



**IN THE FIELD** last Tuesday, Brian Olson, area agronomist with Kansas State University (right), talked about one of the varieties in the wheat test plot west of town while John Rich, with AgriPro, waited his turn. — Herald staff photo by Kim Davis

## Experts evaluate results of wheat tests

John Rich with AgriPro and Brian Olson, area agronomist with the K-State Extension service, took turns talking about results for each variety and some of the other qualities of each type of wheat planted at test plots west of town:

- Art, which Mr. Rich said is the newest release from AgriPro, said last year in this area, it yielded well. The variety has great leaf-rust resistance, he said, but it doesn't have good drought tolerance under extreme conditions.

- Aspen is a white wheat, said Mr. Olson. There's lots of research money for white wheat now, he said, and more money in the farm bill to get people to grow it. The standards for white wheat are stricter, he said, adding that this variety has good yield potential.

- Bill from Colorado State University, said Mr. Olson, has a better disease package than Hatcher. The variety also has good drought tolerance.

- Bond CI, also from Colorado State University, he said, doesn't have a very good disease package. In performance tests at Colby, said Mr. Olson, the variety has done surprisingly well.

- Danby, also a white wheat, would be good for a lot of acres.

- Fuller has a good yield and has

### \* Grain attracts early crowd

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wheat market isn't the only one moving around, though, he said, all of them are, but no one knows for sure what to expect later this year.

The cost to produce dryland wheat is up at least \$1 per bushel, he said, maybe more, with all costs moving up.

It used to be that farmers would get the price they needed to cover the cost of the crops, he said, but depending on the price this year, they might not.

The supply of wheat will be up,

adapted to this area.

- Hatcher is a new release from Colorado State University, said Mr. Olson. It doesn't have a very good disease package, but has had good results in Colby.

- Hawken, said Mr. Rich, is a later maturing variety. It's recommended to plant at least three varieties, he said. This one would be good to plant because it does mature later, which means there isn't as much chance of an early freeze. It has an excellent disease package. The biggest downfall is it's susceptible

he said, adding that he doesn't know if that will mean \$5 per bushel wheat, but he doesn't think that amount of supply will let the price to \$13.

Norm Kinderknecht, with the Kansas Farm Management Association, said he can help farmers get their arms around their costs of production. He said he would come to their home and help with their accounting system and build on that. Basically, said Mr. Kinderknecht he will provide a financial analysis of the year.

to triticum mosaic virus, which is new.

The important thing with this new virus, added Mr. Olson, is that people need to control their volunteer wheat.

- Jagger is susceptible to leaf rust.

- Jagalene, said Mr. Rich, most people are familiar with. It never seems to look like this variety is going to yield much and then it pulls out.

- Keota is a hard red, said Mr. Olson, adding that he isn't very

impressed with this variety. It might just be a variety that needs to find a niche, he said.

- Overland, out of the University of Nebraska is a late-maturing wheat that has good resistance to the Hessian fly.

- Overly, a hard red wheat released from K-State in 2003, is one that always looks good. It needs to be harvested earlier than other varieties, though, because it shatters.

- Post Rock is similar to Fuller and has a good yield record, although it's susceptible to powdery mildew.

- Santa Fe, said Mr. Olson, has excellent yield potential, but if the weather turns dry, the crop will hide.

- Smokey Hill is a later maturing wheat with a good yield potential.

- T-136, said Mr. Olson, is out of Wichita. It has good drought tolerance and shattering resistance.

- T-81 is the best variety for adaptability.

- TAM-111, said Mr. Rich, has had a good time out here the past two years. It looks good in the plot. This variety, he said, performs well under dry conditions.

- Thunderbolt, said Mr. Rich, has a good record of high test weights.

Other varieties in the plot included Winterhawk, Spartan, Millennium and Infinity CI.

## \* Jobs unfilled after filings close in June

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for Beaver Township.

- Dolores and Todd Tompkins for Center Township.

- Jim Wesch for Finley Township.

- Jackie Lafferty for Harlan Township.

- Patricia and Douglas Brown for Liberty Township.

- Norma and Commissioner Ralph Unger for Logan Township.

- Denise Abbey for Olive Township.

- Connie and Steve Noren for Sappa Township.

