

Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

Congratulations to Bo and Cassandra Schindler, who were married on Saturday in Norton. The bride is the former Cassandra Cook, daughter of Brian and Tami Cook of Norcatur, and the bridegroom's parents are Louis and Julie Schindler of Hill City. The bride is a senior at Norton Community High School and is also employed at the Andbe Home. Her husband graduated in 1998 from High City High School and is a 1999 graduate of Wyoming Technical Institute. He is employed as a service technician at Scheetz Motor Company in Norton.

Word has been received of the death of Dwight S. Tolle, Salina, on Feb. 24, at Holiday Resort Adult Care and Rehabilitation Center in Salina. Roselawn Mortuary of Salina handled arrangements.

Among recent improvements in Norcatur which the mayor and City Council have overseen include: cleaning and mowing the empty lot on DeSoto Street; hedges removed in front of the city building; keeping the hedges in front of the high school

trimmed; furnace put in old city hall, and gravel put on all streets.

The mayor's position and three council positions will be up for election in April.

A welcome to the community is extended to Tom and Cathy (Roe) Brannan who have purchased the home formerly owned by Jay and Maxine Brooks.

A pancake feed, sponsored by the Commercial Club, was held on Sunday with proceeds going to the Cardinal Cafe.

Recent luncheon guests of Fern Mapes were Donna Warren, Goldie Brewer, Mike Mapes and Paul Foth of Oberlin.

Rex Wendel, 213 Horace Greeley Ave. #306, Norton, Kan., 67654, will celebrate his 80th birthday on Thursday.

Birthdays through March 5 include: Bill Nelson, Feb. 28; Everett Pruitt, March 1; Lucas Bailey, 2, and Gene Gallentine, 5.

COMBINED SERVICE

A combined service will be held among the Clayton, Lyle, and Norca-

tur United Methodist churches on Sunday, March 11. Norcatur will host a Sunday School program at 10 a.m.. Church service will begin at 11 a.m. with a presentation by Ken Lee. He will present a one-man drama "The Roman." A potluck dinner will follow the service.

David Ankenman, Yucapia, Calif., has been visiting Marguerite Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jackson, Oklahoma City, took his parents, Marvin and Doris Faye Jackson, to Denver on Feb. 19 for a medical appointment for his mother. She is an outpatient at a hospital there. They are staying at Bob Jackson's of 4825 South Ammons, #107 Denver, Colo. 80123.

Wednesday dinner guests of Goldie Brewer were the Rev. and Mrs. Gene Gee, Oberlin.

Steve and Marva Miller, Hays, visited their grandmother, Esther Miller, on Sunday en route home from Denver. They also visited Angie and Gerry Reynolds and Kelly and Holly Miller.

Esther Miller entertained the bridge club. Prize winners were Carol Shirley, Merle Shirley and Beth Sebaugh. Guests were Marie McKisson and Phyllis Lohofener, Oberlin.

Sunday dinner guests of Donna Warren of Oberlin were Fern Mapes, Mike Mapes and Goldie Brewer.

Rethink corn seeding rates

Spring planting is just around the corner for farmers and with all the other decisions that brings, seeding rates — particularly in corn — deserve careful consideration, said Dale Fjell, crop production specialist and agronomist at State University.

"Be sure to plant the field thick enough," je emphasized. "lant population and fertility are two things you can control."

Unlike soybeans and sorghum that take advantage of a thinly-planted field by compensating with tillering or branching, corn plants don't take advantage of the extra available moisture and nutrients in the soil.

Specific to planting corn, Fjell suggests that farmers consider previous crops when determining their seeding rates:

- Did those crops produce double ears?
- Was there tillering on the stalks?
- Were most or all ears filled all the way to the tip?

"If a farmer sees any of that on a consistent basis, that just means we don't have enough plants out there," Mr. Fjell said. "If we see 1 to 5 percent barren plants, we've probably already reached the maximum population for that field, but you ought to plant thick enough to get one ear per plant on most plants



Extension Lines

By Byron Hale
Decatur County Extension Agent

with an occasional [1 to 5 percent] barren plant.

"Even a little tip dieback is OK. That says you've got as many plants out there as the field and the weather can handle."

If growers are reluctant to bump up seeding rates across the board, he suggests they raise the rate in one area.

"Be sure to mark off that part of the field so you can determine which rate worked best," he added.

