

# Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Bee Nelson and Flash, the dog, had a whirl-wind but fun trip to Wichita on Wednesday, Nov. 24, with son Todd and grandson Garrett Nelson.

They celebrated Thanksgiving and an early birthday for Todd. She also saw the other grandchildren James McQueen and Abigail and Allison and David Wilcox and Adalynn and Elijah, all of Wichita.

Thanks to all who attended and furnished cakes and salads for the ham and bean with corn bread benefit for Louis and the late Joyce Anderson on Saturday, Nov. 27. Thirty-two people were present to enjoy the meal and fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller went to El Dorado on Nov. 24, to celebrate Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle and Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder, and Sophia of Topeka.

The Norcatour drawing time has been changed to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Don't forget the benefit soup supper for Chuck Forbes and his son Austin.

The supper will begin as soon as possible following the drawing. This is a free will donation supper to help with expenses incurred following Austin's bad vehicle accident.

We have plenty of soup for the soup supper benefit following the drawing.

Thank you to all who've offered to make soup and provide ingredients! What we need now is volunteers to get things ready for it, and to serve and clean up.

Happy Birthday to Troy Wentz, Dec. 1, Ruth Dickey, Dec. 2, and Leota Goss, Dec. 3.

Happy Anniversary to Dale and Leota Goss, Dec. 3.

Lora Arnold was a Thanksgiving dinner guest of John and Brenda Arnold. Tiffany and Trey Stevens of Walpalo, Iowa, and Lora Arnold were Thanksgiving supper guests of Mark and JuliAnna Baker and family.

On Nov. 18, Cathy Claussen, Connie Gordon, and Beth Johnson drove to Lawrence. They attended the wedding of Elli Willis and Cale Claussen on Nov. 19.

Beth was a guest of the David Johnsons. Sunday evening she visited the Dennis Molzahns in Independence, Mo., and got to see the great-great grandson, Chance.

Thanksgiving guests of the David Johnsons were Mr. and Mrs. John Groebe and Windy, David, Brittany and Lillie brought her home.

Dave and Patty Stapp, Sam Stapp, Kaitlyn Stapp, Kortney and Jerrod Poire were Thanksgiving guests of Marian Dempewolf, Oberlin.

Other guests were Amber Dempewolf, Topeka; Dan and Jolene Dempewolf, Rose Riffle, Oberlin; Greg Dempewolf and Jada Zuch, Culbertson, Neb.; Dave and Linda Schliep, Spencer and Addison, McCook, and Andrew Dempewolf and Jenna Braun, Hays, Kan.

Word was received of the death of George Buxton in Denver on Nov. 26. He was the father of Scott Buxton, who lives in the Harman trailer. Scott was with his father in Denver.

Word was received Monday morning that Randy Allen died Sunday in Denver. Cards may reach Sherrie Regal at 10344 West 44th

Ave., Apt. 2A, Wheat Ridge, Colo. 80033.

Mail can be sent to Forrest Jackson at the Good Samaritan Center, 108 E. Ash, in Oberlin. He is in room 202, or stop by and visit!

Wava Reames is recuperating satisfactorily after pneumonia, as well as too much calcium in her system.

Ruby Pflieger hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for her combined family.

She was assisted by son, Steve McMurry, and daughter, Lynn Ward. Those attending were: Frank Ward, Keith Ward, Kaley and Robert Daniels, Wava Reames, and Leslie and Lynn Ward.

After the meal, they decorated the Christmas tree.

Thanksgiving and weekend guests of Arlene Hix were Lloyd and Sharon Stanton of Salina, their daughter and husband Larry and Sheryl Mulberry and Jake of Conway, Alaska; Marjorie Prince of Liberty, Mo.; Gail Bailey, Luke Bailey and Ashley McMullen, and Mark and Shayla Bailey and family. Sheryl and Marjorie spent another week here before returning home.

Thanksgiving weekend guests of Rea an Dee Magers were Bob and Cheri Pomeroy, Lakewood, Colo., and Zach, Brenda and Ryan Pomeroy, Wheat Ridge, Colo., came on Wednesday evening.

