

Corn has some freeze, wind damage

By **KIMBERLY BRANDT**

The corn crop in Decatur County has sustained some damage from the May 14 freeze and the wind.

Brian Olson, agronomist with Kansas State University Research and Extension, said the corn did suffer some freeze damage, but since the temperatures warmed up right after that, most of the crop has pulled through. There has also been some damage from wind shredding the leaves that are out on the plant.

The growing point on corn is below the ground, he said, which is good. On soybeans

and sunflowers, that point is above ground, so those plants are a little more sensitive.

The corn is at a stage where it hasn't yet shot up, he said. It is establishing the root system below the ground pretty extensively. In the next couple weeks, it will start to gain height if the area has the moisture for it to grow.

Mr. Olson said each corn plant uses four-tenths to five-tenths of an inch of water a day, especially when it starts to gain size.

The area doesn't really have the subsoil moisture needed to sustain the crop, he said, but we could get a good harvest with timely

rains. By timely, Mr. Olson added, he means just about once a week.

Corn, milo and other crops can grow with little to no sub soil moisture, he said, if there are timely rains. That is up to Mother Nature.

Mr. Olson said it is still too early to see any other problems with the corn crop.

Having little to no subsoil moisture is a problem with sunflowers, too, he said. One of the advantages of that crop is that the plants are able to go down very deep to get water. If there isn't any water in the ground, however, that advantage is gone.

Grain sorghum, or milo, he said, is a good dryland alternative for farmers, but still it needs water.

"It will be a wait-and-see game this year," he said. "Last spring, there was a good rainfall pattern in Decatur County and there was a good wheat crop. The rain shut off at the end of June, but there was a pretty good profile left. This year, there is hardly any soil profile and it doesn't seem that Mother Nature is going to give us a good weather pattern, but she could."

Mr. Olson said they are planting a test plot of corn, sorghum and sunflowers. He said

if they get anything at the end of the year, there will be a tour or they will do something with it.

Typically, he said, corn takes anywhere from 96 to 114 days to mature. A lot of people use corn that matures in 100 to 105 days.

The longer it takes to mature the more water the plant uses, he said, but the higher yield. Once the plants are mature, then they dry down for harvest.

Normally, harvest comes in October or November, depending on the weather and if a field is being cut for silage or grain.



IN THE FIELD Friday morning, Chuck Johnson (second from left above) from AgriPro stood with a group of farmers looking at the short wheat. Walter May (below right)

received a plaque for his family, which has helped host the wheat tour for more than 50 years.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Brandt

Farmers check out wheat varieties at K-State test plot

By **KIMBERLY BRANDT**

Around 26 men and women had the chance Friday to see how 20 varieties of wheat fared this year at the annual wheat plot tour at the May farm west of town.

Before heading out to the field, the Mays provided scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, donuts, juice and coffee for breakfast.

The event is sponsored by Kansas State University Research and Extension with the help and cooperation of the May family. Brian Olson, area agronomist with the extension service, presented Walter May with a plaque for his family. Mr. Olson said the family has been providing the site for the wheat plot for 50 plus years.

In the field, Mr. Olson said that last year, the wheat plot and area had good-looking plants. This year, out of the five plots planted in his area, only one looks good and it is in southeast

Sheridan County.

At the May plot, they planted both no-till and conventional wheat. Mr. Olson said they planted the crop on Sept. 26 at 75 pounds for everything unless otherwise stated.

Mr. Olson then handed the microphone over to Jim Shroyer from K-State and Chuck Johnson with AgriPro. The men took turns going through the wheat varieties.

Farmers in the audience made jokes about how it rained in patches this year, which is how some of the varieties grew. There wouldn't be anything in one patch and then there would be some wheat next to it.

Mr. Johnson said on the Jagalene variety, he had never seen it this short before or in such poor condition. For the most part, it has had good test weights in the past, he said.

Next was AP 502 CL, which Mr. Johnson said is a good wheat to plant if there is a special situation.

