

Sympathy is extended to the family of Kenneth G. Ward, who died April 23, and to the family of Eugene Van Otterloo, who died April 27.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Goldie Brewer - April 27; Rodney and Janice O'Hare - April 30; Veda Wood - May 2; Linda Hunt - May 3.

Mark and Shayla Bailey took their grandparents, Francis and Arlene Hix, to Liberty, Mo., on April 16. Francis and Arlene stayed with their daughter, Marjorie Prince, and Mark and Shayla stayed with their grandparents, Ed and Phyllis Yeater. On Sunday, Francis and Arlene along with Marjorie met their grandson, Scott Spencer and his girlfriend, for dinner then all returned to Marjorie's. On Monday, April 18, Marjorie took Francis and Arlene to Olathe for a doctor appointment. They all returned to Norcatour Monday evening.

A "Be-Lated Cinco de Mayo" supper will be served at Momma Millie's on Saturday, May 14, then stay and enjoy karaoke with Jam Session beginning at 9:15 p.m.

Winners of the pool tournament held April 18 at the Cardinal Bar and Grill were: first place, Stan "The Hustler" Miller, Norcatour; second, Larry Lively, Jennings; and third, Clint Hatfield, Clayton.

During May Momma Millie's will only be open the second and fourth Sundays.

Rea and Dee Magers had lunch with Loyd and Mary Waldo on April 20, in Oberlin. Later, they visited Marguerite Fullerton, and David and Hilda McGee, at the Good Samaritan Center.

Jeff and Joy Magers of near Cedar Bluffs had breakfast on April 24 with his parents, Rea and Dee Magers.

Norcatour Commercial Club scholarship applications can be picked up at The Bank or the Norcatour City Office. With the help of

the Cardinal Bar and Grill, the club will be giving three \$300 scholarships this year. They are available for anyone going to a vo-tech, junior college, or university. Applications must be returned by May 20. Scholarships will be awarded by May 29.

The last day of school for Norcatour Pre-school will be May 12. At 11 a.m., they will have a fun day at the school and at 7 p.m. will be the spring program. The public is invited to attend both events. Refreshments will be served.

The City of Norcatour has agreed to be a drop-off site for "Bicycles for Youngsters," a new project at the Norton Correctional Facility. The inmates will be refurbishing used bicycles, which will then be available for non-profit organizations to place with area children or adults. Those with bicycles or parts to donate are asked to drop them off at the city building. For details, call Chris at (785) 693-4461.

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# Hard freezes could hurt wheat

As I write this Friday afternoon, freezing temperatures into the low 20s are predicted for the area.

If we get temperatures that low, wheat likely will suffer. Injury to jointing wheat can be expected when air temperature dips to 24 degrees for a couple of hours.

As wheat continues to grow and move into the boot stage, it loses cold tolerance. Freeze injury can then be observed in the boot stage when temperatures reach 28 degrees for a couple of hours. Most wheat across the area is somewhere between jointing and boot, so injury will vary.

Another damage factor relates to the stand of the crop. If the crop has a thick canopy, it will be able to hold in heat radiating from the soil, providing some protection. However, if there is a lot of wind, it will carry the heat away.

Freeze injury at the jointing or boot stage can be moderate to severe. Symptoms can include split stalks that weaken the plant as it continues to grow, which may cause the wheat to lay over easily in a windstorm.

Other injury may be more severe, and the growing point died. The growing point is green in a healthy



## Extension Lines

By Brian Olson  
Extension Agronomist

wheat plant. Freeze damage will cause it to turn brown. Farmers can check for this by splitting a stalk and checking the color.

Also, the wheat will not continue to grow or newly emerging leaves will be brown instead of green. To view injury symptoms and more details on freeze-damaged wheat, see the publication "Spring Wheat Freeze Injury to Kansas Wheat."

