

Norcatour News

By the Norcatour News Committee

Mr. and Mrs. Cale Claussen and Elaine of Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Claussen and Annika of Olathe; Delphyn Biggs of Oberlin; Fred Molzahn and Beth Johnson of Norcatour were Christmas dinner guests of Cathy Claussen on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Thanks to the United Methodist Church youth for their lovely Christmas Caroling Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19. It looked like they were having fun, even if it was cold.

On Wednesday, Dec. 15, Bee Nelson and Dorothy Ward took a jaunt to Kearney, Neb. to see Norma Ward, who is hospitalized at Good Samaritan, doing therapy, after having back surgery. We thought she seemed in good spirits, considering her husband Max, is a patient in the Decatur County Hospital. We wish them both a good recovery.

Then on Thursday, Dec. 16, they made a trip to Oberlin, for several appointments. The most important was a nice luncheon at the Land Mark! Rea and Dee Magers had an early Christmas with their son, Jeff, and his girl friend, Joy, on Sunday.

City Clerk Deb Marshall extends appreciation to everyone for donations and help with the drawing. This is not done by the City; it's entirely volunteer. Also a great big thank you to all the people who made soup: Jerry Wescott, Dorothy Woods, Tom Baker and those who helped out: Keith Anthony, Bee Nelson, Twila Forbes, Brandi Cohort and Bob Strevey. I hope I didn't leave anyone out. The benefit brought in around \$600 for Chuck Forbes and his son Austin!

Happy Birthday to Carissa Wentz, Jim Bob Beachel, Frank Ward, and Sandy Gade, Dec. 22; Fred Molzahn, Lynn Ward, and Norma Ward, Dec. 26; Mary Irwin, Dec. 30; Beth Sebaugh, Dec. 31; Darrel Barnett, Megan Wentz, Jan. 2; and Chris Dempewolf, Jan. 3.

Happy Anniversaries to Galene and Jamie Wentz, Dec. 31; and Jeff and Lori Roe, Jan. 3.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Dec 15, were: Larry Lively, first; Stan Miller, second; Fred Molzahn, third, and Kendall Fisher, fourth.

Bob and Anita Montgomery and

Renee Harman, Oberlin attended the Southwest Elementary Christmas program in Bartley, Neb. on Dec. 6, to see their great-grandson and great-nephew, Keegan Shuler. On Sunday, Dec. 12, they went to the McCook Christian Church to attend his Christmas program.

Shawnda and James spent the holidays with Wava Reames. On Friday, She went to Hays, where her father, Frank Ward, had minor surgery to remove some scar tissue that was causing discomfort. She stayed overnight in Hays with a college roommate, Evelyn Hewitt Zellmer, and Almerna native. They and another roommate, Geneva Deatrich, visited and played card games and had a great visit.

Virgil and Joyce Price had an early Christmas weekend at their house on Friday Dec. 17. Richard Jurey, Edmond, Okla.; and Jason, Kathy, Conner and MacKinzey Jurey, Kennard, Neb., arrived Saturday. Keith and Linda Jurey were unable to attend as they both had surgery but will come later.

Itchy, dry skin points to whole body dehydration

Cracked lips and chapped skin can be signs that people are drying out internally.

Most of us know dehydration can be life-threatening in summer. But, we may not realize it can have year-round impacts on health, comfort and even thinking. Evidently, many of us just don't see the cold-weather results in terms of our body being water-deprived.

In winter, the first symptoms of dehydration are usually dry, itchy and sometimes painful skin conditions. However, cold-weather dehydration also can cause a dry, hacking cough. It leads to shocks of static electricity. It reduces people's ability to fight off colds, flu, skin infections and a host of other seasonal ills.

Both outdoor and indoor conditions promote winter's moisture-sapping impacts. They're simply reflecting the logical outcomes of a weather measure that many people don't understand.

The confusion is: The reported relative humidity can mean something quite different in summer and winter. It represents not only the air's current moisture content but also the temperature.

When air is totally saturated with



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

water vapor so it can't contain any more, its relative humidity is 100 percent. And, snow or rain is possible. In turn, a relative humidity reading of 75 percent means the air's moisture content right now is three-fourths of its current saturation point.

The current part of that definition is what keeps things interesting. The fact is, the higher the air temperature, the more water vapor it can contain. So, the amount of water needed to reach saturation increases as the temperature goes up, and it shrinks as the temperature goes down.

That's why a 75 percent relative humidity reading can make you feel like you're having to swim through the air in summer. Yet, it can feel normal to dry during winter, especially when combined with a cold wind.

