

Everyone is invited to the Family and Community Education Spring Tea at 2 p.m. on Thursday in the Educational Building in Norcatour. Carolyn Kelley-Plotts will speak on her visit to the White House.

There will be a spaghetti supper fund-raiser from 5:30-7 p.m. on Saturday in the Norcatour City Building All-Purpose Room, sponsored by the Decatur Area Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds will go to the Norcatour Highway Fund.

Birthdays: Quentin Wentz - March 24; Lee Arnold - March 26; Teresa Reeves, Rex Knapp - March 27; Gail Bailey, Katrina Wentz - March 30.

There was a fire on the David Cozad farm on March 16. Responding were the Oberlin, Norcatour, and Lebanon rural fire departments, as well as neighbors.

Dee Magers visited Bill and Debbie Malone while they were in town recently.

Recent guests of Rodney and Margaret New for a barbecue were Dean and Ann Husted, Carson and Ashlyn; Kem Kindall, Brian Hartman, Chuck Vsetcka of Norton, Calvin and Cindy Wright, Almena; Matt Sloan, Hoxie; Chuck and Kari Husted and Alex of Glenvil, Neb.; Brandon Husted of Wilcox, Neb., and Laurie Schutte of Hastings.

Word has been received of the death of Dick Butler. He was the husband of Joan Jackson, who died several years ago. She was the daughter of Milton and Flora (McCue) Jackson. The Milton Jacksons left Norcatour in 1938.

The Monday Bridge Club met with Esther Miller. Guests were Annette Miller; Phyllis Lohofener, Oberlin, and Joyce Sumner, Norton. Winners were Joyce Sumner, Carol Shirley and Phyllis Lohofener.

Weekend visitors of the Frank Wards and Leslie Wards were Wava Reames, Kingfisher, Okla., and daughter, Shawna, and her children, Shawnda and James. James, 4, was excited about playing on the "sand playground" at Eldon Auker Park.

March 22, callers of Velda Ward

were Marguerite Clark, Keith Ward and Kaley Ward of Norton.

Recent visitors of Lowell Sebaugh were Mark and Terry Cross of Olathe.

Marguerite Clark, Lula Hix, LaVerne Milner and Bee Nelson attended the program in Hill City featuring "The St. Boniface Nuns" from the Tipton area, sponsored by the Graham County Arts Council.

More than 100 Oberlin fourth, fifth, and sixth graders went to Kenneth and Pansy Price farm for a field trip.

Virgil and Joyce Price, and John and Anne Gallentine were guests of Kenneth and Pansy for lunch at the cafe on March 17.

Lee and Lora Arnold were Sunday afternoon callers of Marvin and Doris Fae Jackson in Norton.

The annual Royal Neighbors Senior Citizens Card Party was held March 21, beginning with a soup and pie supper. There were 49 in attendance for supper, including former Field Representative Cathy McLaughlin of Topeka. Seven tables of pitch and one table of "Pout" were enjoyed.

Winners were Esther Miller, first; Juanita Eckhart, second, and low, Lula Hix. Door prizes were drawn by Joyce Price, Oran Milner, Carol Miller, Esther Miller, Gwynn Ward and Stan Miller.

Lee and Lora Arnold and Beth Johnson attended the "Teddy Bear" coffee at the Frontier Cafe on March 20, hosted by the Oberlin Royal Neighbors. There were 29 in attendance. Lora was one of the door prize winners.

March 23, callers of Frank and Velda Ward were Leslie and Lynn Ward and Keith, also Kaley Ward, Norton and Alice Shirley, Oberlin.

Kenneth and Pansy Price visited their daughter, Marlene and family, at Kensington on March 23.

The cost to participate in the Norcatour City Wide Garage Sale, on May 3, will be \$5, which will be used for advertising costs.

Word was received of the death of Del Goetz. Sympathy is extended to his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Glass of Oklahoma City, spent Friday with

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Cooper and family at Oberlin. The Glasses spent the weekend with Beth Johnson and Fred Molzahn.

Virgil and Joyce Price visited her brother, Melvin and Carlotta Thielbar on March 19.

Recent weekend guests of Virgil and Joyce Price were her brother, Max and Doris Thielbar of Lincoln, Neb.

St. Patrick's Day lunch guests of Donna Warren in Oberlin were Fern Mapes, Goldie Brewer and Mike Mapes.

March 23 lunch guests of Fern Mapes were Goldie Brewer, Mike Mapes and Donna Warren of Oberlin.

Ron and Jerry Temple met their daughter, Suzanne Cahoj, Atwood, for lunch at Colby on March 21, then visited Velma Rogers at the hospital. She is improving daily. They were able to chat with Judy Menges and Ceanne Rinehart, who were also visiting. Mail will reach Velma at: 600 S. Mission Ridge Ave., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Ralph, Lynn, Jesse and Jacob Streit were visitors at the R.D. Thornton home. They brought Jacob up to spend some time during spring break. R.D. took Jacob back home on Tuesday. On March 23, R.D. and Jesse visited Ray, Jen and Bryce Thornton in Hays.

