

Norcatur News

By the Norcatur News Committee

Jerry Brinkley sent word that they plan to be at the alumni reunion in May.

Lois and Bob McPherson wrote that they are having great weather, and though it seems a little early they love it while it lasts.

Bill and Bee Nelson hosted a birthday supper on March 18 for Bob Sawdon, a March 17 St. Patrick's lad, and a surprise for Norma McCallister whose special day was Saturday, March 19. (She thought she was going out for pizza, but got a ham and turkey dinner instead.) Marguerite Clark had planned to be there, but developed a bad cold.

Guests of Rea and Dee Magers the week of March 13 included their niece, Renata Kawcak of Craig, Colo., and later Jim and Darlene Werlinger, Rapid City, S.D., and their daughter, Joy, of Cedar Bluffs.

On Sunday, there will be a potluck dinner at the Lyle Community Building, after which Sharleen Wurm plans to find the unmarked graves at the Lyle Cemetery. Everyone is welcome to stay and discover!

Birthdays: Quentin Wentz - March 24; Lee Arnold - March 26; Teresa Reese Wood, Rex Knapp - March 27.

There were 22 at Senior Citizens on March 18. Winners were Bob

Streyve and June Jolly, and Lula Hix and Oran Milner tied. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Educational Building.

Such wonderful rain! Isn't it nice to see standing water? The birds have certainly enjoyed the larger drinking and bathing holes. Hearsay amount was 1 1/2 to 2 inches. We'll take it, and any more that's coming.

Mike Helm underwent an emergency appendectomy surgery on March 17 at the Norton County Hospital.

Connie Chandler is in need of a liver transplant. She went to Kansas City last week to a transplant specialist. Her son, Justin, was recently diagnosed and hospitalized with juvenile diabetes. He was to see a specialist also, in Wichita, last week.

Please keep the family in your prayers.

The highway coming into Norcatur will need to be resealed this year. Our share will be about \$7,000-10,000. Also, we will need to gravel a lot of streets in town this spring. Donations may be sent to Jay Locy, RR 1, Norcatur, Kan., 67653.

April is election time. There are two full-term council positions, one unexpired term council position,

and a full-term mayor's position up for election.

The Norcatur Commercial Club and the Cardinal Bar and Grill have partnered together to offer three scholarships this year. Each will be for \$300. Anyone who is planning to attend college next year can apply. Applications may be picked up at The Bank or the Norcatur City Office, and must be returned by May 20.

The Norcatur Commercial Club will be tinning the flag building at the cemetery within the next month. Due to the expense, volunteers will put up the tin. Donations may be sent to the Norcatur Commercial Club, c/o Linda Hunt, P.O. Box 102, Norcatur, Kan., 67653, or through the Citizen's Alliance. Be sure to note that your donation is for the flag building.

The Norcatur Commercial Club will be sponsoring a free alumni dance on May 28 at the high school gym.

There will be donation jars at the doors for anyone that would like to make a donation to our scholarship fund.

A work day is scheduled for April 23 at Elden Auker Park and day lilies will be separated. Those interested in them are asked to contact Chris at (785) 693-4461.

Plant alfalfa in April or May



Extension Lines

By Brian Olson
Extension Agronomist

When is the best time to plant alfalfa? This question was investigated by Merle Witt and Curt Thompson at the K-State Research and Extension Center in Garden City.

A three-year study began in the winter of 1994 where alfalfa was seeded on Feb. 1, March 1, April 1 and May 1 at a seeding rate of 15 pounds per acre.

Witt and Thompson indicated that because of dormancy and variable germination, delay of alfalfa seed emergence for each date was somewhat extended. Emergence began earliest for the February planting date, which also resulted in the greatest plant size on June 1 of each year.

However, the stand portion lost to freezing temperatures was high for February and declined with later plantings, with only the May 1 planting totally avoiding loss from freezing.

In conclusion, Witt and Thompson found spring planting of alfalfa generally should be delayed until after the danger of frost is over.

Plant loss from freezing temperatures causes severe losses in the Feb. 1 planting. Progressively later plantings improved stand survivability. The relative success of early planting dates resulted in final seed establishment percentages of 6 percent for Feb. 1, 10 percent for March 1, 28 percent for April 1, and 36 percent for May 1. This suggests April or May seedings of alfalfa will provide the best stands for western Kansas producers.

