



Home Time

By Tranda Watts
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When growing herbs for culinary, aromatic or medicinal purposes, beginning gardeners should consider starting with just three to five types.

This will allow time to learn about growing, caring for and using the herbs. A smaller garden also is less likely to overwhelm a beginning gardener.

In preparing to establish an herb garden, think about what herbs you like and how you will use them.

Are there culinary herbs you use frequently? Do you enjoy making and serving herb tea? Or will you cut or dry herbs for their fragrance?

Creating a new garden for herbs will highlight them, but the fragrant plants can be placed within existing gardens. Consider, for example, planting basil in a vegetable garden or placing lemon balm, an attractive, leafy bush, to accent perennials in an established flower bed.

Some people like to plant culinary herbs just outside the back door, a few steps away from the kitchen, but they will also grow in containers or a window box.

Herbs can be grown from seeds or plants. Some are perennials and others will need to be planted each year. Most are low maintenance and, because they are aromatic, naturally repel insects.

If choosing plants, gardeners might want to buy from local growers whose plants are proven in the area. Plants shipped to garden departments for sale in larger stores might not be as suited to local growing conditions.

A recently completed guide, "Farming a Few Acres of Herbs — An Herb Grower's Handbook," can be found at www.oznet.ksu.edu/ksherbs. The web site includes fact sheets on herbs, their history, and information about the Great Plains Herb Grower's Association.

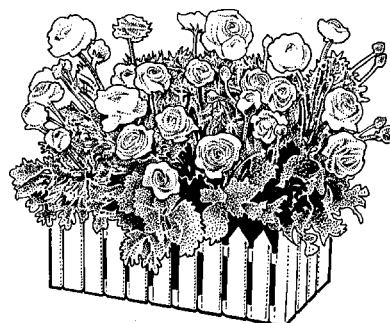
A second extension publication focuses on medicinal herbs and includes seed sources and a reference list: "Growing Herbs for Home Use." It can be found at <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/library/hort2/mf2579.pdf> or is available at the county extension offices.

Libraries and bookstores typically have books on growing and using herbs also.

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

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Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Molzahn, Kaela and Katelyn Hibbs of Independence, Mo., visited on April 29 with Beth Johnson and Fred Molzahn.

Anita Whiteside of Saskatoon, Canada, visited on April 27 with Marguerite Clark and Oran and LaVerne Milner. They all ate lunch at the Cardinal Bar and Grill and later toured the local area to see where members of the Clark family had lived.

Wilma Magers wrote recently that she and her sister, Vera, of Ashland, Ohio, enjoy the *Norcatour News*.

Nila Winchell, Dayton, Ohio, said she looks forward to receiving the *News* every week, even sharing it with her friends. She plans to meet Kaye in Kansas City, and they will be in Norcatour May 26-30.

The Norcatour Commercial Club, with the help of the Cardinal Bar and Grill, will be giving out three \$300 scholarships this year. Applications may be picked up at The Bank or the Norcatour city office, and must be returned by May 20.

Marilyn Barnett, daughter of Darrel and Alice Barnett, has accepted the position of morning anchor at NTV, the television station at Kearney, Neb. She is usually on weekday mornings from 5:30 a.m. to 7 a.m.

On Saturday, a "Belated Cinco de Mayo" will be held at Momma Millie's from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Stay and enjoy karaoke with Jam Session starting at 9:15 p.m.

ALUMNI WEEKEND

The Norcatour Rural High School Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, May 28. Those planning to attend need to contact Von Johnson at 117 West Legend Drive, Pueblo West, Colo., 81007-1714 or email V2535@hotmail.com.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. followed by a dance at 9 p.m. The dance, sponsored by the Norcatour Commercial Club, will be free, although there will be donation jars at the doors for anyone who would like to help with the scholarship fund.

Jennings News

By Louise Cressler

Missy Carter and Adam Cawfield, Anacortes, Wash., both members of the Naval Air Force, visited last week with her grandparents, William and Rachel Carter. They were en route to visit Missy's parents, Allan and Sherry Carter, in Kansas City.

On Wednesday evening, Jesse and Megan Carter, Clayton and Anna, Oberlin, and Ken and Julie Carter enjoyed a visit and ice cream with cake at the William Carter home.

On Thursday morning, Missy and Adam Carter, and Rachel and William Carter enjoyed a visit to the museum courtesy of Bob and Neoma Tacha.

A Mother's Day dinner was held in the Jennings High School cafeteria, sponsored by the Jennings Lions Club.

The Sunflower Senior potluck supper was held Tuesday at the center. Monica Miller and Karla Haggard provided entertainment following the supper.

Mrs. Mabel Brendt, Page City, and Mrs. Myrtle Kropp, Colby, visited Larry and Alice Mizer from Wednesday to Saturday. The ladies are sisters. On Thursday, they visited Wilma Mader and saw all her nice quilts. On Friday they went shopping in McCook. Evenings were spent playing cards and quilting.

George and Carolyn Launchbaugh of the McGraw area visited Sunday with Larry and Alice Mizer.