That leaves Oberlin Precinct No. 2 on the east side of town, Allison, Cook, Custer, Dresden, Garfield, Grant, Jennings, Lincoln, Logan, Oberlin, Pleasant Valley, Prairie Dog, Roosevelt, Sherman and Summit townships with neither Republican nor Democrat candidates.

In Finley, Harlan and Olive townships, there's one seat open for the Republican party.

Also in the primary, voters will decide who will go onto the general election ballot for township trustee and treasurer positions.

Those filed include:

- Allison — Frances Bader, Democrat, trustee, and Roger Shimek, Democrat, treasurer.

- Altony — Jeannie Gawith, Republican, trustee, and Gary Gawith, Democrat, treasurer.

- Bassettville — Terry Lippelman, Democrat.

- Beaver — Ron Diederich and Brendan Moore, both Republicans, for treasurer.

- Center — Ron McDougal, and George Ruzicka, both Democrats, for trustee and Kerri Bryan, Democrat, and Jody Robertson, Republican, for treasurer.

- Cook — Gerald Dellere, Demo-

crat, treasurer.

- Custer — Merlin Anderson, Republican, trustee, and Lowell Holmberg, Republican treasurer.

- Finley — Jim Wesch, Republican, trustee, and Amanda Grafel, Republican, treasurer.

- Garfield — John Gallentine, Democrat, trustee, and Gwynn Ward, Republican, treasurer.

- Harlan — Galen Lafferty, Republican, treasurer.

- Liberty — Roberta Petracek, Democrat, trustee.

- Liberty — Dave Bose, Republican, trustee and Gerry Tally, Republican, treasurer.

- Lincoln — David Stapp, Democrat, trustee, and Robbie Henningson, Republican, treasurer.

- Logan — Millard Kyte, Republican, trustee, and Martin May, Democrat, treasurer.

- Lyon — Girard McKenna, Democrat, trustee, and Lawrence Carter, Republican, treasurer.

- Oberlin — Michael Coleman, Democrat, trustee, and Gene Morford, Democrat, treasurer.

- Olive — Denise Abbey, Republican.

- Pleasant Valley — Kenneth Carter, Republican, trustee.

- Prairie Dog — Rick Hickert, trustee and Betty Hickert, treasurer, both Republicans.

- Roosevelt — Mike Ferguson, Democrat, trustee and Terry Rush, Republican, treasurer.

- Sappa — Paul Shields, Republican, trustee and Rod Bryan, Republican, treasurer.

- Sherman — Larry Roe, Republican, treasurer.

- Summit — Elaine Marcuson, Democrat, treasurer.

In Dresden and Grant townships, no one filed for either position.

## \* Election features races in primary

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Marilyn Horn has announced her retirement at the end of this term.

- Jean Hale, an Oberlin Republican, for county treasurer, which she's held for the last seven years.

- Ken Badsky, also an Oberlin Republican, for sheriff, a job he's held for 23 years.

- John Bremer, an Oberlin Republican, for district magistrate judge in the 17th District.

Both Judy Gaumer, the current register of deeds, and Mr. Brown, commissioner for district No. 3, announced they would be retiring at the end of this term.

Mrs. Horn said polling places will

be open at The Gateway in Oberlin, City Hall (the old school building) in Norcat, the Methodist Church in Dresden and the Sunflower Senior Center in Jennings for both the primary and general elections.

Anyone who isn't yet registered to vote can do so up to 9 p.m. Monday, July 21, she said. Advance ballots should be ready around Tuesday, July 15.

## \* Storm takes life of grandchild, 21

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1987, in El Paso. She grew up traveling with her parents in the military and had lived in Texas, Germany, Missouri and Kansas. A 2005 graduate of Chapman High School, she was a student at Cloud County Community College

Survivors also include her boyfriend, John Whitefoot, Chapman; her mother, Sandra and Randy Wilmore, and a brother, Phillip Bishop, White City; her father, Derry M. and Lisa Bishop, Arizona; and grandparents,

Robert Ball, El Paso, and Elaine Bishop, Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Colleen Ball.

Funeral services were Monday afternoon at the Nazarene Church in Junction City with Pastor Jim Bond officiating and burial in Newport, Tenn.

The family suggests contributions to the Bianca Whitefoot Education Fund in care of the Danner Funeral Home, Box 758, Abilene, Kan., 67410.

## Tractor show purrs on Alma Main Street

The 28th Annual Sunflower Pioneer Power Association Tractor Show at Alma is now in the record books.

