



## Extension Lines

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phorus study, please download "Revising KSU Grain Sorghum Phosphorus Recommendations Study" by clicking on the icon "Block 2 Yield Results" at the Web site: [www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2), or pick up a copy at your county extension office. The article next week will start a series on soybean production.

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Sympathy is extended to the family of Marvin Jackson, former resident of Norcatour, who on Feb. 28 at the Norton County Hospital. Funeral services were held at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton on March 2, with burial in the Norcatour Cemetery.

Wava Reames, Kingfisher, Okla., visited her aunt, Marguerite Fullerton, at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin on Feb. 23. She also enjoyed visiting with Ivah Alexander and Fern Mapes, also residents there.

Keith Ward joined Wava Reames at the home of Frank and Velda Ward for supper on March 1.

The Norcatour Royal Neighbors were invited to a "Leap Year" coffee at the Oberlin Golden Age Center on Feb. 26 by the Oberlin Royal Neighbors. Those attending were Maxine Brooks, Dorothy Woods, and Lee and Lora Arnold. Lora was one of the lucky door prize winners.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Gene Gallentine - March 5; Lance Roe, Galen Wentz - March 7; Betsy Jakowski, Mary Long - March 8; K.G. and Dorothy Ward - March 10. Bob and Kay Strevey left Feb. 28 for Manhattan, where they met their daughters and husbands, Trudi and John McCollum, Platte City, Mo.; Wendy and Loren Tien, Andover; and Hollie and Justin Riche, Wichita. While in Manhattan they all attended the K-State-Missouri basketball game. Bob and Kay spent the evening with Gary and Terri Ritter in Manhattan before returning home.

Kay Strevey spent a recent weekend with Trudi and John McCollum in Platte City, Mo. On Saturday, Hollie and Justin Riche, Wichita, joined them, and on Sunday Wendy and Loren Tien of Andover also

stopped in. Kay, Trudi and Hollie all attended the play, "STOMP" at the Kansas City Music Hall to celebrate Trudi's birthday.

A birthday supper held on Feb. 28, honoring Bill Nelson was enjoyed by Marguerite Clark, Lee Eckhart, Bob Sawdon and Bee Nelson. The evening was spent visiting and learning to play Uno Attack.

The Norcatour News volunteers celebrated two birthdays on Feb. 24, honoring Judy Jackson and Arlene Hix. Those present were: K.G. and Dorothy Ward, Lula Hix, Bee Nelson, Dee Magers, Goldie Brewer, LaVerne Milner, Joyce Price and honoree Arlene Hix. Everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream furnished by Dee Magers and Bee Nelson.

Norcatour United Methodist Church has begun church services at a new starting time, 9:45 a.m., as of March 7.

**CITIZENS ALLIANCE**  
The Norcatour Citizens Alliance Board of Directors held their annual meeting on Feb. 19. Members present were K.G. Ward, Rodney O'Hare, Bob Strevey, Kristi Gallentine, Darren Wentz, and Dennis Lechlitter. The treasurer reported the Alliance had \$8,457 in assets as of Jan. 1, 2004.

Total money disbursed in calendar year 2003 was \$2770. Total money received since start-up was \$73,045. The board was notified that Rodney Lechlitter was resigning from the Board since he has moved to Colorado. After discussion, the Board decided to ask Troy Wentz to accept the vacancy, which he did. K.G. Ward decided to step down as president, and Bob Strevey was elected to replace him. Rodney O'Hare was elected to take the vice

president position, previously held by Rodney Lechlitter.

Visitors of Rea and Dee Magers on Feb. 28 were Bill and Imogene Hahn, Denver. They were here to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, Harold Riemann of Norton, who died on Feb. 26.

Troy, Deb, Anthony and Amanda Marshall, Inez Jackson, and Neil Marshall traveled to Wichita on Feb. 28, to see the State Kansas Musical Educators Association choir performance that Andrea Marshall was in. She received a medal for attending State KMEA for all three years possible. The concert consisted of the orchestra, band, and choir, all chosen from the District KMEA's across the state.

Patty and Sam Stapp, Norcatour, and Marian Dempewolf, Oberlin, went to Iola on Feb. 28, to watch Kortney Stapp play basketball. She is a starter on the Allen County Community College women's basketball team. On Saturday afternoon, the Stapp family and Marian met Lee Dempewolf, Topeka, and Amber Dempewolf, Colby, at the Topeka Mall for a visit. All returned home Sunday.

R.D. Thornton and Naomi returned home Feb. 28, from a two-month stay in Bracketville, Texas. Chris and Sharee Dempewolf, Kaitlyn Stapp and Canaan Bishop attended the state wrestling competition in Hays. They also visited Ray, Jen and Bryce Thornton and Laci Lechlitter. Bryce went to the wrestling competition with the others for a short time.

Congratulations to Lance Roe, who took third place at the 3-2-1A state wrestling competition in Hays on Feb. 28.

Phosphorus is recognized as one of the essential macronutrients for growth of all crops.

Current phosphorus recommendation levels are based on correlations between soil test and yield response. However, for grain sorghum, the recommendations are based on decades-old data. Since hybrids have improved, farming practices have changed, and expected yield levels have increased, new research evaluating grain sorghum response to phosphorus has been initiated.

This evaluation is set up as a multi-site, multi-year study assessing the response of various P2O5 application rates by grain sorghum. This past summer, the most western site was at Norcatour. A positive response was observed from applications of 10, 20, and 40 pounds of P2O5 per acre, which increased yields 68.0, 77.4 and 86.6 bushels per acre, respectively. The higher rates of 80 and 120 did not increase grain sorghum yield. These preliminary results indicate that a 40-pound application rate may provide the most benefit. More information needs to be collected to verify this outcome, but sites in eastern Kansas had a similar pattern.

