

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ruth (Cochran) Gregory, who died Dec. 29 at the Rawlins County Health Center. She was a sister of Dolores Benda. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Brantley Funeral Chapel in Atwood with Don Benda presiding. Burial was in Atwood Fairview Cemetery. Among holiday guests of Dolores Benda were the Rev. Dale and Maryanne Bishop and Tracie, Foley, Minn.; Manuel and Susan Abarca and Jordanna, Minnesota; Dave and Marsha Benda, Blake and April, North Richland Hills, Texas; and Hanslin Peterson, Alvin, Texas. Congratulations to Myrth Norman, a longtime resident of the Achilles community, who will observe her 95th birthday on Jan. 12. She makes her home at Highland Park, 610 E. 14th, Apartment B-7, McCook, Neb., 69001.

Christmas dinner guests at the home of Andy Hanson on Dec. 28 were Dennis and Elizabeth Horney; Christina Thompson, and April and John Mull and Ava, Colby; Lisa Emigh, Dallas, Texas; Troy Emigh,

St. Louis, Mo.; Fran Butran, Wichita; Brian and Jacque Hanson and Eddie, Atwood; and Alex and Kori Woods, Colorado Springs.

New Year's weekend guests of Dick and Donna Kelley were Kevin and Debbie Kelley and Seth, Silver Lake; and Sheldon and Brenda Kelley, Kendra and Jessica, Frederick, Colo.

Weekend guests at the Willard Noren home were Larry and Judy Thelander, Salina; Kent and Amy Warden, Tara and Kylie, Olathe; Jeremy and Carissa Thelander, Lincoln, Neb.; Ken and Alice Robson, Ellsworth; Andy Robson, Clearwater; and Kirk Robson, Hutchinson, and his fiancée, Janelle Bach, Ellsworth. Joining them for dinner on Saturday were Steve and Connie Noren, Britta, David and Michael. Stu and Barbara Lindell and Brooke, Overland Park, spent the holidays with the Verol and Mark Berglings.

New Year's Day Eve dinner guests of Wesley and Eulaine Benda were Bob and Connie Smith, Eden Prairie, Minn.; Losson and

Leanne Pike, Ashland; Drew Pike, Chicago; Wes Pike, Manhattan; Joel and Abby Krause, Dallas; Gerald and Patti Benda, Ludell; Daryl and Shirley Maresch, Nathan, Jenna and Timothy, Nekoma; Mitch and Beverly Messerly, Paul and Anna, Sublette; and Mark and Barbara Olson, Sarah, Kurt and Mary, Oberlin. The Messerly and Olson families left on New Year's Day for Tempe, Ariz., where they attended the Fiesta Bowl.

Christmas Eve supper guests of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky were Tammy Gutchewsky and Kendal Neal, Oberlin; Brian and Krista Simonsson, Lawrence, and Joel and Sarah Uerling, McCook.

Maxine Peebles and Sheri Steinemann of Denver were weekend visitors of Hattie Olson and other relatives.

J.R. and Carrol Ginther attended the first birthday party which honored Sophia Ginther at the home of her parents, Blaine and Erin Ginther, and boys, on Sunday. Others present were Mark Payton and children.

Now is the time to be thankful

These past couple of years have been discouraging for farmers, and that discouragement has spread to many because agriculture is the lifeblood of our area.

So today as I write this article, I am going to deviate from K-State's mission of education and recall the things we can all be thankful for. I know times have been difficult, but there are still many things to cherish.

First and foremost, we have our freedom. Because we live in the United States of America, our freedom provides us the opportunity to travel to grandma's house for Christmas without getting a special permit.

Our freedom allows us the right to take our sons and daughters out hunting for pheasants or fishing for crappie.

Our freedom allows every person the opportunity to build a business or farming operation as he/she sees fit. Granted, there may be some regulations, but we all have that opportunity. Our freedom allows us to do the things we enjoy. However, freedom is not free, and we should always remember those who have served to protect it.

Family, friends, and our beliefs are important pieces of what we treasure. It is at this time of year that we are all particularly thankful for our family and friends. We can sit around the table and break bread together, play games, watch one of the little ones take their first steps, spoil grandchildren or remember a lost family member. These times are what provide substance to our lives, and we should all be thankful.

I know we all would like it to rain a little more, so we can produce



Extension Lines

By Brian Olson
Extension Agronomist

more to have a few more dollars in our pockets. However, we should all remember what is truly important, because we all have something to be thankful for.

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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.

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Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Those who were present to celebrate Christmas with their parents, Denis and Wilma Tongish, were June and Joe Tongish, Becky and Morgan, Topeka; Jim and Amy Tongish, Zachary and Emily, Newton; Dawn Tongish and Eduardo De Lugo, Devin and Dane, Dallas; and Dee and Wayne Davis, Brett and Derrek, Shawnee.

Visiting for a few days during the New Year's holiday at the home of Kent and Chris Wood were Marty Rohm and Tyler, Aurora, Colo. Other visitors were Eric Marintzer and friend, Sarah, Chicago.

Christmas week guests of Ann Martin were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin, Nik and Anikka, Rebekka Martin, Lubbock, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Kirche Martin, Indianola, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. John Geisinger, Mr. and Ms. Jason Geisinger and John Geisinger, Selden; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Weins and daughters, Colby; Dick and Betty Martin, Wilsonville, Neb.; Susie Martin, Colorado Springs; Tony Martin and sons, North Platte, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lehman, Tribune; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lehman and Emma, Syracuse; Butch and Lucy Evans, McCook; Erma Jones, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Grant Jones and Lindsey Orr, Wichita; Tonia Johnson, Omaha; and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin, Nik and Anikka, and Mr. and Mrs. Hank Martin and sons, Herndon.

