



## Extension Lines

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the Wheat Variety Crop Performance Tests can be downloaded at the Web site: [www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/) under Kansas Crop Performance icon, or visit the county extension office to pick-up a copy.

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

## Nominations for Soil Conservation and Windbreak Awards



are now being accepted at

K-State Research & Extension Service (785) 475-8121  
Decatur County Conservation District (785) 475-3131

To nominate a Decatur area producer, contact either office by August 20th.

Awards sponsored by the Kansas Bankers Association

## Internet tonight!

475-2206

Phyllene (Hansen) Weets wrote that she especially liked the chart of precipitation by Rodney New as they still have pasture land in this area. She said that in the Black Hills, they have also been dry. Her brother Ted Hansen, of Mesquite, Nev., is receiving good reports on his cancer and recently underwent double hernia surgery.

**Birthdays and anniversaries:**  
Doris Auker - July 27; Kaitlyn Stapp - July 28; Fern Mapes - July 30; Carolyn Kelley-Plotts - Aug. 1; Claire Lesle - Aug. 2.

Beth Sebaugh drove to Garden City on July 8, and spent the night with Tammy and Jim. On Friday morning Tammy, Jim and Beth drove to Kansas City to visit Tom, Telia and Joslyn Gilcrest.

Jill Bunney of New York City flew to Kansas City Friday night and also spent the night. Jill works in the marketing department of General Electric, in Rockefeller Plaza.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Polak of Gothenburg, Neb., were Sunday, July 25, guests of Beth Sebaugh. Art and Tony spent all their army years in the 635th Tank Destroyers Battalion, and their wives lived and worked together during those years.

A letter from Phyllis (Eckhart) Lechlitter said she is "so glad someone is taking steps to preserve St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

The Eckhart family was very involved in the church's organization and leadership through the years when there was an active membership."

Goldie Brewer and Veda Wood were Sunday supper guests of LaVerne and Oran Milner. An evening of visiting and dominoes

followed.

On July 19, Vera Bishop and Minnie Ruth Bailey, Denver, stopped by the Milner home on their way to Norton. Minnie Ruth came especially to attend the funeral of Rex Wendel on Tuesday. She and Rex were classmates, graduating in 1939 from the Norcatour High School. They also enjoyed visiting friends in Norton and Oran and LaVerne Milner joined them on several occasions. They attended the Christmas Tea at Whispering Pines and later went to the Andbe Home to visit. The women returned to Denver on July 23.

Guests at the Virgil Price home from July 22-24, were their grandson and his family, Jason, Kathy, Connor and MacKinze Jurey, of Kennard, Neb. They were en route to a family vacation in Colorado.

Lowell Sebaugh was a guest of Mark and Terry Cross last week in Olathe to attend the wedding of their son, Ryan, and Sara Tirrell of Lenexa, on July 23.

He attended pre-wedding activities that week with the family. Mary and Kayla Lough of Wamego and Brooklyn and MeKenna O'Hare of Oberlin, arrived on Wednesday. The girls were flower girls.

Scott and Kaden O'Hare came from Hillsboro on Thursday. Janice O'Hare, Linda and Monty Hunt from Norcatour, and Melissa Hunt and friend, Seth, from St. Louis, all arrived Friday.

Other guests at the Cross home that weekend were daughter, Heather and Rob Mogolov and Parker, also of Olathe.

Kaitlyn Stapp participated in a volleyball team camp at the University of Nebraska at Kearney on July

23 and 24. Other team members were five Oberlin girls. Her parents, Dave and Patty Stapp, took her on Friday and all returned home on Saturday. Sam Stapp was a Friday and Saturday overnight guest of Dave and Linda Schleip of McCook.

Larry Sumner stayed at the Malones for a couple of days last week, then went on to Alaska to see Roy Auker. He is recovering as well as can be expected from cancer surgery. Bill Malone took Larry to the Denver Airport, and Deb picked him up on the return trip. Larry went to see Dennis Kasson when he returned home.

The awards for the summer reading program will be held at 10 a.m. today. There should be more entertaining stories about Norcatour life in the "good old days", gathered by the children as part of their assignments.

