



Extension Lines

By Brian Olson
Extension Agronomist

Reminder: Cover Your Acres, Aug. 19; Irrigated field tours, Aug. 20 and 21

A few places here and there have gotten lucky and received some rain, but in general, the area is very dry. Grain sorghum is displaying signs of severe drought stress in some areas, and farmers may be thinking of double-cropping wheat onto the poor grain sorghum.

Moisture is an obvious concern. There will be little moisture in the soil profile. Basically, farmers will be counting on moisture in September and October to get the wheat up, and snow during the winter to carry it through until spring. This is risky, but inputs into wheat are minimal.

Tillage equipment usually has negative effects on soil structure, soil erosion, and moisture conservation, but this is an exception. The allelopathic compounds in grain sorghum have been shown to affect wheat yield in a double-cropped situation. K-State evaluated wheat planted immediately back into standing grain sorghum stubble using either conventional-till methods, where 80 percent of the stubble was buried, or no-till methods.

Six hard red winter wheats were evaluated to observe any varietal differences. The two-year study indicated that the allelopathic compounds reduced wheat yields by 10-25 percent, with a higher reduction in yield consistently occurring in wheat planted no-till than conventional-till. Tillage allowed for release of the allelopathic compounds from the stubble, which delayed wheat emergence but did not affect yield.

In the no-till plots, wheat emergence was not delayed. Instead, with release of the allelopathic

compounds occurring in the spring, during the wheat reproductive stage, yield was affected.

In a typical crop rotation, a fallow period would follow the grain sorghum. This fallow period would allow enough time for the release of the allelopathic compounds over the spring and summer before wheat was planted the next fall. However, in a double-crop situation, using conventional-till methods to plant the wheat into grain sorghum stubble may prove to be more beneficial.

On another note, farmers will likely be cutting these fields for hay or grazing them. Producers should remember to check for nitrates in crops related to the sorghum family. In addition, they should be concerned with prussic acid if planning to graze the standing sorghum. New growth coming off of a drought-stressed sorghum plant that just received moisture will likely have high levels of prussic acid, which can kill animals quickly.

Although most of the area is extremely dry, the Cover Your Acres site by Norcatour has caught a few more showers than most. With a little extra moisture, the grain sorghum and sunflower hybrids should all make a decent crop. Some of the hybrids will make corn and others will not. In any case, there will be a

wealth of useful information presented at the field tour. I encourage you all to attend.

For information, please download a copy of "Inhibition of Wheat by Sorghum Residue Under Several Tillage Systems" and "Nitrate and Prussic Acid Toxicity in Forages" by clicking on the Production and Pest icon at the Web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2, or visit the county extension office to pick up a copy.

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Virgil and Joyce Price attended the annual Remington reunion at Barnett Park in McCook on Aug. 2, which had over 50 in attendance. Jean Lee, Louisville, Ky., and her brother, Jay Miller, Norton, visited at the Oran Milners on July 31.

There were 19 present at Senior Citizens Aug. 1. Winners were Juanita Eckhart, Margaret Magers, June Jolly and Gwynn Ward. Next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Friday in the Educational Building.

Larry and Penny Bishop of Denver, and Frank Ward were Aug. 3 evening visitors of the Oran Milners.

The Milners took Marguerite Clark to McCook earlier that day, where they met Wanda and Minh Nguyen. They went out to lunch to celebrate Marguerite's birthday, then visited Betty Reid at the McCook Hospital.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Dwight and Mary Wentz - Aug. 6; Agnes Pruitt, Les Ward, Wyatt Wentz, Darren and Lois Wentz, Stan and Carol Miller, Bob and Kay

Strevey - Aug. 7.

A group of friends and relatives gathered at Goldie Brewer's home on July 30, to help Fern Mapes celebrate her 93rd birthday. Others present were Bob and Joyce Mapes and Leone Purton, Norton; Mike Mapes, Oran and Laverne Milner, Ron and Jerry Temple, Norcatour; David Schlingloff, Hill City; and Donna Warren, Oberlin.

Major and Mrs. David Johnson of Great Bend spent from July 25-27 with Beth Johnson and Fred Molzahn.

Betty Reid was released from the McCook Hospital on Aug. 4, and transferred to the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin for convalescing from knee replacement surgery.

Houseguest of Bill and Bee Nelson from Aug. 1-3 was their son, Todd, Wichita. He came to help his dad with the field work.

Assisting at the Norcatour News as new volunteers on July 29 were Rea Magers, Troy Marshall and daughter, Amanda.

Brittany Thornton and the D.J.

Nickells left for their home in Lincoln on Aug. 1, after visiting T at the Dempewolfs for over two weeks.

R.D. Thornton is due to return home this week. He has spent the last month in Jeffrey, West Va., visiting family. He was a houseguest of Beulah and Curtis. R.D. took Beulah to doctor appointments and to see her brothers and sisters. En route home, he stayed at the Streit home in Larned.