On Thanksgiving, they all met with Jeff Magers and Joy Luoto, at Lyle to be with the Toots Magers family with 29 present.

On Friday, they had Thanksgiving Day again at home with Jeff and Joy coming, also Matt Pomeroy, and Angie Plank of Colorado Springs. Bob and the guys did two deep fat turkeys for the weekend.

On Sunday, Matt Pomeroy made a delicious taco supper for all.

# Time to review storm terms

Now is the time to review weather terms that may emerge in upcoming winter forecasts, as well as the appropriate ways for people to respond:

\* Winter storm or winter weather conditions that vary by location and weather event, but can include a mix of snow, wind, ice, poor visibility and cold temperatures.

\* Winter weather outlook: Storm conditions are possible in the next three to seven days. Stay tuned to local media for updates, and plan ahead for handling the potential weather.

\* Winter storm watch: Odds are favorable for significant and hazardous winter weather conditions "alone or in combination" to develop within the next 12 to 48 hours. Prepare now.

\* Winter weather advisory: A mixture of freezing precipitation (snow, blowing snow, sleet, freezing rain, freezing drizzle) is likely within the next 12 hours, but it probably won't prompt a warning. Accumulations will be less than four inches for snow or one-fourth inch for ice.

The weather could cause significant inconveniences and might be hazardous. If you are cautious, however, it should not be life-



## Home Time

By Tranda Watts  
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threatening.

\* Winter storm warning: Life-threatening, severe winter conditions with more than one hazard (such as snow and wind, snow plus ice, a sleet-ice mix, etc.) have already begun or will arrive within the next 24 hours.

Act now! People, property and livestock will be at risk. Protect pets. Avoid being out in the storm on foot or in a vehicle.

The subcategories that you also may hear tend to explain themselves: ice storm warning, sleet advisory, heavy snow watch.

You just need to remember that an advisory isn't likely to be as severe an event as a warning. And, you've got some time to prepare during a watch.

The subcategory that tends to be the worst, however is a blizzard. Blizzard watches and warnings

merit special attention. A blizzard combines snow with winds or frequent gusts of at least 35 miles an hour.

That means hours of blowing, drifting snow; extremely limited visibility; and highly dangerous wind chill readings.

Straight ice storms can cause lots of property damage. But, blizzards are the storms that can send you driving off into a ditch that looked like road.

If you have questions, please call your local K-State Research and Extension Office. Tranda Watts is a Kansas State University extension specialist in food, nutrition, health and safety for Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan, and Trego counties. Call her at (785) 443-3663 or e-mail twatts@ksu.edu. For more information, contact the county extension office, 475-8121.

## Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

What a beautiful sight to behold as we looked outside Sunday morning. A light snow was falling. It didn't last long and most melted later in the day.

Keith and Helen Muirhead spent Thanksgiving week in Chicago visiting their daughter Teffani and Joe Zadeh and their grandchildren, Natalia and Dylan. They enjoyed going to hear the Vienna Boys Choir. They also celebrated Keith's and Natalia's birthdays which are on the same day, Nov. 27.

Martin LaRue is in the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb. On Tuesday, Nov. 30, he fell while going home from the post office. He was scheduled for surgery Monday morning on a broken hip. Our prayers are with Martin and Darlene.

Because Tuesday Study Club scheduled their Christmas meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 14, the same day as the Sunflower Senior dinner, we will hold the Senior dinner on Monday Dec. 13, at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to come enjoy dinner with us. Meat, potatoes, gravy and all trimmings will be prepared at the center. You may bring a salad or dessert if you wish.

Reminders: Veterans wreaths will be taken to the Jennings and Big Timber cemeteries at 1 p.m. on Friday Dec. 10. On Saturday December 11, at 10:00 a.m., there will be a ceremony held at the Jennings cemetery and then at the Big Timber cemetery to honor the veterans. Volunteers are needed for this project. Also on Saturday Dec. 11, the Lions Club will be serving soup from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Community Hall in Jennings. Santa will be arriving at the Hall around 1:30 p.m. and a drawing will follow. Anyone who would like to donate a wrapped gift for the drawing may bring them to the Hall, Saturday. Please mark for adults or children. We appreciate all the gifts donated

to make this a success.