The Norcatour Pre-school is looking for kids to enroll for the 2004-05 school year. Contact Deb Marshall at (785) 693-4344.

Items recently donated to the Norcatour mini-museum include pictures of the Norcatour Rural High School's Class of 1926 reunion pictures and the diploma of Pearl Alexander, donated by Ivah Alexander. Betsy Jakowski has brought high school pictures and a school program.

Help is needed to identify people in at least one photograph, so stop by and check out what's in the museum now.

Weekend guests at the R.D. Thornton home were Ralph, Lynn, Jesse and Jacob Streit of Larned. Ralph attended his 20th class reunion in Norton.

This year's wheat sure wasn't the crop of 2003.

Officially, the Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service reported wheat production across the state was down by 35 percent compared to last year. Quality was down many fields harvested in western Kansas.

Wheat yields from the performance trials at the experiment stations were also lower. In 2003 at Colby and Hays, dryland yields averaged 76 and 88 bushels per acre respectively, with a 59.7 and 61.2 average test weights. In 2004, the average yields for Colby and Hays were 52 and 53 bushels per acre, with average test weights of 53.3 and 62.3. Although the Hays site had high test weights, typically many farmers cut wheat with much lower weights.

The top five varieties on dryland acres at Colby this year were Jagalene at 61, KS01HW152-6 at 60, NuHills at 60, KS02HW34 at 59, and Above at 59 bushels per acre. At Hays, the top yielding varieties were KS01HW152-6 at 69, Wahoo at 61, KS02HW34 at 60, NuHills at 59, and Above at 59 bushels per acre.

The two K-State experimental numbers are hard white wheats from Joe Martin's breeding program at Hays. These two varieties are being evaluated, with one of them to be chosen for release in the near future. Both are improvements over Trego, with higher yield potential and increased sprouting tolerance. The chosen variety will go through an increase in seed the next couple of years and will likely be available to plant in the fall of 2006 or 2007.

For a complete list of the results,

## Rexford News

By Sondra Barnett

A bridal shower for Kelsey Spreser was held at the Rexford Church with many good friends were in attendance.

There were 11 who attended Barnswallows on Thursday. Mary Ann Juenemann furnished cake for the birthday party, even though no birthdays were celebrated.

There were only four people to play pinocle on Tuesday for the Come on Down group.

Former Rexford residents Eileen Dible and Lula Thieler were part of the Luau, held at Colby's Fairview Estates on Tuesday. Mrs. Dible's guests were Mary Withers; and Ronnie and Janette Dible, Rexford; and Ruth Spurling and daughter, Karis, Newton. Mrs. Thieler's guests were Marge Leh, Deb Stepper, Grace Cheney, Hulda Wark and Sondra Barnett, all of Rexford.

Those attending Koffee Klatch on Friday were Doris Jean Oliver, Bernada Barnett, Eunice Sanford, Delores Dible, Deb Stepper, Vesta Roth, Freda Ketchum, Liz Rall, Grace Cheney, and Zula Horinek. A family get-together was held at the home of Ray and Bernada Zoberst on Sunday, honoring Mike and Terri Crump and sons from Japan. Terri is Bernada's granddaughter, and Mike is in the U.S. Air Force. They have been sta-

tioned in Japan for four years, and have been in the states visiting for two weeks.

Others attending were Barb and Ray Farmer, Salina; Don Barnett, Rexford; Jessica Barnett, Republic; Sharrel Harrison, Foad and Bailey, Wallace; Traci Bruggeman, Selden; Chet and Nina Hayes, Charlie Bartlett, Grinnell; Shawndra Barnett and Harley, Judy Harger, Colby; Shaelum Barnett, Hays; Shelby Barnett, Grinnell; Sue Hayes, Oakley; and Earl and Opal Moss, Selden.

There was a baptismal service at the Rexford church on Sunday. Those professing their Christian faith were: Bryan Vance, Blaise and Logan, Wray, Colo.; Vernon and Shirley Vance, Vicki Vance, Jake Gould, Casey Gould, and Ryan Altman. The congregation enjoyed a fellowship dinner following the service.