Most of the corn planted is still in the ground, with the soil providing an insulating barrier, and unemerged corn should be fine. Leaves will be frozen on any emerged corn. If temperatures increase, dead leaf material will fall away from the plant and the corn will be fine. If temperatures remain cool, though, there is a chance pathogens feeding on dead leaf material could infect green leaves and continue down to the

growing point of the corn below the soil surface.

All in all, a freeze could have a devastating effect on wheat, little or no damage to corn. Depending on the extent of the freeze, management options for the injured wheat will be featured in next week's article.

To find a copy of "Spring Wheat Freeze Injury to Kansas Wheat," go to [www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/) or visit your 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. Call the county extension office, 475-8121.

# Spring hides behind clouds

Oh, where did spring go? It was strange this morning to wake up and see snow on the grass and still falling. Here's hoping that the clouds hang around all night so we can still have some crops this year.

Thank you to all the business owners who sent their employees to the Professional Assistants Day luncheon on the chamber sponsored. We had a large turnout and the DCHS Singers did a wonderful job with the entertainment.

The office will be closed Thursday, May 5, at noon until Monday,

## Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

May 9. We are going to Newton for the Kansas Sampler Festival, representing the Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau. Just leave a message on the answering machine and I will return your call on Monday.

Don't forget your mother on her day. There is still time to get something unique that she will remember forever. Oberlin has lots of

places with those kinds of gifts, just look around. May 8 will be here before you know it.

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## Lyle News

By Deanna Sumner

Keith and Gary Anthony stopped by to visit Toots Magers last Monday. Toots and Kathy Van Meter attended the K.G. Ward funeral in Norcatour on Tuesday. On Wednesday, the two women visited Marguerite Fullerton and Laurene Van Otterloo in Oberlin.

Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter visited Pat Schwab at the Andbe Home in Norton on Thursday. That afternoon Charissa Huff

came by with some antique quilt tops. That evening Veda Wood, Kathy and Toots enjoyed the Vic Mowry Band from Hoxie at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

On Friday, June Jolly, Kathy Van Meter and Toots Magers attended the potluck dinner and played cards in Norcatour.

Saturday, Joyce Sumner, June Jolly, Veda Wood, Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter attended

Gene Van Otterloo's funeral in Oberlin.

Saturday, Veda Wood, Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter went to the Bohemian Hall celebration dance.

Fifteen attended the potluck lunch at Lyle on Sunday. That evening, Toots Magers, Kathy Van Meter, June Jolly and Juanita Eckhart played in the pitch tournament at the American Legion in Norton.

## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Robert and Diane Muirhead and family, Colby, accompanied by Karolyn Muirhead, traveled to Wichita on Friday, returning Sunday evening. They attended the 4-A State Music performances in Andover on Saturday, where Rebecca Muirhead received a II rating on her vocal solo and her vocal ensemble received a III.

Sam Loughmiller, son of Jerry and Joan Loughmiller of Wellington, was confirmed Sunday morning at Calvary Lutheran Church. Also attending were John and Ruth Peters and Amber Saliba, Hays; the Robert Muirhead family, and Karolyn Muirhead.

Elaine (Boedecker) Samuelson, Denver, was a weekend guest of ratings and Violet Shaw. They attended the Prairie Statesman program Saturday evening in McCook, in which Joel Shaw sang. Elaine is a former teacher at Decatur Community High School during the 1960s.

Ralph and Norma Unger drove to Mankato on Saturday to attend the 80th birthday celebration of Doyle "Hooley" Alcorn. Ralph is a friend of Doyle, who is a Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative For Counties board member and county commissioner.

Zach May and his golden retriever, Buddy, received Grand Champion in the pre-sub-novice obedience division of the 2005 Thomas County Spring Dog Show in Colby on Saturday.

Mirla Coleman, Fern Moore, Delayne May, and Dianne Bremer attended State Music Saturday in Concordia. Among those representing Decatur Community High School were Molly Coleman, Danica May, Nolan May, Kelly Olson, Cameron Nedland, Brock Euhus, Gabe Moore, and Jessica Bremer.

