

The Norcatour Rural High School class of 1965 is having a 40th anniversary celebration at the Rose of Sharon at 603 E. Main Street in Norton on the evening of May 27. We are looking for addresses for Carl Wentz, Ronny Beachel, Janice Berry (Messerschmidt), Mike Richards, Richard Meyers, Cy Cousins, Barbara Benton, Marilyn McElvane, Sandy Kelly, Bill Moss and Gary Wait and any others who went to school with us that we have forgotten. We would also like to invite teachers from our school years if anyone has addresses for them. Send to Sharon Schulze, 603 E. Main Street, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Thursday, March 3, supper guests of Leslie and Lynn Ward were Frank and Velda Ward, Ruby Pfleger, Keith Ward and friend Amber, and Wava Reames.

Keith Ward and Wava Reames were guests for Sunday dinner, March 6, at the Frank and Velda Ward home.

March 6 guests for supper and cards at the Frank Ward home were Marguerite Clark and Wava Reames. Frank and Velda were not very nice to their guests during the pinochle games, but Marguerite and Wava plan to show 'em next time!

Wava Reames, Kingfisher, Okla., attended the pancake supper at the Methodist church, and really enjoyed seeing everyone.

Janet Rippe and daughter Allison, McCook, came by Sunday, March 6, picked up her aunt, Marguerite Clark, and they all went to Norton for pizza.

A group met at the Bell-Shirley Cemetery north of Norcatour on March 6 to watch Sharleen Wurm "witching" for unmarked graves. She located the unmarked graves of John Wesley and Letty Jane New's children.

She located a cluster of five graves believed to be their deceased children, plus one adult female. She not only can find the grave, but also can determine gender of the deceased.

The group included Delores Stapp and Maxine Carr of Norton, Rodney New, Ronald Temple, Tracey Hartzog, several Norcatour Cemetery board members, Wayne McCallister and Norma, Charles Hixson, and Bill and Bee Nelson.

Momma Millie's will be having their Easter dinner on Sunday, March 20. Dinner will be glazed ham, mashed potatoes, sweet pota-

toes, corn, salad bar, rolls, dessert, coffee and tea.

The annual Senior Citizens card party, sponsored by the Royal Neighbors, was held on March 4 at the Educational Building. Soup and pie were served to 41 guests. Winners at cards were Marguerite Clark, first; Margaret Magers, second; and Mary Sedlmayer, third. Door prize winners were Lula Hix, Beth Johnson, Robert Schoenrad, Leona Schoenrad, Juanita Eckhart, Virgil Price, Lee Arnold, Margaret Magers, Terry Gade, Sandy Gade and Mary Sedlmayer.

The annual pancake and sausage feed sponsored by the United Methodist Church was held March 5. Ninety-three signed the guest book from Almena, Oberlin, Norton, Lyle, Clayton, Prairie Chapel, Jennings and Kingfisher, Okla.

Lynn Jeffries of Cornerstone Theater stayed with Bill and Bee Nelson from Feb. 28-March 5. Sadly, she arrived a few hours too late to see Lee Eckhart, who she will greatly miss. She got some work done on her little green house, visited with old friends, and enjoyed a fine shrimp supper at the Cardinal Bar and Grill with Ron Temple. Bill Rauch, Chris Moore, and Peter Howard, who also still work at Cornerstone Theater.

Lynn recently attended a 40th birthday party for Ashby Semple at the home of Amy Brenneman. Ashby is teaching high school English in Los Angeles. Amy is still producing and starring in her TV show, "Judging Amy," and is expecting her second child in May. Alison Carey and Ben Cobb are no longer with the company, but stay in touch. Alison is writing an adaptation of Shakespeare's "As You Like It" for Cornerstone to produce next year, as part of the company's 20th anniversary season.

The recent pancake and sausage feed benefit to help move St. Mark's Lutheran Church to the Oberlin museum was successful, and the movers have given the time of the end of April or the first part of May. The foundation is poured and ready. The Norcatour Commercial Club helped with the benefit, as well as donations by various individuals and groups.

The Cardinal Bar and Grill will have an all-you-can-eat bull fry and ham buffet with baked beans and potato salad Saturday evening, March 19, beginning at 6 p.m. Birthdays and anniversaries: K.

