

There were 20 attending Senior Citizens on Jan. 16. Winners were Virgil Price, June Jolly and Twila Henry. The next meeting will be a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. on Friday, at the Educational Building with cards to follow at 7 p.m.

Dewaine Stapp, and David Stapp and Sam, left on Jan. 1 flew to Phoenix from Denver for the K-State-Ohio State football game. Randy Stapp and Christopher, Vernon, Ind., met them there. All returned home on Jan. 3.

Bob and Joan Milner of Paonia, Colo., were visitors of Bill and Bee Nelson on Jan. 14.

Members of the Three Prairie Unit who attended a lesson from the Decatur County Extension on Jan. 15, at The Gateway on "Slow Cooker" cooking were Estella Harold, Lee and Lora Arnold, LaVerne Milner and Bee Nelson. They ate dinner at the Golden Age Center.

**ROYAL NEIGHBORS**  
Royal Neighbors met Jan. 14 and Oracle Dorothy Woods conducted the meeting. The hostess calendar was made out with upcoming events. The first will be joint instal-

lation of the camps at noon today at the Norcatu City Hall lunchroom. Camps invited are Wilsonville, McCook, Oberlin and Rexford.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Rebecca Helm, K.G. Ward - Jan. 21; David and Retta Hare - Jan. 23.

Gathering for dinner at the Copper Mill in McCook on the evening of Jan. 17. 21 family members helped Kenneth Ward celebrate his 90th birthday. Others present were: Dorothy Ward, Mr. and Mrs. John Rhoden, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones, and sister, Ruth Chamberlain, North Platte, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mavity and sister, Edyth Mavity, Cunningham; Mrs. Douglas Ward, Denver; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ward, K.J. and Brandon, Hugo, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Lechlitter, Seibert, Colo.; Ronald Lechlitter, Colorado Springs; Laci Lechlitter, Hays; Lora Linn Lechlitter, Norcatu; and David Ward of Chicago, who drove all that distance to surprise his grandfather. All enjoyed visiting and picture taking. Most departed for home on Jan. 18.

Jay, Marilyn and Edyth Mavity

had lunch with Dorothy and Kenneth Ward on Jan. 18 before returning home.

Ruth Chamberlain became ill early on Jan. 18 at her motel, and spent some time in the McCook hospital, with pronounced flu. She expected to be released the next day.

Rea and Dee Magers visited Marguerite Fullerton at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin on Jan. 16. The next day they visited Glenn Alexander in Norcatu, who was back in town for a short visit with his family.

Rea and Dee Magers attended Mass and funeral services on Jan. 14 and 15 for Doug Otter, son of Marion and Marilyn Otter. Marilyn and Dee are cousins.

K.G. Ward's 90th birthday was celebrated by the *Norcatu News* volunteers on Tuesday, Jan. 20, after the paper was put together. Joyce Price baked the cake and Bee Nelson furnished the ice cream. K.G. and Dorothy are responsible for the Flashback, Looking Back and History of Early-Day Life sections of the *Norcatu News*.

# What are your wheat options?



## Extension Lines

By Brian Olson  
Extension Agronomist

Many producers have started asking questions about what to do with a suspect wheat crop. Many fields do not have any wheat up at this time. However, that does not mean it's not growing. A producer should check the wheat seed by digging it up. If there is a viable healthy sprout on the seed, the wheat is growing, although extremely slowly. If the sprout is dead, the field will need to be replanted with a spring small grains crop or summer crop.

If the sprouts are still alive, producers have several options. First, since the wheat never emerged, tiller number will be extremely low, reducing heads per acre. A cool, wet spring will allow for large berry development in the seed head, but will not make up a significant amount of the potential yield lost due to a low number of wheat heads per acre. Under good growing conditions this would lead to a 50 percent or more yield reduction. By overseeding Jagger before the end of February at a rate of 90 to 110 pounds per acre, there will be more plants and therefore more seed heads per acre. Jagger is the only wheat that should be used for this, due to its low vernalization requirements. If another winter wheat variety is used, the newly planted wheat may not shoot a head.

A second solution would be to overseed with spring barley or oats, which could be cut for hay or grazed out.

Or third, a producer can do nothing and evaluate the wheat later after it has started to joint, and decide at that time if they are going to keep it.

Other producers have asked about spring barley and spring wheat, which would be planted in

mid-March. As is typical for our area, winter barley will on average provide higher yields than spring barley.

However, spring barley can still be a viable option. The yield will be determined more by the weather when comparing it to a winter variety. With the later heading that occurs with a spring type as compared with a winter type, a cool, wet spring will be needed even more for high yields. I am only aware of one business in the area that will have spring barley and this is Paramount Seed in Quinter. If producers would like more information on growing barley, they should attend the Cover Your Acres Winter Conference on Feb. 17 at The Gateway in Oberlin. More information on the conference will follow at a later date.

As for spring wheat, yields will be better for a winter variety than a spring variety. Also, spring wheat is a different type of wheat, and markets in the area may not handle it. It is important for a producer to check this out before planting. In addition, if winter wheat is overseeded with spring wheat, the load may not be taken because it will likely be sold as a mixed load. According to Ron Koehn, general manager of Midwest Co-op, "Midwest would be willing to take spring wheat if the producer let them know

what type of wheat it was. As for a mixed load of spring and winter wheat, the co-op will likely take it, but there may be a discount".

