

# Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

Sympathy is extended to the family of Galen Ralph Ankenman, 95, of Norton, who died Jan. 24. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton with burial in the Norton Cemetery.

Betty Reid visited Minh and Wanda Nguyen in Lone Tree, Colo., from Dec. 18-26. They had Christmas dinner with Minh's brother, Dr. and Mrs. C. Nguyen; Sue Kani and friend, Michael, from Dallas and Austin; and Bibi Nguyen and her fiancée, Eric Chen, from Minnesota. On Dec. 26 they visited Wilbur Hix in Norton.

Kaitlyn Stapp was selected to the All Tourney team, and won the free-throw contest, at the Oberlin Invitational Basketball tournament.

There were 19 in attendance at Senior Citizens Friday, Jan. 21. Winners were Esther Miller, Oran Milner and Beth Johnson. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Friday in the Educational Building.

Dee Magers opened her oven door to put four loaves of bread in to bake recently, and the bottom heating element was in the process of burning out. What to do? She called Betsy Jakowski who said, "Bring it over. I'll turn the oven on and by the time you get here, it'll be ready." Aren't good neighbors

great? Birthdays and anniversaries: Dennis and Judy Shirley - Jan. 29; Larry Dick - Jan. 31; Tracey Hartzog, Beth Johnson - Feb. 2; Francis and Arlene Hix - Feb. 4; Karen Bailey - Feb. 6; Brad Long - Feb. 7; John Milnes, Eric Milnes, Meagan Rhodes - Feb. 8.

Rea and Dee Magers visited and had lunch with Marion and Lorraine Long, near New Almelo, on Jan. 22. Later they visited Allie and Ruth Vahling. The women are cousins.

Rex and Merle Cozad no sooner returned from vacation than he was hospitalized with pneumonia.

Recent overnight guests of Veda Wood were Dwight and Teresa Wood, McCook. They came to practice with the music group started by Ron Temple. Fred Molzahn also visited and had supper with them. Ona VanGundy visited Sunday afternoon.

The next pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill will be held Monday, due to Valentine's Day.

### WELCOME HOME

Marine Corporal Russell James recently returned from a three-month tour of duty in Iraq. His unit was in Al Fallujah, Ar Ramadi and Habbaniyah, all towns or cities west of Baghdad. He plans to come to Norcatur to visit his parents, Larry

and Terri James, and friends, in the near future. Currently stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga., he can be reached at: Cpl. R.A. James, 1702 Apt. C, Valley Park Drive West, Augusta, Ga., 30909.

Office hours for the United Methodist Church are from 9:30-11 a.m. on Thursday at Clayton.

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

The Cardinal Bar and Grill will be open for a Super Bowl Party at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

### THREE PRAIRIE UNIT

Three Prairie Unit members and two guests, Doris Fae Jackson, a former member, and Lee Arnold, met Jan. 20, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill. They signed valentines to be sent to the veterans for Valentine's Day. Plans are to meet in February and March to update their scrapbook.

The Lyle chapter of the United Methodist Women is closing due to lack of members. They plan to continue working as a group but not as members of the organization.

# Pest appearing in some wheat

Wheat fields across the area are looking good so far. The wheat is up with good stands. However, a pest has appeared in some fields with the potential for serious consequences. This pest is Hessian fly.

According to Phil Sloderbeck, K-State entomologist, fall infestations of Hessian fly can lead to the death of wheat plants or death of individual tillers on the wheat plant, depending on the stage at which it became infested. If larvae infest plants early, death of the whole plant is typical. If the plant has begun to tiller by the time of the infestation, there is a good chance some of the tillers will survive.

Sloderbeck indicated most of the fields with noticeable problems have been where wheat was planted no-till into last year's wheat stubble (continuous no-till wheat), which is unusual in western Kansas, and planted before the Hessian fly-free period. This was possible due to the moisture the area received late last summer. Multiple factors combined to lead to this problem.

First, undisturbed stubble allowed for good survival of any Hessian fly in the field last summer.

Second, moisture that allowed producers to think about continuous cropping the fields would have also been advantageous to the Hessian fly.

Third, most of the fields reported so far were planted prior to the "fly-free date" (early planting favors Hessian fly).

Fourth, mild fall weather was probably favorable for Hessian fly development long past the normal fly-free date. (Note that in years where the fall weather is abnormally mild, like 2004, even planting after the fly-free date is not a 100 percent guarantee.)

Finally, most of the varieties currently grown in Kansas are susceptible to Hessian fly.

