



## Extension Lines

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ences in hybrids with confidence. When an LSD is reported at 0.05, this means about 19 out of 20 times these results should be similar when grown in the same environment. Basically, even though the Colby site DeKalb DKC50-20R/YGB yielded 85.9, which was 10.7 better than Fontanelle 7R418 at 75.2, there was no statistical difference between the two. If these hybrids were grown again in a similar environment to this past summer, a farmer should not be surprised if the Fontanelle hybrid yielded about what the DeKalb hybrid does.

One of the low-yielding hybrids at Colby was Triumph 1120BtRR at 47.0, which was 38.9 below the top-yielding DeKalb. In this case, if the hybrids were grown in the same environment as this past summer, a grower should be surprised if the Triumph yielded more than the DeKalb. To view a complete list of the hybrids, please go to [www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/), click on the Kansas Crop Performance icon and view the 2004 Corn Results, or visit the county extension office to pick up a copy. Brian Olson is Kansas State University extension agronomist for Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan, and Trego counties. E-mail [bolson@oznet.ksu.edu](mailto: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.

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Lyle will host a bazaar/auction at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Lyle Community Building. Among items to be featured will be quilts from baby-size to queen-size, wood items, crafts, food and miscellaneous. A free lunch will be served following the auction.

The Norcatat Christmas Drawing will be held on Dec. 18 in the All-purpose Room. The drawing will start at 3:30 p.m., and Santa will be making an appearance. The Pre-school will be serving a fundraiser supper afterward.

Donations are still needed for the Christmas drawing. Anyone who would like to make an extra donation to help pay for the treat bags may contact Chris Dempewolf or Deb Marshall. All donations need to be received by Nov. 19 to allow enough time to order everything.

Birthdays: John Arnold, Scott Harman - Nov. 3; Keith Anthony - Nov. 8.

A baby shower will honor Trudi McCollom and baby Elissa, and Hollie Ricke and baby boy at 1 p.m. in the Norcatat Educational Building.

Senior Citizens met Friday, Oct. 29, at the Educational Building. Winners at cards were Juanita Eckhart, Dorothy Lawn and Virgil

Price. Dorothy Lawn is moving to Norton and will be missed.

Wava Reames, Kingfisher, Okla., visited from Oct. 26-29 with her parents, Frank and Velda Ward. She spent Wednesday afternoon with Leslie and Lynn Ward.

Dorothy Breiner was in Salina for postmaster training on Oct. 26-27. She accompanied Karen Washburn of Jennings.

Dorothy Breiner and Alice Barnett attended a convention on Oct. 10 and 11 in Great Bend, then Dorothy went on to Arkansas. She returned home Oct. 17.

The Cardinal Bar and Grill will have pies available for Thanksgiving, but orders must be placed by Nov. 16. They are also taking reservations for club and family Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. The phone number is (785) 693-4499.

Word was received from Judy Rogers Menges that Velma Rogers was admitted to the Colby Hospital on Oct. 24 with severe back spasms and chest pain, and has also developed kidney problems.

The United Methodist Church will hold its annual pheasant supper from 5-7 on Saturday. The menu includes turkey and dressing, ham loaf, potatoes and gravy, veg-

etables, salads and desserts. Prices are adults, \$6; children 6-12, \$3; and age 5 and under, free.

Attending the Halloween party on Saturday, Oct. 30, were Amanda Marshall, Carissa Wentz, Amy Megan and Rebecca Wentz, Brendan, Wyatt, and Quinten Wentz, Chris and Destiny Chastaine, Connor McVay, Jacelyn and Andrew Wade, Miranda Long, and Jenna and Ethan Long.

On Sunday, Oct. 17, six members of the Rebekah Lodge attended a special session of the Norton Rebekah Lodge to consolidate the two lodges. A very impressive ceremony was conducted by Assembly President Nancy Luikart.

Goldenrod Rebekah Lodge was chartered on June 25, 1928, with 38 women and 15 men signing the charter. The lodge increased in membership over the years, and was one of the more active lodges in Kansas. Now, only three Rebekahs live in Norcatat, bringing about the consolidation. Attending were Maxine Brooks, Beth Johnson, Arlene Hix, Ethel Miller, Dorothy Woods and Joyce Price.

Virgil and Joyce Price were pleased to represent the *Norcatat News* at the luncheon sponsored by *The Oberlin Herald* at Keeno's Roadhouse Café on Oct. 29. We had a delicious meal, brought home with a check for the newsheet, and Joyce was the lucky winner of a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

On Sunday, Oct. 24, Virgil and Joyce Price visited Bill and Pat Schwab. They also went to see the bridge that collapsed in the Lyle vicinity.

Rea and Dee Magers enjoyed a birthday supper at the home of Jeff Magers and Joy on Friday evening. Joy baked a yummy cake for Dee. On Saturday, Joy's folks and an aunt and uncle came from Rapid City, S.D.

