

# Ag Talk

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**Sunflower Seed Size, Planting Depth, and Impact on Stand**  
Planting depth and seed size can have a clear impact on getting sunflower stand off to a good start, according to the second year of observations in an experiment at the dryland research site west of Goodland.  
Colorado State area agronomist, Ron Meyer, looked at sunflower type (confection vs. oil), seed size (small vs. large), and planting depth (1-, 2- and 4-inches deep).  
Sunflowers were planted on June 6 at 17,000 seeds per acres. Soil moisture conditions were ideal. Same seed lots were used for the large and small seeds and germination was about 85-90 percent for both oil and confection types.

Three key observations were found with this experiment. Overall the oil type emerged better than the confection type. Both the oil and confection type emerged best from the shallow planting depths and worst from the 4-inch depth. In fact, sunflower emergence from the 4-inch depth was about 50 percent that of the shallow planting depth for oil and confection types.  
The larger seed versus the smaller seed size from the oil type emerged similar with no statistical differences found. However, the smaller confection seed size emerged significantly better than the larger-sized seed.  
Results in 2006 were similar to those in 2005. Mr. Meyer speculated that emergence might be more

of a struggle for the larger, woody shell of the confection seed, especially under dry soil conditions. Emergence at the 1-inch depth was good in both research years, however this may be too shallow to recommend for planting.  
According to Meyer, "These last two testing seasons have had ideal soil moisture at planting, which aided emergence from the shallow depth," Mr. Meyer said. "However, if the weather gets hot and dry, that top 1 inch is the first to dry out, which will actually reduce the stand."  
The general recommended planting depth is 1.5 to 2.5 inches.

# Haigler News

By  
**Floy Ruggles**



**United Methodist Women**  
The United Methodist Women rescheduled February meeting. "A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" was held in the church basement on Feb. 9, at noon. Five members were present for the traditional soup luncheon.

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Leinen. All present joined in the opening prayer, "Simply Loving", from the prayer cards. Devotion was given by Laura Pearl Wall from Matthew 5:13.

She also reported on an Anderson Cooper CNN report, "What Is A Christian?" and the newspaper article response written by Dawn Cribbs with *The McCook Gazette*.  
Sally was presented a Corsage for Mission for her February birthday. Minutes from the Dec. 8 meeting were read. Following the addition of the January meeting being rescheduled and then cancelled due to adverse weather conditions and sickness, the minutes were approved as read. Sally gave the treasurer's report, noting the adjusted amounts from the December report. Bills were presented and approved for payment.

Correspondence was read from Naomi Over in Arvada, Colo., and from the family of Florence Daniels, thanking the United Methodist Women for the meal that was served and enclosing a contribution. Sally also advised members that the Haigler Lutheran group will not be helping with the Hester Home commitment for the month of June.

The Response report will be given in March by Phyllis. Since the last meeting, those present reported 36 calls being made and 20 cards and notes sent.

A Spiritual Growth Retreat entitled "Resurrection Women" will be held at Cozad in March. Sally brought up having a Lenten Breakfast and this will be pursued for discussion at the March meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned and Myrna presented a short program on the Pledge Service. "Our Time For Mission". The soup luncheon followed this and Sally then gave the Quiet Day Service for A

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. "The Fruits of Love." As a part of this program, all present wrote notes of appreciation to a chosen retired deaconess. The meeting was closed with prayer.  
The next meeting will be held on March 9 at 2 p.m. Emilo Richardson will be the program leader and Phyllis Clark will serve as hostess.  
World Day of Prayer will be on March 2nd.

Tuesday, Feb. 6, Patty Williams of Wheeler, Lillian Anderson of St. Francis, Lois Zuege and granddaughter, Rikki, of Haigler came to the Faylor Ranch for dinner and some good fellowship.

Friday morning, Feb. 9, Yvone Clemons of Burlington came to spend some time with her parents, Dale and Dode Faylor. She stopped to visit her grandmother, Dorothy Rathbun at the Hillcrest Care Center and returned home Saturday afternoon.

