

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Clint Schmidt, son of Chris and Sherri Schmidt, who graduated Saturday evening during commencement exercises at Kansas State University. He received a degree in biological and agricultural engineering and will be working in Denver.

Those attending were Danace Maloney, Clae, Jordan and Kainin, and T.C. McDonald, Colby; Erin Schmidt and Adam Darby, Northglenn, Colo., and Chris and Sherri Schmidt.

A reception was held later honoring Clint and his roommate, Jim Riener, of Herndon, at their apartment. Jim graduated with a degree in civil engineering and will be working in Phillipsburg. Others attending the reception were Karol Riener, John and Jessica, and Nadine Green, Herndon.

Kerrie Olson, daughter of Randy and Sharon Olson, and Kendra Anderson, daughter of Gayle Anderson, and the late Dennis Anderson, graduated on Sunday afternoon from Decatur Community High

School. Keely Witt, granddaughter of Keith and Mary Lou Olson, was also among the graduates and they attended a reception in her honor with other relatives and friends at the James and Kimberly Witt home following graduation.

Mary Lou Olson accompanied James and Kimberly Witt, Ashley and Whitney to Smith Center on Friday to watch Keely Witt participate in the regional track meet. Keely and several other team members qualified for the state meet, which will be held in Wichita on Friday.

Cameron, Will and Sophia Ginther of Atwood spent the weekend with their grandparents, J.R. and Carrol Ginther.

Gerald and Patti Benda, Barbara Olson, Sarah, Kurt and Mary, and Wesley and Eulaine Benda attended high school commencement exercises in Rozel for Nathan Maresch, son of Daryl and Shirley (Benda) Maresch of Nekoma. He plans to attend Fort Hays State University this fall.

Sandy Reuther will be honored with a "Dutch" supper at 6:30 p.m. at the Down Home Cafe in Herndon on Thursday by the congregation of the Herndon Covenant Church to honor her on her recent graduation from Colby Community College. Those attending are asked to wear a cowboy hat.

Steve O'Neill, Dave O'Neill and Jason Spletzer, all of Brighton, Colo., spent from Thursday to Sunday as guests of Dave and Sherry Bergling while they were turkey hunting. They all got a turkey by Saturday evening and Jason's turkey had a 10 1/2 beard and one inch spurs.

Gara Lee Sprague of Arapahoe, Neb., visited on Saturday afternoon at the home of Keith and Mary Lou Olson. She was en route home after attending the graduation of her grandson, Joey Austin, of St. Francis, from Kansas Technical College in Goodland on Friday. She was an overnight guest of Doug and Paula Austin, Joey and Jennifer at St. Francis.

Time to check fields for nematodes

With everything farmers have to do in the spring, sampling for root lesions caused by nematodes seems like just one more thing, but it's an important step in ensuring a healthy corn crop.

Doug Jardine, K-State plant pathologist, says root-lesion nematodes can be a serious problem in corn in northwest Kansas.

Years of research suggest that there is a poor correlation between the numbers of nematodes in the soil and the potential for damage and yield loss to the corn crop. This makes diagnosis and management recommendations from soil samples alone a somewhat chancy process. Root sampling serves as a better alternative for detecting damaging populations of nematodes and provide a more reliable picture of the problem.

The optimum time for root sampling is about one month after planting. Jardine provides these tips for sampling:

- When sending a root sample, include roots from plants in poor and healthy areas of the field.

- Include soil from the area directly around the roots being submitted.

- Send the samples to the Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic, Dept. of Plant Pathology, 4024 Throckmorton Hall, Manhattan, Kan., 66506-5502.

- The cost is \$13.40 if submitted directly or \$10 if sent through a county Extension office.

- Test results will be reported in numbers of nematodes per gram of root tissue.

Jardine says that farmers can expect a 1 percent yield loss for each 1,000 root-lesion nematodes. Management options are limited for the this year's crop, but root sampling will provide an accurate picture for determining the need for a nematocide or crop rotation next year.

On another note, air temperatures dipped down into the low 30s and



Extension Lines

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high 20s on Thursday. When the temperature is at or below 30, severe damage to any headed wheat is probable, with some damage to emerged corn expected. Cold will likely cause floret sterility in some wheat, which will prevent development of the berry.

The wheat head could then turn white over the next few weeks. If the wheat head is wet, this could provide some margin of insulation which in turn may prevent damage. This all depends on how low for how long the temperature actually was.