G. and Dorothy Ward - March 10; Sharee Dempewolf - March 14; Jason Breiner, Jim Plotts - March 15. Now that Deb Marshall has taken a position with Head Start in Oberlin, Lois Wentz is teaching the Norcatour Pre-school. Deb said she really enjoyed her 10 years at the pre-school, and will still be the director. Any questions about the pre-school or its needs may be directed to either Deb or Lois.

On Saturday, Feb. 26, Troy and Deb Marshall and Amanda, and Neil Marshall of Oberlin went to Wichita to listen to Anthony perform in the Kansas Music Educators Association state honor choir. The performances by the band, orchestra and choir were phenomenal. They later spent the evening with Joshua Jackson, who also attended. The next day, Deb, Anthony, Amanda and Adam Spanier went to Kearney to listen to Andrea Marshall perform with her college choir. While there, the group helped Andrea celebrate her 19th birthday.

Reminder: The highway to Norcatour will be resealed this summer, at a cost of about \$7,000-10,000. Also, more gravel will be needed on the streets in town. Donations may be sent to Jay Locy, RR1, Box 93A, Norcatour, Kan., 67653, or through the Citizen's Alliance, c/o Dennis Leichter.

Royal Neighbors served a delicious soup and pie supper to the Senior Citizens Friday night, March 4. The next Senior Citizens meeting will be at 7 p.m. Friday in the Educational Building.

Late last fall, wheat became infected with leaf rust which was pervasive in many fields.

Typically, leaf rust does not survive our severe winter weather. Many of us at K-State Research and Extension thought that, although we did not have a particularly prolonged cold winter, there was still enough bitterly cold weather to kill the leaf rust. I will be the first to admit it appears we were wrong.

Following is an alert recently provided by Jim Stack, K-State plant pathologist, on the state of diseases in wheat.

"Over the last week, I conducted two surveys in the following areas: Larned to Salina, and Hill City to Garden City. The wheat is greening up nicely in most fields. However, diseases are present that warrant attention.

"Leaf rust, powdery mildew, and speckled leaf blotch (Septoria) are all active on the lower leaves in central Kansas. Leaf rust and speckled leaf blotch are active in western Kansas. I didn't see any powdery mildew in the western counties.

"Although present on the older leaves, I verified in the lab that the spores of these three pathogens are viable. These pathogens likely survived the winter in Kansas and we might expect disease development earlier than last year.

"This is consistent with reports from the states to our south, including Texas and Louisiana, where they have begun spraying for protection against leaf rust (and in a few fields, stripe rust) approximately

Leaf rust showing up in wheat



Extension Lines

By Brian Olson
Extension Agronomist

four weeks earlier than usual."

Bob Bowden prepared a table that indicates as little as 25 percent leaf rust severity on the flag leaf of wheat plants at flowering can result in a 15 percent yield loss. Weather during the growing season will determine whether an epidemic develops, but preparedness is the key to minimize impact.

Jim said that with concern for soybean rust throughout the U.S. and the fact that the only real management option is fungicide application, precautionary purchases for soybean rust may affect availability of some fungicides. Farmers should line up a source now.

He said that fungicide application to wheat prior to the protection of

the flag leaf has not been economically viable. Farmers might save more of the wheat coming-out dormancy by spraying, but the wheat saved has not justified the cost.

Mother Nature has proved again that she can throw us a curve. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

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.

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'The Sensual Side of God'

By Rev. Rick Langness, St. John's Lutheran Church

"He gently awakens his beloved with a kiss," is the first line of the story. It is a sensual story, probably bordering on the line of erotic. It speaks of stripping one bare, the removing of all that covers the "beloved." But it is not the flesh of which it speaks; rather it speaks of the soul.

The story speaks of a Lover, who with gentleness and compassion exposes the pain and heartache of his "beloved." It speaks of a Lover who knows and understands the thoughts and emotions that lie at the heart of the "beloved," the thoughts and emotions that have caused her to feel unlovable.

