

# Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

The Norcatur United Methodist Church annual pancake supper will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, March 5 at the Educational Building.

The local postal staff remind us that mail count continues through the middle of March.

Wava Reames visited weekend of Feb. 12-13 with her parents, Frank and Velda Ward. Additional Saturday dinner guests Leslie and Lynn Ward, Ruby Pflieger of Norton, and Kaley Ward.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Judy Jackson, Leona Schoenhardt,

- Feb. 16; Russell James - Feb. 17; Arlene Hix, Darren Wentz - Feb. 20; Denise Bailey, Monty and Linda Hunt - Feb. 22.

Kenneth Ward has been recuperating from pneumonia.

On Thursday, Feb. 10, Bob Strevey picked up about 150 coats from the inmate clothing project at the Norton Correctional Facility, then Alice and Darrel Barnett helped him load a pick-up with additional clothing, all for the Mexican-American Ministry in Garden City. Other contributors to the project were the Bargain Box of

Oberlin; Dewaine Stapp, who transported clothing; the Norcatur United Methodist Women, for helping with the cost of transportation; and the Norton Thrift Shop, who helped provide the clothing.

The Norcatur Pre-school reports the special ventilation/escape window has now been installed.

The pizza fund raiser, sponsored by the Norcatur City and Rural Fire Department, was a big success.

The pizzas were delicious, partly due to the generous donation of fresh beef and pork by Stan and Carol Miller.

# Can you plant with no-till drill?



## Extension Lines

By Brian Olson  
Extension Agronomist

With the advent of no-till drills, many farmers are asking themselves if they can also use their new drill to plant grain sorghum and soybeans. The answer is yes.

By increasing the acreage covered by no-till drills, they can spread out the cost, making the expense more manageable. Drilled rows would likely provide faster canopy closure. However, seed emergence and stand establishment is typically better using a row planter.

To evaluate this question, Rob Aiken, cropping systems agronomist, initiated a two-year study on grain sorghum and soybeans planted with either a row planter or no-till drill. The study began in May 2003 at the K-State Research and Extension center in Colby. The three planting treatments were a row planter (John Deere 7300 vacuum planter), no-till drill (Great Plains 1005), and paired no-till drilled rows (Great Plains 1005). Both crops were seeded at a typical planting rate for the area and then 1.5 times that rate.

Weather conditions in 2003 were drier and warmer than normal, with a bad hot and dry spell in July which limited yield. Conditions in 2004 approached normal in both precipitation and temperature.

Seeding grain sorghum by the two methods resulted in similar stand establishment. Grain sorghum stands were proportional to seeding rates in a dry (2003) and normal (2004) growing season. Seeding soybean by row crop planter resulted in greater final stands than no-till drill methods. Differences in seed set per plant generally compensated for differ-

ences in final stands, although seed set was significantly less for grain sorghum during the dry year when seeded with a row crop planter. Seeding rates and planting methods did not significantly alter weight of harvested seed. Yields harvested by plot combine were generally similar for seeding rates and planting methods, although soybean yield was greater for the paired row method of drilling relative to solid seeding method during the dry year, but not different from a row planter.

Results demonstrate that direct drilling is a feasible means of establishing dryland soybean and grain

sorghum crops in this semi-arid cropping system.

For more details on this study, download a copy of the report from the website [www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/) by clicking on the production and pests icon, or visit your county extension office.

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# Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

United Methodist Women will meet March 2 at the church. Sue Glodt, administrator at Sappa Valley Ranch near Oberlin, will speak about their work with the children at the ranch. Hostesses will be Helen Rhodes and Kathy Nauer.

Keith and Helen Muirhead went to Brookville on Feb. 13 for Leland and JoAnn Johnson's 50th wedding anniversary reception. Leland was

a college friend of Keith. The Muirheads also visited their daughter and granddaughter, Tamala Schulze and Kolten, at Salina.

Keith and Helen Muirhead went to Salina Saturday, Feb. 19, picked up Tamala Schulze and Kolten, then went on to Overland Park to visit their granddaughter, Kallista, who is attending Johnson County College.

Wayne and Louise Cressler enjoyed visiting their son, Russell and Theresa Cressler, and Preston, at Bison on Sunday.

Other family members who came were Amber Klassen, Keith, Landon and Issac, and Adalie Schroter of LaCrosse.

Water meters for residents of the city of Jennings will be read Friday, Feb. 25.

# Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

The Herndon Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary met Feb. 13 at the Post Home in Herndon. Karen Bruning conducted the meeting.

Plans were made to sew lap robes for veterans and old soldiers homes, and donations of fleece, flannel, cotton and cotton-polyester fabric lengths, as well as scraps of those

fabrics, are needed. Polyester knits cannot be used. Donations of fabric or monetary donations may be left with Sue Easterday at NAPA in Atwood or Karen Bruning in Herndon.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 6, in the Herndon Post Home in conjunction with the

regular meeting of the Rawlins County Boys Post.

Ron and Rodney Solko of Oberlin were last Saturday visitors of their mother, Monica Solko. Ron Solko was a Sunday dinner guest.

# Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Covenant Women will be in charge of morning worship at 11 a.m. on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church, in observance of Covenant Women Ministries. A potluck dinner for the congregation will follow. Youth group meets at 4 p.m. with Bible study at 7 p.m.

Judy Thelander of Salina and Alice Robson of Abilene came Sunday to be with their mother, Esther

Noren, who underwent cataract surgery on Monday in Oberlin.

Bob and Annette Frenzl of Salina were Saturday visitors of her parents, Bob and Sally Olson.

Dave and Sherrie Bergling visited Doug Jackson at Goodland on Saturday.

Tyler Witt was a Sunday dinner guest of his grandparents, Keith and Mary Lou Olson.

# Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Rory Wendelin, Kelly Olson, Danica May, and Jessica Bremer, Decatur Community High School, and Rebecca Muirhead, daughter of Robert and Diane Muirhead, Colby, participated in the Dighton Speech tournament Wednesday in Dighton.

John and Dianne Bremer re-

turned home Saturday evening from Wichita where Jessica Bremer, Anne Wasson, and Jennifer Hirsch represented Decatur Community High School in the Kansas State High School Activities Association State Piano competition.

# McGraw News

By Quincy Scott

On Wednesday, Carolyn Launchbaugh celebrated her birthday. Those who stopped by to congratulate her were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sines, Mr. and Mrs. Bart Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Metro, Mr. and Mrs. John Herrman, and

Steve and Kathy Launchbaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Allen and family spent the weekend with Dee and Norma Jean Lewis. Dee and Norma Jean also received a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lewis on Sunday.

# 'The Fruit of the Tree'

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

The Bible, with all its teachings, parables and metaphors, explains fully what the Lord expects from us, which is to get ready to go to His home forever.

One of these teachings, which I bring to you here, is about fruit. Matthew 12:33 says, "Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit."

In James 3:17 we read, "but the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who

sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness."

We should check up on ourselves, and find out what kind of fruit we produce. Would people see God in us as we walk life's streets and roads?

Looking at another reference in Scripture, Hebrews 13:15, we see again what we can give to please God. "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise — the fruit of our lips that confess his name."

Let's keep our words sweet, that maybe someone who needs Jesus as their Savior won't be confused as to which fruit stand he or she is at!



## 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

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE**  
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam  
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**  
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam  
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

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

**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.

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

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

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