

# Strip-till field day set for Aug. 19

Finally! It is nice to see most of the row crops in fair to good condition in the first part of August.

There are a few fields here and there where leaves on the corn and sorghum have started to fire, but generally, things are much improved over the last couple of years. If by chance the area could receive a few more inches of rain, we could have a very good harvest.

The improved conditions have also allowed the work that has been put in on a strip-till field day to start showing fruits. With the many questions surrounding strip-till, a field day has been planned from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, a half mile east of Quinter on old U.S. 40.

This is a great opportunity for farmers to view strip-till machines from six equipment manufacturers running through wheat stubble ground, with the pros and cons of strip-till presented by K-State faculty.

The strip-till system should not be thought of as a replacement for no-till. Instead, farmers who are using conventional-tillage to plant their row crops or have a soil compaction problem after grazing their cattle on



## Extension Lines

By Brian Olson  
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stalks may find strip-till to be a good option. Strip-till provides some of the benefits of no-till, while allowing more residue to accumulate on the surface compared to conventional-till.

Producers will be able to view various strip-till treatments in dryland corn, grain sorghum, and sunflowers in comparison to no-till. In addition, there will be a skip row corn comparison to non-skip row corn. The plot has received over 12 inches of rain from May through the end of July, so the crops are looking good.

A free meal will be provided at noon. To guarantee a plate, call (785) 462-6281 by Tuesday, Aug. 17 (maximum of 200 meals). In case of rain, the field day will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 23. Sponsors in-

clude Pioneer, Monsanto, NC+, Hoxie Implement, Quinstar, Orthman, Yetter, Twin Diamond Industries, and Taylor Implement with assistance from T & T Chemical and Midwest Co-op. Please come and join us.

A copy of the flier can be acquired at your county extension office or downloaded at the Web site: [www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/).

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## Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Mrs. Margaret Magers had a steak supper at the home of LaVerne and Coleen Rippe on Saturday, July 24. Leonard Powell, Seattle, Wash., was also a guest. He is the genealogist, so family history was the topic of conversation.

Thirty-three attended the annual Powell picnic on Sunday, July 25, on the land that was homesteaded by Samuel H. Powell in 1880. Those attending were: Don and Shanna Nitzel, San Diego; Jack and Linda Powell, Cole Camp, Mo.; Mack and Vi Powell, Lincoln, Mo.; Bill and Wanda Powell, Warsaw, Mo.; Leonard Powell, Sears; Judy, Tasia and Talon Easton of Quinter and Rolla; Allan, Patty and Tanner, Mike, Tammy, Tara, Ryan, and Spencer Powell, McCook; Richard

and Jane Engelhardt, Norton; Lance, Erin, Korynn, Dennis, and Karla Clason, Dwight and Ruth Vise, Beaver City, Neb.; Elden and Charissa Huff, Lebanon, Neb.; Ernest and Donna Huff and Margaret Magers, Norcatour.

LaVerne and Coleen Rippe attended a Hesterman family reunion, which is his mother's family, in Sterling, Neb.

Last Sunday Kathy VanMeter went to Palisade, Neb., to see the Carr Family Cowboy Band.

Tuesday was sewing day for the Lyle Ladies, and those sewing were: Veda Wood, June Jolly, Margaret Magers, Joyce Sumner and Kathy VanMeter.

Mrs. Magers and Mrs. VanMeter visited Marguerite Fullerton in

Oberlin on Wednesday.

On Friday evening, Margaret Magers, June Jolly and Kathy VanMeter went to the potluck dinner in Norcatour and then played cards.

Liberty Star Community Homecoming Picnic was scheduled for Sunday at the Powell picnic grounds, west of Lyle.

Mrs. Magers attended the Magers family reunion in Norcatour last Sunday. There were 17 present. On Tuesday she went to the home of Rea and Dee Magers to help celebrate their son, Jeff's birthday. She went to Norton for lunch with Jane and Richard Engelhardt and also visited Pam and family, who were en route to Canada.

## Selden News

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On Aug. 5 at Senior Citizens, Don Smith won high, Clara Schieferecke took second, Carol Shaw got low and Lola Cook had the most tens. Other members present included: Dorothy Lovin, Don Shaw, Cecelia Ottley, Leone Porsch, Gene Rogers and Royce Cook.