Molly, Kelly and Danica were in the Singers vocal ensemble and Molly was in a girls vocal ensemble; both ensembles received I ratings. Nolan, Cameron, Brock, Gabe, Jessica, Kelly and Danica were members of two different vocal ensembles which both received a II. Jessica received a II on her vocal solo, a II on her clarinet solo and sang in the Chanté girls vocal ensemble which received a I. Molly received a II on her vocal solo, and Jessica, Karyn Jordan, and Aaron Helm received a I on their clarinet trio.

Weekend guests of Stuart Euhus were Robert and Dana Morton, Sheena and Shad, Garden Plains.

# 'Spring is in the Air'

By Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler of Faith Lutheran Church, Oberlin

It is exciting this time of year to see nature literally "wake up" from the slumber of winter. In the very early days of March we witnessed the teasing cloud formations as they changed from winter-type clouds to springtime clouds.

Over the past six weeks we have experienced how colorful spring has become: crocuses, daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, forsythia, flowering trees, lilacs, and irises are in bloom. Perennials are pushing their shoots heavenward, preparing to bloom. Everything is bursting with color and fragrance.

This is no accident. We have such a wonderful God who loves to be creative, blessing us with a wonderful and blessed creation. Easter comes to us in the springtime which is also no accident.

"Our celebration of Easter Sunday 2005 has passed, but the power and promise of Easter continues to reverberate throughout the world — the whole world.

"According to Scripture, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the first fruits of the day when all things will be made new (Revelation 21:5). Easter

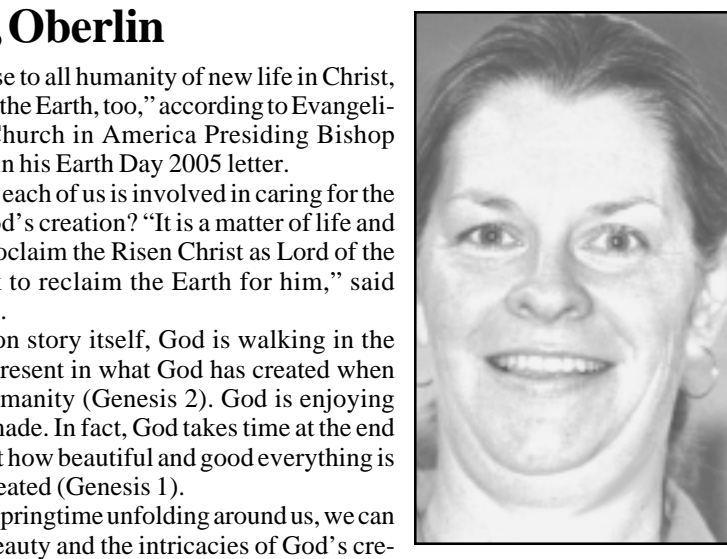
is God's promise to all humanity of new life in Christ, but Easter is for the Earth, too," according to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson, in his Earth Day 2005 letter.

How is it that each of us is involved in caring for the goodness of God's creation? "It is a matter of life and death, as we proclaim the Risen Christ as Lord of the Earth and seek to reclaim the Earth for him," said Bishop Hanson.

In the creation story itself, God is walking in the garden and is present in what God has created when God creates humanity (Genesis 2). God is enjoying what God has made. In fact, God takes time at the end to reflect on just how beautiful and good everything is that God has created (Genesis 1).

As we enjoy springtime unfolding around us, we can marvel at the beauty and the intricacies of God's creation.