Over the next couple of months, I will write about the performance tests for corn, grain sorghum, soybean, and sunflowers conducted at the K-State Experiment Stations around the area.

This week, the topic is dryland corn yields. As you can see from the results, yields were fairly respectable.

At Colby, DeKalb DKC50-20R/YGB had the high yield at 85.9 bushels per acre. The rest of the top five were DeKalb DKC52-47R/YGB at 81.6, Pioneer 33B55 at 81.4, Pioneer 34H32 at 80.3, and Fontanelle 7R418 at 75.2 with an LSD (see below) (0.05) at 14.7.

There were 16 hybrids in the test that produced an average yield of 64.0. The test was planted no-till into wheat stubble on May 3 at 19,000 seeds per acre. Conditions were conducive to good growth in May, June, and July, but gave way to dry weather in August, which was typical for much of the area.

At Hays, NC+ 4823B had the high yield at 108.3 with Warner 4602B at 106.2, Pioneer 34H32 at 104.1, and DeKalb DKC50-20R/YGB at 102.6 following.

There were 14 hybrids planted no-till on April 19 at 17,000 seeds per acre.

The average yield for the plot was 92 with an LSD (0.05) at 18.8. The test area received favorable precipitation in June and July, with July and August having cooler-than-normal temperatures.

Farmers should use results from university tests along with company tests to choose a hybrid which will match the potential of their management practices and soil condition of the field.

When the test is replicated, an LSD will be given. LSD stands for least significant difference, a comparison term that allows people to view results and separate differ-

## 'Without Excuse'

By Pastor Glenn A. Krebs, United Methodist churches of Jennings and Dresden

I was walking home from my downtown office recently when I just happened to look ahead instead of down at my feet. What I saw was not uncommon this time of year, but for some reason it made a huge impression on me at that moment. There were three trees of different kinds, and the leaves of each tree had turned different shades of yellow, orange, and red. The late-afternoon sun slanted into their branches, making the coloration nothing short of spectacular. And the brilliant blue sky behind these trees carried a few little wisps of white cloud.

"Wow!" I thought. "The earth's beauty just doesn't get any better than this."

But just then, it *did* get better. As the sun lowered into the western horizon, the wispy little clouds quickly turned from white to an electric orange. As I continued walking, the perspective from which I was watching this scene changed slowly and the trees and clouds seemed to be *dancing* with one another. Unbelievable beauty.

It brought to mind a Bible passage that I couldn't quite remember and had to look up when I got home. It was Romans 1:19-20: *For what can be known about God is plain to [us], because God has*

*shown it to [us]. Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made.*

It was very nice of God to make our world so beautiful. Think about it. We could just as easily be living on a planet where beauty such as I had experienced that day simply didn't exist. That we live in a world where beauty is to be found virtually everywhere speaks very loudly about God's nature.

If we fail to see that nature's beauty reveals God's love for us, we fall into the trap about which Paul warns us at the end of verse 20: ... [we] *are without excuse* . . .

Seeing beauty in nature is a call for all of us to offer our praise and thanksgiving for the love that beauty indicates. Failing to see beauty in nature, or failing to make the connection between it and God's love for us, takes something away from the quality of our lives — quality that God meant for us to have.

If we are missing out on that high-quality life, it's not that God isn't constantly showing us the way to it. The evidence is there. If we can't see it, we are without excuse.



## Cedar Living News

The Rev. Rick Langness of St. John's Lutheran Church was in charge of the Sunday service on Oct. 31.

Residents who enjoyed an afternoon of penny cards on Monday included Alice Fiala, Harold Frickey, Freda Gamblin, Ann Geihlsler, Tressie Samson, Axie Sass, Eva Marie Vacura, Charley Vavroch, and Hank and Bea Wolfram.

Freda Gamblin won both the first bingo and the blackout game on Tuesday afternoon. Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of the Faith Lutheran church gave the monthly communion service on Tuesday afternoon.

Stuart Euhus gave the Bible study lesson on Wednesday afternoon. The Rev. Stan Chapin of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church gave a Catholic communion Service on Thursday morning.

A group of residents gathered on Thursday afternoon to help with stuffing envelopes for a mailing going out to family and friends about our Thanksgiving potluck dinner on Nov. 21. Anyone is welcome to attend the dinner, but reservations are required. Fresh-

baked bread was served following the work session.

Barbara Solko played Scrabble with Wynemah Cox on Thursday afternoon. She left turkey centerpieces for all of the dining room tables, and also donated Thanksgiving party favors for the residents. These were all hand-made by Mrs. Wingfield.

