

Crystal Johnson Moore writes that she hopes to visit the Norcat area this summer. Her address is 1500 Evergreen Ave., Unit 3, Mission, Texas 78572.

R.D. Thornton and Sharee Dempewolf went to Hoisington on March 2 to be with Ray Jr., who was having surgery. He was released the same day and is home recuperating.

Doug, Chris, Sharee and M.J. Dempewolf celebrated Sharee's 17th birthday by going out to eat at La Cocina in McCook. To help Sharee celebrate her birthday on Sunday, supper guests were R.D. Thornton and Naomi and Canaan Bishop of Oberlin.

Visitors of Marian Dempewolf last Thursday were: Lee Dempewolf, Topeka, M.J. Dempewolf, Sam Stapp, Dave and Linda Schliep, McCook, Amber Dempewolf, Colby, Sharee Dempewolf, and Greg Dempewolf, Darcy and Jada, Culbertson. They all came there to visit with Lee, who hadn't been back for a while.

It's time to start thinking about the third annual Decatur County Relay for Life. This will be held June 18-19 in Oberlin. If you would like to get a relay team together, contact Chris Dempewolf.

Ralph and Evelyn Strayer, Atwood, visited Oran and LaVerne Milner on March 10.

Recent guests of Lowell Sebaugh were Mark and Terry Cross of Olathe. Guests for dinner on Sunday evening, March 14, were Linda and Monty Hunt.

A card shower is requested for Jo Benson, Citizens Medical Center, 100 E. College Drive, Colby, Kan., 67701. She was in a Denver hospital more than two weeks, where she received a pacemaker, and was to return to Colby on March 12.

Jay and Maryllin Lucy went to Manhattan to spend a recent weekend with their daughter and grandparents. The oldest, Aaron, had his 21st birthday during that time. Aaron attends Bartlesville Christian College in Oklahoma, and was home on spring break. The younger grandson, Derek, goes to K-State and plays on their baseball team.

Veda and Martin Orth, St. Francis, visited Lora Linn Leichter on March 15, and took her for lunch at the County Line Café. The three went on to Norton to visit with Veda's aunt, Doris Wallack, and Doris Fae Jackson, widow of Marvin Jackson.

Venetta Miller underwent recent

heart surgery. Mail will reach her at 7324 Ford, Mission, Texas, 78572.

Rea and Dee Magers picked up their son, Jeff, at the McCook airport on March 12. Bob and Cheri (Magers) Pomeroy, Denver, arrived in Norcat just as the Magers did. The following day they all went to see the farm property Jeff is purchasing, near the Nebraska line. He and Joy will be moving to the farm in May. Jeff has been with the Bureau of Reclamation in Bend, Ore., for several years and has been transferred to the Bureau office in McCook. The Pomeroy's returned home on March 14, and Jeff spent a week in the offices at McCook before returning home.

On March 5, the Norcat Royal Neighbors held their annual party, honoring the Senior Citizens with a soup and pie supper and cards. There were 32 present. Door prize winners were Robert Schoenrad, Juanita Eckhart, Arnold Jackson, Gary Miller, and Gerald Jackson.

Lunch and dinner guests of Donna Warren of Oberlin on March 13 were Goldie Brewer and Mike Mapes. Fern Mapes, a resident of the Good Samaritan Center, also joined them.

of Suzanne (Larson) Cooper and the grandson of Wayne and Lois Larson. Arthur and Alice May were Sunday noon dinner guests of the John Bremer family.

Dryland production of soybeans is speculative at best because of the moisture required during pod set in August.

As the price for a bushel of soybean continues to rise, though, farmers are more willing to undertake this risk for the opportunity of a sizable payoff.

Typically, if farmers expect a dry year, they would plant milo, sunflowers or a millet for a summer crop. However, due to the jump in soybean prices, fewer soybeans are needed to reap a profit. Here are some questions which, from an agronomist's viewpoint, producers should ask themselves before planting soybeans:

• Do I believe soybeans will stay at their current market price? If not, is there some way I can manage a possible downturn in price by using marketing strategies? The soybean market is a global market with South America a big player. The South American crop will be harvested soon and will play an important role in determining soybean prices.

