

OBITUARIES

Delmar Ray Foster

April 23, 1941 - Nov. 28, 2003

Delmar Ray Foster, 62, Jennings, died Nov. 28, 2003, at the Sheridan County Hospital in Hoxie.

He was born April 23, 1941, to Ray William and Marie (Koerperich) Foster in Sheridan County.

Mr. Foster attended Solomon Valley School and graduated from Sheridan Community High School.

In 1960 he and Pat Wagoner were married in Hoxie. He was a farmer and a truck driver. He was a member of the Hoxie Elks Lodge, the National Rifle Association, Kansas Trapshooting Association and Pheasants Forever. He was an avid sportsman who was an experienced hunter, gun enthusiast and wildlife patron.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife Pat Foster of the home; two sons, Michael Foster and Terry Rogers, Dallas, and Chad and Christy Foster, Lubbock, Texas; a daughter, Coleen and Steve Boxberger, Russell; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held today at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Leoville, with burial in Adell Cemetery, rural Dresden. The Rev. Ben Saw conducted the services.

The family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Elks National Foundation in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn Ave., Oberlin, Kan. 67749 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Alta Schuck

Nov. 28, 1912 - Nov. 28, 2003

Alta Schuck, 91, Edmond, died Nov. 28, 2003, at the Graham County Hospital, Hill City.

Mrs. Schuck was born Nov. 28, 1912, in rural Graham County, the daughter of Arthur and Myrtle (Moyer) Rowley.

She married Alfonso Schuck April 30, 1934, in Logan. He died Nov. 28, 1979.

Mrs. Schuck was a lifelong resident of Graham County. She was a homemaker and a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. She was a member of the Mt. Vernon Club, the Eagles and the Elks.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a brother.

She is survived by a son, Lenus Schuck, Edmond; a sister, Juanita Christianson, Concordia; and one grandchild.

Memorial services are scheduled at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at Spencer-Stinemetz Chapel, Hill City, with Rev. Donald McCarthy conducting the service. Burial will be at the Edmond Cemetery.

A memorial fund has been established to Logan Manor Nursing Home, 302 W. Logan, Logan, Kan., 67646.

Local group discusses alternative medicine

North Dividers Family and Community Education met Oct. 17 with Wilda Bowman. Ten members were present.

Several members put in a window display at The Sewing Box. The display was on fiber in the diet. Each person needs 30 grams of fiber per day.

The group discussed the upcoming state convention and who would be attending.

Doris Winteroth gave an interesting report on "the Life and Lord of the Hopi Indians". She and her husband attended an Elderhastel at the Cultural Center on the second

mesa. This was near the Hopi Indian Reservation in northeast Arizona. All members enjoyed the report.

The meeting was adjourned. On Nov. 21, North Dividers met with Ruth Lofgreen. Ten members answered roll call with a Bible verse with the word thanks in it.

Five ladies from Norton County attended the Family and Community Education State Convention in Hays on Oct. 21-22. The highlight of the convention was guest speaker "Heloise". Approximately 450 ladies listened to her speak and all agreed it was very

interesting. The fall workshop in Quinter Nov. 13 was attended by eight ladies from Norton County.

Ruth Logreen gave a report on the County Family and Community Education council meeting on Nov. 4. Keith VanSkike was a guest. New lessons for 2004 were discussed.

All members brought canned foods for God's Pantry.

The lesson for the day was "Complementary and Alternative Medicine" given by Fleta Hanlon.

People should always speak to their doctor before taking alterna-

tive medicine, especially if you are on other medicine.

Complementary and alternative medicine or C.A.M. for short has been defined as "treatments and health care practices not taught in medical schools, not generally used in hospitals, and not generally reimbursed by medical insurance".

North Dividers will have their Christmas party at 1:30 p.m. at Town and Country Kitchen on Dec. 9. There will be a gift exchange.

Hostess gift was received by Betty Harper.

Winter wheat needs more moisture to seed

How's the wheat doing?

I have been getting the above question a lot lately. In addition to the question, what do I do since my wheat has not come up?

These are all questions of concern that unfortunately cannot be definitively answered. As we all know, conditions are dry. Some of the wheat has not come up yet, and we all would like to see moisture on the ground instead of hearing how it is going to be a wet winter.

Obviously, the amount of moisture we receive this winter is an unknown and cannot be predicted with any guarantee. However, there are some things producers may want to know about wheat when evaluating it.

One of the characteristics of winter wheat is it requires a vernalization process where the plant moves from vegetative growth to reproductive growth. Cold temperatures cause vernalization to occur. If a person planted winter wheat in the spring, the wheat would only grow vegetatively producing lots of leaves but no seed head.

However, seed that is planted into dry soil will not vernalize unless the following happens. Seed can vernalize if water enters the seed. The seed is then imbibed with water. The seed will not look much different, but the water has basically woken the seed up to start growth. Rarely is vernalization a problem, except in an extremely dry year. So the next question is did enough moisture accumulate through the last snowfall to initiate vernalization. All I can say to that is it would depend upon location on how much moisture actually accumulated at a given spot. In addition, there has been some moisture through spotty rains that may have caused the wheat to already emerge. However, a person will not see the emerging wheat from the road because it may just be poking through.

