



Extension Lines

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To minimize the downfalls of planting early or waiting, farmers could take a balanced approach by spreading their planting dates out over a larger time than normal. If planting early, use a variety like Jagger or 2137 that has good tolerance to wheat streak. If planting later and needing to go a little deeper to reach moisture, a longer coleoptile-length seed like AP 502CL, Cutter, Overley, or TAM 110 would be more suitable. Seeding rates should range between 50-60 pounds for conventional and minimum-till fields with 25-40 pounds more per acre used for no-till fields. If moisture is lack-

ing and the planting date is pushed back by a month or more, increase seeding rate by 20-30 pounds and plant a wheat like Jagger which will vernalize over a short period. For irrigated wheat, plant 90 to 110 pounds an acre regardless of tillage system. Brian Olson is Kansas State University extension agronomist for Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan, and Trego counties. E-mail bolson@oznet.ksu.edu if you have any questions or would like to see a newspaper article on a specific crop production topic. For more information, contact the county extension office, 475-8121.

The 24th annual Eckhart reunion was held at the Denny Lechlitter farm over Labor Day weekend. Five campers and three tents were spread around the farm and 41 were present.

Those attending from Nebraska were Ron and Cheri Porter, Katy and Jessy; Shawn Hart; DeJay and Dana Monson, Deseray, David, Grace and Joseph; Craig Eckhart; Kevin and Nathan Eckhart; Jeremy Eckhart; Amber Eckhart; Enoch and Coburn Vandever; Chris and Donna Eckhart.

Attending from Colorado were Terry and Darcy Robbins; Brooke, Tamez; Adam and Jonis Deane; Kyle and Kathleen Obrecht, Maverick; Kent Obrecht; Kami Obrecht; Steve and Debbie Obrecht; Lela and Trish Brooks; LeaAnn Davis, Jeremy. Vene and Phyllis Lechlitter were unable to attend this year for health reasons.

Those from Kansas were Karen Reeser; Kenny Lechlitter; Ruth Gill. Jake Lechlitter came from Montana and Kathryn Orr from California.

Sunday evening, Sept. 5, visitors for homemade ice cream were Bill LaSalle, Lora Arnold, Norm and Julie Galloway, Bill and Grace Eckhart, Lee Eckhart, Tami Shaw and Dante, and Kenny and Pansy Price. Special thanks to Gene and Kelsey Galloway, whose photography skills enabled a group photo.

The alumni reunion will be held at the Norcatour High School next year, and work to clean up around town has begun.

Birthdays: Retta Hare - Sept. 8; Lula Hix, Louis Anderson, Dennis Lechlitter - Sept. 9; Alice Shirley, Nan Cook - Sept. 11; Lacey Roe - Sept. 12; Elden Long - Sept. 14.

Bri Cook, daughter of Tami and Brian Cook, has joined the Norcatour Singers.

Lee Arnold underwent hip surgery in McCook and is now a resident of Decatur County Good Samaritan Center for physical therapy, but hopes to be able to return home. He would enjoy mail and it may be sent to the Center at 108 E. Ash, Oberlin, KS 67749.

Lora Arnold attended the Lechlitter-Eckhart reunion at Dennis Lechlitter's over the Labor Day weekend. Phyllis and Vene Lechlitter were unable to attend as Vene has been hospitalized. Mail will reach him at 1651 S. Glencoe, Denver, Colo., 80222.

Esther Miller attended Bridge Club at the home of Beth Sebaugh in Oberlin.

PRICE GATHERING
Virgil and Joyce Price enjoyed a

Labor Day weekend with the family reunion and birthday celebrations. On Thursday, Bob and Lea Price arrived in their motorhome from Chicago. On Friday, Keith and Linda Jurey came from Albuquerque and on Saturday Richard Jurey arrived from Oklahoma, and Charley and Carolyn Kelley and Bula Kelley came in their motorhome that evening. Saturday noon guests were Doris Klingensmith and Sue Crockett of Lakewood, Colo., and Nila Murrain of McCook. On Sunday, a reunion was held at the education building with 39 present.