On another note, I have coordi-

nated with 790 AM KXXX to provide an update on wheat jointing. Just as farmers call in with rainfall reports, I am asking them to call the northwest area Extension office at (785) 462-6281 when their wheat is starting to joint. Please provide the county, variety, and planting date of the wheat. This will allow everyone to better manage their wheat by knowing when certain herbicides cannot be used and when to pull cattle off of wheat.

Jointing is characterized as the time when the growing point is pushed up from the crown through

the stem, which will cause a hollow stem to form below the joint. An update will be provided every Thursday on KXXX at 9:04 a.m. for the next month.

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.

McGraw News

By Quincy Scott

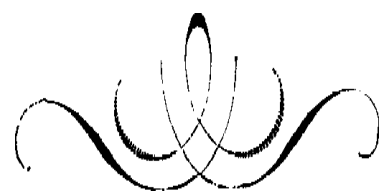
Jim and Judy Gaumer were Easter Sunday dinner guests of Gayle and Ruth Bainter. The McGraw area would also like to wish Gayle a happy birthday on March 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Lewis joined Dee and Norma Jean Lewis for dinner on Sunday.

Mark and Dorothy Heim, and Quincy, Joel and Steiner Scott, were dinner guests on Easter of

Dwayne and Rose Hardman.

Quincy Scott traveled to Fort Worth, Texas, over the weekend of March 19.



Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Ann Martin and daughter, Lucy Evans, McCook, were Saturday dinner guests at the home of Hank and Lorri Martin. Other guests were Swede and Dixie Swanson of Curtis, Neb.

Ann Martin accompanied Dick and Betty Martin of Wilsonville, Neb., to the home of John and Julie Geisinger at Selden on Sunday.

Easter weekend guests of Bob and Julie Hafner were Joe, Shannon, Keleigh, Noah and Abram Hafner, Scottsbluff, Neb.

Saturday guests of Don and Joan Grafel and Todd Nelson to help Susan Nelson celebrate her birthday were Steve, Susan and Mackenzie Nelson of Oberlin. On Easter Sunday Don, Joan and Todd, and Steve, Susan and McKenzie had dinner at the Down Home Cafe in Herndon.

Stephanie Hawkins, Dallas, Texas; John and Melissa Hahn and baby, Trent, of Garden City, and Lauri and J. L. Fox, Valley Center, spent a long Easter weekend at the home of Carol Kompus. The time was spent getting acquainted with Carol's new great-grandson, Trent Hahn, and Trent getting acquainted with his great-great-grandmother, Wilma Bobinmyer. On Easter Sunday, Stephanie Hawkins, Lauri and J. L. Fox, and Carol Kompus were guests of Wilma Bobinmyer at the Down Home Cafe.

Golden Oldies met at the Down Home Cafe on March 17 to help Wilma Bobinmyer and Bernadine

Fred celebrate their birthdays. Others present were Helen Marintzer, Lillian Wahrman, Dorothy Engleman, Lillian Wahrman and Ann Martin.

Senior citizens met at the senior center on March 16 for a potluck and business meeting. Shari Horinek took blood pressures. Ann Martin and Julie Hafner won blackout in Bingo and Esther Pennington won the door prize. The next business meeting will be April 6 with Dorothy Engleman as hostess.

Nathaniel Martin was a last Monday visitor of Ann Martin and Nik Martin of Manhattan called on Tuesday.

Tony Kleidosty of Riverdale, Neb., and Nicholas Kleidosty of Elm Creek, Neb., were last weekend guests of Mildred Kleidosty.

Karolyn Grafel and a friend from Kearney, Neb., were last Tuesday dinner guests of Don and Joan Grafel and Todd Nelson. Keith and Roma Grafel, Rusty, Egan, Teryn, Sydney and Sager were Sunday evening lunch guests at the Grafel home.

Afternoon visitors of Julie Hafner last Thursday were Hattie Toth, Shirley Williams, Janice Sattler, and Frances Kompus, Atwood; and Edie Pettera and Lila Leitner, Herndon. They helped Hattie and Shirley celebrate their birthdays. Jason Hafner and Raquel of Lexington, Neb., spent the previous Saturday at the Hafner

home.

'Jesus Christ is Risen! So What?'

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

With the celebration of Easter just a few days ago it might be difficult to think that there are some who have already forgotten the significance of that day. Yet the fact remains that there are many who have returned to their normal lifestyle without much thought to the significance of the event. After all, isn't Easter just another holiday we celebrate year after year? It's one of those "church" things that we do out of tradition. And although it might be a nice break from the doldrums of winter and a fresh start to spring, it is nothing more than an annual festival.