Mr. Shroyer said Overly is a new variety from K-State. It is a "hopped up Jagger," he said. It is supposed to be two to three inches taller than



Jagger, but in the plot pretty much all the varieties were the same size — short. (See WHEAT on Page 10A)

Tornadoes spotted near Jennings, Dresden Friday

People in southern Decatur County spent some time in basements and storm shelters Friday night, with reports of a tornado on the ground north of Dresden and moving towards Jennings.

While there was no damage reported, much of Decatur County got a much-needed rain. Oberlin observers generally reported .60 to .70 of an inch.

Thunderstorms formed off the high terrain in eastern Colorado, said Meteorologist Dave Floyd with the National Weather Service in Goodland. The upper winds carried the storms to the east during the evening and the atmosphere was favorable to allow the storms to keep regenerating.

The clouds could be seen in the distance most of the day. Around 9 p.m., it started to rain and by 9:30 p.m. the lightning which had been lighting up the western sky started to roll into Oberlin.

Monday morning, Mr. Floyd said he was still going through the information from the storm. He said around 9:50 p.m., there was a call in from a Kyle Railroad crew that there was a tornado on the ground one mile north of Dresden.

At that time the weather service put out a tornado warning. Decatur County Emergency Preparedness Director Bert Cool said he sounded the sirens for Dresden and Jennings.

Mr. Floyd said radar did show that the thunderstorm was capable of

producing a tornado, though there was no way to prove it.

He said the one thing radar doesn't show is a tornado on the ground. That is why, said Mr. Floyd, they need spotters and people to call in because they don't know if a tornado has hit the ground.

Around 10:09 p.m., a call came in that a tornado had been spotted two miles west of Jennings.

At that time, the spotter said the storm was headed east. The only other tornado reported that night was in Greeley County, south of Tribune. It was on the ground for two minutes over open fields, Mr. Floyd said, and didn't cause any damage.

Sheriff Ken Badsy said there hasn't been any damage reported from the storm. With the line of storms, Mr. Floyd said, the weather was fairly marginal, with 60 mile per hour winds and dime and nickel size hail.

Oberlin received .59 of an inch of rain, enough to flow down Cass Ave. and fill the sides of the roads on other streets.

Doyle Brown, from the Jennings Area, said they got almost no moisture from the storm. Outside of Dresden, a few miles to the west, around .41 of an inch was reported.

So far this year, Oberlin has had 5.66 inches of rain. The normal for the area is 8.69 this time of year, leaving us more than three inches behind normal.

Senator honored at Oakley funeral

By **JAY KELLEY**
Colby Free Press

Laughter and tears shared the spotlight Thursday as an overflow crowd gathered at the Oakley High School auditorium for the funeral of Sen. Stan Clark.

"Stan was more concerned for our welfare than his own," said Gordon Jamison of the Quinter Dunkard Brethren Church.

Mr. Jamison said he greeted Mr. Clark, tongue-in-cheek, as "Brother Senator," to which Clark would invariably reply, "It's just Stan."

Most of the state Legislature was there, along with Gov. Kathleen Sebelius and Attorney General Phill

Kline. Sebelius called Clark "an honest and compassionate man" and Kline said he was a personal friend.

Kline added that Clark was special in that he had, in addition to his integrity and strong values, the ability to enjoy life. Kline told of visiting Clark at his home in Oakley and being introduced to the elaborate train set he and his son Will had set up in their attic.



Sen. Clark

Kline said watching Clark "giggle like a child" while operating the train set told a lot about the man.

Senate President Dave Kerr, R-Hutchinson, praised Clark's work. (See SENATOR on Page 10A)

Man will be missed by family, friends

By **SHARON CORCORAN**
The Goodland Star-News

Sen. Stan Clark will be missed by friends, family and colleagues, and State Rep. Jim Morrison said, he will be missed by all of western Kansas.

Clark's death in a car accident Saturday, May 29, leaves an open Senate seat that needs to be filled through mid-January. Republicans will gather in Colby on Saturday, June 19, to select a replacement to serve through January.

