

The Norcatur News sheet volunteers received the following from Hallie Bell Case: Since I can't go visit you, the News is the next best thing. You do a wonderful thing — you bring memories and cheer to many. Someday, please publish how many copies you send out each week. It takes a lot of patience, giving of your time, etc. I'll bet you get personal satisfaction from the doing — at least I hope you do. You do a remarkable job of printing interesting items.

I graduated from Norcatur Rural High School in 1935. That will be 70 years next reunion. I doubt I'll be able to go. I'm on oxygen 24/7.

I began writing my life history last March and I'm nowhere near done with it. I've been amazed at the things I'm 85 1/2 years old and am a lymphoma cancer survivor. My oncologist says it's gone — cured! My daughter, Lesley, lives with me. She works as a nurse here in the village. This village has a population of 15,000. A wonderful place to live.

THREE PRAIRIE UNIT

Three Prairie Unit took their annual tour on Sept. 9. They met at the Norton Manor where they visited the Norcatur people living there, Mildred Schwab, Anetta Knapp, Arnold Jackson, Ethel Miller and Maxine Brooks. They ate lunch at a local café and returned to Betty Reid's apartment at Whispering Pines.

Club members there were Norma McCallister, Estella Harold, Bee Nelson, Marguerite Clark, Lula Hix, Betty Reid, Maxine Brooks and Helen McVay.

The next meeting will be at 1 p.m. on Oct. 14, to plan the new club year.

Dorothy Ward is recuperating following pacemaker surgery on Sept. 3.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Alice Barnett, Rodney O'Hare - Sept. 15; Lisa Rhodes, Robert and Leona Schoenrad - Sept. 16; Joel Miller - Sept. 17; Doug Dempewolf - Sept. 20.

Former Norcatur Grade School principal Robert and Beanie Fiser of Belleville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a bus trip around the Great Lakes. They were married Sept. 16, 1954. Their children and spouses are Debbie and Tim Rhine of Mahaska, and Frank and Donna Fiser of LaPorte, Colo. They also have four grandchildren. The Fisers lived in Norcatur from 1955 to 1957.

At the beginning of the school year, four students are attending classes: Ainsley Karnes, Dalaina Smith, Brady Sumner and Amy Wentz. The Pre-school needs donations for their upcoming rummage sale.

Keith Anthony has been with his daughter, Lynn (Sissy) and Bob McFarland, at their home in Killeen, Texas, for the past several

weeks. Bob was diagnosed with terminal cancer several months ago, and died at their home on Sept. 11. Funeral services were held Sept. 12 at the Crawford Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen. Mail will reach Keith and Lynn at 2010 Cedar View Drive, Killeen, Texas, 76543.

Gerald and Judy Jackson attended the funeral of his sister, Pauline Shoemaker, in Colby on Sept. 11.

Pansy and Kenneth Price attended the hog roast at Lyle; viewed the hats and head dresses display the Hansen Museum, then attended the Jennings Museum benefit.

Oran and LaVerne Milner and Goldie Brewer visited Jay and Vi Gallentine at their new apartment in Norton Sunday afternoon, Sept. 12.

M.J. Dempewolf accompanied Kris and Derry Bishop and Canaan Bishop to the Kansas State Fair on Saturday, Sept. 11, where they attended the REO Speedwagon/Concert.

Chris and Sharee Dempewolf went to the Trick Pony concert in Colby Saturday evening, Sept. 11.

Congratulations to Sharee Dempewolf, who is now a Certified Medication Aide (CMA). Sharee took classes in WaKeeney this summer.

She is already a Certified Nurse Aide, and works at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. Way to go, Sharee. We are very proud of you!

What tillage system is the best?



Extension Lines

By Brian Olson
Extension Agronomist

With farmers debating the question of which tillage system is best in northwest Kansas, Jim Shroyer, a K-State specialist, provides some light on the subject by analyzing the results from a 10-year wheat-sorghum-fallow rotation study.

