

Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

Congratulations to Heather Smith and Shawn Rapp who were married Jan. 25, at the College Methodist Church in Manhattan. The Rev. Larry Fry received their vows. Parents of the couple are Dean and Sharron Smith, Silver Lake, and Barney and Phyllis Rapp, Clay Center. Both are students at Kansas State University. Bob and Bonnie Rapp attended the wedding and reception, which was held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel.

Chad Applebury and Aimee Morris were married on Dec. 14, at the Thomas County Courthouse in Colby. A reception in their honor will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the First Christian Church, 385 W. 3rd St., in Colby. The bride is the daughter of Bev Morris and Chet Morris, and the granddaughter of Gary Miller of Oberlin and the late Mary Jane Miller, and the late Claude Morris and Sylvia Morris Combs.

Congratulations to Kortney Stapp who was selected to the all-tournament team at the Oberlin invitational basketball tourney. She is the daughter of Dave and Patty Stapp.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Chris O'Hare, Dennis and Judy Shirley - Jan. 29; Larry Dick - Jan. 31.

Edyth Mavity is celebrating her 90th birthday today. Her address is: P.O. Box 144, Cunningham, Kan., 67035-0144.

Beverly Morris was a recent supper and overnight guest of her grandmother, Esther Miller.

Monday Bridge Club met with Esther Miller. Guests were Mary Horney and Annette Miller. Winners were Carol Shirley, Esther Miller and Merle Shirley.

Dinner guests of Goldie Brewer on Jan. 26 were Donna Warren of Oberlin and Fern and Mike Mapes.

Oran and LaVerne Milner returned home Jan. 25 from Denver, where they spent a few days with Vera Bishop and Bruce Bishop.

Dorothy Breiner attended the Norton kids' wrestling tournament on Jan. 25 to watch her three youngest grandsons. There were over 320 kids participating.

The City of Norcatur is strictly enforcing ordinance #211 which

deals with inoperable/abandoned vehicles. The city has had several court dates and will proceed until all vehicles are disposed of.

Julie (Miller) Olson, daughter of Richard and Venietta Miller, is a patient at St. Catherine's Hospital in Garden City. She is undergoing therapy following surgery. Mail will reach her at 410 E. Walnut, Garden City, Kan., 67846.

R.D. Thornton returned home on Saturday from Bracketville, Texas, where he visited Dean and Eloise Thornton, who spend the winters there. En route home he stopped for a few days to visit Ralph and Lynn Striet in Larned and Ray, Jen and Bryce Thornton in Hays.

The Norcatur Fire Department reports that they made over 250 pizzas during their recent fund-raiser on Jan. 25. Deliveries were made in town, as well as to Oberlin and Norton, including to several workers at the prison.

Technology offers 'farming maps'



Extension Lines

By Brian Olson
Extension Agronomist

Farming continues to change. Nowadays, producers can use global positioning systems (GPS), yield monitors and detailed soil sampling to create intricate maps that give them information they can use to better manage their farming operation.

Some farmers have embraced this technology, called precision agriculture, and some are waiting to see if there is a "real value" in it.

"The technology surrounding precision agriculture has proven itself and is here to stay," says Randy Taylor, K-State Research and Extension agricultural engineer.

He also said that whether farmers decide to use it in their operation or not, the technology will be integrated into the equipment they buy. But for those who have decided they would like to use precision agriculture, deciding where to start can be challenging.

To help answer this question, a meeting discussing the basics of precision agriculture has been scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Hill City 4-H building. Drs. Randy Taylor and Dale Leikam will discuss the function of precision agricultural equipment and how best to use the information.

Another meeting scheduled for

the area deals with soil and nutrient management. Producers can learn more about their soil along with better ways to manage nutrients, such as nitrogen, they apply to their crops.

K-State has revised its nutrient recommendations for crops like corn and grain sorghum, taking into account additional variables such as whether a producer is using no-till or conventional tillage. These changes will allow for improved management in meeting the needs of a growing crop while decreasing the chances of losing nutrients to the environment through leaching and runoff.

This meeting is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21, at the Hoxie 4-H building. Speakers will include Dr. Ray Lamond and Dr. Leikam. Continuing education credits will be offered for certified crop advisors.

Both meetings require a mini-

mum registration to be held, but walk-ins are welcome. Please call 785-462-6281 to register. A \$30 fee will be taken at the door to cover materials and lunch.

Please visit the Web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2 or visit your local county extension office for more information. Please e-mail me at bolson@oznet.ksu.edu if you have any questions or would like to see a newspaper article on a specific crop production topic.