Voters will pick a permanent replacement in November. Dan Rasure, 21, Goodland was the only candidate in the race until Monday, with the filing deadline at noon on Thursday. Rep. Ralph Ostmeyer, a Grinnell area farmer, filed for the

post on Monday.

Although the seat can be filled, Morrison said, Clark's shoes can't.

Morrison, Clark's friend as well as colleague, described the senator as a go-to guy who was more concerned about getting things done than gaining recognition, a man of his word, as one who loved to serve, who was unique, particularly for a legislator.

Morrison said he knows of a dozen possibilities to fill Clark's senate seat, but declined to name names before the funeral on Thursday. He did say his name is not on the list.

"I love being a representative," he said, "and will stay where I'm at." The representative said he at (See MAN on Page 10A)

Pool may open in two to three weeks

A Kansas City-area pool engineering firm has made suggestions for repairing the Oberlin swimming pool that might help the city get it open before summer is over.

At a council meeting Thursday evening at The Gateway, City Administrator Gary Shike said they sent the blueprints of the pool to Waters Edge Aquatics in Lenexa, an engineering firm that designs pools. The city wanted them to look at the prints and see if they had any suggestions.

On Friday, Mr. Shike and Willard Perrin from the city water department talked with the company. They

decided to plug the two north drains and use the two south drains on the pool.

The city has ordered parts for the drains, he said. Then a thin layer of concrete will be poured over where the dirt has to be replaced in the hole dug near the pool. In the interest of speed, said Mr. Shike, the low diving board will not be put back in.

He said the plan is to have the pool open before the summer is over, maybe as soon as two to three weeks from now.

At the council meeting, Stephanie Blau, coach of the Oberlin swim team, said the team had gone to

McCook to practice once. She said they let the team use the pool for free, but they will probably have to start paying after that.

If it is going to take a while to fix the pool, said Councilman Joe Stanley, maybe the crew should make some of the other needed repairs and fix some of the problems that should have been fixed 20 years ago.

It would be nice if there was a quick fix so that the pool could open for the summer and then get it fixed permanently once the kids go to school, said Councilman Patrick Pomeroy.

Mr. Shike said if it is going to be a long fix, the teen-agers hired to be life guards aren't getting paid.

Would it be feasible to fill the two smaller pools? asked Councilman Pat Pomeroy. No, said Mayor Ken Shobe, because the middle pool is filled with water from the big pool and then is drained and filled every day.

Councilman Stan McEvoy said he was a little concerned about doing other repairs until the city knows the cost of this one.

If things don't go well, said Mayor Shobe. "It could be a long, hot summer."

* Man missed by all

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 Clark had become best friends over the last 10 years. He said they have worked together daily, year around, in session and out.
 Morrison, reached at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley, where he was helping with Clark's funeral arrangements, said he has become close to Clark's family as well.
 "He's an incredible fellow," Morrison said of Clark. "The thing that most stands out with Stan is his willingness to serve; he had the heart of a servant. It wasn't just a job; he loved to help people."

Clark was formidable in the Senate, Morrison said. If something needed to be done, Clark was the one to go to. The president of the Senate needed research on Medicaid, the program which helps low-income people with medical bills, Morrison said, because it has become such a big issue. Clark took the job, had several committee meetings and became very knowledgeable on the subject.

His research and comments are being used nationally, Morrison said, but Clark hasn't gotten a lot of recognition.

It didn't matter to Clark who got the credit, Morrison said, as long as things got done. He believed the best things get done anonymously, the representative said; you get more done if you're not trying to get the recognition. He gave credit to others, Morrison said, but wasn't too concerned about gaining recognition for himself.

"I know many legislators who want credit for everything that goes right," he added.

Clark's word was gold, Morrison said; he was unique. He was a member of the Dunkard Brethren church, a group which shuns many of the trappings of modern life, Morrison said, and many didn't understand what that meant — his "yea" was a "yea," and his "nay" was a "nay."

