshman in high school.

The deadline for high school seniors to apply for one of 10, \$1,000 Nex-Tech scholarships is Jan. 31. The requirements include living in a household that receives internet, land-line phone and television services from Nex-Tech. Applications are available at: www.nextech.com/nex-generation.

Book potpourri will meet at 1 p.m., today at the Norcatour Public Library. Come to discuss the latest books you've read.

# Winter safety is top priority

As the days shorten and temperatures drop, thoughts turn to winter weather.

There's no time like the present to review winter weather safety issues. As we move from fall to winter, in Kansas and the rest of the Central Plains, we can see rapidly changing weather conditions.

It is not unknown to have the warmest reading of the day occur in the early morning hours. It is also possible to have the high temperatures drop 40 degrees from one day to the next. Differences between the high and low temperatures on a single day can be even greater. This means that whether you are working or walking outside, you should be prepared for the changing weather. Know what to expect and dress appropriately.

At this time of the year, that usually means layers that you can add or remove as the conditions change. A little preparation will allow you to enjoy the weather, whatever it brings.

While the short-term outlooks are calling for milder and drier than average conditions this winter, it only takes one storm to seriously make your life difficult. Remem-



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
Regional Extension Agent

ber, while the national average for tornado deaths is 70 per year, the national average for deaths on icy or snow-packed roads is more than 1,300 with an additional 100,000 injuries

Here are common terms used in winter forecasts, which come with recommended responses.

Winter storm: Severe winter conditions, which can vary by the storm. This can include a mix of snow, wind, ice, poor visibility and cold temperatures. Winter storm is coupled with one of the following terms:

Outlook: Winter storm conditions are possible in the next 2-5 days. Stay tuned to local media for updates and plan for expected conditions.

Advisory: Winter weather conditions are expected to cause sig-

nificant inconveniences and may be hazardous. If you are cautious, these situations should not be life threatening.

Watch: Winter storm conditions are possible within the next 36-48 hours. Prepare now.

Warning: Life-threatening severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. Act now.

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## Good Samaritan Center

By Whitney True Francis

Johnny Carson once said, "Thanksgiving is an emotional time. People travel thousands of miles to be with people they only see once a year. And then discover once a year is way too often."

Perhaps this isn't something we can all relate to or care to admit to but we can all think of times that we don't particularly look forward to. Watching this Carson rerun got me thinking about this past week at Good Sam. Most of you probably know that it was Lisa Paulson's last week as Activities Director. Over the past week we spent a good amount of time in conversation about giving and receiving thanksgiving for the people and blessings in our lives.

We also spoke about the difficulty that lies in finding the strength to practice thanksgiving when times get tough. Maybe that tough situation is a holiday spent with family that you don't see eye-to-eye with or maybe it's losing someone you love.

Here at Good Sam our halls are filled with residents and staff that experience the blessings that come with deeply caring for one another

and the heartache that comes with sometimes losing one another. In my short time here I have come to know and care for residents that are now in heaven. Maybe you have someone in your life that you have recently lost. This is really unfamiliar territory for me but I have watched staff keep memories with these residents alive in their hearts through sharing and celebrating the good times.

In I Thessalonians 5:18, it states that we are to "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this are God's will for you in Christ Jesus." So maybe Carson makes a funny point but being here at Good Sam I am reminded to find the silver lining in struggle and loss. It seems that God is always with us even in the hardest of times and that sometimes the hard times, however bittersweet, can help us to grow, to see things in a different way or just appreciate the small things.

Once again, we invite you to come and see us! We have devotions each day at 10 a.m. and Social Hour around 2 p.m. and many other activities that we would love to see you at!

Visitors included: Max Carman for Myrtle Waldo. Marilyn Horn for Myrtle Ross. Cheryl Miller for Loren Schrock. Gerald Benda for Eulaine Benda. Eunice Martin for Glenn Martin. Reva Marshall and Penny Fringer for Dorothy Hunt. Susie Sabatka (Atwood) for Vera Kacirek. Gene Leitner for Marcella Leitner. Pat Fringer and Reta Barratt for Margaret Vacura. Nadine Tacha (Jennings) for Galen Tacha. Connie Simonsson for Amy Rehm. Frank and Mert McEvoy for Lucy Schissler. Jeanie May for Elwood May. Bernice Martin and Pat Wurm for Louise Pollnow. Ralph Unger for Earl Brown and Margaret Vacura. Martin and Evelyn May for Elwood May. Leona Helmkamp and Marcella Leitner. Helen Brooks for Ethel Nemeth. Ron and Becky Hunziker for Amy Rehm.

## Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Sandy Reuther, who has completed college work for a teaching degree. She will be doing her student teaching this spring at the Rawlins County High School in Atwood.

Rhonda and Heather Richardson of Longmont Colorado were weekend guests of the Richard Anderson family, from Nov. 9 to Nov. 11. They came back to enjoy opening pheasant weekend.

Covenant Women met Saturday morning at the Good Samaritan Center in Atwood. Guests were Dee Holthus and Lorene Franklin, residents, and Henry Holle. It was decided to sponsor a child in Congo for the coming year. Pumpkin cookies were decorated for residents and staff members and Thank Banks were collected. The family Christmas dinner will be held at noon on Sunday, Dec. 9, at

the church, and members will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13, for their Christmas meeting and to fix Christmas plates.

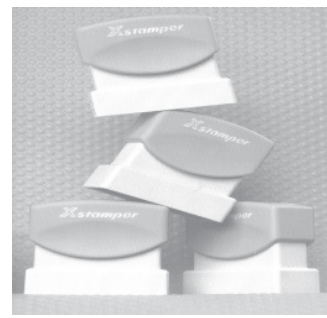
Jill and Blake Bergling, students at Kansas State University, are spending the Thanksgiving holiday with their parents, Mark and Gail Bergling.

