



Extension Lines

By Brian Olson
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If we can all remember back to this past spring when temperatures were mild and rainfall was fairly plentiful, all of the summer crops like wheat, barley, and oats were looking good. Many oat fields were cut for hay, while some were cut for grain.

At the K-State Research and Extension Center in Colby, a spring oat performance test was conducted, and the oat variety Jim from Minnesota won with a yield of 67.9 bushels per acre. The rest of the top five were Blaze from Illinois at 66.7, INO9201 from Indiana at 66.2, Don from Illinois at 65.0, and Rodeo from Illinois at 64.4 bushels per acre. Other yields from commonly grown oat varieties in our area were Bates from Missouri at 59.7 and Jerry from North Dakota at 46.6. The average yield for the test was 58.4.

As farmers start deciding what to do with their failed acres of corn or grain sorghum, they should think of spring oats as a viable alternative to planting wheat this fall. Waiting until spring will allow them to see if the area has had a wet winter with a forecast of a wet spring. With a wet winter, planting a crop like

grain sorghum may look more attractive than it does right now.

If the extended forecast is unfavorable, spring oats may be a more viable option. Wheat should probably be planted on a majority of acres, but with the spring oat option, producers will have more of an opportunity to take advantage of favorable weather, if any, for some of their acreage.

For information on the spring oat performance test, download a copy by clicking on the spring oat icon at

the Web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2 or visit your county extension office to pick up a copy.

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Halley Roberson, Washington, D.C., and Kara Bravo, Plano, Texas, spent fair week with their parents, Carolyn and Jim Plotts. Mrs. Bravo's daughter, Taylor, had spent the previous two weeks with her grandparents.

Additional Monday spaghetti supper guests of Jim and Carolyn Plotts, in a were Brian Kelley and Mark Kelley, Junction City, and Jennifer Auxier and Alexandria, Oberlin, and Teresa Reves.

Bill Kelley, Junction City, recently accompanied his son, Mark, to Norcat where Mark intends to spend the remainder of the summer at his brother Brian's farm, formerly the Claude and Dorothy Kelley homestead. Mark just returned to the United States after spending two years as a K-12 school counselor with a private school for the children of American diplomats in Syria.

If there is no one interested in taking over Heartland Shares, Aug. 23 will be the last pickup in Norcat. Inez Keller will take orders and turn them over to the Oberlin site, if you like. For questions, call Mrs. Keller.

R.D. Thornton returned home Aug. 4, from West Virginia. En route home he stopped in Larned at the Streit home. Jacob Streit came home with him to spend the week, to help Grandpa and to go to the Decatur County Fair, then he took him home on Friday. R.D. visited with Phyllis Castle and Ray, Jen and Bryce Thornton in Hays over the weekend.

Curt and Melissa (Miller) DeDonder were married on Saturday, Aug. 9, in Manhattan. They left for their honeymoon in Jamaica on Monday morning. They will be making their home in Rossville. Doug, Chris, Sharee and M.J. Dempewolf, and R.D. Thornton attended the wedding. On Sunday, the Dempewolfs went to the Sunset Zoo, where Melissa works. Enroute home, they visited Ray, Jen and Bryce Thornton at Hays.

Joyce Price had surgery last week in Oberlin. Her address is R.R. 1, Norcat, Kan., 67653.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jay Locy, Marcella Mathill, Aug. 13; Frank Hillebrand, Aug. 15; Andrea Marshall, Gene and Kristi Gallentine, Aug. 16; Velda Ward, Aug. 18.

Sunday evening, Aug. 10, visitors at the home of Dwight Wood and Teresa Reves were John and Carol Moye, Veda Wood, Fred Molzahn, Oran and LaVern Milner, Jim and Carolyn Plotts and granddaughter, Alex. They were welcoming Dwight home after he spent all summer at school in Topeka. He will be returning for more instruction in September.

On Aug. 7, Teresa went to Topeka to pick up Dwight from school, then on Aug. 8, they drove to Wichita to pick up an instrument she had been saving for, from gifts of family and friends. The hammered dulcimer is beautiful, and she

is busy learning some new and old songs on it. On Saturday, Aug. 9, they returned home. They spent Friday night with Teresa's parents, Gerald and Mary McDougal.