Friday afternoon, Feb. 9, Dale Faylor received a phone call from daughter Daneen Hilger saying that she and her husband Phil were back in the states. They had been in China for 2 weeks on a mission trip. While there they went to see the Great Wall. There may be more details to report at a later date.

The Ruggles' have not had

any visitors recently except the deer that have discovered the feed the place on the deck for the birds. Sunday night they heard a noise on the deck and looked out the window to catch a large deer in the act of cleaning up the bird feed.

Sherrie Gregory found a picture on the internet of the Prairie Bell school house south east of Haigler on Road BB that the family has been discussing. Floy (Crabtree) Ruggles graduated from the eighth grade in the spring of 1939 from that school. There are some differences in the Internet picture, taken in 1943, that are questionable. Floy has a picture of the student group taken her eighth grade year, by Mable Merklin. There are two windows on the south side of the building. The picture Sherri found has only one window. The coal shed is in a different location, and there is a fence in front of the road that was not there then. Also there are some scraggly trees in the later picture. Floy 308-297-3605, or [Sherrigregory1@neb.rr.com](mailto:Sherrigregory1@neb.rr.com)

<mailto:sgregory1@neb.rr.com> sgregory1@neb.rr.com would like to hear from anyone who remembers that school before the tornado took it away sometime after 194



Prairie Bell School House

# Beecher Island News

By  
**Bessie Dent**



There were 58 at Sunday school. Myrna Andrews gave the special number and John Osmus gave his birthday offering.  
Rose Divittore hosted a party Saturday in honor of Sara Dorhan's birthday. Guests were Jo Dickson, Judy Shively, Doris Osmus, Karen Willard, Laurie Jones and Sarah Beckman.  
Hosting Super Bowl parties Sunday evening were Harvey and Mary Allen and Perry Allen. Harvey's guests were Greg and Joye Devlin, Max and Linda Shively, Doug and Tracy Liming of Kirk and Jeff and Kristy Hurlburt and family. Perry's guests were the Jeff Hurlburt family, who split their time between the two. Kevin Oestman, Tim and Justine Devlin, Kyle and Kelli Kite, Tobi and Bri Kechter and Jaylyne and sister Candice and Lucas Devlin.  
Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Brent Cranmer and family in

Parker. Sunday they all went to see Cindy and Nacho Gutierrez and family where they were joined by Gary Cranmer, Mr. and Mrs. Chad Cranmer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harr and family and Nancy Cranmer. All of Gwen's family were able to be together.  
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allen hosted their annual ski trip to Keystone last weekend, Friday until Monday morning. Family members were Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family, Ryan Allen, Justin Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Travis Allen and family, Cheryl Allen and Perry Allen.  
Gary Mansfield and Ellen Mansfield met Mrs. Ron Jackson and the twins in McCook Friday morning to bring Jake and Raygan home. Jeanne had some appointments in the McCook area for the day but later joined Jennifer Novak and children, Jill Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield at the Bill Mansfield home that evening.  
MerryLu Simmons had lunch

with Richard and Laura Pearl Wall at Hillcrest Tuesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Rex Shaver visited Bernice Eberhart in Burlington last Monday.  
Tyson Brown visited Violet Brown Wednesday evening.  
Emily Shaffner was an overnight guest of Ashley Hurlburt and Paxton Waitman was a guest of Trevor Hurlburt Friday.  
Judy Shively visited Doris Whomble Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Monte Mansfield visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mansfield Tuesday.  
Violet Brown visited Nettie May Welton Sunday afternoon.  
Phil Mitchell and Joey were Saturday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hurlburt and family.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons and Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Simmons visited Richard Wall Sunday afternoon at Hillcrest. Later Quentin and Tonya watched the ball game with the Bob Simmons.  
Jennifer Novak and Brittany, Jeanne Jackson, Jake and Raygan and Jill Scott spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mansfield. Jean Brenner joined them for lunch Saturday.

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 Dale Carpenter picks up his bouquet. Dale had the highest poker hand.  
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