

NEW ALMELO NEWS

By BETTY OTTER

May 10, Russ and Marcia Aumiller attended the First Communion of their granddaughter, Sidney Vahling at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Hays. Sidney is the daughter of Jeff and Kathleen Vahling, Hays. Jeremy and Missy Rumback and Nicole, Lenora, also helped celebrate the occasion.

Alfred and Betty Otter attended the First Communion of their granddaughter, Courtney Moss, At St. John's Church in Beloit on April 10. Courtney is the daughter of Jim and Jolene Moss, Jewell. Gary and Roberta Bruinekool, Lenora, Courtney's God parents,

also attended the ceremony.

Mathilda Bollig is in the Cottonwood Care Home, Oberlin. She is recovering and receiving therapy after surgery for a broken hip.

Visitors at the home of Marion and Lorraine Long the past week were, Gary and Carolyn Long, Hill City; Irene Schieferecke, McPherson; Tom and Jan Long, Rita Barker, Hays; Mandy Baalman and Chad Baker, Kansas City; Leonard and Joan Long, Zach and Alaina, Logan; Ernie Long, Lenora; and Roger and JoAnn Long.

Rita Barker was one of the recipients receiving awards at a

banquet at the Holiday Inn on April 5, for service at Hays Medical Center. She was the winner of the 2005 Norman Jeter Humanitarian Award given annually to an individual for human kindness and dedication to medical excellence. It is one of the highest awards on honor an associate of Hays Medical can receive.

Helen Windholz, WaKeeney was the winner of the Sr. Mary J. Mollison Nurse of the Year award. Awards were given employees who have worked 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years. Sarah J. Streit, formerly of the New Almelo area, received a 5-year recognition.

WILSONVILLE NEWS

By VELMA HOLTZE and LAURIE LAWS

On April 7, Laurie Laws, Shelly and Austin Anderson traveled to Colorado to visit Laurie's sister Joyce Blecher who was hospitalized in an intensive care unit. While in Colorado, Laurie's niece, Genevieve Van Buhler, gave birth to her son Dylan. Dylan is Laurie's sister Gina's new grandson. Laurie, Shelly and Austin were also able to visit Delbert's parents, Delbert and Virginia Laws, and Delbert's brother, Bruce and Kipp, and Laurie's brother, Lorren Ballard. They returned home late Saturday April 9. By returning early they avoided a blizzard in Colorado. Sunday April 10, the Colorado area received 18 inches of snow and high wind conditions. Joyce is still hospitalized, but is out of intensive care.

This past weekend Delbert and Laurie Laws traveled to Minden to

see their grandson, Austin Anderson, play in his first soccer game. Austin's team won by one point. While in Minden Grandma Laurie

fell down some stairs and sprained her ankle, so now it looks like grandma won't be running any goals anytime soon.

ALMENA NEWS

By ESTHER MARBLE

Reva Smith is back home from a recent stay in the hospital. She has had many visitors since she returned home.

Ron and Cynthia Aubushon of Conway Springs visited her

aunt, Jean Leuszler, Friday afternoon.

Vera Schra of McPherson and Alberta Geil spent a few days in Colorado visiting family.

Esther Marble visited Alberta Geil Monday afternoon.



Two Norton FFA boys, Joshua VanSike, left, and Lucas Wiseman, planted an evergreen tree Tuesday at Norton Cemetery as part of a beautification program.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

FFA group plants trees at cemetery

Braving blustery winds Tuesday morning, eight Norton FFA members and their advisor Garrett Beydler planted five evergreen trees at the Norton Cemetery.

The group will be planting ten more evergreens and 15 Bradford pear trees provided by the cemetery beautification committee. Students helping with the tree-

planting were Sara Johnson, Devin Marx, Paul Juenemann, Joshua VanSike, Lucas Wiseman, Chelle Donovan and Blake Hillebrand.

Learn bottom line on using nitrogen

Planting time will be here in a few weeks, and farmers will make decisions that affect crop yields and costs.

One of these costs is nitrogen. Nitrogen prices are high and likely will not come down any time soon, so finding the best and most efficient way to apply it is important.

To provide more information on the best way to apply nitrogen in no-till grain sorghum, a two-site study was done at Manhattan and Greenwood County, evaluating three nitrogen treatments: broadcast, dribbled on the surface on 20-inch centers, and knifed six-seven inches below the surface on 20-inch centers. Nitrogen rates of 0, 50, and 100 pounds per acre were used with a 28 percent solution urea-ammonium nitrate.

The study shows nitrogen placement had a dramatic effect on grain sorghum yield. At Manhattan for the 50 pounds of nitrogen per acre rate, sorghum yields for the broadcast, dribble, and knifed treatments were 98, 105, and 122 bushels per acre, respectively. That's a 24 percent increase for the knifed nitrogen over the broadcast application.

At the 100 pounds of nitrogen per acre, sorghum yields for the broadcast, dribble, and knifed treatments were 121, 133, and 138 bushels per acre, a 14 percent increase for the knifed over the broadcast application. The knifed 50 pounds per acre treatment (122 bushels per acre) yielded nearly the same as the broadcast 100 pounds per acre treatment (121 bushels per acre).

At Greenwood County for the 50 pounds of nitrogen per acre rate, sorghum yields for the broadcast, dribble, and knifed treatments were 78, 77, and 85 bushels per acre, respectively. That's about a 9 percent increase for knifed over broadcast application.

At the 100 pounds of nitrogen per acre rate, sorghum yields for the broadcast, dribble, and knifed treatments were 80, 83, and 91 bushels per acre, respectively. That's about a 14 percent increase for the knifed over the broadcast application. At this location, the knifed 50 pounds nitrogen per acre

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treatment (85 bushels per acre) yielded more than the broadcast 100 (80 bushels per acre).

So what is the bottom line? Farmers wondering about placing nitrogen fertilizer on the soil surface in a no-till system because of nitrogen tie-up by crop residue and/or volatilization loss have a reason to be concerned. This study shows broadcast nitrogen applications result in the lowest yields, while the best occur with underground knifed applications.

With broadcast applications, there are more chances the fertilizer will come into contact with crop residues and be tied up. The nitrogen will eventually become available after the residue is broken down.

Generally, dribble application is better than broadcast because the nitrogen, although on the surface, is concentrated into a narrow band which reduces residue contact and leaves more available for the growing sorghum.

The knifed application is ideal because it places the nitrogen below the surface so there's no contact with the residue. This also reduces volatilization losses.

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