



Extension Lines

By Brian Olson
Extension Agronomist

but as of now, the number of acres bought for sequestered carbon is extremely small, with values ranging around \$1-\$3 an acre.

A pilot project with the Chicago Climate Exchange was started this past month for eastern Kansas to learn more about the feasibility of the process, along with verification of the acres enrolled in such a program. To increase the possibility of this occurring for all farmers, K-State hosted a U.S. Senate subcommittee field hearing in Manhattan this past Friday. Sen. Sam Brownback (R-Kan.), chairman of the subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, part of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, chaired the hearing.

K-State, under the direction of Professor Chuck Rice, is one of the universities that has taken the lead in understanding carbon sequestration and how it can benefit our environment. Rice's research has in-

dicated that no-till protects large soil aggregates, which are more stable at maintaining the level of sequestered carbon compared to small soil aggregates found in conventional-till field. His research also has determined that tall grass prairies have twice as much soil carbon as tilled continuous wheat.

For more information, please visit the Web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2 and click on the environment icon, or visit your county extension office and pick up a copy of "Carbon Sequestration: Top 10 Frequently Asked Questions".

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A clothing drive to benefit Spanish/American missions in southwest Kansas is being held in Norcatu. Bob Strey is organizer and is accepting all kinds and sizes of clothing, except shoes, at the collection center in the former Keith's Market on Main Street.

The Norcatu Citizens Alliance has requested that Norcatu Grain set up an account to receive wheat donated for the cafe and other projects of the Commercial Club. Funds will be used to meet expenses on the cafe building, especially taxes and maintenance. Donations may be mailed to Norcatu Citizens Alliance, in care of Dennis Leichter, HC1 Box, 113, Clayton, Kan., 67629, designating funds for the Norcatu Commercial Club.

Dinner guests on June 1 of Goldie Brewer were Donna Warren of Oberlin, Fern Mapes and Mike Mapes.

Summer reading program for kids ages 4 through sixth-grade will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Norcatu library on June 17, 19, 24, 26 and July 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ward came to attend the ceremony at the Masonic Temple in Oberlin, during which Kenneth Ward received his 60-year pin as a Mason. Vayle Rohan of Jennings received a 50-year pin.

Lora Linn and Rodney Leichter and Dorothy Ward also attended. K.J. and Brandon Ward have been visiting their maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John McMinn, in Hillsboro.

Norman Leichter celebrated his 92nd birthday on June 5 and 6 with his family, which includes his wife, Geneva; Homer and Luanna Leichter, Kathy and Rob Miller, Nikki Thiessen and Brent and Wendy Thiessen. His birthday was May 26.

Memorial weekend guests of Frank and Velda Ward were Robert Crabill, Dodge City, and his daughter, Lauri Dansel, Jetmore; Jim Nelson, Denver, and his son, Mark Nelson, Arkansas; and Helen McVay, Norcatu. Other callers were Larry and Penny Bishop, Denver; Pansy Price, and Max and Norma Wad, Clayton.

Megan Wentz received first place in the drug prevention poster contest for third-graders at Oberlin Elementary School, as well as a Perfect Attendance Award. Rebecca Wentz, kindergarten, only missed one day of school and she read 546 books. Both are daughters of Lois and Darren Wentz.

Carissa Wentz, fourth-grader, daughter of Dwight and Mary Wentz, received a plaque for get-

ting straight A's for the entire school year. She was the only student to receive this award. Congratulations to all three girls.

Birthdays and anniversaries include: LaVerne Milner, May 29; Jamie Wentz, May 30; Francis Hix, June 3; Ron Harman, June 3; Ron and Renee Harman, May 29; Tad and Rebecca Hartsough, May 31; and Darrel and Marla West, June 3.

Students interested in scholarships should mail applications to Rodney Leichter, P.O. Box 156, Norcatu, Kan., 67653, or leave them at The Bank in Norcatu by June 30.

Memorial weekend visitors of Velma Rogers, who was hospitalized in Colby, were her cousin, Dorothy Rowh, Scott City, but formerly of Clayton, and her daughter, Sheryl Goodman; Margaret Conzelman, Napa, Calif., and her nephew, Mike Reager, Sterling, Colo.; also brothers, L. Edward II and Fusing Temple, Darien, Ill.; Archie and Doris Temple and Angela, San Antonio, Texas, and her local family, Judy Menges, Brent and Connie Menges, Brittney and Bailey, and Janel and Darren Andrews. All of the family attended Memorial Day services at Norcatu.

Mrs. Rogers was dismissed from the hospital on May 29, after another six-week stay. Mail will reach her at the home of her daughter, Judy Menges, 1265 N. Brookside Drive, Colby, Kan., 67601, where she is staying.

There were 18 present at the Senior Citizens potluck supper on May 30. Winners were LaVerne Milner, Charles Keller and Dorothy Lawn.

Juanita Eckhart was also a visitor of Agnes Pruitt on Sunday, May 25. Her name was omitted last week.

R.D. Thornton and Bev Morris visited Lucile Eller in McPherson on May 26.

Over the past year, I have been asked by farmers what carbon sequestration is, and how it relates to carbon credit training.

Atmospheric carbon dioxide traps heat reflected from the earth's surface, contributing to an increase in global warming. Carbon sequestration is the process of transforming carbon in the air into stored soil carbon. Carbon dioxide in the air is taken up by plants as they grow. Once the plants die, the carbon-based leaves, stems and roots decay in the soil and become soil organic matter, which reduces the level of carbon dioxide in the air.

However, working the ground with tillage equipment can release of the sequestered carbon.