• How speculative am I willing to be? If you're not willing to gamble some, then don't plant dryland soybeans. If you are, plant a reasonable proportion of your ground to them.

One way to evaluate yield potential for soybeans in droughty conditions would be to look at results from a three-year study conducted from 2000 to 2002 at the Northwest Research and Extension Center near Colby. The study evaluated the effects of planting dates and maturity groups in this part of Kansas. Maturity groups I, II, III, and IV were planted from late April through late June. Soybean yields



Extension Lines

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were combined across three years and ranged from 3.4 to 17.1 bushels per acre. Due to variability caused by dry conditions, an optimum planting date by maturity group could not be pinned down. The following statements are only trends that can be observed from the results.

The highest yields in 2000 resulted from the earliest planting, when stored soil water was high. When stored soil water was low in 2002, the earliest planting resulted in the lowest yields. When evaluating the trend for maturity group and planting date across all years, an early June planting with a maturity group III soybean performed best.

Results from this study are summarized in a report entitled "Soybean Productivity Under Drought: Effects of Planting Dates and Maturity Groups in Northwest Kansas". When picking a variety, producers can view the Kansas Crop Performance results.

However, soybean variety yields from dryland acres may be incomplete because some tests were abandoned over the last few years. To brush up on general agronomic practices, producers can acquire the "Soybean Production Handbook".

On another note, I have received questions about which are the safer

herbicides to use on fields that have wheat in varying stages of growth. Some of the safer herbicides would be Rave, Starane or a dicamba. Other herbicides such as 2,4-D need to have a fully tillered wheat plant of four to eight inches tall before an application can be made. To acquire any of the above publications or test results, download them at the Web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/, or pick up a copy at the county extension office.

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Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Funeral services for Willard Noren were held Saturday afternoon at the Herndon Covenant Church. Sympathies go out to his wife, Esther, and their sons and daughters, Steve and Connie Noren, Britta, David and Michael, Judy and Larry Thelander and family, Salina, and Alice and Ken Robson and family, Ellsworth.

Congratulations to Tyler and Cassidy Shields who participated in the Nebraska YMCA State Championship swim meet competition held March 6 in Hastings, Neb.

Overall, Tyler placed 12th in the 100-yard freestyle, 4th in the 50-yard breast stroke, and 7th in the 100-yard individual medley. Overall, Cassidy placed 11th in the 50-yard freestyle, 6th in the 25-yard butterfly, and 8th in the 25-yard breast stroke.

Michael Christensen and son, Nathan, of Newport News, Va., and Susan (Christensen) Lovercheck, Philadelphia, Pa., were weekend guests at the John Tate home and attended the funeral of their uncle, Willard Noren, Saturday afternoon. Michael and Susan are the children of Willard's sister, Geneva Christensen. They arrived Friday evening and returned home on Sunday.

Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, left Wednesday afternoon for Breckenridge, Colo., where they enjoyed a couple of days of skiing before returning home Friday

evening. While there, they were joined by the Dan Nedland and Rhonda May family and Richard May and Nolan.

Jan Badsy spent the weekend in Hays visiting her daughters, Lacey Badsy and Paula and Troy Gnad and family.

Stan and Deanie Moore, Conroe, Texas, left for home on Sunday after spending a week visiting her mother, Hildegard Euhus, family and friends. While here, they were houseguests of Stuart Euhus.

Jerry and Connie Olson and Kelly, Wilma May, and Evelyn Olson enjoyed dinner out together Sunday noon to help Evelyn celebrate her birthday which was Saturday.

Sunday afternoon coffee guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw were Pauline Zander and Arnold and Mary (Zander) Frank and Heidi, Scottsdale, Ariz. They attended the funeral for Pauline's brother, Ernst Holste, on Friday. Sympathies go out to Pauline and her family.