In addition to those listed above were: Virginia Britton and Abie Smith and Verl and Noreen Crabill of Norton; Ron, Marlene, Erica, Matthew, and Craig Wolf of Kensington; John, Dana, Jairus, Joshua, and Anna Kelley of Clay Center; Jack and Anne Kelley, Junction City; Kenneth and Pansy Price of Clayton; Shannon Cook, Werner, Koby and Dylan and Ruby Cook, Clayton; Randy Crabill of Denver; Margaret Kelley of Denver, Julie Kelley of Wichita, and Margaret Magers of Lyle.

Gerald and Judy Jackson visited Barbara (Alexander) and Butch Marvin last Friday night in Alma, Neb. They also visited Bernice Turner, a friend from Englewood, Bernice Turner, who was staying at the motel in Alma.

Dorothy Ward had "pacemaker" surgery on Sept. 3, at Hays and returned home the next day. Mark Ward took them to Hays. Debby and boys came from Hugo, Colo., on Saturday morning and joined them for Labor Day weekend. Lora Linn Lechlitter also was a visitor.

The weekend of Sept. 4 Rea and Dee Magers had a guests Bob and Cheri Pomeroy of Colorado, and Jeff and Joy of Cedar Bluffs. The guys hunted doves, and the gals did a couple of auctions.

A fourth birthday party was held on Sunday, Sept. 5, honored Bryce Thornton at his home in Hays. Relatives attending were: R.D. Thornton, Doug, Chris, Sheree and M.J. Dempewolf, Lynn and Jesse Striet, and Rita, Jacky and Jill Weeks.

Norcatour Preschool started on Sept. 7. This year six children will be attending. Upcoming events: Sept. 18 - rummage sale at the Norcatour City Building (to donate clean, slightly used items drop them off at the city building; no clothes, please); Oct. 24 - Soup Supper; Oct. 26: Halloween Trick or Treat, Norcatour businesses.

Labor Day guests of Esther

Miller were Beverly Morris of Hoxie, Aimee and Eli Applebury of Colby, Gary and Annette Miller of Oberlin, and Carol, Joel and Justine Miller of Norcatour.

Sunday, Sept. 5, dinner guests of Goldie Brewer were Oran and LaVerne Milner of Norcatour and Gene and Helen Gee of Oberlin.

The Shirley family had a dinner on Sunday, Sept. 5, at the Cardinal Bar and Grill. Those present were Alice Shirley, Herb and Carol Shirley of Oberlin, John and Joan Shirley of Scott City, Chad and Brooke Shirley of Salina, Tiffani, Sam, Peyton and Parker O'Toole of McCook, Jeni, Robbie, Nolan and Ganon Hennington, Juanita Eckhart of Norcatour, and Gary and Pam McClelland of Shawnee, Okla.

Teresa Reeves and Dwight Wood report that things are going well in McCook. They don't miss the long drives to dialysis at all. Teresa has been hired by the McCook school district as a paraprofessional at the special education center.

Teresa Reves and Dwight Wood will be married at their home at 611 E. 5th St. in McCook at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25. Anyone wishing to come and celebrate is welcome. There will be a reception to follow at their home.

There were 15 in attendance at the Senior Citizens on Friday night, Sept. 3. Winners were Juanita Eckhart, Irene Jolly, Glenn Alexander and LaVerne Milner. The next meeting is at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Veda Wood was a Sept. 3 overnight guest of Teresa Reves and Dwight Wood in McCook and helped them with a garage sale.

Pat Schwab's birthday was Sept. 8. Mail will reach her at RR 1, Box 31, Norcatour, Kan., 67653.

Vearl Sparkman of Norton reports that her family held a cookout at the park in Norton on Aug. 28 for her and her great-grandson, John Risewick, and granddaughters Deb and Michele. The birthday cake was decorated for John's 10th birthday, and Mrs. Sparkman's 92nd birthday.