Meme Carper had hip replacement surgery Wednesday Dec. 1, at the McCook hospital. She was doing well and was to be moved back to the Decatur County Hospital swing bed Saturday.

The Heritage Associates and Museum of Jennings met on Dec. 2 at the Royal Neighbor Hall of the museum. President Neoma Tacha, presided with directors Mike Tacha, Mary Wahlmeier, Lawrence and Lila Jennings, Bob Tacha, and Dean Gawith present. We are saddened by the recent loss of Larry Mizer who had been a director for many years.

We will not be presenting a Kansas Day program in 2011. Our annual meeting will be on Feb. 3, 2011, followed by our regular monthly meeting. We thank Roberta Petracek and Bob Jones for their recent donations.

Santa will be at the City Hall on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 1:30 p.m. The Lions Club will be serving lunch before this.

Volunteers are asked to help with our "Wreaths Across America" project.

We will meet at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10, at the Shimmick building to get the wreaths and take them to the Jennings Cemetery to place on the veterans graves, then proceed to the Big Timber Cemetery to do the same. Everyone please bring hammers as the ground is very dry and hard.

On Saturday, Dec. 11, at 10 a.m. the Jennings American Legion will honor the veterans with a brief ceremony at the Jennings Cemetery, then go to the Big Timber Cemetery and honor the veterans there. Anyone wishing to place the wreath on their loved one's grave please contact Neoma Tacha (785) 678-2470; otherwise volunteers will place the wreaths.

Our next meeting will be Jan. 6.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Thursday during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Pat Wessel won high, Carl Mum took second, Mary Golden got low and Ralph Weis had the most tens.

Other members present included: Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Jeanie Spreser, Betty James, Matt Finnesy, Edna Schiltz, Bob Wessel, Shirley Emigh, Paulie Neff, Anna Albers, Alfred Albers, Bernita Aumiller and Ann Hazlitt.

Birthdays and anniversaries include - Dec. 9 - Lavina Paulson, Tarina Aumiller, Patty Albers Summers, Jacob Astalosh. Dec.

10 - Dale Smith, Rick Shaw. Dec. 12, - Paul Zodrow, Betty James, Brock Brown. Dec. 13 - Tasha Carman, Emmie Pauls. Dec. 14 - Chris Koerperich, Travis Smith, JayLyn Ryan Wenger. Dec. 15, - John and Helen Karls (41 years), Heather Shaw, Vicky Albers.

People are beginning to get their Christmas lights up. Light night will be Sunday, Dec. 19.

Everyone with lights should have them on from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. for people to drive around and view them.

## Reason for the Season (Pt. II) Gene Gee, Oberlin, Community Fellowship

*Matthew 1:21* And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.

As I watched the rescue operation of those 33 miners just a few weeks ago, a sense of awfulness came over me as I thought of how horrible it would be to be trapped in total darkness. Surrounded by darkness on every side and not a glimmer of light anywhere, with no hope of having anything better, is horror unexplainable. Probably what seemed to them to be eternity lasted only a few days then they were rescued. My mind cannot begin to fathom spending eternity in a place the Bible calls outer darkness.

*Matthew 8:12:* But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. This darkness is forever.

Then my mind went to the people who are living a

life, trapped, by circumstances of which they seem to have no control. To those people, there is hope in the words of Jesus. he is the Reason for the season.

*Matthew 4:16:* The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

*Matthew 4:17:* From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For some to see the light it means repenting and inviting Jesus into your life. Repentance and following Jesus may not be the thing you want to do, any more that those miners wanted to travel through a 28-inch hole to safety, but it was the only way. If you feel trapped, your only way out is Jesus. For those who already know Him, it means hanging on to that relationship. He will see you through. There is hope, even in the midst of dark and gloomy circumstances.



## 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

**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.

**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: 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..

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