If producers notice wheat plants or tillers dying this winter, they



# Extension Lines

By Brian Olson  
Extension Agronomist

should be checking to see if there are Hessian fly pupae under the leaf sheaths at the base of the plants. Without looking, many producers will probably assume the wheat is dying from some other source, or just blame poor stands on winter injury. Once infected, little can be done to save the wheat plant. If stands are very poor, fields will probably be destroyed.

However, in those fields where some of the tillers die, a decision may be more difficult. Spring infestations will depend on both the presence of overwintering pupae and spring weather. If 10-20 percent of the tillers are infested with larva-pupae counts up to 4 per plant, you

could expect a heavy spring infestation, but if weather is hot and dry, then damage could be less.

For more information on Hessian fly, please download the publication entitled "Hessian Fly" at the web site: [www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/) or visit your local extension office.

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For more information, contact the county extension office, 475-8121.

# Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Congratulations to Tim and Melissa Solko of Herndon, who are the parents of twin daughters Timberly Rose and Teather Marie, born Jan. 18, 2005, at McCook. Timberly weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and Teather weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces. Their siblings are Michael, Michelle and Joseph Herzog, and Ethan and Greg Solko. Grandparents are Andy and Sandy Green, and Monica Solko, Herndon, and the late Clarence Solo. Great-grandparents are Clarence and Evelyn Lorentz, Herndon. Viola Frick, Trenton, Neb., is their great-great-grandmother.

The Rawlins County School District will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) at Herndon School to discuss the possibility of offering the Herndon School building for sale on E-bay on the internet. David Rose, E-bay marketer, will discuss the process of internet sale. The public is welcome to attend.

Several area students were among some 1,860 students who earned semester honors from Kansas State University for the fall semester. They include: Jennifer Beims, Nikolas Martin, and Daniel Riener, Herndon; and Elizabeth Holste, Jeffrey Holste, Ludell.

Judy Solko of Larned spent last weekend with her mother, Monica Solko. Ron Solko of Oberlin was also a Sunday dinner guest and Tim Solko was a Sunday visitor.

Julie Hafner, Ann Martin and Edie Pettera attended funeral services for Lorraine Fleischacker in Atwood last Tuesday.

Charles Solko, Aurora, Colo., was a guest last week of Helen Marintzer.

Herndon Senior Citizens held a potluck at the Senior Center on Jan. 19. Shari Horinek, health nurse, took blood pressures. Pooch Portschy was honored on his birthday. Bingo followed and blackout was won by Ann Martin. Beth Hraha, Helen Marintzer and Frank Hraha won the door prize.

### ALTAR SOCIETY

St. Mary's Christian Mothers Altar Society met Jan. 23 for a Christmas dinner and gift exchange. Officers installed included: Julie Hafner, president; Theresa Rippe, vice president; Vicky Mumm, secretary; and Nadine Green, treasurer.

Father Damian Richards led members in a dinner prayer. The new drapes were on display from the Wilma Tongish Memorial for

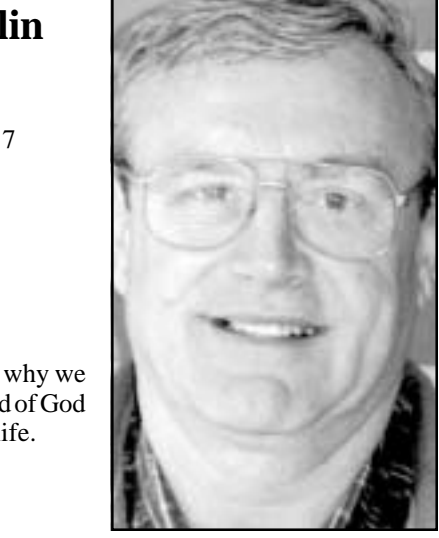
the hall. A work day to install them will be scheduled in February.

The new altar society membership was handed out and changes discussed. Six funerals were served during the past four years. Prayer will continue for the Laverne Niemeth and Cindy Bergling families. New prayer partners were chosen. A gift exchange followed and the door prize was won by Doris Marintzer.

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# 'He Giveth More Grace'

By Rev. Royce Leitner of Assembly of God Church, Oberlin

It's a common practice for people to make excuses before God why they don't get involved with the church, or any other ministry.

They might say they just don't have time. However, you'll find these same people involved in many fruitless things, which don't really matter when viewed from the perspective of eternal values.