Information gathered from area sites helps farmers in our area. However, K-State needs people willing to allow use of their land for these studies. If you are interested in cooperating with K-State on the dryland grain sorghum response to phosphorus, or other studies such as a dryland corn response to nitrogen, please call (785) 443-1264, or e-mail me.

If you would like a copy of the first year's results from the phos-

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Karen Larson recently returned home from a trip to Washington, D.C., where she spent two days on Capitol Hill, visited the Canadian and Australian Embassies, and toured Mount Vernon and Union Station. Karen's sister, Konnie Green, Williamsburg, Pa., met her in Washington, D.C., to visit with her while she was there.

Karen left for Washington, D.C. Sunday, Feb. 29; after the meetings were over on Thursday, she returned with her sister to her home in Williamsburg, Pa., where Karen spent the night and then flew back home on Friday.

Karen represented Decatur County Farm Bureau on this statewide trip set up for county Farm Bureau board members throughout the state of Kansas.

Elwood and Jeanie May, accompanied by Wilma May, met Stephanie May and Andrew Frankforter in Salina on Saturday where they ate lunch with Brandon May before the five drove on to Wichita to attend the wedding of Sarah May and Brian Shaw that evening at 6:30. They returned home on Sunday. Also attending the wedding of Sarah May and Brian Shaw Saturday evening in Wichita were Martin and Evelyn May, Marvin May,

Dorothy Moore, Janice Cundiff, Chris and Kasey May, Kaylee, Kelsey, and Hunter, Andy May, Ernest and Nancy May, Rebecca May and Ashley Jordan of Tonganoxie, Debbie (Moore) Nickels and Emma of Oskaloosa, Theda McKee of Selden; Rhonda and Ed Miller, Hoxie; and Gayle Anderson, Jason, Clay and Kendra.

Kasey May and Kendra Anderson were two of the bridesmaids, Kaylee and Kelsey May were the flower girls, Hunter May was the ringbearer, and Chris and Andy May served as ushers. Sarah and Brian were married on the date of her mother's birthday, March 6. Sarah is the daughter of Marvin May and the late Candace May and the granddaughter of Martin and Evelyn May and Fred and Theda McKee. After their honeymoon, the couple will make their home in Andover.

Gaylord and Shirley Shields and Gary and Mary Ann Erickson returned home Sunday afternoon after spending the weekend in Wichita attending the Garden Show.

Arthur and Alice May and John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica enjoyed dinner out Saturday evening to celebrate John's birthday.

## Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

John, Betty and Mary Kleidosty of North Platte, Neb., brought dinner and spent last weekend with Mildred Kleidosty.

Bob and Liane Martin hosted a birthday dinner at their home on Sunday to honor Tasha Martin on her birthday. Other guests were her

husband, Kirche Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kircher of Oberlin and Ann Martin.

Visitors last Friday of Monica Solko were Tom, Patrick and Charles Solko. Ron Solko of Oberlin was a Saturday dinner guest.

## 'God Continues to Bless'

By Rev. Nolan Pierce, Co-Pastor of the United Church of Oberlin

Have you ever experienced failure? What was your reaction to failure? One of the most common reactions should be, "It is time to start over." The Bible records many failures. People who should have known how to live like God's children failed. Yet, instead of giving up on humanity, God started over again with another prophet or leader to keep blessing God's people.

God chose to start over again and again to give creation another life. We should do the same. Mistakes are a part of human life. Starting over again is an important part of life. Today is another opportunity to try again to live a life that reflects the love of God.

The psalmist must have had a need to start over again when he prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit."

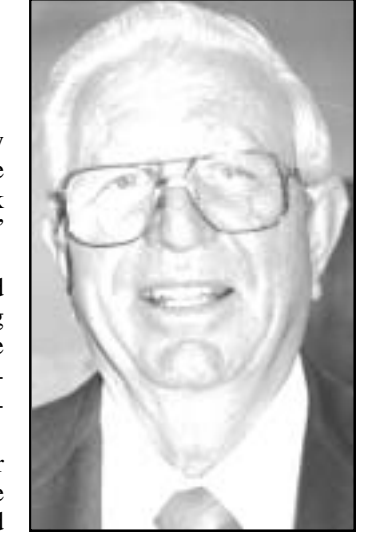
(Psalm 51:10-12)

Starting again renews the spirit that is willing to pray another prayer with the psalmist: "I will trust in the steadfast love of God for ever and ever. I will thank thee forever, . . . I will claim thy name, for it is good." (Psalm 52:8-9)

Lent is not limited to starting over. Lent is a good time to pray for continued growth as well as starting over. Those who founded the church must have felt like giving up at the crucifixion, but the joy they experienced in the resurrection exceeded their disappointment.

We, too, can have a renewed experience when our disappointments are re-evaluated and when we make the effort to grow in our experiences with life viewed from the resurrection event.

The good news is that God loves us and is planning for our resurrection even as He planned for Jesus' resurrection. What a glorious and wonderful God we have! Amen.



## 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: 10 a.m. Sunday
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE**  
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam MASS: 8 a.m. Sunday.
- SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**  
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday
- OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
Jim Martin  
1007 W. 3rd St., McCook, Neb. 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: Kathy Aeillo Almna  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 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 785-5316  
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.
- NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo Almna  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.
- LYLE UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Charles Keller  
785-693-4339  
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.

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