

Norcatatur News

By the Norcatatur News Committee

Among those from this area who took part in the musical "Godspell," which was presented Friday and Saturday nights at Decatur Community High School in Oberlin were Anthony Marshall as Jesus; Destry Jackson as Socrates; Kaitlyn Stapp as Da Vinci; and members of the Pit Choir included Destry, Kaitlyn, Aaron Helm, Alyssa Montgomery, Denton Bailey (who also played the trap set), and Katrina Wentz.

On Thursday, Dec. 16, the Norcatatur Pre-school will hold its Christmas Program at 7 p.m. in the All-purpose Room.

The Norcatatur Christmas Drawing will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, with a donation supper served by the pre-school following the drawing. And of course, Santa will be there. A pre-school bake sale will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Dewaine Stapp, Judy Shirley, Troy Marshall - Nov. 17; Merle Shirley, Brandy Cook, Jessica Rhodes - Nov. 19; Joyce Anderson, Marvin and Millie Matchett - Nov. 20; Marylyn Barnett - Nov. 21; Brian Cook - Nov. 23.

Christmas cards or letters will reach Cpl. Russell James at: HHC 1-506th 102 MI DET, Camp Habbaniyah, Unit 15147, APO-AE09381-5147.

Trudi and Elissa McCollum of Platte City, Mo., came Nov. 12, to visit her parents, Bob and Kay Strevey. Hollie Ricke of Andover arrived later that evening and Wendy Tien came the next morning. The girls attended the arts and crafts fair and Grandma Kay got to babysit Elissa at the Sewing Box in Norton. On Saturday everyone attended the pheasant supper at the

Norcatatur United Methodist Church.

A double baby shower was held at the Educational Building on Nov. 14. Guests of honor were Trudi and Elissa McCollum of Platte City, Mo., and Hollie Ricke of Andover. The shower was given by Rovella Shearer of Norton and Kay Strevey of Norcatatur.

Guests attending were Wendy Tien, Andover; Marylyn Barnett, Kearney, Neb.; Alice Barnett and Cheri Brooks, Clayton; Retta Hare, Bee Nelson, Jamie Wentz, Lois Megan, Rebecca and Amy Wentz, Mary and Carrissa Wentz, Norcatatur; Trish Starbuck, Colby; Jany Wyatt, Beverly Kindler, Norton; Carolyn Strevey, Boulder, Colo.; and Jana Strevey, Longmont, Colo.

There were 10 states represented at the Norcatatur United Methodist Church annual pheasant supper Saturday evening, Nov. 13. They included Wyoming, Florida, South Carolina, Colorado, Nebraska, Washington, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, and Iowa. There were 161 who registered.

Lee and Lora Arnold attended the Lyle Bazaar on, Nov. 14.

The ball is rolling for donations toward the Rescue Ventilation Window project for the Pre-school, with a couple of large donations received so far. The estimate was \$650, although it will likely end up costing more when all is said and done.

Pastor Kathy Aeillo will be dividing time between the various Methodist parsonages. The plan is for her to be in Norcatatur on Sunday, Monday, Thursday and Friday, and in Almena on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. These days may vary at times.

The Norcatatur United Methodist

Church will discontinue Sunday School classes until further notice. Everyone is encouraged to attend the adult Bible Study Group held on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Educational Building. For questions, call (785) 693-4257; or (785) 669-2236.

Houseguests of Bill and Bee Nelson for the opening of pheasant season were their son, Todd Nelson of BelAire, and grandson, James McQueen of Wichita. They arrived Friday evening, Nov. 12. James' boss, Shane Davis, and his sons, Bill and Dan Zahner of Wichita, were here also.

Dorothy Breiner accompanied the Brian McKenna family to Colorado for the Colorado School of Mines football game on Nov. 13. The School of Mines team was 12-0 as of Nov. 13. They were to play Pittsburgh on Saturday at Pittsburgh.

Rebekahs attending the funeral of Velma Rogers on Nov. 10 at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin were Ivah Alexander, Dorothy Woods, Maxine Brooks, Joyce Price, Arlene Hix and Beth Johnson.

Beth Johnson accompanied Cathy Claussen to Colby on Nov. 11. Beth visited Jo Benson at the Prairie Senior Living Complex. She also visited Marguerite Fullerton at the Decatur County Hospital.

Kaitlyn Stapp has been selected to the Northwest Kansas All League Volleyball team. She is the daughter of Patty and Dave Stapp.

Kortney Stapp and Jerrod Doire were weekend guests of Dave and Patty Stapp, Kaitlyn and Sam.

Don't forget the Norcatatur Library when cleaning out your books, videos, DVDs, and CDs and keep the Library or pre-school in mind when you make out any memorials.

Results are in for irrigated crops



Extension Lines

By Brian Olson
Extension Agronomist

Growing conditions this summer for corn were the best the area has seen for a few years.