Conscious of only the death that surrounds her, the emptiness that walks with her throughout the day, she is now awakened by the Lover. He has not come demanding that she yield to his advances. He has not come expecting her to be prepared for his arrival. No, he comes knowing she is unconscious of his very existence. So he gently awakens his beloved with a kiss.

God is not a god who can be put into a box. He is not a god of formulae and practices. He is a God of relationship. He is a God who penetrates the soul and touches us at our very heart.

God does not come to us demanding that we bow down and worship Him. He comes to us and inspires us to worship Him. He comes to us while we are dead to his very existence and He gently awakens us with the kiss of the Gospel.

"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins." Isaiah 40:1-2

We know all too well the hard service that our sin has caused us. We know the hurt and pain that touches the inner recesses of our soul; that part of us that we are fearful of letting others near. We know the loneliness and bitterness that our sin has created as it has pushed the promise of love away. Those we have trusted with the promise of love only hurt us in the end. They stole from us or they tried to make us into something we are not.

In our hurt and sorrow, in our loneliness and bitterness, in the recesses of our soul God comes to us with this message. "Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your hard service has been completed. Your sin has been paid for. You have received from the LORD's hand double for all your sins." To the very core of your being, God comes with the message of salvation.

Jesus has borne your sin upon the cross. He knows the sorrow and heartache that it brings. So He now brings to you his comfort, his righteousness, his forgiveness. He does not come expecting you to be clean and in finest glory.

He simply comes to awaken his "beloved" with a kiss, a kiss from the very mouth of God. Your sins are forgiven!



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVONILLE The Rev. George Kochuvellikkakam 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.	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.	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.
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		LYLE UNITED METHODIST Carol Woodmanee, Almema Lyle Lay Speaker SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.	

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

A baby shower for Stacey and Jocelyn Hartzog's baby, and for Yazzmin, 3 years old, and Joaquin, almost 2, the children of Dan and Shelley Wahlmeier, will be held at the United Methodist at 3 p.m. on Saturday in Jennings

Sunflower Senior potluck supper last Tuesday evening was enjoyed by Ruth and Merl Chance; Jim and Wilma Mader; William and Rachel Carter; Arch Harman; Vendla Tacha; Edith Foster; Jane Vavroch; Emma Sanford; Stan and Ramona Shaw; Mary Votapka; Jay Kump; Pastor Glenn Krebs; Agnes Wahlmeier; Elmo and Marguerite Bailey; Keith and Helen Muirhead; Bob and Neoma Tacha and Louise Cressler. Ramona brought the door prize which was won by June. Everyone enjoyed Mike and Vicki Bailey singing several songs and Mike playing his "Bones".

Playing cards Saturday evening at the Center were Vendla Tacha, Mary Votapka, Arch Harman, Agnes Wahlmeier and Louise Cressler. Mary won high.

Jennings Housing Authority Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, at 7 P.M. in the Friendship Village Day Room.

John Tacha, Lawrence, came Monday to visit a few days with his mother, Mildred Tacha. Mildred

came home from the hospital Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jennings attended a 50th birthday party for their daughter, Shelley Whitefield, in Trout Lake, Wash., on March 5. The 1950's party was hosted by her sisters, Marcia Casey and Marlene Houshell, Denver, and Vicki Cook, Fort Morgan, Colo., and Shelley's husband and family, Bob and Alex Whitefield, Trout Lake; Cecillie and Madeleine Anders, Carrollton, Texas, and Megan Snyder, Medford, Ore. Tracy Snyder joined them on Sunday. Monday evening, March 7, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings had dinner in Denver with Alissa Zubko, Victoria and Mitchell; Marcia Casey, Milt Sherwin, Steve and Vicki Cook, Derek Cook and friend Jackie.

Lila Jennings and Nadean Stoney of Oberlin attended the funeral of a cousin, Keith Jennings Tupper, at Bloomington, Neb.

Brian and Westley Jennings of Solomon were weekend guests of Lawrence and Lila Jennings. Lee and Judy Ploussard, Oberlin were afternoon visitors on Saturday.

Wayne and Louise Cressler went to Hoxie Thursday. Walt Cressler, Long Term Care, Hoxie, and Wayne and Louise ate dinner at the meal site at Ridgewood Manor.

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