Brooks and Mary Koble and family came to spend a week with her grandfather, Glenn Alexander, and also visited with Jay and Maryllin Locy.

Donald Stapp reported that Rodney Stapp returned home on Aug. 3. Mail will reach Rodney at 206 W. Woodfield, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Congratulations to Ganon Henningson, Wyatt Wentz and Quentin Wentz, who read their required amount of books or pages to complete the summer reading program. Way to go!

Butch Stanley, Fern Jording, Fern Wenger, Mabel Zimmerman, Lyle Gamblin, Faye Miller, Alice Shirley, Barb Solko, Irene Fringer, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Nora Bell Manning, Alvina Gamblin, Violet Schissler, Jo Marie Lehar, Dannye Uehlin, Don Stapp, Dennis, Jason, and Jennifer Thomas, Rusty Grafel, Eula Juenemann, Elaine Bryan, Marie Jean Vavroch, Earl Brown, Virgil Kump, Oberlin.

Cedar Living News

Velda Ward has returned to her home following a short stay at Cedar Living Center.

Nadean Stoney hosted the Coffee Club on Saturday, Aug. 2. The Oberlin Covenant Church was in charge of the Sunday worship service.

Myrna Jones and Carol Witt gave the music program on Monday afternoon.

Residents spent Monday afternoon finishing up craft projects to display at the fair.

Katie Glading and Rachel Gallatin assisted Teresa Shaughnessy in putting up the craft display at the fair.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

Residents Don and Marie Thomas celebrated their 57th anniversary on Tuesday. They provided cake and ice cream for residents and staff. Don Thomas celebrated his birthday on Thursday.

Alice Clark won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Elma Ashley won the blackout game.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Residents and staff enjoyed a trip to the Decatur County Fair on Wednesday evening. Residents included: Harold Frickey, Alice Fiala, Rachel Gallatin, Elma Ashley, and Mildred Cochran. Mary Uehlin went to the fair with her family on Tuesday evening. Staff and volunteers who assisted with the trip included Eldon Huntley, Dan Huntley, Fern Mosier, Sandy Diederich, Margee Wilson, Teresa Shaughnessy, and Catherine and

Varlan Neal.

Father George gave Communion service on the patio Thursday morning.

Residents enjoyed an afternoon of carnival games on Thursday. Brianna Reiter, Katie Glading, and Heather Glodt assisted with the games.

Dale and Cheryl Votapka hosted a train ride at the fair on Friday afternoon. Residents riding the train were Bea Wolfram, Harold Frickey, Charley Vavroch, Alice Fiala, Mildred Cochran, Mary Uehlin, and Rachel Gallatin. They were assisted by Mirla Coleman, Margee Wilson, Amanda and Channing Farr, and Mike and Andrew Shaughnessy of McPherson.

Recent visitors: Curtis and Connie Meixner, Arkansas City; Patt Tuller, Rachel Grace, Ethyl Siegfried, Gary Matheny, McCook; Eric Tuller, Wamego; Margaret Brown, Lillian Lemaster, Wilsonville; Doug and Ilene Stanley, Haysville; Marita Portschy, Ann Martin, Herndon; Glema Macy, Lebanon, Neb.; Jerry Temple, Beth Johnson, Norcatour; Chantel Elder, Sacramento, Calif.; John Miller, Culbertson; Joseph Schmaderer, Ludell; Sandra Lafferty, Salina; Kathy and Paul Nauer, Merl and Ruth Chance, Doris Fleckenstein, Jennings; Terry and Nancy Kruse, and Clay, Kayla, and Mason Stewart, Russellville, Mo.; Mary Ann Pfrimer, Austin, Texas; John and Joanne Dolance, Dallas, Texas; Carl Mumm, Selden; Owen Wilson, Traer; Ron Uehlin, Danbury; Tara Gassmann, Hays; Geraldine Lampe, St. Francis;

Good Samaritan News

Little Sam's Day Care children created sand art, which was enjoyed by residents. Margaret Magers and Kathy VanMeter of Norcatour joined Ivah Alexander and Ruth Laidig for card fun.

Fred Helmkamp, Art Nelson, Leo Mooty and Lester Chambers enjoyed a movie about tractors of the past. Ball playing was led by Garret Berry. Reading with volunteer Fern Moore was enjoyed by Ruth Laidig, Helen Styles, Lorna Bishop, Art Nelson, and Ella Peterson. Ellen Horn served Social Hour. The activity for Reminiscence Corner centered around Bible sayings. Colleen Geishler and Marilyn Horn assisted with bingo.