Those who attended the graduation of Adam Ketterl from Northwest Kansas Technical College in

Goodland were his parents, Dave and Judy Ketterl, Sarah and Adam White, Anna Mae Ketterl, Jeremy Wahrman and Glenn Howard, Goodland.

Guests of Mildred Kleidosty from Tuesday through Friday were Phillip and Kelly Kleidosty, Wichita. All spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Brown at Jennings.

Christmas weekend guests of Helen Marintzer were Melvin and Regis Kogl, Lakewood, Colo. Other visitors were Marlin and Dana Marintzer, Oberlin; Ellen Hartner, Wheat Ridge, Colo., and Chris Wood and Sharon Ecker.

Anna Mae Ketterl had as Christmas guests Dave, Judy and Adam Ketterl; Kari and Vernon Ketterl, Megan and Jason Ketterl of Beloit; Marita and Leon Portschy, April and Amy, and friend, Alan; Roma and Keith Grafel, Rusty, Egan, Teryn, Sydney and Sager, Oberlin; Karen and Dan Sattler, Bennett, Winston and Margo, Scott City.

Guests on Christmas Day of Frank and Wynemah Cox were Mike, Roseann, Shakia Rose and Sohn Michael Domsch, who brought a turkey dinner and all the trimmings. Dave Cox of Hays spent New Year's week at the Frank Cox home.

Monica Solko and Judy Solko of Larned spent Christmas week at the home of Carol Solko in Hays. On Christmas Day, Carol and Monica were guests of the Ron and Diana

Solko family in Oberlin. Monica, Judy and Carol Solko were guests of Doug and Pat Marrs on Friday and Saturday in Hays. Tom Solko visited his mother, Monica Solko, during the week.

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‘What is in store for 2004?’

By Bill Duncan, Church of Christ

What is in store for us in this new year — 2004? I don't know for certain, but we do have some hints.

God's ways are actually merciful, because He does not provide definite ways to reveal—to anyone—actual future events.

I know, we all THINK that we WANT to know. But God knows that we would worry ourselves to desperation or exhaust ourselves in attempts to avert unwanted events from happening.

This desire to know isn't new to us, as throughout time, people have erroneously turned to soothsayers, astrologists, wizards, witches, ouija boards, tea leaves and chicken entrails . . . vainly seeking the future. God condemns these things, and their participants. Why? Because the future CANNOT be known specifically.

We are NOT left helpless and hopeless. As in the past, God offers one sure avenue of hope, through BELIEF and TRUST in Himself, Jesus Christ and guidance by the Holy Spirit. His Word, the Holy Bible, is the source of His ways.

God is thrilled for you and me to leave the failing and destructive ways of the world, and the deceiving tools of our archenemy, the devil and his

evil spirits. By ourselves, we are NOT more powerful than they.

God loves us, the devil doesn't. We will be thrilled by God's power and promises to those who turn to Him, by faith:

“Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see... Without Faith, it is impossible to please God, because [ANYONE] who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He [REWARDS] those who earnestly seek Him.” Hebrews 11:1,6

In His first sermon, Jesus said, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy and thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . . for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” AND, “Therefore do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or what you will wear, is not life more important than food and clothes . . . who, by worrying can add a single hour to your life?” (Matt. 6:25,27)

God longs for you come to Him and receive His blessings, joining myself and millions of others. It's never too late. But one must repent, and stop trusting in the ways of this world for our hope and happiness. They can't deliver. God can.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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The Rev. George Kochuveikkakam, The Rev. Mr. Stan Chapin, MASS: 10 a.m. Sunday
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE**
The Rev. George Kochuveikkakam
MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday.
- SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**
The Rev. George Kochuveikkakam
MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday
- OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**
Arlin Cochran, Minister
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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.
- HIGH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH**
122 S. Penn Ave., Oberlin
Pastor Steve Smith
Phone 785-475-3844
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Service 7 p.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 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. 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., AWANA Club 4-7 p.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.
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Pastor: Charles Keller
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- 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.
- 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.
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510 North Wilson
Interim Pastor: Don White
Secretary: Norma Unger
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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 class, 6:30 p.m.; Women's Bible Study second Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

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Selden News

By Jacque Boulinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jan. 8 - Gary Shaw, Tyler Stevenson, Tom Zodrow; Jan. 9 - Evelyn Wahl, Lindsey Wahl; Jan. 10 - Randi Stevenson, Melanie Schultz; Jan. 11 - Shad Putnam; Jan. 12 - Joe Bainter; Jan. 13 - Joe Trembley; Jan. 14 - Bernie Ritter, Angel Lobato, Dorothy Stacey.

On Jan. 1 at Senior Citizens, Irene Kruse won high, Cecelia Ottley took second, Shirley Emigh got low and Vesta Shea had the most aces. Other members present included: Betty James, Lola Cook, Royce

Cook, Dorothy Lovin, Leone Porsch, Don Shaw, Don Smith, Catherine Campbell, Edna Schiltz, Carol Shaw and Don Quackenbush.

The next fire department meeting in Selden will be Jan. 26 at the library. This will be a table top fire drill.

School Calendar: Jan. 8 - Junior High basketball at Brewster, Outreach enrollment at 7 p.m.; Jan. 9 - High School basketball at Logan; Jan. 12 and 13 - League Tourney at Sharon Springs; Jan. 14 - school starts 2 hours late.

McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Warren Bainter was a Saturday evening guest of Mr. and Mrs.

Gayle Bainter.

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