After spending the night with her daughter, Shalom Kruse's family, Sondra Barnett attended the "In Focus" seminar for International Aglow in Wichita last weekend. Hulda Wark spent that time with her son, Roger. They traveled to the home of Gloria and Dave Dible home in Arkansas, where Sondra met them following her meetings.

## Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jerry Riepl, 79, of Cimarron, who died July 27 at his home. He was a native of Herndon and the son of Matt and Susanna (Pingetzer) Riepl. Funeral services were held Friday morning at the United Methodist Church in Cimarron and burial followed at the Oberlin Cemetery on Friday afternoon. Survivors include his wife, Helen; four sons, John, Gary, Greg and Jim, and families and a brother, Francis Riepl.

Ralph and Violet Shaw brought cake to the home of Don and Joan Grafel last Saturday evening to help Mrs. Grafel celebrate her birthday. On Sunday morning, Steve, Susan and Makenzie Nelson of Oberlin delivered a gift to her en route to Denver.

The Grafels had lunch at the Frontier Restaurant in Oberlin last Sunday with Thelma Spiers, Erlene

Schroer and Egan Grafel, then all played cards at the home of Mrs. Spiers and enjoyed birthday cake and ice cream.

Herndon Senior Citizens held a potluck at the Senior Center on July 21. Sheri Horinek, Rawlins County health nurse, took blood pressures. Blackout in bingo was won by Beth Hraha, Edie Pettera and Pooch Portschy. Frank Hraha won the door prize.

Visitors last week at the Denis and Wilma Tongish home were Chris Wood, and Patricia and Jarrett Tongish of Newton.

Kyle, Cindi, Ben, Sarah and Rachel Grafel; Leon and Marita Portschy, and Roma, Egan, Teryn, Sydney and Saeger Grafel brought cake and ice cream to the Don and Joan Grafel home last Monday evening to help Mrs. Grafel celebrate her birthday.

## 'Do you put God's gift first?'

By Pastor Kathy Aeillo of Almena, Clayton and Norcatour United Methodist churches

Luke's gospel tells us a parable about a man who had such a plentiful harvest that he decided the only way to store it was to tear down his barns and build bigger ones. The man thought he had so much grain now that he wouldn't need to work again for a long time, all he had to do now was sit back, relax, and "eat, drink, be merry."

God's response is to call the man a fool and tell him he will die that very night, so somebody else will enjoy the benefits of all that grain. Then Jesus tells his listeners, and us, that's just how it will be with us when our biggest concern is what treasures we have stored up for ourselves, but we aren't rich toward God.

It's always been hard for me to understand why people wouldn't be generous in what they give to the Lord. When we consider that everything we have — our lives, the air we breathe, the gifts and talents we possess, our love and caring — everything is a gift from God. Why, then, is it so hard for some people to give back to God some of the bounty He provides?

The Bible clearly tells us we are to tithe, to give ten percent of our income, to God. I know how hard that can be. I used to struggle to give even half of that amount and get my bills paid. But, one day I decided I had to figure out a way to do it, and I

prayed God would enlighten me. Once I really wanted to tithe, God showed me the simple way to accomplish it.

From that time on, when money came in, the first thing I did was to write out that check, and only then did I pay the bills. The remarkable thing is there was always enough to do both when I put God's gift first. When I'd done it the other way around, there was never enough. That doesn't make a lick of sense, does it? But it's true.

I also know people who have very little in the way of material wealth but whose hearts are so full of love and compassion that they give everything they can in a material way and give of their time and effort as well.

There are other people I know who have been blessed with talents and gifts and enough money to not have to worry about tomorrow.

I see too many who give only sparingly of their money and very little in the way of time and effort given to God in any way.

I pray for all of them.

I know the wheat harvest was not bountiful this year but, even when we have little, we have so much more than most of God's people.

Let your hearts and minds and your eyes and ears be open to the needs of all God's people.

God bless us, every one.



## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

**OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
785-475-3103  
The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, MASS: 5:30 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**  
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 Worship, grade 3 & down. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.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.

**NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo  
Almena  
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

**LYLE UNITED METHODIST**  
Carol Woodmanee, 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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