Mert McEvoy held Bible study on Wednesday. Volunteers Barb Berry and Jessica Bremer provided nail care. Ellen Horn served Social Hour. Benjamin Smith provided music on the keyboard. Enjoying funnel cakes and cotton candy at the fair were Ivah Alexander, Garrah Gaumer, Vergie Nygren, and Ruth Laidig, assisted by staff members Lavern Burtis, Coleen Rippe, Joyce Ploussard, Angela Musgrave, and Jan Badsky.

On Thursday, Father George led Catholic services. Those attending were Lois Buchholz, Ruby McKenna, and Bonnie Weskamp. Assisting with Mass and communion were Delores Koerperich, and Walt and Rosella Meitl. The van was fired up, and Elsie Brown, Hattie Olson, Neva Campbell, Art Nelson, and Leo Mooty were off to take in the fair. Staff assisting were Coleen Rippe, Violet Krizek, Jan Badsky, Kristi Fortin, Connie Miller, Joyce Ploussard, and Loretta McFee.

Lisa Stacy, new activity assistant, read Current Events Friday. The Pet Parade, sponsored by the Decatur

County Fair committee, brought an assortment of animals to the courtyard for everyone to see. Art Nelson, Marilyn St. Clair, Ivah Alexander and Vergie Nygren went to the fairgrounds to enjoy a train ride and popcorn provided by Dale and Cheryl Votapka.

Joyce Ploussard led devotions Saturday. Don Stapp served Social Hour.

The Faith Lutheran Church led Sunday's church services, and Shirley Nichols served Social Hour.

Recent guests: **Dena Gillespie** - Daryl and Marge Hartzog, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, Earl and Pat Hartzog, June Vavroch; **Geraldine Hudson** - Ken and Linda Fergie of Raymond, Texas; **Dorothy Wolters** - Elsie Wolters; **Garrah Gaumer** - Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs; **Hazel Flaska** - Jon Smith; **Ruby McKenna** - Earl and Pat Hartzog, Donna Chambers; **Elfie Brown** - Floyd and Marylu Brown; **Harold and Eleanore Demmer** - Carole Unger and Cindy Trap-hagen; **Hattie Olson** - Sally Olson, Maxine Peebles, Sheri Steineman, Karin Waters.

'The Potter and the Clay'

By Pastor Charles M. Keller, Clayton-Lyle-Norcatour United Methodist Churches

(JEREMIAH 18:2-6)

This Scripture has always been one of my favorites. It has inspired minister's sermons as an analogy in life situations. It inspired the well-known hymn, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

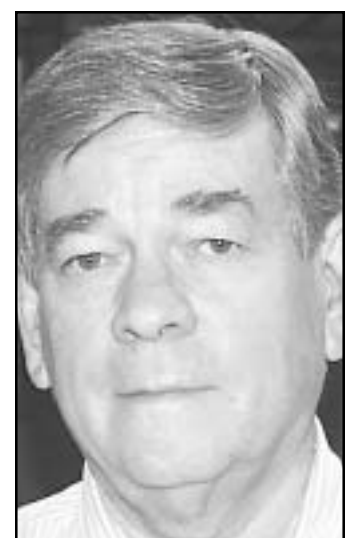
As children of God, made of the clay of the earth and shaped by God into what we have become, we are still an unfinished product. God is continually at work with us shaping and re-shaping us on the potter's wheel of life. Each new day and each new experience is one lump of clay to be molded into our being.

At the fair this past week our arts, crafts, food

stuffs and farm animals have gone past the scrutinizing eye of the judge looking for the best, without blemish or flaw. The entrants received ribbons or rewards for best of show. Everyone, of course, could not receive a Blue Ribbon or Grand Champion award. Everyone was judged upon the effort and talent involved. But like the potter at work, we have a chance to improve for next year's fair.

So it is in life. We are born with a set amount of "stuff" for God to do His work. With the dawning of each new day we encounter new experiences that add to the mixture as God continues to re-shape us.

Let us make the best of it.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103

The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, The Rev. Mr. Stan Chapin, MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday

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The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday.

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Arlin Cochran, Minister 539 E. 2nd St., St. Francis 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.

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The Rev. Doug Hasty SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.

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The Rev. Nolan and Barbara Pierce SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 10 a.m.

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122 S. Penn Ave., Oberlin

Pastor Steve Smith Phone 785-475-3844

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UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA

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.

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102 North Cass — 785-475-3067

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Beaver and Mill

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ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
The Rev. Damian Richards

Phone 785-322-5560 MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.

HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
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Phone 785-322-5316 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.

NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Charles Keller

785-693-4339 SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

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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 785-475-2333

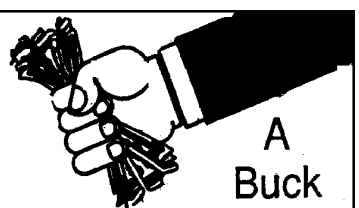
SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:45 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; Tuesday: Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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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