

# Norcatatur News

By the Norcatatur News Committee

The unified school district will hold a public meeting at 7 p.m. tonight at the Norcatatur City Office, concerning raising the local option budget.

The Decatur County Fair is fast approaching and will be held from Aug. 5-9. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the Cardinal Café, or call Kristi Gallentine at 693-4377.

Three Prairie Unit met July 10, with six members and one guest, Estella Harold, present. Mrs. Harold joined the unit. Roll call was something about the Fourth of July. Plans were made for Aug. 7 for the fair, and to entertain at Cedar Living and Good Samaritan Center on Aug. 14. Lorretta Carter drew the hostess gift, and Helen McVay was hostess.

Albert and Doris Farr visited Betty Reid on July 12. They were en route to Oberlin to attend a wedding.

Betty Reid and Marguerite Clark went to the cafe for lunch on July 13, then drove to Norton to visit Rex and Eve Wendel, at the Norton Manor.

Birthdays: Gregg Long, Mary Wentz, Oran Milner - July 20.

Bill and Bea Nelson went to Kansas City recently for his surgery check-up. Word has been received that he needs some further testing before he can return home.

Marguerite Clark kept the "home fires burning" — rather, the air conditioning running — t the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Rippe while they were vacationing in Indiana.

Virgil and Joyce Price enjoyed having their grandson, Jason and Kathy Jurey and Conner, visit from July 10-12. They were en route to a family vacation in Colorado, and planned to stop by en route to their home in Kennard, Neb.

Virgil and Joyce Price attended the wedding of Tim Bashford and April Steven on July 12 at the Church of God in Norton. A reception, buffet supper, and dance followed at the 4-H building.

Oran and Laverne Milner drove to Denver on July 12. They visited Bruce and Vera Bishop. Vera was honored on July 8 with a party for her 95th birthday at the White Fence Farms. Also attending the dinner were Bruce Bishop, Mike Bishop, Kin Bishop, Chlae Raplogle, George and Wilma Bishop, Paul

and Gene Bishop, and Minnie Ruth Bailey.

Bob and Leona Schoenrodt returned recently after spending four days in Dacono, Colo., visiting family and friends. They also visited with the Tri Town Seniors at their club, but still think Norcatatur is the best place to live.

School will be starting soon, and the Cardinal Café is looking for cooks, waiters and waitresses.

The library appreciates donations of magazines, but asks that they be not more than a year old.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Elijah Charles Applebury was born July 7, 2003, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces. He is the son of Chad and Aimee Applebury of Colby. Elijah's grandparents are Bev Morris and Chet Morris. Great-grandparents are Gary and Annette Miller, and his great-great-grandmother is Esther Miller.

Rea and Dee Magers attended the funeral of her cousin, Bertilla (Hickert) Conroy in McCook, on July 10, then had lunch in St. Patrick's Church basement with family and friends.

# Most wheat plot results are in



## Extension Lines

By Brian Olson  
Extension Agronomist

Wheat plots this year had 15 varieties planted into both no-till and conventional-till systems, with the exception of Decatur, which did not have NuFrontier in the test.

Four of the five sites — Norton, Decatur, Gove, and Trego — were harvested, while Sheridan was damaged by residual Tordon.

There was no difference found between no-till and conventional-till systems when evaluating all the sites together. No-till was on average 6.2 and 8 bushels per acre better at Trego and Norton, while conventional-till was 7.7 and 8.3 bushels per acre better at Gove and Decatur. A more complete analysis of why this happened will occur at the end of the three-year study.

Since there was statistically no difference across tillage systems, yields for each variety were combined across tillage system and locations. NuFrontier (white) had the highest yield across the test plots, with an average yield of 62.5 bushels per acre, followed by Jagalene at 60.8.

Rounding out the top six were Alliance at 59.5, Trego (white) at 58.8, Vista at 57.2, and Jagger at 56.8.

Stripe rust probably affected which varieties had the highest yields. Of the top six, five had low stripe rust ratings, indicating they were resistant. Five of the bottom six, Stanton, 2137, Thunderbolt, Venango, Lakin (white), and Ogalala had high stripe rust ratings.

Following are the top three yielding varieties at each site with a designation of NT for no-till and CT for conventional-till beside them: Decatur - Jagger (CT) 57.3, Jagalene (CT) 57.3, Alliance (CT) at

55.2; Trego - Jagalene (NT) 59, Trego (NT) 53.9, and 2137 (NT) 53.8; Norton - Alliance (NT) 76.6, AP502CL (NT) 74.7, Jagalene (NT) 72.4; Gove - Jagalene (CT) 75, NuFrontier (CT) 74.4, Jagger (CT) 73.4. The top three varieties at Paramount Seed, which had 38 varieties, were Jagalene at 87.6, Jagger at 83.6, and Cutter at 78. Individual county results will be available at the county fairs, on the web and at your county extension office.

During harvest, many farmers were wanting the rain to stop so they could harvest their wheat. I believe most were fairly pleased with what they cut. However, all of this wishing for the rain to stop has caused Mother Nature to turn off the water entirely.

Since harvest, the condition of the summer crops has degraded considerably. Dryland corn and grain sorghum appear to be in the

worst condition in southern Gove County, progressively improving as you travel north. The 100-plus degree temperatures along with increased water use by corn and grain sorghum have caused many fields to exhibit significant stress. If moisture is not received fairly quickly, there will be a lot of fields chopped for silage.

To download a copy of the county test plot results, please visit the Web site: [www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2) or visit your county extension office to pick up a copy.

Brian Olson is multi-county extension agronomist for Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan, and Trego counties. E-mail [bolson@oznet.ksu.edu](mailto: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.