Clark had strong abilities to build coalitions, Morrison said, and he might well have been president of the Senate next year.

"Western Kansas is going to miss him more than they realize," Morrison said. "He's a hard man to replace."

Besides the qualities that made him a good senator, Morrison praised Clark for qualities that made him a good person.

"He passed my kindergarten test," the representative said. "He shared and played well with others."

When you saw him in his home, Morrison added, you saw that he was a devoted family man.

Deadline Thursday for filing

The deadline to file for county offices in the August primary election is at noon Thursday in the Decatur County clerk's office, but so far only the incumbents have filed and there are no contests for any seat.

As of Monday, no one had filed for the county clerk's job. Incumbent Marilyn Horn said she plans on filing this week, however.

Every county position is up in the election except for the District 1 commission post held by Patricia Glenn.

Incumbents Steve Hirsch for county attorney, Judy Gaumer for register of deeds, Jean Hale for treasurer, Ken Badsky for sheriff, John Bremer for magistrate judge and Ralph Unger and Doyle Brown for commissioner have filed for re-election.

Incumbent John Faber and Doug Sebelius of Norton have filed as Republicans for the 120th District state representative seat. Dan Rasure of Goodland had been the only candidate who filed for the 40th District state Senate seat. Since the death of Sen. Stan Clark, the only new filing has been by Rep. Ralph Ostmeyer of Grinnell, who announced he was a candidate on Monday.

Women named new consultant for library

Carol Barta has been named the new consultant and member library services coordinator for the Northwest Kansas Library System. She moved to Kansas to attend



AN ACCIDENT at the U.S. 36/U.S. 83 intersection Friday afternoon damaged this Lincoln Town Car driven by Richard

Turner of Hanover. Although the other driver had some injuries, he refused an ambulance ride. — Herald staff photo

Car, truck damaged in accident Friday

An accident at the intersection of U.S. 36 and U.S. 83 on Friday damaged two vehicles, although both were driven from the scene.

The accident happened around 2:49 p.m., said Police Chief Wade

Lockhart when Leslie Cheatham, 84, of Oberlin was traveling north on U.S. 83 in a 1982 GMC pickup. Mr. Cheatham stopped at the stop sign then proceeded through the intersection, running into a 1993 Lincoln

Town Car driven by Richard Turner, 51, Hanover, who was traveling east on U.S. 36.

Chief Lockhart said Mr. Cheatham had minor injuries to his head, but refused ambulance ser-

vice. There was extensive damage to both vehicles.

Mr. Cheatham received a ticket for failure to yield.

* Senator buried at Oakley cemetery

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 ethic and told of assigning him oversight of a committee tasked with looking into Medicaid reform.

When Clark said he didn't know anything about Medicaid, Kerr replied, "I know you, and you will take the time to study this most complicated issue."

True to prediction, Clark studied the issue, worked hard with both

sides of the aisle and came up with concrete recommendations, Kerr said.

Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, D-Olathe, said while Clark was on the other side of the aisle, "to Stan Clark there was no aisle," praising his willingness to listen to all sides and work with everyone.

"The most important thing we can do today is make sure Will (Clark's

son) has a future," he said, encouraging everyone to donate to the Will Clark Education Fund.

Rep. Bob Bethell, R-Alden, said, "To Stan, there was no rotunda (separating the two houses), either." He said Clark called him late one night for help on the Medicaid committee and was willing to work with the other house for the good of the people.

Clark was held in high esteem by his friends and neighbors. One young lady told a humorous story of a time when Clark "wasn't so compassionate."

She had gotten a wood splinter in her hand and Clark took it out using a needle.

"He got it out, but after that, I went to my mother to get slivers taken out," she said.

All the speakers agreed Clark's great faith and religious convictions were a source of strength for him and

a source of comfort for his family and friends. Several people offered condolences to the family.

Clark's widow, Ruth, and son Will, both made some short remarks. Will thanked his father for his guidance and promised to try to take care of Clark's pride and joy — his antique automobiles. Ruth said she hoped everyone present would give their lives to Jesus.

