

# Norcatu News

By The Norcatu News Committee

Three Prairie Family and Community Extension Unit met March 8 at the Educational Building with President Lula Hix presiding. Roll call was "Your favorite time of day". Eight members were present.

Lora Arnold reported from the Family and Community Extension Council that the cancer beads had been ordered and she had received them. The lesson was "One or Two, Good and Tasty." Lula Hix drew the hostess gift. Lorretta Carter was hostess. The Spring Tea will be at 1 p.m. on April 3 at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin. Scott Sproul, Community Relations Representative for Rural Telephone, will be the

speaker on telephone scams and telemarketers.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jackson returned home March 16 from Denver where Doris Fae had been receiving treatments. They will return later for continued treatment. They were staying with the Bob Jacksons while there.

The Royal Neighbors served a soup and pie supper on March 16 at the Educational Building for community and friends. There were 37 in attendance. Following the meal, cards were played. Winners were June Jolly, Esther Miller and Twila Henry.

Kenneth and Pansy Price drove to

Kingman on March 8 to attend a horse and junk sale and they met some old friends. They arrived home on March 10.

Birthdays for March include: March 21: Kelsey Gallentine; March 26: Lee Arnold; March 27: Teresa Reves, Rex Knapp.

Dinner guests of Donna Warren of Oberlin on March 11 were Fern Mapes, Goldie Brewer and Mike Mapes. After dinner, the women attended a Broadway concert in McCook.

St. Patrick's Day lunch guests of Fern Mapes were David Schlinghoff, Hill City; Donna Warren, Oberlin, Goldie Brewer and Mike Mapes

# Time to think of planting potatoes

## Garden Master

By Marcia Hasselbusch, trainee

Good Friday is just around the corner and many gardeners in this area plant potatoes that weekend. Early plantings result in higher yields.

Potatoes thrive in loose, easily tilled soils high in organic matter if drainage is adequate. They should not be grown in the same location year after year.

In selecting potato seed, always choose "certified" seed, because some seed-borne diseases not only may reduce potato yield and quality during the growing season, but may infest the soil so that a disease could reoccur annually for years.

Based on Kansas State University research trials, over 5-10 years, the Kennebec white skinned variety had the best results. It matures late, has a high yield, has a mealy texture and is used for baking and mashing. A good red-skinned variety is the Norland which matures early, has a waxy texture and is used for boiling.

This year I ordered several different varieties of "fingerling" potato seed. They come in either white or red skinned varieties and once mature look like a hand with fingers. This novelty potato is used for boiling with the skin on.

After selecting seed potatoes, cut them into seed pieces weighing about one and a half ounces. There must be at least one good eye per piece. On the average, you can get 8-10 seed pieces per pound. It takes 9-10 pounds of seed potatoes to plant a 100-foot row. After the pieces have been cut,

allow them to "heal" by storing them at room temperature for five to seven days before planting. This allows the freshly cut surfaces to develop a protective coating that will help prevent seed decay when planted.

Plant seeds in rows about three feet apart, and about three to four inches deep. Some years a late frost may burn the edges of the leaves or the entire plant may turn black and die down. Be patient and in a short time the seed will send out new leaves. As the potato plant grows, place a hill or mound (loose, cool soil) around the potato plant. Keep "hilling" as the plant grows until the hill is 10 to 12 inches high. Tubers set early in the season, usually when the plants are six to eight inches tall. When potatoes bloom depends on the variety and climate.

A general "rule of thumb" is to provide one inch of water weekly until just before harvest. Regular watering throughout the season is recommended to avoid problems.

Potatoes are susceptible to several diseases caused by fungi, bacteria, nematodes or virus. For specific chemical recommendations consult the Extension Office and consult the Kansas State University Extension Publication "Vegetable Garden Pest

Control" C-593. Potatoes are also susceptible to several insect pests, the most common being the Colorado Potato Beetle.

Potatoes can be dug fresh to use during the spring, especially to enjoy creamed with spring garden peas. For maximum yields, digging should not begin until the vines have started to die. In this area, potatoes are usually harvested in late July to mid August. Do not expose potatoes to direct sunlight which causes the skin to turn green. Green "flesh" is bitter and should be cut out when preparing potatoes, because it may affect the flavor.

Select only the best fall potatoes for storage. An unheated dark cellar or basement is best. Avoid locations where freezing will occur. Potatoes stored at temperatures below 40 degrees F should remain firm six to eight months without sprouting. At this temperature, starches are converted to sugar and gives the potato a sweet taste. This can be reversed by moving them to room temperature about a week before you use them.

Growing potatoes takes a bit of time, but they are a very interesting crop to watch grow and there's nothing like a potato fresh from the garden boiled with the skin on.