Since the first part of August, most of the area has not received substantial rainfall, and with the first part of September looking dry, the area is going to need a good rain for wheat planting.

The question comes up, should I plant early if I have moisture now, or wait until the end of September when the moisture may not be present?

That question has no clear-cut answer. If farmers plant early, they take the risk of fall infections of wheat streak mosaic, or the wheat growing too tall during the fall and using a lot of water.

The increased water use may cause it to winterkill if it stays dry. If you wait, delayed wheat emergence could become an issue with more wheat emerging in the spring than fall, which in turn will reduce yields.

In my opinion, chances of the area having weather like last fall are slim, and I would wait until the end of September to plant. However, the area could have another dry fall.

Cedar Living Center

The dietary department hosted an indoor picnic lunch on Labor Day. Roberta Petracek donated butter pecan ice cream and cookies for the occasion.

Residents enjoyed an afternoon of games on Monday. Linda Fox and Peggy Gassman assisted. Myrna Jones gave the music program.

Fern Moore hosted the reading group on Tuesday morning.

Charley Vavroch won the first bingo on Tuesday afternoon. Charley also tied with Tressie Samson for the blackout win.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon.

Father George was here for Mass on Thursday morning.

Barb Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Thursday afternoon.

Other activities on Thursday included cleaning fresh sweet corn for lunch, bowling in the afternoon, and the group reading of The Oberlin Herald. A Residents' Council meeting was held in the evening.

The baking group met on Friday afternoon to fry eggplant. Stuart Euhus and Bea Wolfram assisted Teresa Shaughnessy with the frying.

A party was held during supper on Saturday in honor of Grandparents Day, hosted by V.W. Sauvage and Frances Nothdurft. They served a decorated cake and ice cream to residents, staff, and guests.

Alice Fiala celebrated her birthday on Sunday by going out for the day with her son, Cliff and Clois

Fiala, of Colorado Springs. The Oberlin Community Fellowship was in charge of the Sunday worship service.

Recent visitors: Christine Stanley, Mitchell, S.D.; Ann Martin, Frank Cox, Herndon; Irma Jones, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Jerry Temple, Norcatour; Don Ashley, Carl Mumm, Selden; Pastor Rick Rostek, Norton; Al Schmaderer, Manhattan; Mike Schmaderer, Solomon; Cliff and Clois Fiala, Colorado Springs; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Vada Genren, Bachner, Minn.; Dale and Stacey Hazeka and family, Bird City; Lawrence and Lila Jennings, Jennings; Rosa Boehm, George Wurm, McCook; Susan McKain, McDonald; Rose Domsch, Atwood.

Good Samaritan Center

Jan Badsy led daily devotions on Tuesday with a message on "Hope." Ladies gathered in the quiet room to share horticulture ideas and recipes for homemade jelly. Each told of their favorite while they shredded zucchini. Those enjoying the activity were Fern Anderson, Irene Wagoner, Neva Townsend, Jan Conway, and Ivah Alexander. Ivah Alexander welcomed a visit from Karen Bailey, of Norcatour.

Faith Lutheran Church held services. Parish members assisting were Bernie Fred and Louise Helmkamp. Attending were Ella Peterson and Mamie Unger. Fern Mooreread to Jan Conway, Fern Anderson, Ruby McKenna, and Veda Pingetzer. Lemon, chocolate, banana, and coconut cream pies were the choices that were presented by the Forget-Me-Nots for the September birthday celebration. Clarice Leake, with daughter, Ann Anderson, and Ruby McKenna were the guests of honor. Besides pie, each lady was presented with a flower arrangement and balloon. Assisting Dennis Brown with serving was Ellen Horn, activity aide.