The next question to ask is how will this delayed emergence affect yield. To answer this question we need to look at a couple of studies completed by K-State. First, a planting date study was initiated at Garden City over a seven year period. Wheat planted November 1 reached 77% of the yield potential of that planted on October 1. The

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other planting dates reached the following percentage of the October 1 planting: December 1 = 59%, January 1 = 57%, February 1 = 41%, March 1 = 16%, and April 1 = never produced a seed head. The delayed planting decreased tiller number which decreased the number of seed heads.

In another study during the dry fall of 1999 in north central Kansas, producers who had spotty emergence in their fields where contacted in order to compare the yield of wheat that emerged in the fall versus wheat which emerged in the spring. The study was in several counties across Kansas including Norton and provided the following results. Spring-emerged wheat reduced grain yield by 47%. In addition, test weight, kernel diameter, and thousand kernel weight were all reduced in the spring-emerged wheat.

The last question has to do with the wheat stand. Producers may be thinking of replanting their wheat.

However, I would strongly caution against this. First, there is really no more moisture now than there was when they planted the wheat, so why would one expect there to be a better stand. Second, if a producer wants to increase the number of seeds out there to increase seed head number since tiller number will likely be lower, a producer could overseed his already existing stand by planting at an angle to the existing rows. On some fields that were planted at a low seeding rate, this might be beneficial.

All in all, producers should realize that with a little bit of moisture, wheat will vernalize and produce a seed head even though there may be a chance for a reduced potential for high yields.

For a copy of "Evaluating of Late Planting Opportunities for Winter Wheat" or "Late Emergence Effects on Agronomic Characteristics of Wheat", please download them by clicking on the Production and Pest icon at the Web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2 and looking under the wheat section, or a copy can be acquired at your local extension office.

Please e-mail me at bolson@oznet.ksu.edu if you have any questions or would like to see a newspaper article on a specific crop production topic.

HONOR ROLL

The Jennings schools has released its honor roll for the high school and junior high for the first nine weeks of the first semester.

Jennings High School Honor Roll First Nine Weeks

Seniors: Grant Bailey, Andrew Coiner, Sara Kier, Brett McKenna and Katie Randolph

Sophomores: Tyler Bolt, Courtney Gillespie, Nakita Graf, Elise Kinser and Jake Kramer

Freshmen: Kim Coiner, Clint Krizek, Brett Linden, Marcus McKenna and Seth Ritter

Jennings Junior High Honor Roll First Nine Weeks

Eighth grade: Kaitlyn Gillespie and Brittany Ritter

Seventh grade: Jacinta Carter, Brian Linden, Ryan McEvoy and Stephanie Stone

Sixth grade: Marissa Baker

READERS

— **Steak and seafood night, Thursday 6-9 p.m. American Legion. Members and guests.** 12/2

Thanksgiving guests for a cooperative dinner at the home of Joe and Rosetta McFarland were: Karyn Gunzelman, Sylvan Grove; Dana Gunzelman, Great Bend; John Gunzelman, Andrea and Jake Sloan, Kristine Boos, Kean Wurm, Hays; Ike and Tracy Sloan, Jerston and Shazer, Blanding, Utah; Roxanne and Conrad Cox, Long Island; Harlan Van DeWege, Prairie View; Bonnie and Arlo Wurm, Cody, Cade, Cory Wurm, Oberlin; Shane and Valeria Wurm, St. Francis; Neva and Rich Epard, Colby; Kenton and Emile Epard, Sacramento, Calif.; and Shawna and Mike Karl, Todd and Scott, Denver.

— **PITCH TOURNAMENT 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. Norton American Legion.** 12/2

Lt. Col. Gregory Salisbury will take command of the 174th Ordinance Battalion, Kansas Army

National Guard in a change of command ceremony Saturday at the National Guard Army in Hays. He will receive the command from outgoing commander Lt. Col. Lawrence Hannan. The battalion is headquartered in Hays, with units in Goodland, Colby, Norton, Russell, Smith Center, Phillipsburg, Mankato, Belleville, Dodge City, Liberal, Wichita, Ft. Riley and Sabetha.

Four students from Lenora Elementary School were recognized for attaining the Standard of Excellence on the 2003 state assessments from the State Board of Education. They are: Justin Heikes, Audrianna York, Cole Miller and Adam Myers.

Gilbert Berland, Damar, President of Prairie Land Electric Cooperative in Norton was elected to the executive committee for the Kansas Electric Power Cooperative.

— **Your message in this space for only \$2.95 per line.** 12/2

BIRTH

Royce and Shenna Bruce, Little River, are the parents of a son, Kyle Keith, born Nov. 11, 2003. He weighed 9 pounds and 9 ounces and was 21 1/4 inches long. He has an older sister, Riley. Grandparents are Ron and Doris Bruce, Windom; and Ed and Linda Keith, Almena.

Great-grandmothers are Marie Bruce, Marquette; Wilma Smyres, Hutchinson; Mary Keith, Norton; and Vernelia Williams, Great Bend.

MARKETS

At close of business Dec. 1
Wheat \$3.75
Milo \$3.95
Corn \$2.33
Soybeans \$7.08

NOTICE — NOTICE — NOTICE

First Security Bank and Trust Company's Lobby will be CLOSED at 1:30 p.m. Friday, December 5 for the LeRoy Deines Funeral

Drive thru will be open until 4 p.m.
The Lenora Branch will observe regular hours

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126 S. STATE, NORTON

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