July and August did not have the regularly 100-degrees-plus days that can cause pollen sterility and increase water use. Most fields had just enough help from Mother Nature that the corn did not become stressed for water.

Corn yields were exceptional at the experiment station in Colby and good at Tribune. Irrigated grain sorghum also did fairly well at Colby.

The 55 hybrids in the irrigated corn performance test at Colby averaged 272 bushels per acre with a least significant difference of 22. The top-yielding hybrids were LG Seeds LG2619BT and Agsource 7783 CB with 304. Other notable hybrids were Garst 8377YG1/RR at 302, Warner 4602B and Otilie 5334YGCB at 298, Renze 8394YGCB at 295, and Triumph 1536CBRR at 294. The study was planted on May 3 on ground where sunflowers were grown the previous year with a final population of 35,100 plants per acre.

At Tribune, the irrigated corn performance test had 50 hybrids averaging 234 bushels per acre, with a least significant difference of 30. The top hybrid was Warner 4602B at 283 with the rest of the top five comprising LG Seeds LG2619BT/RR at 275, Renze 8454YGCB at 272, Fontanelle HC-7951 YGCB at 271, and Fontanelle HC-7971 YGCB at 270. The study was planted on May 5 on ground where grain sorghum was grown the previous year with a final population of 32,700 plants per acre.

At Colby, grain sorghum in the irrigated performance test had delayed heading and maturation during the summer due to the cool tem-

peratures in July and August. However, the grain was able to continue to fill until a frost in early November. The top-yielding hybrid was Croplan Genetics 514 at 175, with the 29 other hybrids averaging 154. Other top hybrids were Seed Source SR 510 at 172, Pioneer 85G01 at 169, Asgrow A567 at 166, and Pioneer 84G62 at 165 bushels per acre. The test was planted on May 26 on ground that previously had soybeans with a final stand of 72,000 plants per acre.

To see a complete list, go to

www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/ and click on the Kansas Crop Performance 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.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Thanksgiving Eve services will begin at 7 p.m. tonight at the Herndon Covenant Church.

A film on the life of the late Dr. Paul Carlson, a missionary to the Congo, was shown Sunday evening at Geneva Day services at the Herndon Covenant Church.

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

Sunday dinner guests of J.R. and Carrol Ginther were Blaine and Erin Ginther, Cameron, Will and Sophia, and Harlan and Naida Ginther, Atwood, and Jason Zabokrtsky, who

works at Ginther Stables.

Gerald and Patti Benda attended the K-State-Iowa State football game on Saturday in Manhattan.

Renee and Alex McEvoy of Colby were weekend guests of their grandparents, Frank and Margaret McEvoy.

Covenant Women met last Tuesday at the Herndon Covenant Church for a soup luncheon. Officers elected include: Betty Hafer, president; Melinda Bell, vice president; Elma Lee Erickson, secretary; and Patti Benda, treasurer.

Genevieve Erickson is hospitalized in Oberlin.

Cedar Living News

Pi Alpha Club donated stuffed animals to be used by the Cedar Living Center residents as part of their Furry Friends Program.

Residents who enjoyed an afternoon of bowling on Monday were Maxine Chambers, Alice Fiala, Harold Frickey, Freda Gamblin, Myrtle Hazuka, Tressie Samson, Axie Sass, Eva Marie Vacura, Charley Vavroch, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

Mary Ann Amack assisted with the sing-along on Monday afternoon.

Freida Matheny won the first bingo on Tuesday and Harold Frickey won the blackout game.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon. Father George held a Communion service on Thursday morning.

Barbara Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Thursday afternoon.

The craft group met on Thursday afternoon to start making Christmas decorations. Those assisting included Zola Brown, Mildred Cochran, Alice Fiala, Ann Geihlsler, Tressie Samson, Axie Sass, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

The baking group made molasses cookies on Friday afternoon.

Don Ashley and Karen Bennett were lunch guests on Saturday to help Elma Ashley celebrate her birthday.

The Thanksgiving potluck dinner was held at noon on Sunday.

About 60 guests joined residents and staff for the feast. The dietary department prepared the turkey, stuffing, and potatoes while the guests donated the salads, vegetables, and desserts. Mike McVay said the blessing.

Recent visitors: Rose, Mike, Shakia, and Sohn Domsch, Atwood; Don Grafel, Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Jerry Temple, Tracy Hartzog, Norcatatur; Lisa and Caden Rhodes, Norton; Jamie Samson and Sara Bishop, Lindsay; Carol Young, Heather and Alyssa Bethke, Paul and Christine Matheny, Gary Matheny, Dean Geihlsler, McCook; Leanna Davis and Amanda Winstead, Don Hays, Salina; John and Lois Jordan, Boulder, Colo.; Larry and Sandy Wolfram, Liberal; Phyllis McKay, Jenks, Okla.; Joanne Dolance, Dallas, Texas; Judy Stark, Sun City, Ariz.; Donna Geihlsler, Wichita; Dale and Avis Hazuka, McDonald; Carl Mumm, Selden; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; David Cox, Hays; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby;

Mary Ann Amack, Carol and Gary Allen, Butch and Sandra Diederich, Vernon and Jeanette Diederich and family, Lyle Gambelin, Gene and Laurene Van Otterloo, Elaine Bryan, Myrna Jones, Fern Jording, Sabrina Cooper, Jan Matheny, Nadean Stoney, Earl Brown, Rita Garver, Paul Sass, Dana Winstead, Marie Jean Vavroch, Oberlin.