*O God, Fountain of life, you bless us with the beauty of earth, sky, sea, and all creatures. Teach us wise use of our natural resources and help us safeguard all creation from abuse. Amen.*



## Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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| <p><b>OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH</b><br/>785-475-3103<br/>The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam, MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday</p> <p><b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLIE</b><br/>The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam<br/>MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.</p> <p><b>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN</b><br/>The Rev. George Kochuvelikkakam<br/>MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday</p> <p><b>OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH</b><br/>Jim Martin<br/>120 South East, Oberlin<br/>SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.</p> <p><b>JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS</b><br/>Glenn Krebs, pastor<br/>SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.<br/><b>DRESDEN</b><br/>SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>The Rev. Doug Hasty<br/>SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.</p> | <p><b>HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>The Rev. Nolan and Barbara Pierce<br/>SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN</b><br/>109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA<br/>SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Choir practice every Wed. at 6:30 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 COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)</b><br/>Pastor: Bobby Cornelius<br/>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>OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>102 North Cass — 785-475-3067<br/>The Rev. Doug Hasty<br/>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>CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>Pastor: Kathy Aeillo<br/>Almena<br/>SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.</p> | <p><b>OBERLIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b><br/>The Rev. Royce Leitner<br/>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>OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b><br/>South Beaver Street - Oberlin<br/>Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259<br/>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>ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON</b><br/>The Rev. Damian Richards<br/>Phone 785-322-5560<br/>MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.</p> <p><b>HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH</b><br/>Keith Reuther, Pastor<br/>Phone 785-322-5316<br/>SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>NORCATUR UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>Pastor: Kathy Aeillo<br/>Almena<br/>SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>LYLE UNITED METHODIST</b><br/>Carol Woodmaneee, Almena<br/>Lyle Lay Speaker<br/>SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.</p> | <p><b>EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF OBERLIN</b><br/>The Rev. Heidi Wiebe<br/>810 West Cedar, Oberlin<br/>Office Phone 785-475-2769<br/>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>LUND COVENANT CHURCH</b><br/>Pastor: Tom Smith<br/>10 miles south, 4 miles west of Oberlin<br/>SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. SATURDAY: Men's breakfast &amp; Bible Study, 7 a.m.</p> <p><b>ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br/>510 North Wilson<br/>Pastor: Rev. Rick Langness<br/>Secretary: Norma Unger<br/>785-475-2333<br/>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>FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br/>404 North York Avenue<br/>Oberlin, Kansas<br/>Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler<br/>Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053<br/>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> |
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## Herndon News

By Carol Ginther

Sympathy is extended to the family of Harvey Stoney, 88, who died April 24 at the Decatur County Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon with Father Damian Richards officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Bob and Liane Martin following the death of her mother, Eleanor Kircher, 79, of Oberlin on April 26 at Decatur County Hospital. Funeral services were held Friday at the Oberlin Sacred Heart Church with burial at St. Catherine's Cemetery at Indianola, Neb.

Congratulations to George and Dorothy (Riepl) Riley of Salina, who observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday. They were married on May 3, 1955, in Atwood. They live at 1001 E. Republic Ave., Salina, Kan., 67401.

Senior Citizens held a potluck dinner on April 20 at the Senior Center. Danice Sperry took blood pressures. Musical entertainment

was presented by the Herndon pre-school and kindergarten students of Judy Ketterl. Esther Pennington had blackout in Bingo and Edie Petterra won the door prize.

Renaee Solko, a senior at Rawlins County High School, has received a scholarship from Washburn University. She was recognized during a banquet on April 14 at the Plaza Inn in Garden City.

Recent visitors of Ann Martin were Dick and Betty Martin, Wilsonville, Neb.; and Mr. and Mrs. Marty Lehman and daughters, Syracuse.

Visitors last week of Monica Solko were Ron and Rodney Solko of Oberlin and Tom and Patrick Solko.

Mildred Kleidosty celebrated a belated 80th birthday at the Senior Center in Herndon on April 23, hosted by her children, Theresa of Denver; Tony of Riverdale, Neb.; John of North Platte, Neb.; and Phillip of Wichita. About 60 relatives and friends attended.

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