

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Candidate Richard D. Langness was ordained and installed as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Oberlin, during a special worship service Sunday afternoon at the church.

Participating clergy included the Rev. Keith Kohlmeier, Kansas District President Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod; the Rev. Robert Hedtke, St. Paul Lutheran Church, West Point, Neb.; the Rev. Joel Hiesterman, First Lutheran Church,

Phillipsburg; the Rev. Don White, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Atwood; the Rev. Rick Rostek, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norton; the Rev. David Hutson, First St. John Lutheran Church, Kensington; the Rev. Timothy Llewellyn, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Oakley; and the Rev. Al Bruenger, emeritus, Oakley.

Organist Gary Fredrickson was accompanied during the hymns by Kelly Shields and Joanne Wendelin

on trumpet. Special selections sung by the St. John's Lutheran and Redeemer Lutheran combined choirs were directed by Rhonda May. The soloist was Christina Leavitt, sister of Kimberly Langness. Acolytes during the professional and recessional were Rory Wendelin and Jessica Bremer. Following the service, a potluck supper was held to welcome the new pastor, his wife, Kimberly, and their family.

Jennings News

By Laurie Long

Firemen's Fun Day will be held in Jennings on Saturday with a full schedule of events. See story and advertisement for details.

The Czech Museum board of directors met Aug. 5 and Aug. 19. The Decatur County Chamber of Commerce plans to hold a spaghetti supper from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12, at the senior center in Jennings, for a museum fund-raiser.

The museum will have an open house that evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. and dedication of the completed building will follow at 7:30 p.m. honoring three women, Garrah Gaumer, and the late Josephine Kinser and Lillian Shimmick.

The drawings for the uncirculated U.S. Statehood quarters winner will be held on Saturday during the Firemen's Fun Day, following the

auction. Tickets will be sold during that day at 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. The outside bulletin board has been constructed and erected. Sixteen more books of old newspapers have been finished. Many family histories were added to the collection. There were recent visitors from South Dakota, Colorado, Missouri and Kansas.

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Toots Magers and Kathy VanMeter played pinochle at Good Samaritan Center with the residents and also visited Marguerite Fullerton on Aug. 10, then went to see Pat Schwab at Cedar Living Center.

Tuesday was sewing day for the Lyle ladies. Those sewing were Veda Wood, June Jolly, Kathy VanMeter, Toots Magers, and Joyce Sumner and Jackie Porter of Norton. They had a potluck lunch, while Walt Schwab fixed up everyone's sewing machine.

Kathy VanMeter played cards in Norcatour on Friday evening, Aug. 13.

Greg and Yvonne Sumner celebrated granddaughter, Gracie Mae Archer's fifth birthday Saturday, Aug. 14, with a swimming/barbecue party. There to help celebrate were Joyce Sumner; Michelle Sumner, Ellsworth; Amy and Andrew Archer, McPherson; Todd, Deanna,

Brooke and Brady Sumner; Wayne, Mary, Shane and Missy Byler of Norton; and Eben Oliver, Paul VanVuuren, Heinzn Thorn, and Henning Kobler, all of South Africa.

The Liberty Star homecoming picnic was held on Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Powell picnic grounds. About 14 people attended.

Kathy VanMeter went to Holbrook to attend a party at her bank on Aug. 12. That evening she went to the benefit supper for the Kasson family.

Veda Wood, June Jolly, Toots Magers and Kathy VanMeter went to Oberlin for lunch at the Frontier Restaurant for Kathy's birthday on Friday, Aug. 13. Marguerite Fullerton joined them there, then all went to the Golden Age Center to play pinochle. Later they went to visit Mrs. Pat Schwab at Cedar Living Center, and learned she had been able to go home.

Saturday, Aug. 14, Kathy VanMeter went to Quinter on Aug. 14 for Danielle Nejd's bridal shower, which was a home and garden party. Amy Carman, Dresden, gave the demonstrations.

John and Helen Helm were home at the farm over the weekend of Aug. 13.

Toots Magers received news that Joanie Killen and family were safe from Hurricane Charlie.

Amy Archer of McPherson was recently admitted to the hospital there with a complication in her stomach. We pray she'll be better soon.

Internet tonight!
475-2206

Will sorghum make a crop?

With the cool weather and spotty rains, many farmers are asking whether their grain sorghum will make a crop.

The cool weather in particular has caused a lot of speculation. Typically, August temperatures are not cool enough to delay grain sorghum development.

Grain sorghum grows well in 90-degree weather. However, this year August has had many cool days, which has slowed development.

So how far behind is "too far" behind? It depends when the grain sorghum flowers and the long-term average freeze date for the county. The probability of harvesting a fully mature crop decreases the later in August flowering occurs. A graph representing various flowering dates is on page 9 of the K-State publication Grain Sorghum Production Handbook.

Here are some of the probabilities, depending on location: If grain sorghum flowered by Aug. 4, typically all fields will produce a crop. By Aug. 9, for most area counties this decreases to 90-99 percent. By Aug. 19, probability of producing a crop is between 75-89 percent, and by Aug. 29 probability decreases to 50-75 percent. There are a few more dates listed in the book.

The second problem with cool temperatures is pollen sterility or incomplete pollen shed. Mitch Tuinstra, K-State grain sorghum



Extension Lines

By Brian Olson
Extension Agronomist

breeder, says flowers may be sterile if temperatures dip below 50 degrees three weeks before flowering. Tuinstra said grain sorghum may not shed its pollen at flowering if temperatures are in the low 50s.