Uniform emergence is also important, the agronomist said. Driving the planter too fast is one of the biggest contributors to uneven emergence because it can result in uneven seed depth.

"If two out of three plants come up at the same time but one is delayed," Fjell said, "the smaller one will not take in the same amount of nutrients at the same rate as the

others, and may not form an ear.

"Uneven emergence can also lead to uneven ripening once the crop develops and that poses a problem at harvest time.

"There's a lot that we can't do in determining yields, but there's a lot we can do. These are all management decisions and they're all important."

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Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

John Tate, and Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota and Mollie Marie, left for Dothan, Ala. on Feb. 15 to visit John's mother, Laura Tate. John's son and daughter-in-law, John Austin and Tania Tate, traveled from their home in Florida to visit them while they were there. From there they drove to Ponchatoula, La., to visit Becky's father and step-mother, Sam and Pat Ryan and her grandmother, Betty Ryan. They later drove to New Orleans, La. to enjoy a day at the Mardi Gras before going to Hot Springs, Ark., to visit Jaron and Tarah Tate. They arrived home on Feb. 26. Becky will begin working part-time at the Decatur County Hospital as a surgery technician.

Get well wishes go to Alice May, who is home recuperating from hip replacement surgery.

Tuesday evening dinner guests at the John Bremer home were Warren and Jan Bainter.

Wednesday evening guests of Mildred and Jack Fortin and Charles were Wilbur and LuVerne May and Evelyn and Martin May. They helped Wilbur celebrate his birthday.

Pam May attended a job-related seminar entitled "Parents as Teachers: 3-5 year-old Institute Training" Thursday and Friday in Kansas City. She stayed with her brother, Tim Jorns.

Kenneth and Mona (Euhus) Hoehner, Wheatridge, Colo., arrived Friday to spend time visiting family and friends.

Kristen Bremer and Ladd Wendelin arrived home Friday evening from Concordia University, Seward, Neb., for spring break.

Reinhard May and Karolyn Muirhead visited her daughters and families, Ruth Saliba and Amber, Hays, and Joan and Jerry Loughmiller, Sam, James and Chris visited Jerry Olson at the hospital.

Mrs. Muirhead went to Scott City on Friday to spend the weekend with her son and family, Robert and Diane Muirhead, Rebecca, Alex, Rachael and Erin. She attended a grandparents tea with her grandson, Alex, at his elementary school on Friday, where he is a third grader.

Norma Unger visited her daughter and family, Rachelle and Robert Gorrell and Conner, in Wichita the past week. Norma's father, Leo Mooty, of Dallas, Texas, accompanied her home on Friday and will be living with them for the next few months.

Greta Wendelin, representing Decatur Community High School at the Dighton Speech Tournament on Wednesday, placed fifth with her humorous solo. She and Jess Elwood also placed second in their Improvised Duet Acting. The Oberlin speech team took second place overall at the tournament. On Saturday, Greta represented Decatur Community High School at the WaKeeney speech tournament, placing third with her humorous solo and fifth in Improvised Duet Acting with Jess Elwood. The Oberlin speech team placed first overall. Congratulations!

Saturday evening dinner guests of Arthur and Alice May were John and Dianne Bremer, Kristen and Jessica. They helped John celebrate his birthday.

Patricia Gomez, who had been living with the John Bremer family through the Rotary Foreign Exchange student program, is now living with her third scheduled host family, Jim and Linda Hollowell, and will be living with them through the end of school.

Elwood and Wilma May went to McCook on Sunday to attend services at Peace Lutheran Church with David May. After having lunch they visited Jerry Olson at the hospital.

"To Know God Takes Prayer"

By Sister Marilyn Wall, Oberlin Sacred Heart Catholic Church

In the gospel for Sunday, March 11, we read: "Jesus took Peter, John and James and went up to a mountain to pray."

Each of us is on a journey of transformation. We live our lives amidst hectic activity and demands on our persons and our time that seem almost insurmountable. It is so easy to forget about our quest for the kind of meaning and purpose that can come only from God. Each of us has desperate need for prayer that is a one-on-one dialogue (encounter) with God. Perhaps going to the mountaintop is figurative. Most of us would have to go a ways to find a mountaintop. Yet, each of us needs desperately to find that solitary dialogue with

God, wherever it may be for us, in order to find the peace, compassion and solidarity of God and bring these to our daily experiences with family, friends and co-workers.