R.D. Thornton had dinner with Dean and Eloise Thornton and Moe and Dee Francis at the Francis home in McCook recently. Dean and Eloise had just returned home from spending the winter in Texas.

It's time to start thinking about the Relay for Life, to be held June 6 and 7 in Oberlin. If you would like to have a relay team or would like to walk, but don't have a team, contact Chris Dempewolf at (785) 693-4315.

Brittany Thornton and D.J. Nickell were recent weekend guests at the Dempewolf home. D.J.'s highlight for the weekend was going to Tom and Betsy Jakowski's on Sunday morning with Uncle Doug.

Oilseed flower is good first crop



Extension Lines

By Brian Olson
Extension Agronomist

Many farmers are contemplating growing sunflowers, but may not have experience with them.

Sunflower production, like every other crop, has management concerns farmers will need to understand. First-time producers should consider growing an oilseed sunflower like a NuSun hybrid, since these require less intensive pest management than confection sunflowers.

Confection sunflowers are used for edible sunflower seeds. Since insect damage is unacceptable for this use, intensive pest management is needed. More experienced farmers may decide to try them.

Sunflowers can be planted over a wide range of dates. Soil temperature should be 50 degrees F or more. Higher yields have been observed with a mid-May planting than mid-June, although pest densities are higher with early plantings.

Seeding rates for oilseed sunflowers should range between 15,000 to 20,000 for dryland and 19,000 to 24,000 for irrigated, assuming 90 percent germination. Nitrogen requirements for the crop are 0.05 lbs of nitrogen per pound of sunflower. Dryland yield goals may range from 1500 to 2000 lbs/A while irrigated may range from 2500 to 3000 lbs/A.

There is a common misconception that sunflowers will break a hardpan. Unless there is ample moisture, the tap root of a sunflower will reach the hardpan, stop growing down, and grow off at a 90 degree angle. If this happens, the drought tolerance and yield potential of the sunflower will be severely impaired. Breaking the hardpan, as with all crops, is very important in order to insure good growth.

Weed control is limited in sunflowers. Currently an application of Spartan in combination with Prowl or Dual II Magnum provides the best available option.

For insects, producers need to be aware of the head moth, stem weevil, stem borer, seed weevil, and

others. They also need to be aware of diseases such as rhizopus head rot and phoma black stem.

If you would like to learn more about sunflower production, including marketing, economics, pest management, and insurance, please attend the sunflower production meeting at the Town and Country in Norton on April 2 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cinnamon rolls and coffee will be served courtesy of Triumph Seed.

For a good publication explaining how to grow sunflowers, the different growth stages, and pest management, a guide has been developed entitled "High Plains Sunflower Production Handbook". This guide can be downloaded at the Web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2 under the Pro-

duction and Pest icon or visit your local county extension office to pick up a copy.

On another note, the area received rain. Hallelujah! The optimum time to topdress wheat has passed, but farmers may change their minds and keep marginal wheat. Topdressing additional nitrogen will help wheat yields, although not as much as if it had been applied in February or early March.

Brian Olson is multi-county extension agronomist for Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan, and Trego counties. E-mail bolson@oznet.ksu.edu if you have any questions or would like to see a newspaper article on a specific crop production topic. For more information, contact the county extension office, 475-8121.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: April 3 - Tex Shaw, Rex Shaw; April 4 - Ben Albers, Donna Wessel Irwin, Kalena Zodrow; April 5 - Dick Pauls, Gloria Walker; April 6 - Fred and Theda McKee, Dennis Urban; April 8 - Devinn Ritter; April 9 - Scotty Hunziker.

School Calendar: This week is ACT Testing. Friday - Seniors take GED Tests. Saturday - Power Lifting meet at Rexford. Tuesday - Preschool Screening at Selden. April 9 - QPA Inservice, school starts two hours late.

Senior Citizens met on March 27.

The winners were not available. Those present included: Irene Kruse, Betty James, Carol Shaw, Loa Cook, Royce Cook, Cecelia Ottley, Catherine Campbell, Laura Berls, Paulie Neff, Don Shaw, Gene Rogers, Harold Schiltz, Edna Schiltz, Vesta Shea, and Leone Porsch.

The City of Selden is allowing the burning of yard waste from now through the month of May. Please take precautions to keep fire under control, including having a garden hose handy, and choose a day that is not windy.

Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Guests of Edie Pettera the past week were Bud and Pat Bosler, Pine, Colo.; and Les and Myrna Pettera, Loveland, Colo. They came to attend funeral services for Alice Huffles.

Saturday guests of Ann Martin were Lucy Evans, McCook; and Susie Martin, Colorado Springs

Esther Pennington, Arvada, Colo.; Ann Solko and Greg Pennington were Wednesday visitors of Helen Marintzer. Thursday visitors were Myrna Pettera and Chris Wood.