Farmers can enhance the carbon sequestered in their lands by using these guidelines: First, use a no-till production system or reduce the trips across the field to help retain sequestered carbon. Second, increase the crop rotation sequence, plant buffer strips and reduce soil erosion. Third, plant high-residue crops like corn, grain sorghum and wheat, reduce overgrazing and increase forage quality.

The next question would likely be whether there is a possibility of trading the sequestered carbon on some sort of "Carbon Board of Trade," where farmers could get paid by the acre. The answer is yes,

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Good Samaritan Center

Last Monday Little Sam's Day Care shared craft time with Dena Gillespie and Helen Styles. Root beer floats were served at Social Hour by volunteer Mildred Holmdahl.

A party, hosted by the dietary department, was held at Social Hour, with the next best thing to "Pooch's Pizza," cooked by Marion Dempewolf. Residents enjoyed hearing from local celebrity Harold "Pooch" Portschy, who served up pizza over 12 years, though he didn't share any secrets on his pizza sauces.

Bill Duncan led Bible study on Wednesday, attended by Dena Gillespie, Ella Peterson, Helen Styles, Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander, Hattie Olson, and Vergie Nygren.

Jessica Bremer helped with arts and crafts Thursday, which was attended by Agnes Chambers, Lorna Bishop, Helen Styles and Marilyn St. Clair.

Volunteer Carol Duncan read current events for Ruth Laidig, Lorna Bishop, Ivah Alexander, Elfie Brown, and Dena Gillespie. Barbara Dehlinger volunteered reading time for several residents.

Dennis Brown led devotions on Saturday morning, and Don Stapp served Social Hour.

Sunday worship service was led by Oberlin Community Fellowship. Dolores Koerperich served Social Hour.

Recent guests: Ruby McKenna - Donna Chambers, Ed and Gloria McKenna, Earland Pat Hartzog; Dena

Gillespie - Earl and Pat Hartzog, June Vavroch; Hattie Olson - Karen Peebles, Sheri Steineman, Denver, Sheila Waters and Karin, Palau Island; Sally Olson, Atwood; Vergie Nygren - Goldie Raulston, Jerald and Elaine Leitner; Ella Peterson - Goldie Raulston; Elsie Macy and Neva Campbell - Marian Fraker; Ann Leitner - Jerald and Elaine Leitner; Veda Pingetzer and Elva Shaughnessy - Eileene Grose; Dorothy Wolters - Elsie Wolters; Garrah Gaumer - Boyd and Thelma Bainter, Green Valley, Ariz.; Paula Bainter, Ellsworth;

Also visiting were Keith and Dorothy Laidig of Seattle, Wash.; Boyd and Thelma Bainter of Green Valley, Ariz.; Paula Bainter of Ellsworth, Cheri Kastens of Herndon, Travis and McKenzie Hrabec, and Patty and Warren Schwartz of Greeley, Colo.

Traer News

By Maralyn Courange

Ryan Wheelbarger of McCook was a recent supper guest of his grandparents, Irvan and Maralyn Courange.

Maralyn Courange attended a bridal shower on June 1 in McCook honoring Becky Courange, who will be married on June 21 to David Wolcott in McCook at Bolles Canyon. She is a niece of Irvan Courange.

Katharine and LeRoy Sullivan of Kearney, Neb., visited Irvan and Maralyn Courange on Sunday.

'Friends are a comfort'

Heide Wiebe, pastor Evangelical Covenant Church of Oberlin

I lost a friend this week and her death has caused me to think about the importance of friendship. The world is so full of stresses, problems and difficulties that it is important to have friends to give support and comfort and bring joy into our lives. This need for friendship is reflected in the theme songs of popular TV shows like 'Friends', 'Cheers' and 'All in the Family'. We all have a need to find a place of togetherness and belonging.

God's Word has always known and revealed this deep need within people. The writer of the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament wrote about this need when he said, "Two people can accomplish more than twice as much as one; they get a better return for their labor. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble. . . . A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken." (Eccles. 4:9-11, NLT)

The author of Ecclesiastes tells us that friends are

important because they help us succeed in life. Now that doesn't mean that if we have friends everything will be great; it means that with a friend's encouragement and help we might be more willing to try new things and move out in fresh directions.

Friends are important because they pick us up when we fall. As the writer said, going through life alone means we have no one to help us when we get in trouble, no one to make us laugh when we are feeling down, no one to encourage us when we feel like quitting.

Friends know your life and your situation so that they can stand up for you. Friends are willing to risk what others think — friends don't wait for you to ask for help. Friends by their support and love make us strong and able to take risks.

An Arabian proverb says: "A friend is one to whom one may pour out all the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of kindness blow the rest away." I will miss my friend, but my life has been made richer by her friendship.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

- OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**
785-475-3103
The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly, The Rev. Mr. Stan Chapin, MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday
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The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly
MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday
- SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**
The Rev. Mathew Vazhappilly
MASS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday
- OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**
Arlin Cochran, Minister
539 E. 2nd St., St. Francis
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.
- JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
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**
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Rev. Barbara and/or Nolan Pierce
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Choir practice every Wed. at 7:30 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 4-7 p.m.; Evening Service, 7 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: Charles Keller
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The Rev. Royce Leitner
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Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
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- ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON**
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- NORCATU UNITED METHODIST**
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- LYLE UNITED METHODIST**
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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.; Worship, 11 a.m. SATURDAY: Men's breakfast & Bible Study, 7 a.m.
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510 North Wilson
Interim Pastor: Don White
Secretary: Norma Unger
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SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; Tuesday: Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
- 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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