## Good Samaritan News

On Monday, July 14, Little Sam's Daycare children gathered with residents to share crafts and play time. Volunteer Pat Abbey helped with baking to furnish fresh cookies for Social Hour.

Resident's Council was held Tuesday with Coleen Rippe leading the discussions. Men's Gathering was held. Dennis Brown served fried bananas with ice cream at Social Hour. Reminiscence Corner was attended by Dena Gillespie, Ruth Laidig, Ivah Alexander, and Ella Peterson.

Harold and Eleanore Demmer celebrated his birthday by having supper and enjoying bingo with their daughter, Connie Grafel, and family.

Mert McEvoy led Bible study Wednesday. Dorothy Alstrom and Pat Whetzel provided nail care and Ellen Horn served at Social Hour.

Thursday morning, Catholic services were held with Bonnie Weskamp, Lois Buchholz, and Ruby McKenna attending. Spelling fun was held with Lorna Bishop,

Agnes Chambers, Leo Mooty, and Vergie Nygren attending. For Social Hour, the children from Little Sam's shared banana splits with residents.

Current events were read by Carol Duncan on Friday. F.R.O.G.S. Camp, led by "head frogs" Erin Duke and Anthony Marshall, and "head toad" Heidi Wiebe, shared singing and a pet parade. The summer day camp, in its second year, helped children from the community share in the intergenerational fun.

On Saturday, Dennis Brown led devotions and Goldie Stapp served Social Hour.

Church services were led by the Assembly of God Church on Sunday. Florence Vavroch served Social Hour.

Recent guests: Hazel Flaska - Don Karnes, Gerald and Charlene Karnes, Steve Karnes, Jon Smith, Chuck and Clea Morgan; Dena Gillespie - June Vavroch, Earl and Pat Hartzog; Ruth Laidig - Janice, Ernie and Eric Mehl; Dorothy

Wolters - Elsie Wolters; Harold and Eleanore Demmer - Carole Unger, Cindy, Jessica, Austin and Tara Traphagan; Elsie Macy - Elsie Wolters; Lorna Bishop - Ron and Lori Leiker of Hays; Hattie Olson - Sally and Bob Olson of Atwood, Mary Lou Olson.

**2003 30th ANNUAL SHRINE SUPER BOWL OF HOPE**  
Wichita State University  
July 26th 7:00pm  
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## 'Power-Part IV'

By Pastor Glenn A. Krebs, United Methodist Church, Jennings and Dresden

We have seen the wisdom of our society acclaim, in turn, that money is power, knowledge is power, and information is power. I wish to offer you what I think will be the next in our long line of sayings (remember, you saw it here first!):

*Critical thinking is power.*

How does one go about sorting through all the information available to all of us? How does one decide whether or not to believe the "facts" presented by an Internet website? One can operate by trial and error, but that is time consuming and expensive. And sometimes, dangerous.

Here is where one of the oldest pieces of advice I can remember comes in very handy. That advice is, "Use your brain!" This is but a very simple way

to express the idea that critical thinking is important. The person who has a pile of information but does not have the critical thinking skills to discern what is useful, relevant, and true possesses much less power than the person with the same information and the ability to recognize its value.

I receive information via e-mail on a regular basis. Some of it is intriguing and seems plausible, but turns out later to be the product of someone's imagination. I have tried to sharpen my critical thinking skills in order to sort fantasy from reality. Without a high level of critical thinking ability, the astonishing volume of information available to each of us is relatively useless.



## Nominations for Soil Conservation and Windbreak Awards



are now being accepted at

K-State Research & Extension Service (785) 475-8121  
Decatur County Conservation District (785) 475-3131

To nominate a Decatur area producer, contact either office by August 4th.

Awards sponsored by the Kansas Bankers Association

## Rawlins County Health Center

Atwood, Kansas

### Physician and Outpatient Services August 2003

Rawlins County Health Center Clinic ..... Monday-Friday, 9:00-5:00  
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**CARDIOLOGY:**  
Fred Miller, M.D. .... Tuesday, Aug. 26  
Denver, Colorado

Jeff Curtis, M.D. .... Wednesday, Aug. 20  
Hays, Kansas

**ONCOLOGY:**  
Martin Rubinowitz, M.D. .... Monday, Aug. 4  
Denver, Colorado  
Monday, Aug. 25

**PODIATRY:**  
James Reeves, D.P.M. .... Thursday, Aug. 21  
Lawrence, Kansas  
Friday, Aug. 22

**PULMONOLOGY:**  
Robert Albers, M.D. .... Wednesday, Aug. 27  
Hays, Kansas

**UROLOGY:**  
Kevin McDonald, M.D. ....  
Hays, Kansas

Carl Newman, M.D. ....  
Hays, Kansas

Darrell Werth, M.D. .... Thursday, Aug. 28  
Hays, Kansas

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## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

**OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
785-475-3103  
The Rev. George Kochuvellikkakam,  
The Rev. Mr. Stan Chapin,  
MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE**  
The Rev. George Kochuvellikkakam  
MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday.

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**  
The Rev. George Kochuvellikkakam  
MASS: 7:30 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 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**  
709 East Oak St., Oberlin  
Pastor Steve Smith  
Phone 785-475-3844  
SUMMER SCHEDULE - SUNDAY: Morning Service, 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m. Visit us on the web at [www.pioneerbaptist.org](http://www.pioneerbaptist.org)

**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.

**NORCATUR 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.

**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.

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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.

**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  
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SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.;  
Worship, 11 a.m. SATURDAY: Men's break-  
fast & Bible Study, 7 a.m.

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510 North Wilson  
Interim Pastor: Don White  
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785-475-2333  
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible  
class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service,  
11 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and  
3rd Sundays; Tuesday: Bible Study, 7:30 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  
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Study second Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

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