Kenneth Price loaded his horse trailer with his covered wagon, and his horse and mule team, and drove to Norton on Aug. 5, where he met 14 others from Hays, Kansas City, and Haven. They had lunch, then all headed for Maxwell, Neb., where they joined the Midwest Wagon Train, which left Monday morning, Aug. 11, traveling through the hills to Indianola, Neb. There 20 wagons and 35 outriders. Members were from Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota ranging in age from 2 to 80.

Pansy Price visited Joyce while she was in the Oberlin hospital, and also attended the Decatur County Fair.

The Norcat News volunteers celebrated Marguerite Clark's birthday (belatedly) after the News was finished on Aug. 5. Present were K.G. and Dorothy Ward, Bee Nelson, Rea and Dee Magers, LaVerne Milner, Arlene Hix, Marguerite Clark, Lula Hix and daughter, Lynn Wedow, granddaughter Chinn, and great-granddaughter, Ava.

Velda Ward is recovering from her knee surgery quite well.

Overnight visitors of Frank and Velda Ward the weekend of Aug. 9 and 10 were Larry and Penny Bishop of Denver.

Weekend visitors on Aug. 9 and 10 of Frank and Velda Ward, and Leslie and Lynn Ward were Wava Reams of Kingfisher, Okla., and Shawna and Johnny Crum, Shawnda and James, of Dover, Okla. The Crum family took in the Decatur County Fair Friday and Saturday night. Shawna was at the very first fair there when she was a 18 months old and has been to many of them since.

On Sunday, Aug. 10, Leslie and Lynn Ward, Wava Reames, Shawna and Johnny Crum, Shawnda and James attended the Kansas/Nebraska Ankenman reunion in Norton.

Larry and Penny Bishop, Denver, spent, Aug. 9 and 10, at the Frank Wards. They were en route home after attending a camper's convention in Dells, Wis. They had also visited a son, David, in Chicago. On Sunday evening, they visited Velda Ward at Cedar Living Center. That evening, they and Frank visited the Oran Milners. The Bishops left for home Monday morning.

Guests of Lowell Sebaugh were Mary, Kyle, Tyler and Kayla Lough of Wamego. They came on Aug. 6, to attend the fair and visit. Linda Hunt and Melissa had lunch Thursday while the men played golf. Mary and the kids returned home on Aug. 10.

Esther Miller accompanied Gary and Annette Miller of Oberlin to Manhattan to attend the wedding of her great-granddaughter, Melissa

Miller, and Curt DeDonder of Topeka.

Aaron Bunker, Manhattan, came to visit his grandparents, Jay and Marylin Locy and Glenn Alexander, recently. He will be attending college at Bartlesville Christian College, in Oklahoma.

Brandy Cook has been awarded the Norcat Commercial Club scholarship for the school year 2003-2004. This scholarship is for \$200 each semester. The scholarship is given annually, and anyone that has applied in the past can still apply next year.

Clair and Mary Lesle surprised Marguerite Clark with a birthday lunch at Norton recently. Mrs. Clark spent Aug. 9, with the Gail Rippe family.

Betty Reid arrived home Aug. 5, after spending time at the McCook Hospital and a day at the Good Samaritan Center. She is slowly recuperating from knee surgery.

Mrs. Forrest (Em) Stern accompanied friends from Burton to Almena, and visited with Neil and Grace Reeves the weekend of Aug. 9. Bonnie and Bob Rapp and Em were dinner guests of the Reeves in Norton Saturday night. Em returned home Sunday morning. Forrest and Em moved to Norcat in 1948, where he was Superintendent of Schools for 15 years. They had one daughter, Karla, who lives in Topeka.

Rea and Dee Magers enjoyed the New Almelo Barbecue and Bazaar Saturday night, Aug. 9. There were 12 quilts in the auction, and three brought over \$1,000 each.

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'God is in control'

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

Psalm 46:10 tells us, "Be still and know I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth!"

Last Thursday evening while watching the Weather Channel, I heard a marine biologist, who was studying life in a coral reef, make an awesome remark. "Some parts are dying because the temperature of the sea has risen two degrees above normal. We must do something about this."