Without viable pollen, grain sorghum will not pollinate and no berry will be formed. Under these conditions, the floret is also susceptible to invasion by a pathogen such as ergot. Very little ergot has been reported in Kansas in the past few years; however, Tuinstra pointed out that ergot has been reported in some grain sorghum fields in Texas. Ergot would be characterized by a white fungal mass on the head that produces a sugary, sticky substance.

The final problem has been dry weather. With the spotty rains, some fields are burning up and do not have enough moisture available to exert the sorghum head. These fields likely will be fed to cattle in one form or another, so farmers need to make sure they check their nitrate content. A K-State publication en-

titled "Nitrate and Prussic Acid in Forages" describes the risk associated with this potential problem.

These publications can be downloaded at the Web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/ under the Production and Pest icon, or visit the county extension office to pick up a copy. A list of certified forage labs for the area is on the Web site.

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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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SEPTEMBER

Decatur County Community Calendar

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(Call Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce to have your organization's meeting updated and listed in next month's calendar.)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Oberlin Herald NOW IN OUR 125th YEAR OF SERVICE	 Hansen Mueller		Dr. Eskildsen, Dr. Curry, 1 Urology, Dec. Co. Hospital; OBA, LandMark, Noon; Blood Pressure Clinic, Golden Age , 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m.; AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.; Northwest Kansas League meeting.	2 Junior High Football, St. Francis, home, 5:30 pm.; Junior High Volleyball, St. Francis, home, 4:30 p.m.; Oberlin Cross-Country at Norton, 4:30 p.m.; Spirit Spreader at Oakley, 9 a.m.	3 Oberlin Football, Home, St. Francis, 7 p.m.	4 Bargain Box Plus, 1/2 Price Day
5 Attend the Church of Your Choice	LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL Norcatour Rebekahs; Lions Club, Medical Arts Bldg.; Oberlin JV Football at St. Francis, 6 p.m.	7 Dr. Doolittle, Dec. Co. Hospital; Rotary, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.; Oberlin Volleyball at Sainty, 4 p.m.	8 Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. Co. Hospital; AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.; Legion Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m.; Norcatour Royal Neighbors.	9 Chamber Board meeting Hirsch & Pratt, Noon. Oberlin Junior High Football at Oakley, 4:30 p.m.; Oberlin Junior High Volleyball at Oakley, 4:30 p.m.; Oberlin Cross-Country at Quinter, 4:30 p.m.	10 Oberlin Royal Neighbors, Golden Age, 4 p.m. Oberlin Football at Quinter, 7 p.m.	11 Oberlin Junior Varsity Volleyball Tournament at Quinter, 9 a.m.
12 Attend the Church of Your Choice Antique Engine Club Potluck, Sappa Manor, 6:30 p.m.	13 Board of Education meeting 7:30 p.m. Oberlin Junior Varsity Football at Quinter, 5:30 p.m.	14 Dr. Doolittle; Dr. McGowan, Cardiologist, Dec. Co. Hospital; Decatur Professional Women, Gateway, Noon; Rotary, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.; Oberlin Volleyball at Oakley, 4:30 p.m.	15 Dr. Eskildsen; Dr. Curtis, Cardiologist, Dec. Co. Hospital; AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m.; Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m.; NCA Visit.	16 Convention/Visitors Bureau, LandMark Inn, Noon; Oberlin Junior High Football and Volleyball, Quinter, 4:30 p.m.	17 Oberlin Business Alliance Tailgate 5-7 p.m. Oberlin Football with Colby, 7 p.m.	18/ Oberlin C Team Volleyball Tournament, here, 9 a.m.; Oberlin Volleyball Tournament at McCook, 11 a.m.
19 Attend the Church of Your Choice	20 Dr. McDonald, Cathartics, Dec. Co. Hospital; Lions Club, Medical Arts Bldg.; Norcatour Rebekahs; Hospital Board meeting, 7 p.m.; Oberlin Junior Varsity Football at Colby, 5:30 p.m.	21 Dr. Doolittle; Dec. Co. Hospital Rotary, Gateway, Noon Weight Watchers 6-7 p.m. Mike Danner/Balfour meet with Seniors, 8:40 a.m.	22 Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. Co. Hospital AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 p.m. Gifted Seminar, Grades 9-12 Jennings Parent-Teacher Conferences, 5-8 p.m.	23 American Legion meeting Oberlin Junior High Football & Volleyball, Hoxie, 4:30 p.m.	24 Oberlin High Football at Goodland, 7 p.m. Jennings, NO SCHOOL, Parent-Teacher Conferences, 8:30-Noon.	25 Oberlin Junior High Volleyball, Hoxie Tournament, 9 a.m. Ronnie Kole, Pianist of World Renown, Gateway, Arts & Humanities, 7:30 pm.
26 Attend the Church of Your Choice	Oberlin High Spirit Week Oberlin Junior Varsity Football, Goodland, 5:30 p.m. Jostens meet with Sophomores, 9:15 a.m.	28 Dr. Doolittle, Dec. Co. Hospital; Rotary, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.; Oberlin Elementary Picture Day; Oberlin Cross Country, home, 5 p.m.; Oberlin Volleyball at Bird City, 4 p.m.	29 5th Wednesday Oberlin Business Alliance Scrip Drawing; Dr. Eskildsen; Dr. Werth, Urology, Dec Co. Hospital; AA, Ambulance Barn, 8 pm.; Oberlin Junior/Senior High Picture Day; Bargain Box Plus, \$3 bag day.	30 Oberlin Junior High Football & Volleyball at Atwood, 5:30 & 4:30 p.m.	Smart Start Northwest Kansas and CCC Resource & Referral are sponsoring a class that is open to anyone who is interested in becoming a licensed childcare provider. The class is free. Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004 — 7 to 10 p.m. Colby Community College Student Union Room 106. Call 1-888-634-9350 ext 250 for information or to register.	