# Rexford News

By Lula Thielor

Cleda Moeder returned home March 18 from Wichita after spending a week with Jack and Mary Minnick and visiting Carrol Gould in the hospital and bringing him home.

Cleda Moeder accompanied the Tim Moeders of Colby to Topeka to see her grandson, Taylor, wrestle in the state wrestling tournament on March 24 and 25.

Dinner guests of Grace Cheney on March 18 were Caren and Aaron Derbonne, Matt and Lyn Cheney, Jody Wright, a friend of Lyn, and Gary and Kay Cheney. Later the women went over to Lyn's home for a home interior decoration party.

Rex and Betty Carswell and Eula Juenemann, Oberlin, attended funeral services on Tuesday for a cousin, Jim Schoen, in Smith Center. On Wednesday the three went to Paradise, for the funeral of another cousin, Rozella Smith. Sympathy is extended to the families.

Edna Colson accompanied Roberta Colson, Marge Quast and Lexi Quast of Goodland to Kearney, Neb., on March 17, to visit Edna's grandson, Chris, who was in the hospital there and his mother and father, Kathryn and Floyd Richard. On March 19, Chris was moved from Kearney to the Children's Hospital, in Denver,

for further therapy. He is improving.

A surprise birthday party for Karen Bencken was carried out last Friday evening at the Club House, in the Oakley Housing Authority, with around 30 attending. Guests included her brother, Wes and Jeanette Bencken, their children and grandchildren, Karen's brother, Gordon and Marjorie, Topeka; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith, Norton; Deb Stepper, Grace Cheney, Freda Ketchum, Peg Greenwood, and other friends. Karen received many lovely gifts and cards. Cake and ice cream were served.

Deb Stepper hosted the Social Hour Club at the Barn Wednesday afternoon with eight present. The afternoon was spent visiting and playing games. Cards were signed to send to Marge Leh and Ileen MacPhail. Projects planned for the future include a city-wide clean-up in May; a rummage sale in June; and also help with the Prairie Heritage Day in Colby in June. Ila Timson of Atwood demonstrated crafts that can be made with recyclable items.

Marge Leh returned home Wednesday after visiting relatives for a month in the Enid, Okla., area. Tragedy had happened in the family and there were three deaths, Marge's brother, Bob Coulter on March 12; brother Harry J. Hye on March 14; and Harry's wife,

Treasa, who died the latter part of February. A daughter-in-law is seriously ill, and her son's father-in-law, Armond Boling, who lived in Santa Fee, N. M., died last week. Far too much tragedy to happen to one family! Marge and her family express appreciation to everyone for all the cards, prayers, and letters they received.

The Royal Neighbors met Thursday afternoon at the Community Hall with eight present. Some donations were made to the Dogs for the Deaf; and Habitat Homes, both Royal Neighbor-sponsored.

# "To Cast the First Stone"

By Father Jim Hoover, Oberlin, Leoville and Selden Catholic churches

All of us have heard of the story of the "Woman Caught in Adultery" from the Gospels. But it is not clear who "caught" her in this sin. Was it a jealous husband? Was it a mean neighbor who brought forth a false charge? I doubt it. Was it her so-called lover who had proudly proclaimed it to his buddies? Probably, and one wonders if it ever happened or if it all existed in his mind. Maybe she repulsed him and his pride couldn't stand it.

What is obvious to all and especially to Jesus was the so-called "double standard" in which men were praised for sinning while women had to be punished by stoning to death. Even the stoning was a cop-out so no one would have nightmares over killing someone as no one ever knew which stone killed the woman.

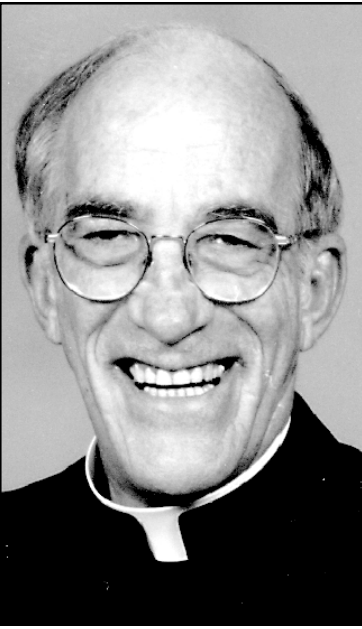
Then, to top it all off, the accuser had to get a crowd around him to make the charge believable. Can you imagine him standing alone in front of the woman and making this charge? Everyone would have laughed at

him. Oh no, he had to get his buddies around to rouse up a crowd to get it done as people tend to get caught up in the moment and act like a mob at a riot.

No wonder Jesus said, "Those without sin may cast the first stone". How could any of these consider throwing the first stone as they had all just sinned in their false accusation and they knew it!!! The mob would have turned on them and pointed out their faults unceasingly.