Jan Sauvage of Las Vegas, Nev., and Donna Kelley were last Sunday to Tuesday visitors of Wane and Cheryl Stull in Solomon.

Richard and Maureen Anderson traveled to Lindsborg to see their daughter Samantha, a student at Bethany College, perform in a concert as the featured soloist. She is studying to become a music teacher and received a four-year Baber Scholarship Award. She is spending Thanksgiving break until Sunday with her parents and brothers, Chris and Gabe.

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## Rexford News

By Gwen Griffiths

It's that time of year when we stop to give thanks for all of the relationships and memories we have been blessed with. Many area organizations held Thanksgiving services or celebrations this weekend.

Shepherd's Staff had pheasant hunters well into this week. We will continue to host pheasant hunters throughout the rest of the month.

Shepherd's Staff hosted youth groups from Sidney, Neb., and Leoti this weekend. While here, the youth and leaders painted the north side of John Ray Gould's building on Main Street. They were excited to help freshen up the look of this building.

A number of Rexford residents traveled to Oakley on Sunday afternoon to view the Western Plains

Arts Association presentation of "Feast," a celtic music group from Colorado.

A few Rexford residents also attended the Thomas County Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday evening. This was held at the Frahm Theatre at Colby Community College.

I will be moving out of the Rexford community in January. Our family will be on a 2 1/2 week trip in December, so the last week I send in news will be Monday, Dec. 10.

That seems to be the news for this week! I'd love to tell about your family gatherings and celebrations next week! You can call 687-2076 or e-mail griffithsgang@gmail.com with your news. Have a great week!

## God will make a way Gene Gee, Oberlin Community Fellowship

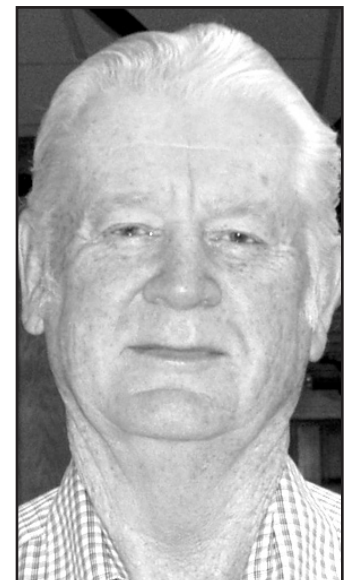
*Isaiah 11:16* And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

In the days when all that was heard was only doom and gloom, God sent a messenger with a message of hope. The message was very simple and short, but it was a promise given by God who always keeps His promises. The message was "there shall be a highway for the remnant of His people..." In other words God will make a way for His people when there seems to be no way out. These words weren't intended for everyone. They were intended for God's people. You and I are one of God's children if we have accepted Jesus Christ into our life. If that is the case then you have this promise from God that He will make a way even in the most difficult times. He is not limited by what man does, or doesn't do.

The immediate recipients of this message were the captives of Israel who were being disciplined in Babylon and were now ready to return to their

homeland. Many of them had become so accustomed to their life in Babylon they chose not to return. The message was for them; those who chose to follow God regardless of the difficulty. According to the New Testament, Jesus is the way and He only. Though it's not easy to serve Him whole heartedly He is the way and the only way.

*Isaiah 35:10* "And the ransomed of Jehovah shall return, and come to Zion with singing; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." These words echo down through the corridors of time. God is putting the finishing touches on dealing with sin evil in the world. In the next to the last chapter of His Word, He gives words of hope for all those who choose to live for Him. *Rev. 21:4* "And he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall not exist any more, nor grief, nor cry, nor distress shall exist any more, for the former things have passed away."



## 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. Sunday

**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. Nancy Proffitt  
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.

**OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST**  
102 North Cass — 785-475-3067  
The Rev. Nancy Proffitt  
SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Praise team practice, 8 p.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.

**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.,

**CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Ed Woods  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

**OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
South Beaver Street - Oberlin  
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259  
SUNDAY: Fellowship and coffee time, 10:00 a.m. Praise and Worship time, with Weekly Lords Supper, Multi-media Bible sermons & open bible studies combined. Private Bible studies on request.

**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 785-522-5316  
SUNDAY: 9:45 a.m. Morning worship, 11 a.m. Youth group, 4 p.m.

**NORCATOUR 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.

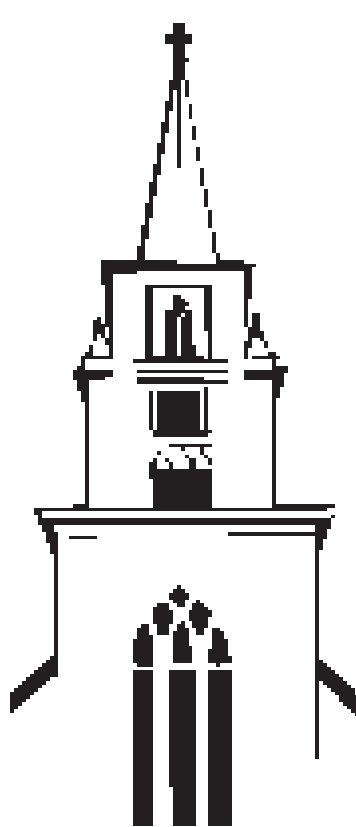
**EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN**  
Pastors: Chris and Sharon Nelson  
810 West Cedar, Oberlin  
Office Phone 785-475-2769  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

**LUND COVENANT CHURCH**  
Pastor Roy Matthewson  
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**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
510 North Wilson  
Interim Pastor: Brad Rick  
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 8:30 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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