Wednesday morning's "Songs of Worship" was led by Janice Shobe. Residents enjoyed singing the old gospel tunes. Weekly Bible study was led by Mert McEvoy. Don Farr led morning exercises. Doing nails for the ladies of Town Square were volunteers Dorothy Alstrom, Sally Henningson, Peggy Carswell, and Ellen Horn. Social hour followed. Bingo concluded the day's events.

Lisa Stacy led Thursday devotions. The introduction to the month's emphasis was started on the founder of Good Samaritan's Across America, Dad aka August Hoeger. "Oh, boy, did we pick soybeans," was shared with Garrah Gaumer, Fern Anderson, and Lisa Stacy. One to one times was spent with Bernice Brown, LuVerne May, and Agnes Chambers. Ladies gathered in the Angel Lane dining area to shell soybeans. Those helping were Irene Wagoner, Ruby

Shuler, Ruby McKenna, Elise Macy, Garrah Gaumer, Ivah Alexander, Florence Jones, and Lisa Stacy. Ellen Horn served social hour.

Friday devotions were shared in the Town Square. Janice Shobe brought a message on "Winning and Losing." Merry Mums gathered with Lisa Stacy to string buttons. Marilyn, St. Clair, Ruby Shuler, Eryline Nichols, Lorna Bishop, Erma Holt, Eva Cuthbertson, and Mamie Unger joined in the fun.

Folding Fellowship gathered in the quiet room to share in conversation and folding. Those attending were Ivah Alexander, Jan Conway, Garrah Gaumer, and Fern Anderson. Volunteer Carol Duncan led current events. Those attending were Jan Conway, Ivah Alexander, Ruth Laidig, Fern Anderson, Agnes Chambers, Ruby Shuler, Irene Wagoner, Eva Bryan, and Jeanette Conway. Bethany Smith served social hour.

Bible Study entitled, "Fruit of the Spirit," was held in the quiet room. Attending were Ivah Alexander, Garrah Gaumer, Ruth Laidig, Eva Bryan, Irene Wagoner, Jan Conway, and LuVerne May.

Dennis Brown led Saturday devotions.

Oberlin Community Fellowship led Sunday church services. Shirley Nichols served social hour. Recent guests: Lora Zwickle, Kathryn Post - Doris Fringer, Ina M. Goodnight; Ruby McKenna - Ed and Gloria McKenna, Don and Leola Stackhouse, Earl and Pat Hartzog, Donna Chambers; Garrah Gaumer - Don and Leola Stackhouse, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, Neoma Tacha; Dena Gillespie - June Vavroch, Pastor Glenn and Betty Krebs, Earl and Pat Hartzog; Hazel Flaska - Jon Smith, Neoma Tacha; LuVerne May - Susan May and Erin; Iris Wurm - Annette and Jeff Troyer and family, Beverly Witt; Eva Bryan - Detta Anderson and Gabe Anderson, Donna and Dick Kelley, Maureen Anderson.

'Choosing the Best'
By the Rev. Nolan Pierce, United Church of Oberlin

The political scene has erupted again. Both parties are good at digging up dirt, but seem to be running out of ideas that map out a promising future. When the negative takes up major interest and attention, the positive is often left out to the point of being ignored.

Choosing a good leader is an old problem. The Old Testament of the Bible records many struggles of getting and maintaining good leadership. Many battles were fought, lives were lost, confidence in the present was shaken to the core of its foundation. Some relationships were broken, shredded and destroyed.

History shows humans tend to make similar mis-

takes, but in the midst of it all, progress eventually emerges. God's plans and presence sustain and civilization maintains its march toward a workable solution to a better life.

This should strengthen us all. God is still present and able to use us all in developing a future that is promising. Working together will likely never be easy, but it is always essential. The togetherness is with each other and God. God's way will succeed. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Choose the best. It will open up the future with good, sustaining us all until future generations solve, with God's help, the seemingly overpowering problems that exist today.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

- OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
HIGH PLAINS BAPTIST CHURCH
OBERLIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD
EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE
UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN
OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
LUND COVENANT CHURCH
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
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