'Better Than I Deserve'

By Pastor Glenn A. Krebs, United Methodist churches in Jennings and Dresden

When I ran into an old friend last week, he and I exchanged the typical greeting: "Hey, how ya doin'?" His reply was one that I hear often: "Probably better than I deserve."

I don't know if he realized the theological truth in that answer.

Psalms 103:10 reads: [God] "... does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities." (New Revised Standard Version)

I wonder how many of us realize the immensity of the good news that verse brings us. How often have you heard someone in trouble wonder aloud, "What did I do to deserve this?" How often has that someone been you?

And how often has someone asked that question, not in the context of something bad happening, but rather in the context of a special blessing from God? Most of us at one time or another have wondered if an undesirable event or situation is a payback from God for displeasing Him. But how many of us happily accept a special blessing — recovery from illness or a financial windfall or something similar

— without asking, "What did I do to deserve *this*?"

If our view of life includes belief in some divine system of rewards for righteous behavior and punishment for unrighteous behavior, we will probably become confused on a regular basis. Bad stuff happens to good people just about as often as good stuff happens to bad people. The point is, *stuff happens to everyone*.

So I would suggest a different view. Rather than blaming God for the rotten stuff (looking at it as punishment), or even giving God credit for the great stuff (looking at it as a reward), we should look at everything simply as a natural part of the way God created the universe to operate. And the operation of the universe is affected by the choices that you and I make minute by minute and day by day in our relationships with other people.

The best news of all is found in another Psalm: "If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be reversed." (Psalm 130)

Each of us can and should be thankful that we all get better than we deserve from God.



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>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</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>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.</p> <p>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.</p> | <p>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
The Rev. Nolan and Barbara Pierce
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 10 a.m.</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 COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)
Pastor: Bobby Cornelius
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., AWANA Club 4-6 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.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>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 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>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>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
The Rev. Damian Richards
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.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>NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Carol Woodmaneee, Almena
Lyle Lay Speaker
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.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>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>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>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> |
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Selden News

By Jacque Boulinghouse

Selden Senior Citizens held their Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday prior to playing cards. The United Methodist minister and his wife, the Rev. Daniel and Hyun Kim cooked the turkey, and Gary and Shirley Emigh brought ham. The ladies decorated the tables with a fall Thanksgiving theme.

Following the meal everyone enjoyed pinochle. Alfred Albers won high, Edna Schiltz took second, Cecelia Otley got low and Don Shaw had the most tens. Members present were Paulie Neff, Irene Kruse, Leone Porsch, Anna Albers, Don Smith, Betty James, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Dorothy Lovin, Shirley Emigh and guests, Peggy and Darrel Charlineau of Wichita, and Sandy Koerperich and Mary Goaden of Selden.

On Wednesday, groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Community Center were held. Selden City representatives were Mayor Darrel Bruggeman, Council members, Steve Rogers, Sandy Koerperich, Helen Carman and Jacque Boulinghouse.

Representatives of the Sheridan County Health Complex, Hoxie Clinic and the Selden Clinic include: Administrator Kyle Hahn,

Pam Pope, Kaylee Watkins, Barb Sample. Sheridan County Development representatives: Director Bert Mosier, Shane Jones and Leanna Sloan. Representative from the Department of Commerce and Housing, Linda Hunziker, Irene Kruse and Betty James represented the Selden Senior Citizens. There were also reporters from *The Hoxie Sentinel* and *The Oberlin Herald*.

Betty James, Irene Kruse, Darrel Bruggeman, Kyle Hahn and Bert Mosier handled the actual ground breaking as they were all on Gold Shovels.

Refreshments followed at the Senior Citizens Center, thanks to Betty and Irene.

School Calendar: Tuesday - Junior High basketball in Rexford with Grinnell; Nov. 24-28 - No school.

Birthdays and anniversaries include: Nov. 25 - Dustin Juenemann, Dick and Betty Pauls; Nov. 26 - Robert Koerperich, Rick and Dori Pauls; Nov. 27 - Dan Juenemann, Stephanie Juenemann, Janice Kruse, Carol Shaw; Nov. 28 - Bud Rogers, Lola Wessel, Katrena Murphy; Nov. 30 - Rex and Myrtle Shaw; Dec. 1 - Mark Juenemann, Renee Bruggeman Hodges, Teddy Wachendorfer.

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