"That is what Stan would have wanted for each of you," she said.

After their remarks, Sen. Les Donovan, R-Wichita, Senate Majority Leader presented a Kansas Flag which had flown over the capital to the family. Donovan, obviously choked up, hugged both of them and encouraged Will, saying, "I'll be watching for you."

After the service, Sen. Clark was borne to the Oakley Cemetery in his restored Hudson pickup.

* Wheat shorter than normal crop

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 When the variety was released last year, he said, it had good leaf rust resistance, but that has been lost since then. In the central part of the state, he said, it has had high yields, but west of Hays the yield has just been average.

Another new wheat is NuHills, said Mr. Shroyer, which is a good white variety. It wasn't planted in the plot.

The variety 2137 has had a rough few years lately, he said, because of the stripe rust. Otherwise it has been a good choice across the state.

Next was a blend of 2137/Thunderbolt/Jagger. Mr. Shroyer said he promotes blends for risk management. If one of the mix fails, the other two should come through. Some farmers who have several landlords will plant the same blend

on all the property so each one gets the same thing.

Mr. Shroyer said the important thing with using blends is that fresh seed is mixed each year. He said a farmer doesn't want to save seed to plant because of the three varieties in the blend, one will do better than the other two. It would be like just planting that one variety that did the best.

Two Nebraska wheats in the plot were Harry and Millenium. Mr. Shroyer said the pedigrees are similar. He said he has seen Millenium more than he has Harry, but he hasn't been impressed with Harry.

Other varieties in the plot were Trego, Stanton, T-81, Bakers-White, Jagger, Thunderbolt, Cutter, Jagalene 60 pounds, Jagalene 90 pounds, Prairie White, Burchet, Tam 111 and Ogallala.

Jennings man in jail for domestic battery

Decatur County sheriff's deputies put out a pickup order for a 46-year-old man Tuesday after a domestic battery and criminal damage call near Jennings.

The officers were looking for Elton Gillespie Jr., in a black Ford pickup with the personalized license plate ESPIG.

Undersheriff Michael French said that Mr. Gillespie turned himself in after he talked with his lawyer. That was around 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Gillespie was still in jail on Monday, being held without

bond. He is facing five charges, including two counts of criminal trespass and two counts of criminal damage to property, both class B nonperson misdemeanors, and one count of domestic battery, which is a class A person misdemeanor.

According to the court records, Mr. Gillespie damaged a door at the home of his wife, Sonya Gillespie, and entered it in defiance of a restraining order.

Paper looking for soldiers

With the Fourth of July around the corner, *The Oberlin Herald* plans to honor our men and women who are serving and fighting for our country today.

Managing Editor Kimberly Brandt said the paper would like to have a short story on each active service member from the county. She said they need the help of readers.

The Herald will be running a special section honoring the troops and celebrating American freedom the

first part of July. The staff is asking that families of the men and women in the county who serve our country call (785) 475-2206 with information or send a summary to 170 S. Penn Ave. Oberlin, KS 67749.

The staff would like to run some information about each person with a picture, either a face shot or a photo in uniform or involved in some military activity.

The deadline to get military personnel included is Monday, June 21.

Prairie Heights Schools Honor Roll Unified School District 295 Jennings



Jennings High School - Second Semester			
Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshmen
Grant Bailey Brett McKenna Katie Randolph	Rocki Bochert Tiffany Wheeler	Tyler Bolt Nakita Graf Elise Kinser	Brett Linden Marcus McKenna
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Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshmen
Grant Bailey Andrew Coiner Brett McKenna Katie Randolph		Nakita Graf Elise Kinser Jake Kramer	Brett Linden Marcus McKenna Seth Ritter
Jennings Grade School - Second Semester			
8th Grade	7th Grade	6th Grade	
Brittany Ritter	Jacinta Carter Brian Linden Ryan McEvoy Stephanie Stone	Marissa Baker	
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