One of the organizers, Bob Underwood of Norton, said all the demonstrations went well. He said there was good attendance, with about 80 tractors, 30 autos and 10 small engines on display.

Saturday, "Best in Show" plaques were given to: Brian and Angie Schick, Densmore, 1942 John Deere AR; Bob Robinson, Garden City, Small Engine, Rawleigh Schyler, 1916 1 1/2 HP; Brad Anderson, Glade, Self-Restored Tractor, 1941 Farmall BI.

**Other Best of Show:** Cathy DeWitt, Prairie View, 1950 IHC "C" demonstrator; John Gallentine, Clayton, 1949 John Deere "M"; Norman Wendel, Alma, 1943 Allis-Chalmers WC; Bernard Hinrichs, Bruning, Neb., 1935 Case "CC"; Richard Smith, Upland, Neb., 1953 Oliver 77 Row Crop.

**Best of Parade Award,** donated by City of Alma: Bernard Hin-

richs, Bruning, Neb., 1918 Rumley Oil Pull 16-30.

**Car Show (Saturday):** Best Paint, 1968 Pontiac Catalina, Daryl Clark, Phillipsburg; Best Pre-'59 Original, 1928 Whippet, Jim Marshall, Oberlin; Best Muscle Car, 1970 Chevrolet, Shad Chandler, Alma; Best of Show, 1971 Pontiac Trans Am, Carol Bales, Logan; Best of Show Motorcycle, Daryl Clark, Phillipsburg; Best Custom Motorcycle, by Rick Gitchel, Phillipsburg.

**Kids Tractor Pull Winners:** 5 to 6 year olds — first, Colten Fischer; second, Conner Bose; 7 to 8 year olds — first, Cadin Kinderknecht; second, Keegan Smith; 9 to 10 year olds — first, Steven Harrison.

**Sunday Best of Show winners:** Monte Montgomery, Alma, 1952 Massey Harris; Tyler Montgomery, Alma, 1949 Allis Chalmers "G"; Marion Tien, Prairie View, 1955 John Deere 60; Eldo Graham, Alma, 1939 IHC Farmall F-20; Self-Restored Tractor, Bill Anderson, Superior, Neb., 1940 Huber "B"; Small Engine, Gaylen Hansen,

## County OKs deal for used Cat grader

Decatur County commissioners approved buying a 2003-model grader coming off a lease for \$175,000 last Tuesday.

Tim Stallman, road and bridge supervisor, said the Caterpillar model 140H grader had been leased by Thomas County for five years. When the equipment was turned back in, said Mr. Stallman, he put a hold on it.

The machine has a snowplow attachment and rear ripper on it, he said. If Decatur County doesn't buy the grader, it will go to eastern Kansas to be sold. New machines after government discount cost \$250,000, he said.

He said he tried to trade in a Dresser, but the county was only going to get \$9,000. The machine is worth keeping for that price, he said.

The Cat comes with a warranty, said Mr. Stallman. Commissioner Ralph Unger suggested he ask for a three-year warranty for \$3,150, which is the price of the two added years.

The 1993 Dresser needs a drive line repair, Mr. Stallman. When the drive line popped, he said, it put a hole in the oil pan, so that will need to be fixed.

A box bridge on the Allison Road six miles southeast of Jennings needs to be replaced, Mr. Stallman said. The six-foot-by-six-foot

concrete box collapsed, he said, but part of the road has a wooden bridge under it, so it's OK.

It's on a county road, said Mr. Stallman, so it has to be fixed right away. He said the crew will replace it with an eight-foot culvert.

The department needs to replace some of its culvert stock, he said. It will probably cost about \$25,000 to buy at least two six-foot culverts, two four-footers and an eight-foot tube.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard that Mr. Stallman sent a letter to every agency that received financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for damage from snow storms last winter that the money needs to be spent by July 1 or they need to file for an extension. He said he had filed for an extension for some of the work.

- Heard that the crew is almost done blading county roads, and will move to the secondary roads when that is done.

- Heard about a meeting Mr. Unger attended about the Sunflower Cinema and Golden Age Senior Center project. He suggested that County Attorney Steve Hirsch contact Sarah Steele with Gilmore and Bell, a law firm in Wichita, to see if he can get some information about bond issues.

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