

Sympathy is extended to the family of Alice Loughry, 68, who died Jan. 11, at Norton. The former Alice Van Sickler, she was born March 3, 1936, in Walla Walla, Wash.

Survivors include two sons, James, North Hollywood, Calif.; and John, Liberal; a daughter, Mary McElwain, Liberal; a step-daughter, Kim Linner, Almena; a godson, Vernon Watson, Rockingham, N.C.; two brothers, Alfred VanSickler, Oakley; and Larry VanSickler, Bella Vista, Ark.; eight grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Jan. 15 at the Norton Cemetery with Enfield Funeral Home of Norton in charge of arrangements.

The Norcatour Commercial Club will sponsor a freewill fund raiser from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 13, in the All-purpose Room at the Norcatour City Building. Proceeds will be used to assist the Decatur County Museum in moving St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Alta Mae VanGundy will celebrate her 100th birthday on Jan. 31. Mail will reach her at 721 S. 1st Ave., Apt. 216, Hastings, Neb., 68901.

Todd and Denise Nelson and Garret of Wichita were houseguests of Bill and Bee Nelson on Jan. 15 and 16. Additional Sun-

day dinner guests were Wayne and Norma McCallister, Bob Sawdon and Lee Eckhart.

Veda Wood received word from her son, David, that he is now a grandfather. An eight-pound son, Landon Brock Jirak, was born on Jan. 10 to Israel and Hannah Jirak of Fort Collins, Colo.

Marvin and Millie Matchett went to Hays and Ellis to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Martina and Rafael Ruiz, of Ellis. Marvin announced the basketball tournament in Hays for Norton on Jan. 15.

Winners of the Cardinal Bar and Grill's second pool tournament were: first place, Stan Miller ("The Hustler"); second place, Fred Molzahn; and third place, John Cook. The next tournament will be Monday, Feb. 7, due to Valentine's Day being the second Monday of the month.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jason Gallentine - Jan. 20; Rebecca Helm, K.G. Ward - Jan. 21; David and Retta Hare - Jan. 23.

COUPLE HONORED

Donald and Goldie Stapp were married Jan. 21, 1940. Their children, Rodney and Delores Stapp, Norton; Garry and Barb Stapp, Ord, Neb.; and Larry and Marcia Stapp, Holcomb, are honoring them with a card shower. Greetings will reach them at 416 N. Martin, Oberlin,

Kan., 67749.

Coming up this summer will be re-sealing the highway coming into Norcatour. Our cost will be approximately \$7,000-10,000. Also, we will need to put more gravel on the city streets before Alumni/Memorial Day. Donations may be sent to the Highway Fund, c/o Jay Locy, RR 1 Box 93A, Norcatour, Kan., 67653, or through the Citizens Alliance.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Barnett met their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Darren Barnett, in Salina on Jan. 15, at the home of her sister, Tom and Mary Wright. Darren and family also came from Haysville and the group also visited with Tom's sister and husband, and Tom's brother and wife. It was Tom's birthday, and the group celebrated with games of Texas Hold 'Em and pitch.

ALUMNIBANQUET

The Norcatour Rural High School Alumni Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 28. A dance will follow the banquet with a \$5 admission. Contact Von Johnson, treasurer of the Norcatour Alumni Association, at 117 West Legend Drive, Pueblo West, Colo., 81007-1714 for tickets by May 1.

Lunch will be served on Sunday, Memorial Day, at noon at the Norcatour Grade School All-purpose room, for \$5.

Winter conference coming up

The Cover Your Acres Winter Conference is right around the corner.

Last year, close to 300 farmers attended and were glad they did. This year, expectations are just as high.

The conference, to be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3, at The Gateway in Oberlin, has been developed to provide information on the latest technology, methods, and conservation practices to improve crop production on the High Plains.

Twenty-three sessions will be offered by university and industry personnel, including discussion of guidance systems, spray application technology, soybean rust management, management of nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizer in no-till systems, corn versus grain sorghum production, dryland strip-till, drilled versus planted grain sorghum and soybeans, and dryland soybean production, among many others.

This conference is a place where farmers across northwest Kansas can come together and discuss cropping practices with not only university and industry experts, but also with their fellow farmers. Farmers can exchange information on what is working in their operations.

Farmers can stay the whole day or attend part of the sessions. I know many will be unable to stay all day because of chores at home, but plan on coming in for part of the day. I know it will be worth your time.

In addition to the sessions, farmers will be able to view the latest technology offered by over 25 ag retailers inside the exhibit hall at The Gateway. They also can plan on



Extension Lines

By Brian Olson
Extension Agronomist

being well fed. There will be rolls in the morning, a good lunch at noon, cookies in the afternoon, and heavy hors d'oeuvres in the evening during the bull session. Proceedings of all the university sessions will also be available.

All in all, there will be a lot going on at The Gateway. To register, send your name, address, and telephone number along with a check (made payable to K-State) to the Northwest Area Extension Office, Attn: Brian Olson, Box 786, Colby, Kan., 67701. The registration is only \$8 if it is postmarked by Jan. 27. Otherwise, registration will be \$25 at the door.

A registration form that has a complete schedule for the conference can be downloaded from the web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/, or visit your local 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.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

John Tacha, Lawrence, has spent several days visiting his mother, Mildred Tacha.

Herschel and Jody Betts were supper guests of Kay and Doyle Brown on Jan. 14.

Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Lawrence and Lila Jennings were Delores and James Jennings, Nadean Stoney and Brett Jennings, Oberlin.

Weekend guests of Wayne and Louise Cressler were Gwen Anderson, Council Grove; Megan Faris and Jessica Lemmons, Manhattan. Martin and Darlene LaRue visited their son, Troy and Anne LaRue, in Fulton, Mo., over the weekend.

