

The Norcatu Pre-school is sponsoring a Valentine dance from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturday in the all-purpose room of the Educational Building. Music DJs will be Marvin and Scooter Matchett. Admission will be \$3 per person, or \$5 per couple, kids 12 and under free.

Beverly Morris was a supper and overnight guest of her grandmother, Esther Miller on Jan. 15. Glenn Alexander arrived home the week of Jan. 19. His grandson and family, Brooks and Mary Koble and children, brought him back to see Jay and daughter, Maryllin Locy, and Glenn's sister, Ivah Alexander, who hasn't been well. Glenn plans to return to Indiana where he has been staying with his other daughter, Beverly Lintz.

Visitors of Esther Miller on Jan. 17 were Aimee, Chad and Eli Applebury of Colby, and Joel Miller of Norcatu.

Virgil and Joyce Price are happy to announce the birth of a new great-granddaughter, born Jan. 22. Her name is Mackinze Louise Jurey

and she weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Her proud parents are Jason and Kathy Shirley, Jan. 29; Larry Dick - Jan. 31; Tracey Hartzog, Beth Johnson - Feb. 2; Edyth Mavity - Feb. 3; Francis and Arlene Hix - Feb. 4.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Chris O'Hare, Dennis and Judy Shirley, Jan. 29; Larry Dick - Jan. 31; Tracey Hartzog, Beth Johnson - Feb. 2; Edyth Mavity - Feb. 3; Francis and Arlene Hix - Feb. 4. Pastor Kathy Aeillo brought Grace Reeves of Almena to visit with the quilts on Jan. 20. Lowell Sebaugh also stopped in to chat with Mrs. Reeves.

On Jan. 23, three men from Yoder came to view some of the items to be included in Kenneth Price's upcoming sale. Marlene Wolf and family visited Kenneth and Pansy Price on Friday evening, Jan. 23. On Jan. 18, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Minkler and son of Phillipsburg and Lee Eckhart were also recent visitors at the Price home.

On Jan. 13, four friends, Pansy Wiltfong Price, Dorothy Dick Ward, Velda Fullerton Ward, and

Norma Sebaugh Ward met at the Ward home in Clayton for their annual get-together. This has been a yearly occurrence since 1939, their first high school days at Norcatu Rural High School.

Norton County held their favorite food show on Jan. 24. Participants from the area were Megan and Rebecca Wentz, Carissa Wentz, Wyatt Wentz and Dana Hillebrand. Rebecca received top blue in level 1 and Wyatt received a blue. Megan received a purple, and Carissa received top purple in level 2. Dana received top purple in level 3. Katrina Wentz also attended the Denver Stock Show. Way to go, Prairie Dog 4-H Club members.

Congratulations to Katrina Wentz, Carissa Wentz, Megan Wentz, Andrea Marshall, Anthony Marshall and Amanda Marshall. They made the honor roll at their respective Oberlin schools. Katrina is a freshman, Carissa is a fifth grader, Megan is a fourth grader, Andrea is a senior, Anthony is a junior and Amanda is a fourth grader.

# Winter conference coming up

Farmers tell me they do not have time to attend a lot of small meetings, but would prefer to attend a big event to learn about the latest research on new production practices, along with equipment needed for these practices.

On that note, the Cover Your Acres Winter Conference scheduled for Feb. 17 at The Gateway in Oberlin was developed to allow farmers a full day where they can talk with university and industry experts and fellow producers about crop production on the High Plains.

The emphasis for this year's conference is on strip-till for summer crops and no-till wheat production. Equipment from area dealers will be exhibited inside The Gateway, along with booths from ag-related companies. The conference will run from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Producers will be able to pick and choose from three sessions running concurrently throughout the day, with new topics being discussed every hour.

Topics will include dryland strip-till, irrigated strip-till, stripe rust management in wheat, benefits of no-till production in summer and winter crops, no-till wheat, no-till drill performance, crop water use requirements, crop insurance, barley production, sunflower production and guidance systems.

Discussion panels will start at 4 p.m. on the DOs and DON'Ts of strip-till or no-till wheat.

At the end of the day, from 5 to 7 p.m., there will be a "refreshment and bull session" sponsored by industry which will allow producers an excellent opportunity to discuss the day's events amongst themselves or with industry personnel.

Continuing education credits for



## Extension Lines

By Brian Olson  
Extension Agronomist

certified crop applicators will be applied for appropriate sessions.

I fully intend to make this conference an annual event. However, if it is not successful this first year, the chances of that happening are small. Please come out and support this conference because I believe it could be a great information resource for producers for years to come.

Thanks to the great support of businesses, in addition to patron sponsors such as Hoxie Implement, Pioneer and DuPont Co., and Southwest Implement, along with interest in presenting displays by other ag-related companies, the registration fee is only \$8 per person if postmarked by Feb. 12. After that date, registration will be \$25. This fee includes both lunch and supper along with a copy of the proceedings.

To register, please send a check payable to KSU along with your

name, address, and telephone number to Northwest Area Extension Office, Attn: Brian Olson, Box 786, Colby, Kans., 67701.

Next week, I will place an ad in the paper listing all local sponsors who donated money to defray the cost of this event. I appreciate the support.

