

Dorothy and Kenneth Ward recently spent a weekend in Colorado. Mark, Debby, and Brandon Ward met them in Goodland on July 9, and took them to Hugo, Colo. Grandson K.J. has a summer job and was working. On Saturday Mark took them to Denver, where they had lunch with daughter-in-law, Paula Ward. They traveled on to Golden, Colo., to see Dorothy's brother, Donald Dick, who hasn't been well but seems to be improving a little. After Mass on Sunday, Mark returned them to Goodland and Dorothy drove on home from there.

Larry Lyon has refinished the deck at the Kenneth Ward residence, and also put in new sidewalk where the big elm trees had "bumped up" the walk.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Greg Long, Mary Wentz, Oran Milner - July 20; Stan Miller - July 25.

July 4 visitors of Lora Linn and Laci Leichter were daughter Lila

and Bryan Freshment, Tacoma, Wash. Other visitors were Rod and Lisa Leichter, Siebert, Colo. They also visited with grandparents K.G. and Dorothy Ward, and an aunt and uncle, Judy and Gerald Jackson. On Saturday, July 10, most of the group went to Colorado Springs, to visit Ron Leichter. On the return trip they stopped in Hugo, Colo., to see Mark and Deb Ward. They only got to see Deb, as Mark was in Limon, Colo., working. Then they went on to Siebert, Colo., to see Rodney and Lisa Leichter and their new home. Lila and Bryan left on July 14.

The awards ceremony for the summer reading program will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 4.

The Norcat Pre-school is looking for kids to enroll for the 2004-05 school year. For more information contact Deb Marshall at (785) 693-4344.

Congratulations to M.J. Dempe-wolf for passing her Certified

Nurse Aide state test. M.J. has been working at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin as a dietary aide and nurse aide, and has also worked at New Age in Norton this summer.

Rea and Dee Magers enjoyed a recent weekend in Colorado with their daughter and her husband, Cheri and Bob Pomeroy. Their grandsons, Zach and Matt, along with girlfriends, joined the group for a day of jackhammering on some cement steps in preparation for a new deck. En route home, they visited Bill and Debbie Malone at Strasburg.

The News recently received a note from Dean Railsback that he would like to have his birthdate put in the paper. He was born on Jan. 17, 1932.

Senior Citizens met July 16 with 18 attending. Winners were Mari-lou Long, Margaret Magers, and Dorothy Lawn. The next meeting will be Friday with a potluck supper beginning at 6 p.m. Cards will begin at 7 p.m.

Should you till before planting?



Extension Lines

By Brian Olson
Extension Agronomist

This past year had extremely poor growing conditions for wheat, and four of the five county wheat plots (Norton, Decatur, Gove, and Trego) could not be harvested due to poor growth.

The Trego and Decatur plots were planted on continuous-cropped ground, which added to the poor conditions. At the four sites, uniformity of emergence during the fall was another problem. Typically, only about 20 percent of the no-till planted wheat emerged in the fall, while 80 percent of the conventional-till wheat emerged.

The poor emergence in the no-till was caused by dry conditions before planting and lack of rainfall after planting that persisted through the fall. Planting conditions in the no-till were very similar to planting into a dirt road. The ground was baked from the sun and the seed could only be planted about an inch deep.

In the conventional-till plots, conditions were dry, but the seed was planted deeper and reached some moisture which allowed it to establish in the fall. This year definitely demonstrated one of the shortfalls of no-till wheat.

If conditions are dry and there is no establishing rain, at least a half-inch or more after planting, conventional-till planted wheat will likely yield more than no-till because the wheat seed in the conventional-till will be able to be planted deeper to reach moisture and establish better in the fall.

Here are the yields from the one county plot that was harvested, seven miles south of Hoxie. This plot did receive around a half-inch of rain after it was planted with spotty moisture present at planting. The plot also received a few showers that the rest of the area did not get. In addition, this particular area missed out on the May freeze.

The yields are exceptionally high for the area this past year, but the cooperating producer's Jagalene

surrounding the plot averaged around 40 bushels per acre. All the wheat, regardless of tillage system, established in the fall. Therefore, this plot is a good representation of comparing no-till to conventional-till planted wheat. The ground had no-till for all crops since 1998, with the fertilizer for this year's crop injected before planting. The varieties were planted on Sept. 29 at 75 pounds per acre.

The top five varieties in the conventional-till were Jagalene at 54 bushels per acre, with Jagger, NuFrontier, T-81, and 2137 coming in at 47 bushels. In the no-till, the top varieties were Jagalene - 55.5, Overlay - 54.3, Stanton - 53.9, T-81 - 50.2, and Cutter - 49.5 bushels. Jagalene had a good year, out-yielding all varieties regardless of tillage system. The average for the 15 varieties in the plot for each tillage system were conventional-till at 44.1 and no-till at 47.1 bushels per acre. These results can be downloaded at www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/ or acquired at your county extension office.

As for the other plots, it would have been impossible to determine whether the average yields from the no-till plot were lower than the conventional-till because of tillage system or because of the later emergence date for a majority of the wheat in no-till.

I am sure these results will initiate lots of discussion. The comparison of no-till to conventional-till planted wheat is entering its third year this season. After harvest in 2005, all the results were to be summarized with an economic analysis of the two systems. Unfortunately, this year provided few sites with good information. A summarization of results will likely occur after the harvest in 2006.