When winter's comparatively dry air enters a house through the furnace, things get even more interesting. The air's already-low humidity plummets, simply because the furnace raises the air's temperature. In turn, humans and wood furniture may suffer unless someone keeps them supplied with moisturizer or a humidifier.

But, humans also can drink lots of water despite the fact sweating isn't usually a winter issue. For more information contact: Tranda Watts or your local county extension office.

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Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Overnight Thursday and Friday, Dec. 16 and 17, guests of Martin and Evelyn May were the Rev. Paul and Meaghan May, Austin and Claire, Marco Island, Fla.; Rebecca May, Austin, Texas; Ernest May, Tonganoxie; and Stephen May, Lawrence.

Additional Friday evening guests at the May home to celebrate Martin's 86th birthday and their family Christmas were Sarah May and Caden, Andover; Marvin May, Chris and Kasey May, Kelsey and Hunter, Andy and Kelley May and Lauren, Janice and Greg Cundiff. Kaylee May was unable to attend due to a school activity. Everyone returned home on Saturday except Ernest who returned home on Sunday.

Elwood and Jeanie May left Tuesday to attend a Christmas party at the Woodhaven Care Center in Ellinwood for her mother, Stella Casey.

Elwood and Jeanie May spent Christmas with her sister, Dora Holiday and family, of Chase and returned home Sunday.

Rachelle and Bob Gorrell, Connor and Logan, Bland, Mo.; and Colleen Rittmann, Christian and Rielly, Shawnee, were holiday guests at the Ralph Unger home. They were joined by Ryan and Darci Unger, Drew and Ty Zwegardt, St. Francis, to celebrate their family Christmas on Sunday at the Ralph Unger home.

Christmas Eve supper guests at the Ralph Shaw home before Christmas Eve services were Richard and Anna Shaw, Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante, Laurene Bryan VanOtterloo, Norman and Julie Gallentine, and Casey and Jennifer Harshman, Emporia.

Richard and Anna Shaw and Casey and Jennifer Harshman were Christmas Day dinner guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw. The Harshmans, guests of her parents, Rich

and Anna Shaw, arrived Thursday and returned home on Sunday.

Norman and Julie Gallentine were Christmas Day dinner guests of Joel and Tami Shaw and Dante.

John Austin and Tania Tate and family, Gulf Breeze, Fla.; Jaron and Tara Tate and Abigail, Hot Springs, Ark., and John and Edith Tate celebrated their family Christmas on Christmas Eve at the home of Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie and Grace. They also gathered on Christmas Day for dinner at the John Tate home.

Wayne and Lois Larson; Bill and Bonnie Condit, Winfield; Brad Larson, Norman and Joanne Wendelin, Oberlin; Ladd Wendelin, Lincoln, Neb.; Greta Wendelin, Lawrence; Rory Wendelin, Seward, Neb.; Carl and Janene Larson and Elsie, Monica Larson, and Colby Larson were Christmas Eve dinner guests of Craig and Karen Larson.

Kelly Olson, Manhattan; Stean Olson, Hays; David May, McCook; Wilma May, Evelyn Olson, and Jack and Charles Fortin were Christmas Day dinner guests of Jerry and Connie Olson.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Karen and Craig Larson were her parents, Zane and Gladys Geis.

Walter and Betty May, Rhiannon Davies, and Liam Davies-Nedland, were Christmas Day lunch guests of Rhonda May, Dan Nedland, Cameron, Hunter and Elizabeth.

Ben Jorns enjoyed Christmas Day lunch at the home of his daughter and family, Pam and Roland May, Zach and Hannah. After lunch, the Mays visited at the Dan Nedland home.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields and Stuart Euhus were Christmas Day dinner guests of Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy and Caitlin.

Christmas Day dinner guests of Norman and Joanne Wendelin,

Ladd, Greta, and Rory were Wayne and Lois Larson, Bill and Bonnie Condit, Brad Larson, and Kathy Alquist.

Pastor Linda Willey, Kristen Bremer and Dwayne Bray, Colby, and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica enjoyed Christmas Day dinner at the home of Herschel and Jody Betts.

Christmas evening visitors of John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica were Warren and Jan Bainter; Ben Bainter; Sussex, Wis.; Abbie Bainter and Justin Prater, Hays; and Justin Zodrow.

Lyle News

By Veda Wood

We wish to extend sympathy to the Jackson family for the loss of their husband and father, Forrest. He will be missed by family, friends and neighbors.

A memorial was held for Randy Allen on Friday, a young man who made such a favorable impression on the town of Norcatour by his kindness, helpfulness and happy disposition for the past several years. His passing was sad but he left many happy memories, and a beautiful

little park.