It's okay to have this attitude if you really want. I mean, if the whole of your life is found in the routine of day to day living, then what more could you desire in life but a simple break from the norm and a vacation from the typical. If life is for the here and now and there is no hope for the future, then it is probably a good thing to enjoy the pastel colors and the new Easter clothes.

Having that one Easter day to gather with family and enjoy the closeness of being together is all well and good. Who cares if you really can't stand some of your family members? At least you can look like you are family for that day. You never know, maybe if the circumstances are right, you might actually learn to get along with each other for more than those few family gatherings.

Celebrating Easter one day a year is a good thing. It is a safe thing. You don't need to worry about what might happen if you actually lived a life of

freedom, of forgiveness. You don't need to worry about actually being vulnerable and possibly touching the soul of another person. You can live a life in isolation and not need to worry about what might take place if you let your emotions loose and engage in the world around you.

So what if the Son of God came and died for you; does his resurrection really mean anything? In the scope of this life does it really matter if you care about the fact that the Son of God came to life for you? I suppose not. I mean, if life is really everything you want it to be. If what you see is all you want. If despair is acceptable and death a normal part of living, then I suppose it is of little significance that Jesus' resurrection destroyed the power of death and despair.

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. (Romans 8:31-37)



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, LEVILLE
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.

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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.

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.

OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
South Beaver Street - Oberlin
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
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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.

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.

LUND COVENANT CHURCH
Pastor: Tom Smith
10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Fellowship, 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.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe enjoyed spring break from March 19-23 in the Denver area. They were houseguests of her sister and husband, Colleen and Dennis Bishop, and also visited her father, Robert McNulty, and other relatives.

Easter supper guests on Saturday of Francis and Florine Hurst were Gary and Dianna Kastens and Zachary, Herndon; Susan and Brooks Brenn, and Sylvester and Lynda Hurst, Oberlin; Jared Hurst, Lidia, Samuel and Kathryn, and friend, Jennifer, Matthew and Katie, Kimball, Neb.; Roger and Tracy Doty, Dana and Matthew, Atwood; and Nic and Tammy Foster and family, and Daniel Hurst, Colby. Afternoon callers were Nathan and Stacy Hurst and Breanna of North Platte, Neb.

Larry and Deb Marks and family of Mulvane visited last week with their parents, Bob and Sally Olson, and Betty Marks. They were en route home after spending spring break in Colorado. Ava Perkins of Wichita and David Olson of Swisher, Iowa, visited at the Olson home from Thursday to Saturday. Dave Bergling returned home Thursday from Community Hospital in McCook, where he had undergone hip surgery. Sunday afternoon visitors were Quentin and Olive Bergling of Atwood and Mac and Jeri McPheeters, Colby.

Steve and Arian Arnold returned home Wednesday from Grand Junction, Colo., where they had visited Duane and Phyllis Berry, and Mike and Debbie Berry and Kayla Jack and Mary Gutchewsky

spent Easter weekend in Lawrence with Brian and Krista Gutchewsky.

Elma Lee Erickson was among relatives who attended the 50th birthday party which honored Larry Bearley in Oakley on Saturday.

Alex McEvoy of Colby spent spring break with his grandparents, Frank and Margaret McEvoy. They and Stan McEvoy were Easter dinner guests of Brian and Dawn Beckman and Ethan at Grinnell.

Guests of Blaine and Erin Ginther and family of Atwood for brunch on Easter Sunday after church were J.R. and Carol Ginther, Brent, Carolyn, Brandy and Brady Ginther, Menlo; and Naida and Harlan Ginther, and Connie and Joe Adams, Atwood. Brady Ginther spent spring break with his grandparents.

Easter Sunday dinner guests of Gerald and Patti Benda were Lonnie Frick, Don and Sarah Benda, John and Elizabeth, and Dolores Benda, Atwood; Chris Baird, Hutchinson; Fern and Jodie Wenger, and Wesley and Eulaine Benda.

Esther Noren accompanied Connie Noren, Britta, David and Michael to Ellsworth on Tuesday of last week, where she visited until Saturday with her daughter, Alice and Ken Robson, while the others visited relatives in Abilene.

Easter supper guests of Richard and Maureen Anderson, Samantha, Chris and Gabe, to honor Richard and Maureen on their birthdays were Elden and Detta Anderson, Gary Anderson, Dick and Donna Kelley, Gayle Anderson, Jason, Clay and Kendra, and Jenny Swart.

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