Consider James 4: 6 where it says, "... he giveth more grace." Let's look at what else the Bible says concerning grace:

- 1. saving grace - Ephesians 2:8, 9

- 2. serving grace - I Corinthians 15: 9, 10
- 3. sanctifying grace - Romans 5:17 and 6:17
- 4. speaking grace - Colossians 4: 6
- 5. sacrificing grace - II Corinthians 8:1-9
- 6. strengthening grace - II Timothy 2:1
- 7. suffering grace - I Peter 5:10
- 8. sufficient grace - II Corinthians 12:9
- 9. abounding grace - Romans 5:20

Before we spend time thinking up excuses why we can't serve God, we should think how the Word of God offers sufficiencies for all of our lackings in life.

# Selden News

By Jacque Boulinghouse

Birthdays and anniversaries: Feb. 3 - Rachael Ritter; Feb. 4 - Ron Rogers, Norris Sulzman, Nicole Spreser, John and Julie Geisinger, Mary Golden; Feb. 6 - Chris Baintner, Tom Stacey, Paul Bruggeman; Feb. 8 - Wanda Spreser, Monica Aumiller Svoboda, Joseph Koerperich; Feb. 9 - Shirley Emigh, Carl and Delores Mumm, Dana Geisinger, Joe Wessel.

New books at the Selden Public Library include: non-fiction, "Beginner's Guide to Cake Decorating" from Betty Crocker; large print, "The Real Deal" by Fern Michaels, "Hour Game" by David Baldacci, "Unexpected Blessings" by Barbara Taylor Bradford, "The Broker" by John Grisham, "Life Expectancy" by Dean Koontz, "Metro Girl" by Janet Evanovich, "London Bridges" by James Patterson, "State of Fear" by Michael Crichton; adult fiction, "Visions in

Death" by J.D. Robb (Nora Roberts); junior easy fiction, "The Blue Ribbon Day" by Katie Couric.

Selden Public Library hours are from 9-11 a.m. Monday and Saturday, and from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday evening. For more information, please see the library website at <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/library/selden/selden.htm>.

City of Selden positions filed include: mayor - Darrel Bruggeman; council - Helen Carman, Sandy Koerperich, Bernie Koerperich, Steve Rogers, Jim Rogers, Jackie Schulte, Chris Baintner and Jacque Boulinghouse. City elections will be held in April.

School calendar: Thursday - Regional high school academic bowl; Friday - High school basketball at Weskan; Monday - 6 p.m., High school instrumental clinic in Rexford; Tuesday - High school basketball at Hill City.

# Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Hannah May was honored on her 9th birthday with a dinner at the home of her parents, Roland and Pam May, and Zachary on Tuesday evening. Guests were Walter and Betty May, Fern Jording, Ben Jorns, Preston, and Cameron, Hunter, and Elizabeth Nedland. Ben Jorns returned home on Wednesday.

Martin and Evelyn May were Wednesday evening visitors of Jack and Mildred Fortin and Charles.

Friday overnight guests of

Hannah May to help her celebrate her 9th birthday were Elizabeth Nedland, Alexis Hissong, and Sierra Lohofener.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Erding, Minneapolis, Minn., and Jerry Erding, Stillwell, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter May.

Rory Wendelin performed a Humorous Solo act and Jessica Bremer competed in the Extemporaneous speech division in the speech meet held Saturday at Decatur Community High School.

# Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

<p><b>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 785-475-3103 The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday</p>	<p><b>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> The Rev. Nolan and Barbara Pierce SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>The Rev. Royce Leitner</b> 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 &amp; 4th Thursdays, 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>CHURCH OF OBERLIN</b> 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><b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE</b> The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday</p>	<p><b>UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 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 &amp; down. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.</p>	<p><b>LUND COVENANT CHURCH</b> 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 &amp; Bible Study, 7 a.m.</p>
<p><b>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN</b> The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday</p>	<p><b>OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH</b> Jim Martin 120 South East, Oberlin SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON</b> The Rev. Damian Richards Phone 785-322-5560 MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.</p>	<p><b>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 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><b>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS</b> Glenn Krebs, pastor SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. <b>DRESDEN</b> SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST</b> 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><b>HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH</b> 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><b>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 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><b>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST</b> The Rev. Doug Hasty SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST</b> Pastor: Kathy Aeillo Almena SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST</b> Pastor: Kathy Aeillo Almena SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>LYLE UNITED METHODIST</b> Carol Woodmanee, Almena Lyle Lay Speaker SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.</p>
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