To view a schedule of events, please download a flier by clicking on the Cover Your Acres Winter Conference icon 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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## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Sarah May, Wichita, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday afternoon at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin. Hostesses were Kasey May and Kendra Anderson. Out-of-town guests were Theda McKee, Selden; Rhonda Miller, Hoxie; Stephanie May, Kearney, Neb.; and Julie Shaw, Wichita, soon to be the mother-in-law of the bride. Sarah is the daughter of Marvin May and the late Candy

May. Pat Junod, Sacramento, Calif., arrived Wednesday to spend a few days visiting her mother, Hildegard Euhus.

Jerry and Connie Olson returned home Wednesday after spending a few days vacationing in Las Vegas, Nev. Accompanying the Olsons on their trip were Jim and Diane Barrett, Ward and Jodi Votapka, Rick and Deb Klima, and Colin and

Linda Smith. Marvin May, Martin and Evelyn May, Fred and Theda McKee, Selden; Chris and Kasey May, Kelsey and Hunter, Andy May, Gayle Anderson, Kelly Black, and Julie Shaw and Sarah May, Wichita, enjoyed dinner at the Southwind Grill in Selden Saturday evening and celebrated Sarah's birthday, which was Jan. 28.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays from last week that I missed: Jan. 29 - Helen Karls, Cindy Basgall, Mark and Cindy Basgall; Jan. 31 - Jim Erwin, Micah Wenger; Feb. 1 - Lisa Emigh, Marsha Rogers, Jerry Rall, Don Smith, Aaron Emigh; Feb. 3 - Rachael Ritter; Feb. 4 - Ron Rogers, Norris Sulzman, Mary Galden, Nicole Spesser, John and Julie Geisinger.

Birthdays and anniversaries for this next week: Feb. 6 - Tom Stacey, Chris Bainter, Paul Bruggeman; Feb. 8 - Wanda Spesser, Monica Aumiller Scoboda, Joseph Koerperich; Feb. 9 - Dana Geisinger, Shirley Emigh, Joe Wessel, Carl and Delores Mumm; Feb. 10 - Carlene Bruggeman, Danica Ritter. Feb. 11 - Fansion Juenemann, Adrienne Pauls.

On Jan. 29 at Senior Citizens,

Cecelia Ottley won high, Lola Cook took second, Irene Kruse got low and Edna Schiltz had the most queens. Other members present included: Betty James, Dorothy Lovin, Carol Shaw, Catherine Campbell, Shirley Emigh, Gene Rogers, Don Smith, Alfred Albers, Anna Albers, Paulie Neff, Don Shaw, Vesta Shea and Clara Schieferecke.

School Calendar: Thursday - Junior High basketball at Winona; Friday - Progress reports will be mailed out; Saturday - High School junior varsity boys basketball tournament at Rexford; Monday - 8 a.m., spring pictures; Junior High tournament at Brewster, WKLL band clinic; Tuesday - High School basketball in Rexford with Grinnell; fifth graders to perform at varsity boys game during half-time.

## Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Congratulations to Pete and Eileen Portschy, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday. Their address is P.O. Box 254, Herndon, Kan., 67739.

Herndon Senior Citizens held a potluck on Jan. 21 at the Senior Center. Rawlins County Health Nurse Sherri Horinek took blood pressures. Edie Pettera won black-out in Bingo and Helen Marintzer won the door prize.

Rick Nemeth owns a bull which was listed in the 2004 Spring Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association in St. Joseph, Mo. The new report features the latest performance information available on 5,428 sires.

Herndon High School is taking

orders for the last high school year-book titled, "2004: Last Ones Out the Door." Those wishing to purchase a copy are asked to contact the school at (785) 322-5311 by Feb. 15. There will not be a second publishing.

Jennifer Beims, Nikolaus Martin and James Riener received semester honors, ranking within the top 10 percent of their class, for the fall semester at Kansas State University.

Susie Martin, Colorado Springs, spent Saturday at the home of Ann Martin.

Tom Solko was a visitor during the week of his mother, Monica Solko.

# 'A Time For Courage'

By Rev. Doug Hasty, Oberlin United Methodist Church

*"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.' Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart." (Psalms 91:1-4)*

I recently went to the movies and finally saw "Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King." In one scene, Aragon, who is the returning king, gives a stirring speech to his warriors to muster their courage against overwhelming odds between them and the gates of the city, Mordor.

However, the one that really got me was an earlier scene with Gandalf, the White Wizard. He also is trying to rally troops, this time inside the same city, who are outnumbered 10 to 1. He is optimistic that Aragon will arrive in time to help them with his army, but panic is settling in among the besieged warriors with Gandalf. This is what the wizard said: "It may be that courage is our best weapon."

I think everyone would agree that we are living in challenging times. Many people are wondering: What does the future hold? When will the drought break? Will the economy bounce back? Who will be forced to move next? The questions and the potential solutions affect all of us.

It's not my place to talk about economic solutions other than to encourage everyone as much as possible to do business in the county and support your neighbor. Also, I would say if it is your neighbor's decision to leave, remember they made that decision with a heavy heart, leaving family and friends and making a sacrifice in the process.

The future always looks uncertain. Now is the time to take courage, renew your faith and place your trust in God. Let me remind you that God is still on the throne. The Lord's love for you has never wavered or failed. Our God is sovereign over all the earth. Let me encourage you to read all of Psalm 91, and spend some time in the shadow of the Almighty. Let the Lord be your fortress and a mighty shelter and trust that the future and God's plans for you are safe in His care.

Grace and peace be unto you.



## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

- OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
785-475-3103  
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, The Rev. Mr. Stan Chapin, MASS: 10 a.m. Sunday
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE**  
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam  
MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday.
- SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**  
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**  
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.
- CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo  
Almena  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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. 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.

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