Recent visitors: Carl Mumm, Don Ashley, Selden; Richard and Bernadine Samson, Ludell; Phyllis Wingfield, Delores Gaines and Bonnie, Dale Hazuka and Diana Hazuka, McDonald; Anna Ruth Brown, Indianola, Neb.; Wayne and Heddy Reiners, McCook; Terry Kruse, Russellville, Mo.; Mike and Marie McVay, Colby;

Kelsey Padgett, Moni, Kevan, and Kayla Ockerman, Edwin Black, Paul Sass, Dana Winstead, Carol Allen, Jeanette Diederich, Mary Ann Amack, Grace Cook, Frannie Northdurft, Dale Carlisle, Eunice Richards, Marie Jean Vavroch, Ila Ray, Alice Shirley, Elaine Bryan, Earl Brown, Ella Betts, Dolores Koerperlich, Vayle Rohan, Elvin Beneda, Orlin Beneda, Lyle Gamblin, Oberlin.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Arthur and Alice May were presented with the annual Decatur County Extension Appreciation Award during the annual extension dinner meeting held at the Bohemian Hall Wednesday evening, thanking them for their many years of involvement in extension and agriculture.

Friday morning visitors of Elwood and Elaine Mines were her niece, Sandy (Bradley) Beard, Mitchell, Neb., and her cousin, Flossie Millage, Belton, Mo.

Zach May was a Friday after school and overnight guest of Nehemiah Langness.

Rhonda May left Friday to attend a Chemical and Petroleum Engineering Advisory Board meeting at the University of Kansas campus in Lawrence. She is presently serving as president of this board. She returned home on Saturday.

Garrett Scott was honored Saturday evening with a birthday party at his home. Those helping Garrett

celebrate his eighth birthday were Wilma May, Evelyn Olson, Myron and Alberta Scott, Hill City, Vance and Lori Scott and family, Jerry and Connie Olson and Kelly, Stean Olson, Salina, his friend Paige, Hays; and Justin and Wendy Scott and Gage.

Elizabeth Nedland and Danica May played in a violin group recital Sunday afternoon at the McCook Evangelical Free Church. Elizabeth and Danica have been taking violin lessons 1 1/2 years, and 5 years, respectively.

John and Dianne Bremer attended the Northwest Kansas Music Educators Association honors program in Hays Saturday afternoon, where Jessica was one of two pianists playing in the 24 member Northwest District High School Honor Jazz Ensemble. Oberlin was also represented with nine singing in the Junior High Honor Choir and 11 playing in the Junior High Honor Band performance.

## Herndon News

By Carrol Ginther

Sympathy is extended to the relatives of Chauncey Hafner, 85, who died on Nov. 1 at Rawlins County Hospital in Atwood. Funeral services were held Thursday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin with Pastor Steve Bales officiating.

Herndon Heritage Day was held on Saturday at St. Mary's Hall in Herndon, sponsored by the Herndon Chamber of Commerce. Lucy Evans of McCook was a last Saturday visitor of her mother, Ann Martin.

Edie Pettera is recuperating from recent hip surgery at McCook. She planned to transfer to the Decatur County Hospital.

Ron and Rodney Solko of Oberlin and Tom Solko were recent visitors of Monica Solko.

Todd Ketterl of Herndon, a se-

nior at Fort Hays State University, was a member of the fundamentals of agricultural commodity marketing class which traveled to Kansas City, Mo., recently for a tour of the Kansas City Board of Trade and other agribusiness firms.

The Rawlins County School Board declared the district-owned administrator's house in Herndon as surplus and set an \$38,000 minimum bid for the house.

### Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

<p><b>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 785-475-3103 The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday</p>	<p><b>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> The Rev. Nolan and Barbara Pierce SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>OBERLIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> 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 &amp; 4th Thursdays, 2 p.m.</p>	<p><b>EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE</b> The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</p>	<p><b>UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> 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 &amp; down. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.</p>	<p><b>LUND COVENANT CHURCH</b> 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 &amp; Bible Study, 7 a.m.</p>
<p><b>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN</b> The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday</p>	<p><b>OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)</b> Pastor: Bobby Cornelius SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.; AWANA Club 4-6 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON</b> The Rev. Damian Richards Phone 785-322-5560 MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.</p>	<p><b>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 510 North Wilson Pastor: Rev. Rick Langness Secretary: Norma Unger 785-475-2333 SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays; KICK, 3:45-5:30 p.m. each Wednesday.</p>
<p><b>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS</b> Glenn Krebs, pastor SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m. <b>DRESDEN</b> SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH</b> Keith Reuther, Pastor Phone 785-322-5316 SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST</b> The Rev. Doug Hasty SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST</b> Pastor: Kathy Aeillo Almena SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>NORCATAT UNITED METHODIST</b> Pastor: Kathy Aeillo Almena SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>LYLE UNITED METHODIST</b> Carol Woodmanee, Almena Lyle Lay Speaker SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.</p>

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