For spring wheat and oat yields, please download "2003 Spring Grain Test Results" by clicking on the Production and Pest Icon and looking under the wheat section at the Web site: [www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2), or a copy can be acquired at your local extension office.

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## Selden News

By Jacque Boullinghouse

On Jan. 22 at Senior Citizens, Betty James won high, Edna Schiltz took second, Gene Rogers got low and Anna Albers had the most jacks. Other members present included: Carol Shaw, Dorothy Lovin, Paulie Neff, Don Shaw, Don Smith, Alfred Albers, Leone Porsch, Catherine Campbell, Lola Cook, Clara Schieferecke, Vesta Shea and Irene Kruse.

School calendar: Thursday - Junior High basketball at Rexford with Tribune; Friday - High School basketball at Wheatland; Tuesday - High School basketball at Brewster; Wednesday - Junior High League scholarship tests in Cheylin.

During the past three, almost four years, I have been a member of the Sheridan County Emergency Medical Services team. Well, over

the weekend I got my first ride in the back of an ambulance as a patient. Of course, before the ambulance got there I pretty much knew what the routine was gonna be, and yes, when you are waiting on one it does take hours for them to get there.

The kids with Thomas County Emergency Medical Services run their service pretty much the same as we do ours. Heck, they even try to crack the same dumb jokes with the patients that we do. Anyway, I have learned a whole new respect for patients on a spine board since I can now understand how uncomfortable being strapped to one can be. As I also know, there are just simply things in this world we have to do even if we don't want to. As I am sure you can tell, I am fine but my jeep is not.

On Monday evening, fireman

from Rexford came over to our meeting and we practiced putting out a fire in a local business as a tabletop drill. We had decided because of the type of building, we would practice on Pauls Furniture Store. Not that we want anyone's business to catch on fire; we just thought we ought to practice and be ready in case.

## Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

The Herndon kindergarten class of Courtney Leitner and Michelle Herzog, along with 18 other students from first, second, fifth and sixth grades, counted 19,500 pop can tabs. They have received tabs from loyal savers around the area, and even counted 970 from the Whitakers of Red Feather, Colo., and 4,077 from Paul's 66 of Ness City.

A former resident of McDonald, Vaulene Hubbard Watt, sent tabs collected in Wisconsin and Oklahoma where she now lives. Early last year, the "Mystery Cat Lady" delivered a huge sack of tabs to the school. The goal is to collect 1 million tabs and the grand total as of Jan. 23 was 585,250, so 414,750 are needed to reach their goal. Tabs may be left at the school.

Plans were updated for the Herndon Ox Roast when the Herndon Chamber of Commerce met at the Sunflower Villa on Jan. 13. It is scheduled for June 12 in Herndon. The meal will be served

between 12:30 and 1 p.m. following the parade. Harlan Palmer and Friends will provide afternoon music and the Rendezvous Band will play for the street dance later on Main Street.

Outhouse races, cow patty bingo, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, and other games are planned. Entry forms for the parade are available at The Bank in Herndon, Atwood Chamber of Commerce or Herndon Pool Hall. A Memory Haus will include displays of cloth weaving, basket weaving, butter churning, horse tack, Herndon antiques and memorabilia.

The Herndon High School Alumni Banquet is scheduled for Friday, June 11, at St. Mary's Hall in Herndon to coincide with the ox roast. For details on the Memory Haus or banquet, contact Julie Hafner at (785) 322-5219.

Recent guests of Monica Solko were Judy Solko, Larned, who was a weekend guest; Ron Solko and Tom Solko.

## McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lewis spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Tim Lewis in Concordia, and attended the Beloit wrestling tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sines visited Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh on Saturday afternoon.

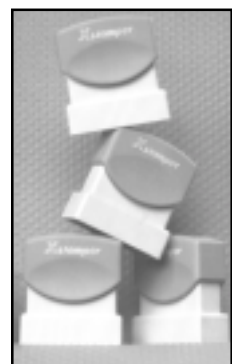
Ruth Bainter fell and broke her

knee on Friday afternoon. She was taken to Salina where she had surgery and is currently being cared for at Salina Regional Health Center.

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## 'Hey! My boat is sinking!'

By Rev. Royce Leitner, Assembly of God Church, Oberlin

There are many ways you can sink a boat. In Luke 5:4-9, a miracle happened, and this shows us the abundance of what Jesus brought to the future believer. If we trust Him, and do His commanding will, He will overload us with boat-sinking blessings.

The problem is we can have an overnight or lifelong struggle trying to do what we are trained to do, with schools, manuals and all available knowledge of man, which in truth are good things. However, if we would trust Jesus with our lives, or all we have, believe in Him as Peter did and respond to Jesus' Word, we will have the catch of a lifetime.

Miracles are always above the natural occurrences or abilities of life. Jesus said that with God all things are possible. God expects us to ask of Him the things thought impossible, if we have the faith

to ask and to believe what He says and commands.

*Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken . . .*

Luke 5:4-9 (KJV)



## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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785-475-3103  
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, The Rev. Mr. Stan Chapin, MASS: 10 a.m. Sunday

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The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam  
MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday

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The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam  
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.

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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

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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.

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102 North Cass — 785-475-3067  
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**CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo  
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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.

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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.

**NORCATU UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo  
Almena  
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**  
510 North Wilson  
Interim Pastor: Don White  
Secretary: Norma Unger  
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.

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Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler  
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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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