I have thought the woman must have been charged falsely as she remained in place throughout it all. What a regal sight!!! She knew she had nothing to fear from them or from Jesus and so she could stand her ground.

Can you find yourself somewhere in this scene? Oh, I believe we all have been in this situation before. How did we react, either as Jesus or one of the mob or the woman falsely accused??? It tells a lot about the values we live by.



# Good Samaritan Center

Clara Fringer sponsored a St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday. Residents played games and had refreshments.

Eula Juenemann assisted with a van ride on Monday. Residents enjoying the ride into the country were Pauline Zander, Leona Glenn, Elfie Brown, Dorothy Wolters, Virgil Barber and Vergie Nygren. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Helmkamp accompanied Coleen Rippe on a ride also.

Pauline Zander, Velma Jeffus and Alvena Ecker assisted in making favors for the baby shower for the child day care. The public is invited to the shower which starts at 2:30 p.m. on Friday.

Myrna Jones and granddaughter visited residents and furnished music for them on Monday afternoon. The first day of spring was cel-

ebrated with the initiation of a butterfly nursery. A discussion about spring and butterflies was held. Beads from the Mardi Gras furnished by Rick Chambers were worn to represent spring colors. The public is invited to view the butterfly nursery in which some butterflies are expected to develop. Dennis Brown furnished spring fling for the snack.

Members of the Lund Covenant church conducted Sunday worship service.

Residents and their guests this past week: **Rena Hickson:** Carolyn Nelson, Kristi and A.J. Sauvage; **Velma Jeffus:** Lisa Eccles, Cotty Matal, JuDee Benton; **Mr. and Mrs. Emil Flaska:** Gerald and Charlene Karnes; **Ruby McKenna** and **Dena Gillespie:** Earl and Pat Hartzog.

# Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Congratulations to Misty Hartner, daughter of Alan and Charlene Hartner of Herndon, who was selected as a finalist for the Kansas 21st Annual Homecoming Queen competition at the Kansas City Airport Marriott Hotel. She is a senior at Herndon High School. Her parents and sister, Michelle, accompanied her to the event over the weekend.

Joan Grafel is recuperating satisfactorily from recent back surgery.

Congratulations to Robert and Lila Leitner, who will observe their 50th wedding anniversary from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday at the Herndon Senior Citizens building.

Recent visitors of Rosie Solko were Sharon Ecker, Cathy Lippold and Jerry Vrbas.

Visitors of Alvina Kogl have been Clemens Kogl, Culbertson; Mrs. Valerie Rodgers, Andrew and Nicholas, Shawnee; Karen Clark, Amy and Alison, Aurora, Colo., and Eileen Unger.

The Herndon Forensic team placed

fifth at the Western Kansas Liberty League contest held on March 16 at Weskan and four students reached the finals. Nik Martin placed second in poetry reading; Kenzie Michel, third, prose reading; Andrea Brown, fourth, informative speaking, and Curtis Brown, fifth, informative reading.

Other participants were Misty Hartner, prose; Misty Hartner and David Sattler, duet acting; Adam Ketterl and Nik Martin, improvised duet acting, and Brandon Goodrich and Chelsey Schissler, improvised duet acting.

Senior Citizens potluck was held on March 21 with 20 members present. Jane Miller, health nurse, took blood pressures. Guests were Donna and Andreas Maheras of Hays. She is the daughter of Lorraine Fleischacker, and she read the poem, "Grandma's Shoes." Bingo was played with Mabel Zimmerman winning blackout. Kayo Sattler won the door prize.

# 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 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.

**JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS**  
Glenn Krebs, pastor  
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
**DRESDEN**  
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE**  
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.

**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.

**PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST**  
The Rev. Gary M. Fisher  
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.

**CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Dale Thiele  
785-693-4378  
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

**HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Jim Larson, pastor  
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Morning Worship, 9 a.m.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON**  
The Rev. Damian Richards  
Phone 785-322-5560  
MASS: SUNDAY, 8:30 a.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.

**NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Dale Thiele  
785-693-4378  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
The Rev. Chad M. Eckels, Pastor  
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**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.

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# McGraw News

By G.G. Launchbaugh

Gayle Bainter attended a Rotary training session in Russell on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bainter, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bainter, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bainter, and Marcia and family, visited Russel Bainter last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh, and G.G. Launchbaugh visited John Launchbaugh in Hays on Wednes-

day. On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Forest Schuhs visited Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Launchbaugh and G.G. Edith Wasserman was a Sunday dinner guest of the Steve Launchbaughs.

G.G. Launchbaugh has been offered \$4,500 a year by the school in Detroit and the school in Cleveland has offered him \$8,000 a year.