It is only in availing ourselves to this experience with God that we will come to know God in a personal way, and ourselves as we are known by God. It is only in spending this time with God that we can find the confirmation, affirmation and freedom of the sons and daughters of God. This is precisely what our lives and world are desperate for. Can we take the time this Lent?

"This is my son, my chosen One. Listen to him." Luke 9:36.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH 785-475-3103 The Rev. James Hoover, Canonical Pastor Sister Marilyn Wall, Pastoral Administrator MASSES: SATURDAY, 6 p.m. SUNDAY: 8 a.m.	OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST Beaver and Mill Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. Junior Worship, grade 3 & down; 2nd Sundays: All-church dinner. WEDNESDAY: Home Bible Studies, 7:30 p.m.	NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH 806 N. Penn, Oberlin — 785-475-3257 Leon Irwin — Interim Pastor New Name, New Time, Same Message Come worship early with us SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 8:30 a.m.; Bible Study, 9:45 a.m. WEDNESDAY: evening, 7 p.m.	PIONEER BAPTIST CHURCH 709 E. Oak, Oberlin Steve Smith, Pastor Phone 785-475-3251 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Services, 7 p.m.
OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH Bobby Potter, Minister 539 E. 2nd St., St. Francis SATURDAY: Saturday Worship, 9:15 a.m.; Sabbath School, 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. King's Kids, 6:30 p.m.; Youth, 8 p.m. Women's Group, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 2 p.m.	HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Judy Carlson, pastor SUNDAY: Sunday School and Morning Worship, 9 a.m.	EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN The Rev. Heidi Wiebe 810 West Cedar, Oberlin Office Phone 785-475-2769 SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.
JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Glenn Krebs, pastor SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. DRESDEN SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE The Rev. James Hoover 785-386-4496 MASS: Jan. Mar. May July Sept. Nov.—SUN. 10 a.m. Feb. Apr. Jun. Aug. Oct. Dec.—SAT. 7:30 p.m.	ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON The Rev. Damian Richards Phone 785-322-5560 MASS: SUNDAY, 8:30 a.m.	ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH The Rev. Chad M. Eckels, Pastor 785-475-2333 Share the Faith — as for me and my household we will serve the Lord! SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Adult Bible Study, 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Quilters 9 a.m.; Midweek School, 4-7 p.m. THURSDAY: Information Class, 7 p.m.
UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN 109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA Rev. Barbara and/or Nolan Pierce SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Bell Choir, 6:30 p.m. Choir practice every Wed. at 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion, 1st Sun. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Wed. at 8 p.m.	SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN The Rev. James Hoover 785-386-4496 MASS: Feb. Apr. Jun. Aug. Oct. Dec.—SUN., 10 a.m. Jan. Mar. May July Sept. Nov. —SAT., 7:30 p.m.	HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH Keith Reuther, Pastor Phone 785-322-5316 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning worship, 11 a.m.; Youth meeting, 4 p.m.; Bible study 7 p.m.	FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 404 North York Avenue Oberlin, Kansas Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053 SUNDAY: Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship and Educational Hour, 10:45 a.m.; Holy Communion first and third Sundays. Congregation Council, third Sunday, 10:45 a.m. Youth Group, first and third Sundays, 10:45 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Confirmation class, 6:30 p.m.; Women's Bible Study second Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.
OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST 102 North Cass — 785-475-3067 The Rev. Gary M. Fisher SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.	PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST The Rev. Gary M. Fisher SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.	LYLE UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Dale Thiele 785-693-4378 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship 11 a.m.; Youth meeting, 4 p.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.	
	CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Dale Thiele 785-693-4378 SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.	LUND COVENANT CHURCH Pastor: Tom Smith 10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. SATURDAY: Men's breakfast & Bible Study, 7 a.m.	

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Jennings News

By Jeanette Krizek

The Senior Potluck supper will be Tuesday at 6 p.m. Lori Vahling and Kristi Smith will show tapes of their trip to New York City. They had performed in the Masey's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Everyone is invited.

The library is getting a face lift

thanks to volunteers Warren Tacha and Pat McKenna. They have spent over 200 hours replastering damaged areas on the walls, painting, and re-finishing the shelving. They installed hardware to make the shelves adjustable so the book can stand upright.

McGraw News

By G.G. Launchbaugh

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Follis, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bainter, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bainter, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bainter visited Russel Bainter last week.

Callers of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lewis last week were Shirley Pope, Dale and Glenn Deibert, and Kyle Lewis and Katie.