Birthdays and anniversaries:

Aug. 12 - Kanisha Carman, Mike Spresser, Charlene (Campbell) Werth; Aug. 13 - Rodney Brantley, Dan Shaw; Aug. 14 - Monica Neff; Aug. 15 - Elaine Koerperich; Aug. 17 - Leanna Schultz, Homero Vargas, Amy Schieferecke; Aug. 18 - Cheri (Bainter) Rosno.

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## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Congratulations to Jay and Becky Tate on the birth of their new baby daughter, Jessie Grace, born Tuesday, Aug. 3, weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and 20 1/2" long. Her brother and sister, Dakota and Mollie Marie, helped welcome her home. Jessie's paternal grandparents are John and Edith Tate, and paternal great-grandparents are Lois Carlson and the late Elder Carlson. Maternal grandparents are Patrick Ryan, Ponchatoula, La., and Linda Ryan, Tescott, and her maternal great-grandmother is Lois Kepple, Tescott.

Sunday, Aug. 1, Don and Ann Mines met the Joe Mines family in Hays and Cori returned home with her grandparents to spend the week with them and enjoy the Decatur County Fair. Joe and Chris Mines and Jared, McPherson, were Friday overnight guests of Don and Ann and attended the fair. Cori returned home with them on Saturday.

Guests of Elwood and Elaine Mines during the Decatur County Fair were Connie Goslar, Josh and Dawn Zimbal and Hannah, Mesa,

Ariz.; Nancy Baumfalk, Chuck and Carol Van Ert, Steven and Sandy, Aurora, Colo.; Craig and Vicki Baumfalk, Denver, and Mike Baumfalk, McCook.

Kimberly Duysen, Lincoln, Neb., and her fiancé, Jeff Wickersham, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Todd and Ginger Luebbers and Becka, Laramie, Wyo., guests at the Craig Larson home, and Ryan and Stacy Duysen, Taylor, Ashley, and Madison, houseguests of Zane and Gladys Geis, came to attend the Decatur County Fair. The Ryan Duysen family also visited at the Larson home.

Wilma May visited Elaine Fikan and her sister, Lorene Franklin, in Atwood on Saturday. That evening they enjoyed supper at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Patrick Ryan and friend, Linda, returned home Saturday after spending a few days at the Jay Tate home making the acquaintance of his new granddaughter, Jessie Grace.

Wilma May took Elwood and Jeanie May out to dinner Sunday

noon.

This past week, the John Bremer family visited with Esther Ready, David Chomowicz and Nick, guests at the John Ready home during fair week. After visiting with family and friends and attending the Decatur County Fair, they returned home to New York City on Monday.

Sharon (Beery) Wright, Kayla (Wright) Wilhoite and Lorenzo, Manhattan, were Friday overnight guests at the John Bremer home and attended the Decatur County Fair. While at the fair, they were met by Charles and Jan (Orthmann) Cappel and Tyler, Holdrege, Neb., and their daughter, April, and family, McCook. Sharon, Kayla, and Lorenzo returned home Saturday afternoon.

Tuesday evening dinner guests of Ralph and Violet Shaw were Ben and Lee Spiers of Milaca, Minn. Additional guests were Thelma Spiers, the Richard Shaw, Joel Shaw and the Steve Nelson families. Ben and Lee had come the first of the week and were guests of his mother, Thelma Spiers, visiting relatives and attending the fair.

## McGraw News

By Karl Launchbaugh

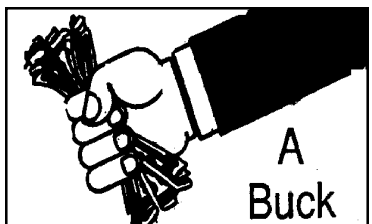
Gayle and Ruth Bainter and Norma Tice attended Merald and Shirley Tice's golden wedding anniversary celebration on Sunday, July 25, in Tonganoxie. Judy Gaumer accompanied them as far as Tecumseh and visited her daughter, Amy.

Mark and Dorothy Heim visited Gayle and Ruth Bainter on Tuesday, July 27. They also visited George and Carolyn Launchbaugh that same evening.

Many McGraw area neighbors attended the Sheridan County Fair

to visit with each other, enjoy rides, watch the rodeo, and see the exhibits. It was fun for everyone.

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