Brian Olson is extension agronomist for Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan, and Trego counties. E-mail bolson@oznet.ksu.edu if you have questions or would like to see an article on a specific crop production topic. For more information, contact the county extension office, 475-8121.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

Oh, what beautiful rain. To look out and see it falling is so good and I am sure that most everyone is happy. What will happen to the garage sales only time will tell; it will handicap some, I am sure.

The Farmers Market is happening every Wednesday morning when the producers get to town. About the second week of August there should be fresh-picked

peaches, if everything works out.

Remember the Hospital Golf Benefit this Saturday. They have fun playing, then eating prime rib along with the auctions, both silent and live. The money goes for many things at the hospital.

Fair week is upon us, starting Aug. 3-7. Workers are needed for the carnival with shifts of two hours each, starting at 7 p.m.; 9 p.m. and

11 p.m. each night. The nice thing about our fair is we have a clean, safe, and enjoyable place for the whole family.

Coffee hour is Friday at Ward Drug between 9-11 a.m. Kurt also has something special going on that will be of interest to all. Stop in and ask him or the employees about it.

Be thinking about the Picnic in the Park on Aug. 17. This is sponsored by the Chamber, the Unified School District 294 and the Oberlin Business Alliance, with fried chicken provided and those attending asked to bring a covered dish, table service and chair. The program will be furnished by KFNH radio.

The pot is usually on, so stop by and have a cup.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Beth Holle was honored with a get-acquainted party for women in the community on Monday at the Herndon Covenant Church, hosted by Gayle Anderson. She and Orrin Holle were married in June and they are making their home in this community, where he farms. She will be an assistant volleyball coach in Atwood this fall.

Frank and Margaret McEvoy visited at the home of Bessie Peterson in Atwood on Sunday afternoon. Tonya Hill and Amanda, and Robin Hill, of Mount Dora, Fla., were also visitors and Mrs. Peterson plans to accompany them home. Mail will reach her at 22132 Scenic Ridge Court, Mount Dora,

Fla., 32757.

Sunday supper guests of Richard and Maureen Anderson and family were Dr. Bill Korth, paleoethnologist and his assistants from New York City who have been digging at the Charles and Vicki Mumm farm and in other areas. They left for their home on Monday.

Gordon and Norma Anderson spent last weekend with Robert and Carol Fink, Austin and Ashley at Wamego to help Mrs. Fink celebrate her birthday.

Mary Lou Olson took Ashley and Whitney Witt and Mary Olson to McCook on Wednesday for supper and shopping, to honor Ashley on her ninth birthday.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Saturday evening visitors of Alvina Unger were Bob and Shirley Gaede, San Antonio, Texas; Cheryl (Gaede) Handy, Austin, Texas; Rhonda Gaede and sons, James and Jeffrey Long, Madison, Ala.; Ralph and Norma Unger, and Ryan Unger. Gaylord and Shirley Shields were honored with a potluck dinner Sunday noon at St. John's Lutheran Church to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Cassidy Shields also sang a special song during church services for her grandparents' anniversary.

Bob and Shirley (Unger) Gaede were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house Sunday afternoon at Wheat Ridge Terrace. Among those attending from out-of-town were their daughters, Cheryl Handy and Rhonda Gaede, and grandsons, James and Jeffrey Long.

Amber Saliba, Hays, was a weekend guest of her grandmother, Karolyn Muirhead.

Mike Shields, Omaha, was a weekend guest at the Gaylord Shields home and attended the pot-

luck dinner held Sunday noon at the church for his parents' wedding anniversary.

David May, McCook, was a visitor of his mother, Wilma May, and other relatives on Sunday.

Wilma May and Lois Eckhart were Tuesday evening visitors of Darlene Fisher.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica returned home Saturday evening after spending a few days vacationing in Breckenridge, Colo.

McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh visited Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sines in McCook on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Launchbaugh, Karl, and Susan Ruda were Sunday dinner guests of Edith Wasserman.

'A Second Serving of Food for Thought'

By Pastor Bobby Cornelius of Oberlin Community Fellowship

Here are some interesting sayings and quotations I thought you might enjoy reading:

1. The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor. The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything.
2. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to McDonald's makes you a hamburger.
3. Real friends are those who, when you feel you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel you've done a permanent job of it.
4. A coincidence is when God performs a miracle and then decides to remain anonymous.
5. Sometimes the majority only means that all the fools are on the same side.
6. I don't have to attend every argument I'm invited to.
7. Lead your life so you won't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.
8. People gather bundles of sticks to build bridges

they never cross.

9. Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% of how you respond to it.

10. Did it ever occur to you that nothing occurs to God?

11. Life is like an onion; you peel off one layer at a time and sometimes you weep.

12. Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

13. There are two things I have learned; There is a God. And I'm not Him.

14. Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's Grace. And your best days are never so good that you're beyond the need of God's Grace.

A small son told his father proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

"Okay," said the father, "so what does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy, it stands for Basic Information Before Leaving Earth."

Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkam,
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

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

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkam
MASS: 7:30 p.m. Saturday

OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Jim Martin
120 South East, Oberlin
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
Almena
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
South Beaver Street - Oberlin
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. Junior Workshop, grade 3 & down. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON
The Rev. Damian Richards
Phone 785-222-5560
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: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Carol Woodmanese, Almena
Lyle Lay Speaker
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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