Joanne Wendelin and Rory returned home Sunday evening after spending a few days visiting Eowyn Crane and Bill and Bonnie Condit in Winfield, and Jay and Suzanne Cooper in Wichita. While they were there, Joanne's nephew, Ian Crane, was hit by a truck in an auto accident in Wichita. Following surgery, he is recuperating satisfactorily in the Intensive Care Unit at Wesley Hospital in Wichita. Ian is the son

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended to the family of Willard Noren, 76, who died March 16 at his farm west of Oberlin. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Herndon Covenant Church with the Rev. Keith Reuther officiating. Burial was in the Herndon Covenant Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, the former Esther Benda; two daughters, Judy and Larry Thelander, Salina, and Alice and Ken Robson, Ellsworth; a son, Steven and Connie Noren, Oberlin, and families; a brother, Edwin and Ruth Noren, Cadillac, Mich.; and a sister, Geneva and Gordon Christensen, Westminster, Colo., and families.

Weekend guests of Elden and Delta Anderson for the Noren funeral were Wallace and Carol Swisher, Soniata, Ariz. Stan and Beverly Swisher of Golden, Colo., were houseguests of Dick and Donna Kelley. They were all joined on Sunday for dinner at the Elden Anderson home by Patti

Carrizales, Aurora, Colo.; Joanne Yager, Tucson, Ariz.; Roger Holmdahl, Herndon; Wendy and Chad Fields and Jordan, Atwood; Gary Anderson, and Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, all of Oberlin.

Gordon and Norma Anderson spent last weekend with Robert and Carol Fink, Austin and Ashley at Wamego. They also visited Elva South, a college friend of Mrs. Anderson, in Enterprise. She is staying with her daughter and family while her son-in-law is in Iraq.

Houseguests of Wesley and Eulaine Benda, who came for the Willard Noren funeral services, were Beverly Messerly, Paul and Anna, Sublette; Shirley Maresch, Jenna and Tim, Nekoma; Losson and Leanne Pike, Ashland; and Bob and Connie Smith, Eden Prairie, Minn.

The Larry Marks family of Mulvane visited over the weekend with Bob and Sally Olson and Betty Marks.

'It's Awesome'

By Bill Duncan, Oberlin Church of Christ

For 40 days following His resurrection from the grave, early on that Sunday morning, Jesus appeared to many different people who were among His disciples. He would appear to an individual here, a small gathering there, and one time to a group of 500. Several times He ate a meal with them.

A young man named Thomas had doubted the truth of all these reported sightings of "this one who was dead and is now alive and walking around as though nothing had ever happened." That is, until Jesus met him one evening and said, "Put your finger in the holes in my hands, and thrust your hand into the gash in my side. Stop doubting and believe."

When Thomas no longer doubted, he B-E-L-I-E-V-E-D! In the gospel of John 20:31, we learn that "all these things were written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing, you may have eternal life in His name."

When the Apostle Paul first went to Athens,

Greece, he reasoned with the folks there in the downtown marketplace day by day, "preaching about Jesus and the resurrection."

A little later, while speaking in the prestigious Greek Areopagus (Acts Ch. 17) he said, "God has set a day when He will judge the world with His justice by the man he has appointed (Jesus). [HE HAS GIVEN PROOF OF THIS] to all men by raising Him from the dead".

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead, then, is the key message to be preached and believed, as we each bow before the awesome power of God. Like Thomas, we can move from doubters to believers, as we contemplate the evidence that God has provided in His Word, the Holy Bible.

The current movie, "The Passion of Christ", brings a vivid depiction to our senses of the cost of forgiveness of our sins, paid for by Jesus as a gift of God's grace to those who want to accept Him.

The only other option one has is to pay for your sins yourself. Please choose Jesus.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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The Rev. George Kochuvellikkakam,
The Rev. Mr. Stan Chapin,
MASS: 10 a.m. Sunday

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

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
The Rev. George Kochuvellikkakam
MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday

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.

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Glenn Krebs, pastor
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
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PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.

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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.

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102 North Cass — 785-475-3067
The Rev. Doug Hasty
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Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 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.

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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.

NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 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.

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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.

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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