United Methodist Women met Wednesday evening. Attending were Rachel Carter, Helen Rhodes, Lila Jennings, Kay Brown, Mildred Tacha, Darlene LaRue, Marilyn Noone, Ruth Chance, Kathy Nauer, Louise Cressler, and Glenn and

The Norcatour Grade School will be open 12 noon-8 p.m. on Friday, May 27, and again Saturday from 12 noon on, and Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Cookies, tea and coffee will be provided Friday evening at 7 p.m., and at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Lunch will be served at noon on Memorial Day at the Norcatour Grade School All-purpose Room for \$5 per person. Please indicate if you will be attending, so an estimate of food can be made.

Betty Reid of Norton visited Francis and Arlene Hix Sunday, May 1.

Larry and Penny Bishop, Denver, spent May 2 and 3 at the Oran Milner home.

There were 26 in attendance at Senior Citizens on Friday, April 29. Winners were Elden Long, Juanita Eckhart and Clent Hatfield.

Scooter Matchett, a student at Colby Community College and a member of the Sunflower Singers, recently went on a music trip to Boulder, Colo., with the group where they enjoyed the musical, "Cats."

Marci Matchett, a student at Decatur Community High School, received a I rating on her flute solo at State Musical Festival on May 7. She, along with Rebecca Helm and Jenny Hirsch, also received a I rating on their flute trio.

Recent weekend guests of Rea and Dee Magers were Bonnie Yule and daughters, Sharon Lewis, and Karen Mason, and her sons, Brandon and Blake. On Saturday afternoon they all went to the home of Joy and Jeff Magers near Cedar Bluffs for a barbecue. Many Scrabble games were played while remembering other great times over the last 50 years.

On May 28 at 12 noon, there will be a Norcatour History Discussion at the Norcatour Museum, located in the city building. Bring your pictures and come share your stories to help us remember the "good ol' days."

BACCALAUREATE SET

The Norton County Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a baccalaureate

service for the first time in many years. It will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday at the East Campus Auditorium on North State Street in Norton.

This will be an informal worship service, planned and conducted by members of the senior classes from both schools. All students graduating from Norton County high schools are invited, along with family and friends.

A "Summer Celebration," with karaoke, will be held Saturday at the Cardinal Bar and Grill in Norcatour. Entertainment will begin at 9 p.m. by Karaoke Explosion.

Birthdays: Lora Linn Leichliter - May 5; Dave Stapp - May 6; Ron Montgomery - May 10.

Diana Ward, Garden Grove, Calif.; David Ward, Chicago, Ill.; Ronald Leichliter, Colorado Springs; and Rodney and Lisa Leichliter, Seibert, Colo., were here to attend the funeral of their grandfather, Kenneth Ward, on April 26. Also attending were his daughter-in-law, Paula Ward, Denver; son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Debra Ward, grandsons K.J. and Brandon, Hugo, Colo.; great-granddaughter, Laci Leichliter, Topeka; and sisters, Ruth Chamberlain, North Platte, Neb., and Edyth Mavity, Cunningham, as well as nieces and nephews.

Lora Linn Leichliter returned home recently after spending three weeks with her son and daughter-in-law, Rodney and Lisa Leichliter, in Seibert, Colo. Lila Freshment, Tacoma, Wash., spent a week with her mother, Lora Linn Leichliter. She came to attend funeral services for her grandfather, Kenneth Ward.

'Mother's Day on the Farm'

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

I am still reveling in this awesome spring flower show in our community that God has graced us with. For me, especially, it is the wondrous fragrance of the lilacs this year: the most beautiful and fragrant that I have seen and smelled in quite some years.

Their fragrance takes me back home as a young girl growing up on the family farm in west central Kansas. The lilacs on our farm lined the south end of the yard, bordering the chicken yard, and we had three colors: lavender, deep reddish-purple, and white.

Grandma Strecker must have had the Trinity in mind (God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) when she planted these precious gifts for years to come. Every spring the south wind would blow that wonderful fragrance across the farm yard and through the open windows of our two-story farm house. It was simply heavenly. It seems to me that the lilacs were in bloom around the time of Mother's Day.

Mother's Day on the farm would dawn on a beautiful Sunday morning. Preparations began earlier in the week with corsage orders made at the florist in town for mom and the grandmothers; then my

sisters and I would make cards for these three special women in our lives, or Dad would sneak greeting cards in for us that he had bought at the drugstore.

The colors of the carnation corsages had a special significance. Red and pink carnations were for those women whose mothers were living; white carnations were for those whose mothers had died.

At church, I remember the ladies wearing hats, white gloves and corsages that day. It was a special "dress up" day.

Following a festive worship service and Sunday School, all the family would come home with us for the big Mother's Day dinner. I always enjoyed the stories my uncles and dad would tell.

It was truly a special time: a time of being together as family; a time of being most thankful for these gracious, loving and faithful women in our lives; and, a time of being thankful for the wonderful food that covered the big dining room table that we all sat around together. God is great and God is good!

Eternal God, you are our loving parent. We give you thanks for the women who mother us and who have been examples of faith, showing us your love in their lives. Bless them with your abundant grace. Amen.



Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

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785-475-3103
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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.

UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA
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.

OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)
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.

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.

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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
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HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
Keith Reuther, Pastor
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NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST
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Almena
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LYLE UNITED METHODIST
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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.

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Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler
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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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