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McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter went to Hoxie on Sunday for the pancake and sausage dinner at the United Methodist Church.

Carolyn Launchbaugh returned home from the hospital on Thursday and is doing well.

Good Samaritan News

Little Sam's Day care gathered with Country Reflections residents to play musical instruments. Those attending were Elfie Brown, Agnes Chambers, Lorna Bishop, Helen Styles, Dorothy Wolters, Ruby McKenna, Pauline Zander, and Dena Gillespie.

Myrna Jones shared piano and organ music and Cowboy Paul (Paul Mye) shared reading time. Several watched volunteer Ken Badsy capture some of the birds from the aviary to reduce the total population.

The First Hand Friends shared reading time. Reminisce topic focused on "20th Century First Ladies."

On Wednesday, Bible study was led by Mert McEvoy and attended by Dena Gillespie, Helen Styles, Ella Peterson, Leona Glenn, Lorna Bishop, Florence Fisher, Pauline Zander, Ruby McKenna, and Vergie Nygren.

The Faith Lutheran confirmation class, Regan Badsy, Breck Simonsson, and Tyler Sauvage, partnered with residents for bingo.

To celebrate National Popcorn Day on Thursday, the Little Sam's Day Care children started up the popcorn machine and shared popcorn with everyone.

Dennis Brown read current

events on Friday. Kansas history was the subject of Reminisce time, which included scenic stops along Highway 54 in southern Kansas.

Pastor Hasty of United Methodist Church led devotions Saturday. Chyanne Lahe led a ball toss activity.

Garrah Gaumer, our resident artist, offered her work to be exhibited at the Seeds of Hope telethon.

On Sunday, St. John's Lutheran Church led worship service. Volunteer Shirley Nichols served Social Hour.

Recent guests: **Dena Gillespie** - June Vavroch, Earl and Pat Hartzog; **Elva Shaughnessy** - Jody Betts, Doris Fringer, Norma Richards, Opal Rolland, Ruby Wennihan; **Fay Ginther** - Jody Betts; **Kathryn Post** - Doris Fringer; **Ruby McKenna** - Donna and Anita Chambers, Ed and Gloria McKenna, Norma Richards, Opal Rolland, Ruby Wennihan, Earl and Pat Hartzog, Jerry Chambers, Donna Chambers; **Veda Pingetzer**, Jody Betts; **Florence Jones** - Jody Betts; **Hazel Flaska** - Charlene Karnes, Jon Smith; **Agnes Brown** - Louella Heier; **Eunice Petracek** - Jon Smith; **Erma Holt** - John Metcalf; **Elfie Brown** - Floyd and Marylu Brown; **Vergie Nygren** - Marcille Berryman.

'The Mirror'

By the Rev. Doug Hasty, Oberlin United Methodist Church

Author Robert Fulghum tells this story of one of his professors, a wise man whose name was Alexander Papaderos:

At the last session on the last morning of a two-week seminar on Greek culture, Dr. Papaderos turned and made the ritual gesture: "Are there any questions?"

Quietness filled the room. These two weeks had generated enough questions for a lifetime, but for now, there was only silence.

"No questions?" Papaderos swept the room with his eyes.

So I asked, "Dr. Papaderos, what is the meaning of life?"

The usual laughter followed, and people stirred as if to go.

Papaderos held up his hand and stilled the room and looked at me for a long time, asking with his eyes if I was serious and seeing from my eyes that I was.

"I will answer your question."

Taking his wallet out of his pocket, he fished into a leather billfold and brought out a very small round mirror, about the size of a quarter.

And what he told us went something like this: "When I was a small child during the war, we were very poor and lived in a remote village. One day, on the road, I found the broken pieces of a mirror. A German motorcycle had been wrecked in that place.

I tried to find all the pieces and put them together, but it was not possible, so I kept only the largest piece. This one. And by scratching it on a stone, I made it round. I began to play with it as a toy and

became fascinated by the fact that I could reflect light into dark places where the sun would never shine—in deep holes and crevices and dark closets. It became a game for me to get light into the most inaccessible places I could find.

I kept the little mirror, and as I went about growing up, I would take it out in idle moments and continue the challenge of the game. As I became a man, I grew to understand that this was not just a child's game but a metaphor for what I might do with my life. I came to understand that I am not the light or the source of the light. But light—truth, understanding, and knowledge—is there, and it will only shine in many dark places if I reflect it.

I am a fragment of a mirror whose whole design and shape I do not know. Nevertheless, with what I have I can reflect light into the dark places of this world—into black places in the hearts of men—and change some things in some people. Perhaps others may see and do likewise. This is what I am about. This is the meaning of life."