The study was done at the Southwest Research-Extension Center at Tribune from 1991 to 2000. Three tillage treatments were used within the rotation: conventional tillage, in which four to five tillage operations were used for weed control during the fallow period; reduced tillage, which used two to three tillage operations and one or two herbicide applications to control weeds during the fallow period; and no-till, which used only herbicides.

The 10-year average wheat yield was greatest for no-till (46 bushels per acre), while wheat in the reduced tillage system yielded 43 bushels per acre, and the conventional tillage yielded only 38 bushels per acre. That represents a 17 percent yield advantage for no-till wheat over conventional tillage wheat.

Sorghum yields followed the

same trend. The 10-year no-till sorghum yielded 76 bushels per acre, reduced tillage sorghum yielded 70, and conventional tillage 45. That represents a 40 percent yield advantage for no-till sorghum over conventional tillage sorghum.

What's the bottom line? Reduced tillage and no-till systems reduce soil moisture loss, which allows more moisture to be available for grain yields. Grain sorghum responds to no-till and reduced tillage systems more than wheat does.

When the results of this study were analyzed at the end in 2000, conventional-till wheat was economically more favorable when compared to no-till due to the higher cost of chemical control. However, the cost of glyphosate is much less

now than during the study period, making no-till much less expensive per acre.

For information, please go to www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/ and download the information on "Tillage System Rotation - Tribune" under the Production and Pest icon, or visit the county extension office to pick up a copy.

Brian Olson is Kansas State University 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.

Many community events planned

Thanks to all who attended the fund-raiser for the Jennings Czech Museum. The crowd was large and the program was interesting as they honored the ladies that started the museum, about 30 years ago. Garrah Gaumer and the late Lillian Shimmick and Josephine Kinsler were pursuant ladies with lots of energy and push.

The last race of the season for the Oberlin Speedway is over and we can get back to racing next spring. There has been a lot of work done to make it successful and we should thank all the volunteers that have helped do this.

The next events will be during Homecoming, Oct. 1. Oberlin Business Alliance will have a burger fry on main street from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fry has been moved to the former The Bank drive-through, on the east side of the street.

Next will be the Homecoming Parade, starting from the high school at 2:30 p.m. and moving up to main street. Decatur County is also celebrating its 125th anniversary, participating in the parade with floats followed by cake on the main floor of the courthouse. Anyone who is interested in entering a float, please call Marilyn Horn at (785) 475-8102.

The Chamber is doing a tailgate

party prior to the game, starting at 5 p.m. until game time at 7 p.m. This is a chance to have some good food and visit with your neighbors before the game.

Let's show those Buffs we can beat them.

Oct. 2 is Mini Sapa Day at the museum, with many activities planned. If this isn't to your liking, the Antique Thresher and Engine Show is at the fairgrounds Oct. 2 and 3. There is something for everyone during the weekend.

Now is the time to plan a float for the annual Light Parade Nov. 26, to kick off the holiday season. You will be hearing more on this as the time draws near. Let's show the big cities we can do it better.

My letter is in to Santa asking him to make a visit here following the Light Parade.

If you want to host a fund-raiser, there are some open dates during the last week before Christmas. Just call the Chamber office at (785) 475-3441 and let me know. The stores are planning to be open all that week until 8 p.m.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

The Halloween Spook Parade and Trunk or Treat on main street will be Oct. 29. Be sure to mark this on your calendar so you won't get caught without those treats.

The pot is always on so stop by and have a cup with me.

SECOND CHANCE HOMELESS PET SOCIETY



(Cali) Female, 1-2 years old, Collie/Greyhound mix

For more information contact Linda Terrell, 877-5219

First Responder Class



Beginning on October 4, 2004 Decatur County EMS will have a First Responder class. If anyone is interested in the class, call Pat Pomeroy at (785) 475-8126 or Dispatch at (785) 475-8100

Come join the excitement of learning!!!!!!

Volunteering is one way you can help your community and help yourself.

Free to Decatur County Residents

Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

On Sept. 6, Toots Magers and Kathy VanMeter went up to visit Helen and Mary Helm at the farm.

