

Bill and Bee Nelson returned home Feb. 13, from Kansas City, Mo., where he had a checkup. His next one will be in April.
 Jeff Magers of Bend, Ore., son of Rea and Dee Magers, will be transferring to the McCook Bureau of Reclamation Office some time in the near future.
 Rea and Dee Magers visited Harry and Beverly Eiler on Feb. 11.
 Birthdays and anniversaries: Arlene Hix, Darren Wentz - Feb.

20; Denise Bailey, Monty and Linda Hunt - Feb. 22; Gail and Denise Bailey - Feb. 23; Juanita Eckhart - Feb. 24.
 Rodney and Lisa Leichter, Seibert, Colo., visited his mother, Lora Linn Leichter, over the weekend of Feb. 14, and attended the Valentine dinner at the County Line Café that Saturday evening.
 Remember the Seeds of Hope Telethon coming up on Saturday. Local recipients of the funds are the

preschool and library. Be sure and give what you can.
 The Kansas West United Methodist Women will be sponsoring a mission education tour from June 6-16 this year, departing from Wichita, then traveling to Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico. Young women, ages 15-22, may apply by April 1. Information and applications are available through Marla West, president of the local unit. Total cost is \$300.

Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Feb. 19 at Senior Citizens, Alfred Albers won high, Carol Shaw took second, Don Smith got low and Anna Albers had the most aces. Other members present included: Catherine Campbell, Cecelia Ottley, Dorothy Lovin, Don Shaw, Leone Porsch, Edna Schiltz, Clara Schieferecke, Lola Cook, Royce Cook and Betty James.
 Birthdays and anniversaries: Feb. 26 - Dorman Hill, Betty Schieferecke, Clint Wessel; Feb. 27 - Judy Rogers, Theda McKee, Britany Ritter; Feb. 28 - Pat Stevenson; March 2 - Caleb Koerperich; March 4 - Rodney Johnson, Sarah Shaw.

On Feb. 14, the family helped Tressie Rogers celebrate her 80th birthday at the Senior Citizens. There were pictures from days gone by, food and lots of singing and smiles. Tret and her family enjoyed the day.
 Saturday night at the pinochle tournament in Rexford at the American Legion Hall, almost 30 people showed up for an evening of cards, fun and food. Tammy and I knew they were in for some work when the first hand was dealt out; I had a double pinochle. As it turned out, that was the best hand of the evening. So yes, when it came time to

play the boys (Rick Shaw and Mark Basgall), they whipped up on us. We have been ribbin' the guys pretty hard so we had it coming, but...next time, boys.
 Weather Spotters meeting will be at 7 p.m. on April 1 at the Bowen Scout House in Hoxie. We encourage everyone to attend to help keep the residents in our area as safe as possible from tornadoes and bad weather. May and June are the months that tabulate the most tornadoes in Kansas, with April and July coming in next. The more we know about the weather the better we are able to protect everyone.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to Frank and Margaret McEvoy following the death of his sister, Geraldine Turpin, of Stratton, Neb., on Thursday. The McEvoy's had been in Kearney, Neb., with her since she was flown there following a heart attack. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning in Stratton with Pastor Keith Reuther officiating.

Blaine and Erin Ginther, Cameron, Will and Sophia of Atwood were Sunday dinner guests of J.R. and Carrol Ginther. Additional afternoon visitors to ride the horses were Marc Payton, Darian, Dalton and Joey of Atwood. Later they had ice cream and cake to honor Erin Ginther and Darian and Joey Payton on their birthdays.

Mary Lou Olson took Mary Rachel Olson and Ashley and Whitney Witt to McCook on Tuesday to help Whitney celebrate her birthday.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Rory Wendelin and Jessica Bremer were among those representing Oberlin in the Northwest Kansas Junior High Music Contest in Colby on Wednesday. Rory received a "T" rating on her voice solo, and Jessica received "I" ratings on her piano, voice, and clarinet solos. Rory and Jessica both performed in the band and sang in the concert choir, which both received "I" ratings. A vocal trio comprised of Jessica Bremer, Jenny Ploussard, and Kenzie Fisher also received a "I" rating on their selection.
 Greg and Janice Cundiff visited their son, Quintin, in Seward, Neb., over the weekend, where he is a freshman at Concordia University.