Potential damage from the freeze will be discussed at the wheat plot tours.

For corn, the above-ground growth will likely be damaged, but the key is the below-ground growing point. If the growing point is intact and in good condition, the corn should recover without much problem. But if the growing point is damaged or dead (looks brown), then the grower should evaluate how much damage was done in a field. It may be worth replanting the corn.

To evaluate a field, one option would be to cut a corn plant open and look at the growing point. The second would be to leave the field alone for seven to 10 days and see if leaves re-emerge from the whorl. If they do, little damage has been done. If they don't, then severe damage to the growing point has occurred.

For more information on nematodes and spring wheat injury, look at the publications "Nematode Management In Kansas: Chemical and Biological Control," "The Sting Nematode," and "Spring Freeze Injury to Kansas Wheat" at the Web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/ by clicking on the Production and Pest icon, or pick up a copy at your county extension office.

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For more information, contact the county extension office, 475-8121.

Walk Kansas plans celebration

To wrap up Walk Kansas for this year, a celebration has been planned. Everyone who participated in this year's Walk Kansas is encouraged to attend as there will be small prizes for all.

The Walk Kansas Celebration will be held at the Oberlin City Park on at noon Tuesday, June 8. In case of bad weather, the celebration will be held at the Decatur County Extension office. Bring a sack lunch.

There will be a winner's circle for awards, and pictures will be taken of teams and those who receive special recognition.



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
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If you have not turned all of your miles in to your team captain, do that right away so they can report team results. Captains, please turn in all of your miles no later than Friday,

May 28, so your team can receive full credit.

Tranda Watts is multi-county extension specialist you can call her at 785-443-3663.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Hansen Mueller		Dr. Doolittle, 1 Dec. County Hospital; Rotary Gateway, Noon Weight Watchers 6-7 p.m.	Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. Co. 2 Hospital; Blood Pressure Clinic, Golden Age, 10:30-11:30 a.m. ; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.; OBA, Noon, LandMark; Eastern Star, Carry-in Salad Supper, 6:45, followed by initiation. 8 p.m.; Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m.	 3	4 Cruise-In Night A & W Drive-In.	SummerFest 5 Car Show Writers' Retreat 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oberlin Covenant Church 1/2 Price Day Bargain Box Plus.
6 Attend the Church of Your Choice	7 Norcatur Rebekah Lions Club, Medical Arts bldg.	8 Dr. Doolittle, Dr. McGowan, Cardiology, Dec. Co. Hospital; Rotary, Gateway, Noon; DPW, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.	9 Dr. Eskildsen, Dr. Werth, Urology, Dec. Co. Hospital; Norcatur Royal Neighbors; American Legion Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m.; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.	10 Chamber Board Noon Hirsch & Pratt	11 Oberlin Royal Neighbors Golden Age 4 p.m.	12
13 Attend the Church of Your Choice Antique Engine Club Potluck, Sappa Manor, 6:30 p.m.	14 FLAG DAY Decatur School Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	15 Dr. Doolittle, Dec. Co. Hospital; Rotary, Gateway, Noon; Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.	16 Dr. Eskildsen, Dr. Curtis, Cardiology, Dec. County Hospital; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.; Jaycees, Red Crown, 8:30 p.m.	17 Thallium Testing Dec. Co. Hospital CVB, LandMark Inn, Noon	18 Relay for Life DCHS Track 7 p.m.	19
20 Attend the Church of Your Choice	Dr. McDonald, 21 Cataracts, Dec. Co. Hospital; Hospital Board Meeting, 7 p.m.; Lions Club, Medical Arts bldg.; Norcatur Rebekahs	22 Dr. Doolittle Dec. Co. Hospital Rotary, Gateway, Noon Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m.	23 Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. County Hospital AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.	24 American Legion Meeting	25	26
27 Attend the Church of Your Choice	28 Dr. Rubinowitz Dec. Co. Hospital	29 Dr. Doolittle, Dec. Co. Hospital Rotary, Gateway Noon Weight Watchers 6-7 p.m.	30 Dr. Eskildsen, Dec. County Hospital; AA, ambulance barn, 8 p.m.; \$3 Bag Day at The Bargain Box Plus; OBA 5th Wednesday script drawing		The Oberlin Herald NOW IN OUR 125th YEAR OF SERVICE	