Instead of sewing on Tuesday, Sept. 7, the Lyle ladies including Toots Magers, Kathy VanMeter and Joyce Sumner cleaned up the Community Building for the Hog Roast to be held that Saturday evening.

Liberty Star Club was held at the home of Theresa Reeves in McCook, Neb., on Wednesday evening, Sept. 8. Those present were Angie Wilson, Kathy Anthony, Carolyn Plotts, Veda Wood, Kathy VanMeter and Toots Magers.

On Sept. 9, Kathy VanMeter and

guest, Joyce Sumner, attended Kathy's bank's party. They played Chocolate Bingo with chocolate kisses and they had a chocolate fountain.

Saturday evening, Sept. 11, was the Hog Roast. There were 73 guests signed in. Gene and Laurene VanOtterloo brought Marguerite Fullerton from the Good Samaritan Center. It was so nice to see her!

A big thank you to those who helped at the Hog Roast: Dean and Rhonda Jolly, Virgil Price, June Jolly, Joyce Sumner, Veda Wood, Toots Magers, Joyce Price, Kathy VanMeter and anyone I might have left out. It was a very good meal except for all the flies!

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Sympathy is extended Mark and Gail Bergling and family following the death of her mother, Romona Dannebohm, 65, on Sept. 14 at Ellinwood District Hospital.

Other survivors include her husband, Robert, of Ellinwood; another daughter, Nancee Meyer, Stafford; a sister, Lila Snell, Manhattan; and five grandchildren. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the First Baptist Church south of Ellinwood.

Marsha Espenson of Bingham Lake, Minn., has been visiting her mother, Genevieve Henningsen, and Tony and Trish Henningsen.

The board of the Herndon Covenant Church will hold a meeting following a sack lunch on Sunday.

Sherry Bergling and her sisters, Leila Wasinger, Hays and Vernetta Leikam of Denver, and Vernetta's daughter, Lean Ross of Johnstown, Colo., returned home Friday after spending a week vacationing in New Orleans, La.

Mark and Barbara Olson, Kurt and Mary spent the weekend in Manhattan, where they visited Sarah Olson and helped Mary celebrate her 13th birthday.

They also attended the football game.

'Being A Part of Something Special'

By Rev. Nolan Pierce, Co-pastor of the United Church of Oberlin

Being special is important. It is essential for every person. How one becomes special will vary from person to person. Life needs to be special from start to finish. Even a newborn needs to be treated special, and responds to special care. Special care is a part of feeling loved. This is a need that continues, and thus is sought by all ages throughout life in all societies everywhere.

Becoming special is a worthy goal, but it is a two-way street that requires relationships that enhance receiving and giving special attention to needs.

God wanted something great when He started creation. The more God created, the more special creation became. Genesis describes it this way: when God had created everything before human-kind, "God saw that it was good" (Genesis 1:25c).

Then God created humanity and in verse 31, the explanation was added, "and behold, it was very good" (Gen. 1:31b).

Thoughtfulness is a part of creating something special that becomes very good. Oberlin and the surrounding communities are a special place to be and now is a special time to live.

Being a part of something special means developing relationships that are good, but not being content until they are very good.

Thoughtfulness of each other develops through interaction that brings love to each heart. You are not God, but you have God's breath within you and it is important to you and to those around you. Use it and something special will take place as long as you live. God intends for that to be a long time.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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| <p>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday</p> | <p>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
The Rev. Nolan and Barbara Pierce
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 10 a.m.</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p>OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
South Beaver Street - Oberlin
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. Junior Worship, grade 3 & down. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday</p> | <p>OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Jim Martin
120 South East, Oberlin
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.</p> | <p>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
The Rev. Damian Richards
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.</p> | <p>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
510 North Wilson
Pastor: Rev. Rick Langness
Secretary: Norma Unger
785-475-2333
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; KICK, 3:45-5:30 p.m. each Wednesday.</p> |
| <p>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS
Glenn Krebs, pastor
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p>HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
Keith Reuther, Pastor
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.</p> | <p>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p> | <p>NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p> | <p>LYLE UNITED METHODIST
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Lyle Lay Speaker
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