Jack and Mildred Fortin and Charles, and Greg and Janice Cundiff were Sunday evening dinner guests of Martin and Evelyn May to celebrate Mildred's birthday which was Sunday.
 Richard Shaw attended a Rangeland Fire meeting for the Kansas Agricultural Aviation Association members at Barton County Community College in Great Bend on Saturday. This meeting provided valuable information for aerial sprayers and firefighters. Oberlin fireman Larry Ayers also attended.
 Duane and Lois Unger, Colby, visited Alvina Unger Sunday afternoon.

Rexford News

By Zula Horinek

Seniors in Action held a Valentine party at the Barn last Saturday. They played bingo for prizes and Dick Sanford called the numbers. All who attended were 50 plus. After bingo ice cream and cake were served. Three of the seniors baked the cakes and the Seniors in Action furnished the ice cream.
 On Monday there were eight Barnswallows who played pinochle at the Barn. The Thursday group for four players.
 Gene Rogers was in the hospital in Oakley for several days and is home recuperating now.
 The Social Hour Club met at the Barn last Wednesday. Deb Stepper was the hostess and served a very delicious lunch. After roll call was held with each reading a joke, the afternoon was spent playing robber

bingo. The bingo prize winners were Sondra Barnett, Lula Thieler, Tamara Scarle, and Zula Horinek. The hostess gift was won by Grace Cheney.
 The administrator of the Fairview Acres, Karen Hodson, brought Lula Thieler and Eileen Dible, who are residents there.
 Vesta Roth made a trip to Hays on Thursday for a checkup after a total knee replacement. She received good news that she is healing well and she is walking very well on her own.
 The Friday Coffee at the Barn had eight attending. They were Vesta Roth, Grace Cheney, Berneda Zoberst, Deb Stepper, Eunice Sanford, Margaret Arasmith, Liz Hall, Clea Moeder, and Zula Horinek.

Conference deemed a success



Extension Lines

By Brian Olson
 Extension Agronomist

Close to 300 local producers attended the Cover Your Acres Winter Conference held at The Gateway in Oberlin on Wednesday.
 The conference was a collaboration between Kansas State Research and Extension and the Northwest Kansas Crop Residue Alliance, with the main focus on strip-till in row crops and no-till wheat.
 Experts from K-State, the University of Nebraska, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, private industry agronomists and area farmers spoke. Many farmers and agronomists from Kansas attended, with some from Nebraska and as far away as Colorado. Everyone, from attendees to sponsors, was happy and all indicated they would attend this conference next year.
 I was thrilled with the response, but without all the local help and support, this would not have been possible. I would like to thank the local sponsors of this event for de-

fraying the cost for farmers, and I would also like to thank the extension Program Development Committees in each county, the executive board members from Decatur, extension agents Byron Hale and Keith VanSkiel, and the members of the alliance for their help.
 If you would like a copy of the proceedings, please send a check for \$3 made out to KSU to Northwest Area Extension, Attn: Brian Olson, Box 786, Colby, Kan., 67701, along with your name and address.
 I look forward to planning next

year's conference, so please let your extension program development committee members, me, or members of the Crop Residue Alliance know what topics you would like covered.
 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.

A Buck
 In The Hand Is Worth More Than A Garage Full Of Junk. Call The Oberlin Herald Classifieds
785-475-2206

INTRODUCING A NEW AGENT...

Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc. of Colby is pleased to announce that **RON ERICKSON** has joined our sales staff and will specialize in farm and ranch sales. Ron and his wife Marlene have been long time Rexford area residents. They have 2 children, Brad and Renell, who are both married and live in the area. We are pleased to have Ron working with us and invite you to visit with him about your real estate needs.