Judy and Charlie Easton visited Toots Magers on Sunday, worked on the foundation of her house and put a wheel on her wagon. June Jolly took her to the Christmas drawing and soup supper at Norcatour Saturday. The supper was a fund raiser for Austin Forbes, who has been hospitalized for the last month. Twila says Austin has made a lot of improvement.

June Jolly, Megan, Linda and

Dennis McFarland went to Cuthbertson, Neb., to see a fantastic Christmas light program where the lights are set to music. She feels it is worth anyone's time to go see it. She also attended a wine tasting event and assured me she didn't get carried away.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen visited his sister at the Beaver City Nursing Home and enjoyed the singing and Santa.

The Good Samaritan Doug Mason, Lund Covenant Church

Have you ever noticed that the type of Christmas story that the media usually picks up on involves extraordinary charity? When someone does something for someone they don't even know it catches people's attention. We usually refer to such a person as a Good Samaritan. If you are not familiar with the actual story of the Good Samaritan it can be found in the Bible - Luke 10: 25-37.

Putting the story into its biblical context, Jesus told the story to an expert in Jewish law. He was, through the story, redefining who our neighbor is. To jump straight to the moral of the story, the man (Samaritan) that took care of the injured person was the true neighbor. Jesus told this expert in the law to "Go and do likewise."

Now let's tie this story in with Christmas.

Every Christmas we frantically search for gifts for friends and family. We spend a lot of money - even money we don't really have to get just the right gift. What is communicated in that effort? God incarnate? (God with flesh on) Immanuel? (God with us) The celebration on the birth of our Savior? Or simply

"You are significant in my life and I want to give you a gift."

I'm not saying that gift giving is bad, but how does that represent Christ's birth? What seems to be more important to Jesus is to take care of the needs of others. Jesus' brother, James said in James 1:27, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

So, how about doing something in addition to gift giving this year? Invite someone to your home for a Christmas dinner that might not have anyone to eat with. Buy someone a coat that needs one. Bring a ham to that family down the street that doesn't have much. Donate a significant amount of food or money to the food pantry. Find someone in the nursing home that is facing Christmas alone and spend some time with that person. Get creative. Make it a family project for the holidays. Step out beyond the normal comfort zone to make a difference in somebody's life. Help someone else have a Merry Christmas!



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, CEONVILLE
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

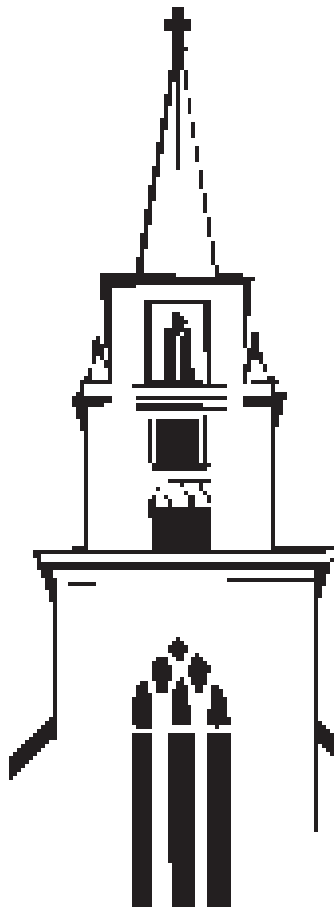
every Sunday
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 9 a.m.

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.

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.



Chamber News

By Carolyn Hackney

Another Christmas holiday has come and gone! What fun it is to visit and eat! It seems that everyone thinks there might not be enough food, so we make more of this and try out this new recipe, and pick up this at the store, and when it all comes together we are dividing it up when everyone leaves. But, oh what great fun it is and we are thankful that we can do this in our country!! Let's not wait until a year to remember why we celebrate this holiday. Let's remember it every day.

We have a few nominees for our Chamber board, but we still need more. I have one person that offered to do one year, and I said that would be great. It would give us time to recruit more, so if you could help in any amount of time please let me know at 475-3441.

I don't have any events to tell about for this week, except I'm

sure there are some New Year's Eve celebrations going on at various places. I will be working, so no big celebration for me. Please be careful when you are out there driving next weekend.

I will be starting the business recognition again in my articles next week. This was something I started a few months ago, but didn't have time to continue. I will recognize one business each week.

The Table Tents, which the Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau sponsor, will be a little late this time. I wasn't able to gather all the information before Christmas, and we were trading computers in the office. I will be finishing them in the next couple of days, so hopefully they will be printed by the middle of next week.

Have a great New Year's weekend!!

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