Sunday visitors at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw were Danny and Cindy Black, Logan and Bowen of Colby. Bowen brought the first-place trophy and first-place medal he won in the Hoxie and Ellis Kids Wrestling tournaments the past two weeks.

Thursday dinner guests at the home of Mark and Shelley Shaw, Ethan and Erin, of rural Logan to honor Erin on her fifth birthday were Stan and Ramona Shaw, Jim and Wilma Mader of Jennings, and

Bernita Gawith of Stockton.

The annual meeting of the Heritage Associates, along with the regular meeting, will be held at 2 p.m. on Feb. 3 at the museum. The public is invited. Annual report will be given and election of officers held.

Sunflower Senior Citizens potluck supper will be Feb. 8. Bingo will be played. Bring \$3 toward the prize and join us.

The Jennings student council has Coyote beans available for \$1.50 and football tumblers for \$5 each. Those interested may contact the school or Kyle Kinser, president, at (785) 678-2414.

The student council at the Jennings School is also collecting Box Tops for Education. Proceeds are used for student activities.

Marcus McKenna is working on a "History of Jennings School" project for In-House Training class and Academic Fair. He would like to include pictures, stories, and video from 1924-2005. As part of his project, he plans to create a highlights movie covering the past 80-plus years. Anyone who has yearbooks prior to 1954, pictures, stories, or video from school activities

that he could borrow are asked to contact him or Judy Rogers at the school at (785) 678-2414.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Richard Anderson, who was named Outstanding Ag-Builder of the Year at the Decatur County Chamber of Commerce banquet at The Gateway Thursday evening.

He and his wife, Maureen, and their children, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, live in Sappa Township. His parents are Elden and Detta Anderson.

Relatives from this area who attended a party at the home of Nathan and Stacy Hurst in North Platte, Neb., on Sunday afternoon which honored their daughter, Breanna, on her first birthday were Mr. and Mrs. Aubra Hurst, Colby; Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Hurst, Jonathon, Emily and Kaitlan, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hurst, Oberlin; and Linda Dirks, Bill Lanning, and Brandon and Kristi Dirks, Ludell.

Randy Poltreis of Walnut visited on Friday at the home of Jack and Mary Gutchewsky. The men are cousins.

Margaret McEvoy and Mabel McLaughlin took Lucy Schissler of Atwood to Denver on Sunday for a medical checkup.

Bob and Annette Frenzl of Salina spent Saturday with her parents, Bob and Sally Olson.

Dick and Donna Kelley attended the Kansas Water Well Association meeting on Thursday and Friday in Great Bend.

Sarah Uerling and Addyson of McCook and Mary Gutchewsky spent the weekend in Lawrence visiting Brian and Krista Gutchewsky.

Detta Anderson and Joy Votapka took Mary Lou Olson out for lunch at the LandMark Inn on Friday to honor her on her birthday.

Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jonathan Lehman, infant son of David and Shavon Lehman, who died recently. His great-grandmother, Ann Martin, attended funeral services on Jan. 17.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Lorraine Fleischacker, 80, who died on Jan. 16. Funeral services were held Thursday at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church in Atwood with burial in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery of

rural Ludell.

LaVerne Niemeth and Cindy Bergling, who were critically injured in a vehicle accident on Dec. 16, remain hospitalized. Mail will reach them at Colorado Acute Specialty Care, room 511, 1601 North Lowell Blvd., Denver, Colo., 80204.

Recent visitors of Monica Solko were Ron and Rodney Solko, Oberlin; Tom Solko and Charles Solko.

'God is Good! All the Time! All the Time! God is Good!'

By Pastor Doug Hasty of Oberlin and Prairie Chapel United Methodist Churches

In our worship time we sometimes use the above praise of God to affirm our experience that God has indeed been good to us. Several years ago I read Phillip Keller's book, "What is the Father Like?" In it he has several chapters that help explain the attributes of God. The book is written as though God were talking to his children so the title of one of the chapters, for example, is, "I Am Good." I would like to share some thoughts from that chapter.

"Whenever there is natural disaster that destroys property and takes lives, people shout, 'This is an act of God!' Many people have a false perception of my character. Most regard me as a terrible monster. They suppose I reside somewhere out in the cold regions of space, that I look down upon the world and its people with a perverse, malicious attitude.

"All that I am is good. Goodness itself. All that I do, all that I declare is for your good. In my mercy toward you, my kindness for you, my long-suffer-

ing among you, my ultimate goodwill is at work." Phillip Keller goes on to suggest: "You see, my goodness is not a sweet, fragile idea — it is the power of my presence. My goodness, which the world maligns, is in fact the force that counteracts all corruption in the cosmos. Corruption of any sort has never triumphed over me.

Above all pain, sin, heartache, and death — I rise in power! I rise in purity and in peace! I rise to proclaim to all people that they can enter the spiritual kingdom where my goodness reigns by choosing to make the leap of faith.

"My good will prevail: Live in hope of the new day, when goodness will dawn again. 'O taste and see that the Lord is good.'"

Sometimes in our worship I give a closing blessing that might go something like this: "Now may you know the peace of God. May you know that the Lord's goodness goes before you, may it surround you and keep you. May the blessings of God be upon you. Amen."

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Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday

HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
The Rev. Nolan and Barbara Pierce
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 10 a.m.

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, LEVILLIE
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Choir practice every Wed. at 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion, 1st Sun. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Wed. at 8 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: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

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.

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
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.

OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Jim Martin
120 South East, Oberlin
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.

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.

NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS
Glenn Krebs, pastor
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 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.

LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Carol Woodmanee, Almena
Lyle Lay Speaker
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.

PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST
The Rev. Doug Hasty
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.

CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

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