Call Ron at 785-687-3841

FARM & RANCH REALTY, INC.

1420 W. 4th • Colby, Kansas 67701
 (785) 462-3904
 Donald L. Hazlett, Broker
 www.farmandranchrealty.com

Ron Erickson

'Sparky, The Loser'

By Rev. Doug Hasty, Oberlin United Methodist Church

Once upon a time, there was a boy the other children called "Sparky," after a comic strip horse named Sparkplug. Even though the boy hated the nickname, he could never shake it.
 School was difficult for Sparky. He failed every subject in the eighth grade. He flunked physics in high school along with algebra, Latin and English. He didn't do much better in sports. He made the school's golf team, but his poor play ended up costing his team the championship.
 Throughout his youth, Sparky was a loser socially. It wasn't that other kids disliked him — it was just that nobody paid much attention to him. He never dated or even asked a girl out. He was afraid of being turned down.
 This young man didn't let being a loser bother him that much; he just decided to make it through life the best he could and not worry about what other people thought of him.
 Sparky did, however, have a hobby. He loved drawing his own cartoons. No one else thought they were any good, however. When he was a senior in high school, he submitted some cartoons to the school yearbook and they were rejected. Sparky

kept drawing anyway.
 After graduating from high school, he wrote a letter to Walt Disney Studios inquiring about job opportunities. In response he received a form letter requesting a sample of his artwork. After he sent off some of his work, he waited and waited for a reply. Finally it came; another form letter telling him there was no job for him.
 In a weird way, he thought his life was kind of funny. He tried telling his story in cartoons — a childhood full of the misadventures of a little boy loser, a chronic underachiever. This cartoon character has now become famous world-wide, for Sparky was none other than Charles Monroe Schultz, creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip, and the little boy loser whose kite never flies is, of course, Charlie Brown.
 We have all experienced rejection and failure in life, but God has gifted each one of us with unique talents and abilities that enable us to make a significant contribution to the world. What are your gifts? Like Sparky, you might have to keep trying and not give up, but believe God has something very special in store for you.
 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
- 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.
- 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.

- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVONILE**
 The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
 MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday
- 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.; Morning 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 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.

- SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**
 The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
 MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday
- ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON**
 The Rev. Damian Richards
 Phone 785-322-5560
 MASS: SUNDAY, 8 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.

- OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**
 Jim Martin
 1007 W. 3rd St., McCook, Neb.
 SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.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.
- 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.
- 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.
- NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST**
 Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
 Almena
 SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.
- CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST**
 Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
 Almena
 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.
- LYLE UNITED METHODIST**
 Pastor: Charles Keller
 785-693-4339
 SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.

FREE SATELLITE TV SYSTEM & STANDARD INSTALLATION

1-866-SKY-EYES

AMERICAS TOP 60 CABLE plus WICHITA LOCALS

DISH NETWORK
 Home of the Lowest

\$29.99 mo. All-Digital Price in America...Every Day!

These sponsors urge you to attend church regularly:

Kansas' #1 Scrapbook Supply Store

www.scrapbookgarden.com ★ Hours: Mon-Sat 10-6, Sun 1-5

West Wichita - Maple & Ridge (Across from Lowes) Toll Free: (866) 945-6366

East Wichita - Kellogg & Rock (North of Spanglers) Toll Free: (866) 618-6366

Scrapbook Garden

Herndon Insurance Agency

Ron Beims, Agent
785-322-5331
 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

Fair Chiropractic Clinic

"For Better Health Naturally"

504 N. Penn
 Oberlin, Kansas
 Phone 785-475-2219

Norcatour Grain Inc.

Grain-Fertilizer-Feed
785-693-4321
 "Your Caterer from Norcatour"

Paul's FUNERAL HOMES

A Trusted Name Since 1925.

Phone:
785-475-3127 — Oberlin
785-386-4311 — Selden
 Derek Riner
 Rick and Dori Pauls