Carolyn Hackney received word that her daughter, Marie McCobb, is with the 172nd Medical Corps, now stationed in Kuwait.

Senior citizens held a card party at the senior center on March 26. Kayo Sattler was host. Ann Martin had high score and Anna Mae Ketterl, low. Ollie Hafner won the traveling prize. The next card party will be April 9 at the senior center with Margaret Riener as hostess.

Congratulations to the four Destination Imagination teams of Herndon, who will compete at the state tournament on Saturday at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. The five regional competitions were held March 15 and Herndon participated in Region 3 at Ainsworth, Neb. Jacque Leitner is coach.

The ConnectDId team, which placed first, includes: Jackson Grafel, Renae Bruning, Nathan Stoney, Drew Basgall, Elijah Kastens, Sarah Grafel and Renell Sagel. J.R. Grafel is their coach.

The other high school team, which also placed first, includes: Kati Niemeth, Chelsey Williams, Ben Grafel, Brett Chambers, Caleb Kastens and Tabi Hoehner.

The fifth- and sixth-grade Theater Smarts team placed second to Cozad Middle School. Team members include: Logan Hoyt, Brittney Swart, Valentine Solko, Ashli Samson, Charles Solko and Brandi Williams. Their coaches are Destiny Schroeder and Joy Solko.

In the area of Technical Challenges, the junior high team did the ViDiO Adventure challenge, placing second to the Phelps County team. Brett Sagel, Wes Martin, Whitney Stock, Kendra Solko, Alli Samson and Dusti Kowalski make up this team.

Congratulations to Adam Ketterl, who has been selected by students in the automotive technology program at Northwest Kansas Techni-

cal College as Student of the Year. He was selected based on his knowledge and expertise in his field of training, his communications and customer relation skills and for his contributions to his fellow students and to the college.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. David Ketterl of Herndon and a 2002 graduate of Herndon High School, he is on the President's honor roll and participated in Goodland's community theater production of "Forty-Five Minutes from Broadway." After completing school, he plans to work as an auto tech in the Rawlins County area. He will be recognized during ceremonies at the Northwest Kansas Technical School commencement on May 23.

Goldies Oldies met at the Down Home Cafe on March 14 and honored Wilma Bobinmyer and Bernie Fred on their birthdays. Others present were Ann Martin, Edie Pettera, Margaret Riener, Helen Marintzer, Carol Kompus and Jessica Riener.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Weins and daughters and Ann Martin had lunch in McCook last Sunday. Later Dick and Betty Martin of Wilsonville, Neb., and Susie Martin of Colorado Springs were visitors.

McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Launchbaugh and Karl visited Pittsburg State University for a tour of the campus on Friday, then visited Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Schmeder of Beggs, Okla., for the remainder of the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Snyder of Danbury visited Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Herrmann and Sara, and Mr. and Mrs. Adam Smith, Kyle, Noah, and Levi visited Mr. and Mrs. John Herrmann to celebrate John's birthday on March 22.

Judy Gaumer took Gayle Bainter to Osborne County to celebrate his birthday with relatives on Sunday.

Peace, I bequeath to you! My own peace I give to you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. (John 14:27)

Inner peace many times is elusive. It is hard to find. Once found it is hard to keep. It is a continuous struggle. The world around us is often full of tensions, anxieties, struggles. It is becoming very hard to insulate ourselves from this commotion. Yet can we attain peace, keep inner peace?

St. Augustine defined "peace" as the tranquillity of order. This means when we put things in our life in the proper order, then peace will be self-evident. Order means setting our priorities.

To set our priorities is not easy. Jesus himself has

shown us the first priority in the Gospel of Luke: "And so do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink nor be anxious. For all the nations of the world seek these things. And your Father knows that you need them. Instead seek his Kingdom, and these things shall be yours as well." (Luke 12:29-31)

Our first priority is to seek the kingdom — God and his kingdom. Give due place to God in our hearts, give Him some space to work. Say "Thy will be done," then apply our energies to living our faith. Peace will be our experience then in life.

Jesus said, "Peace, I give you."

Let the peace of Christ reign in our hearts.

'Peace unto you'

By Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly,
Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Oberlin



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly,
The Rev. Mr. Stan Chapin,
MASS: 10 a.m. Sunday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE
The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly
MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly
MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday

OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Arlin Cochran, Minister
539 E. 2nd St., St. Francis
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 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.

PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.

HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
The Rev. Nolan and Barbara Pierce
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 10 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. 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 COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)
Pastor: Bobby Cornelius
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m. Evening Service, 7 p.m.. WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.

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.

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Charles Keller
785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

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

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.

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.

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

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.

NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Charles Keller
785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Charles Keller
785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 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.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7:30 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.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Interim Pastor: Don White
Secretary: Norma Unger
785-475-2333
Share the Faith — as for me and my household we will serve the Lord!
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; Tuesday: Lenten Services: 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday: KICK- 3:45 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, first 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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