And then he took his small mirror and, holding it carefully, caught the bright rays of daylight streaming through the window and reflected them onto my face and onto my hands folded on the desk.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5), and as his followers, we are to be like that little mirror, reflecting the light of Christ into the dark corners of the world. That is the meaning of the Christian life. "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

So be bold and let your light shine.



Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

A surprise 60th birthday party was held for Shirley A. Emigh on Sunday, Jan. 26. Family and friends helped celebrate with cake and ice cream.

Congratulations to Michael, Tami, Leone and Francis Porsch, who were named 2002 Kansas Bankers Association Soil Conservation Award winners for Sheridan County.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jan. 31 - Micah Wenger; Feb. 1 - Don Smith, Jerry Rall, Marsha Rogers; Feb. 3 - Rachael Ritter; Feb. 4 - Mary Galden, Nicole Spresser, John and Julie Geisinger, Ron Rogers, Norris Sulzman; Feb. 6 -

Chris Bainter, Tom Stacey; Feb. 8 - Joseph Koeperich, Wanda Spresser, Monica Aumiller Svoboda; Feb. 9 - Joe Wessel, Dana Geisinger, Carl and Delores Mumm, Shirley M. Emigh; Feb. 10 - Carlene Bruggeman; Feb. 11 - Fansion Juenemann, Adriene Pauls

On Jan. 30 at Senior Citizens, Laura Berls won high, Cecelia Otley took second, Carol Shaw got low and Dorothy Lovin, the most queens. Other members present include: Betty James, Catherine Campbell, Leone Porsch, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Vesta Shea, Don Smith, Edna Schiltz, Gene Rogers, Paulie Neff and Don Shaw

Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

The Lions chili and chicken soup dinner on Saturday was a huge success. Many came from surrounding towns. They had pie and cake and Marla Rogers made the most delicious cinnamon rolls.

Freda Ketchum is back from her trip to Austin, Texas. She had pneumonia while she was gone and she said it felt like a long way from home to be sick.

Lula Thieler has been hospitalized in Colby. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Seniors, don't forget the bingo Valentine party on Saturday. We will have refreshments after bingo. Don't miss it!

The Royal Neighbors hosted the installation of officers on Thursday. There were six from Norcatur, four from Oberlin, and five from Rexford. Ice cream and cake and fun fellowship followed installation.

Fifteen were present for the pinochle games. It was birthday Monday and Zula Horinek brought the cake. Darlene Robben was the only

one with a January birthday.

Cleda Moeder accompanied Delores and DeAnn Dible to Denver, where they visited Carol and John Ray Gould in the hospital. Carol is showing improvement and John Ray is about the same.

Edna Colson visited her daughter, Roberta Colson, in Goodland from Jan. 24-27. They watched the Super Bowl games. Roberta is kept busy with her day care facility, which is open every day.

On Jan. 18, Edna Colson's family honored her with a birthday party at the home of Grace and Stan Kauk in Colby. Those present were Charles and Cheryl Colson, and Grace and Stan Kauk, Colby; Roberta Colson, Arthur and Nancy Colson, Hoxie; Kathryn and Floyd Richard, Norton; Ernest and Janine Colson, Selden, and the guest of honor, Edna Colson, Selden.

The Red Barn Gang Band entertained at the Colby grade school Thursday for kindergarten through fifth grades for Kansas Day.

Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

<p>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH 785-475-3103 The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly, The Rev. Mr. Stan Chapin, MASS: 10 a.m. Sunday</p>	<p>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. 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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.;</p>
<p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday.</p>	<p>OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST 102 North Cass — 785-475-3067 The Rev. Doug Hasty SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>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: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Home Bible Studies, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday</p>	<p>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Charles Keller 785-693-4339 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON The Rev. Damian Richards Phone 785-322-5560 MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m</p>	<p>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, 6:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Quilters 9 a.m.; Midweek School, 4-7 p.m. THURSDAY: Information Class, 7 p.m.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>PIONEER BAPTIST CHURCH Meeting Temporarily at 119 S. Cass Ave., Oberlin Pastor Steve Smith Phone 785-475-3844 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Visit us on the web at www.pioneerbaptist.org</p>	<p>HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH Keith Reuther, Pastor Phone 785-322-5316 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST The Rev. Doug Hasty SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.</p>		<p>NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Charles Keller 785-693-4339 SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p>	
<p>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST The Rev. Nolan and Barbara Pierce SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 10 a.m.</p>		<p>LYLE UNITED METHODIST Pastor: Charles Keller 785-693-4339 SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.</p>	

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