Then on the news, I took an interest in the power outage in the northeast that affected a large part of New York, Ohio and Canada. One likely cause was a lightning strike from thunderstorms in the area sending shock waves through the system. A reporter noted that Congress was going to investigate to make sure it wouldn't happen again.

Such statements in our modern world are common when we find man trying to be God. An act of

God started the climate to warm at the end of the last ice age thousands of years ago. An act of God may have caused the power outage in New England. Man cannot reverse the power God has over our world. What man can do is find logical ways to work with God in our world, instead of cooling tropical ocean waters or dissipating a severe thunderstorm.

I suggest before one tries to be God, they should learn the Serenity Prayer: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to distinguish one from the other."

School has begun in Oberlin this week and will begin soon in the surrounding area. It is my hope and prayer that the students will always seek the truth. It will not always come easily, but in the course of understanding, it will be exceedingly worthwhile.



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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam
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 JENNINGS
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.

HIGH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
122 S. Penn Ave., Oberlin
Pastor Steve Smith
Phone 785-475-3844

SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m. and Evening Service 7 p.m.; WEDNESDAY: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.

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.

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
785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 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
Beaver and Mill
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. Junior Worship, grade 3 & down; 2nd Sundays: All-church dinner. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Home Bible Studies, 7:30 p.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
The Rev. Damian Richards
Phone 785-322-5560
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.

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

NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Charles Keller
785-693-4339
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Charles Keller
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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.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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
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.

Cedar Living News

There will be a dance at 7 p.m. on Thursday for family and friends at Cedar Living Center.

Tressie Samson and Walt Mosier are new residents at Cedar Living Center.

Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran Church gave the Sunday worship service on Aug. 10. She was also here on Tuesday for the monthly communion service.

Mildred Cochran was guest of honor at an early birthday celebration over the weekend. Family members present were Larry Kruse of Stillwater, Okla., Terry and Nancy Kruse, Clay and Kayla, and Mason Stewart, Russellville, Mo.

Katie Glading assisted with the bowling group on Monday and Myrna Jones gave the music program.

Residents, staff and guests enjoyed an afternoon of music provided by the Swinging Seniors on Tuesday, after which Marie Jean and Charley Vavroch served cake and ice cream in honor of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

Betty Jenik donated donuts for a treat after bingo on Wednesday.

Father George was here for mass on Thursday and Dolores Koerperich assisted.

The Three Prairie Unit hosted the August birthday party on Thursday and served cookies and crackers. Those honored were Don Thomas, Hank Wolfram, and Mildred Cochran. They each received a balloon donated by Laurie Wasson of Prairie Petals.

Recent visitors: Monte Burrell and sons, Wauneta, Neb.; Todd,

Julie, Leslie and Morgan Burrell, Benkelman, Neb.; Van and Kelly Quiett, Alyssa and Aaron Quiett, Castle Rock, Colo.; Laney and Linda Ashley, Loveland, Colo.; Cindy and Cody Wood, Littleton, Colo.; Lori and Jenny Lowrance, Westminster, Colo.; Michelle, Jeff and Kim Tackett, Warrensburg, Mo.; Max and Norma Ward, Clayton; Pastor Rick Rostek, Maxine Brooks, Helen McVay, Estella Harold, Norton; Eric Tuller, Wamego; Richard Samson, Joseph Schmaederer, Ludell; Ann Martin, Herndon; Ryan Miller, Dresden; Lora Arnold, Norma McCallister, Norcat; Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Selden; Paul Nauer, Jennings; Glema Macy, Lebanon; Bill Wilcox, Ron and Patti Uehlin, Danbury; Kent and Mary Thomas, Kansas City; Owen Wilson, Traer; Gary Matheny, McCook.

Fern Jording, Marie Jean Vavroch, Lyle Gamblin, Lillian Mosier, Elaine Bryan, Irene Fringer, Mildred Holmdahl, Irel Lohofener, Luetta Pollnow, Nora Bell Manning, Alvina Gamblin, Dolores and Jacob Koerperich, Mabel Zimmerman, Danny Uehlin, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Earl Brown, Vayle Rohan, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Oberlin.

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