

Virgil Price is retiring from city maintenance after eight years of service to the Norcatour community. We would like to welcome Gerry Hill who will be the new part-time city maintenance man.

Kortney Stapp and Jerrod Poire of Iola were spring break guests of Dave, Patty, Kaitlyn and Sam Stapp.

Dave and Patty Stapp, Kaitlyn and Sam were Easter dinner guests of Dave and Linda Schleip of McCook. Other guests were Marian Dempewolf, Bob Dempewolf and R.D. Thornton.

Dave and Patty Stapp met Kortney Stapp and Jerrod Poire at Emporia Saturday. While there they pre-enrolled Kortney at Emporia State University. She will be attending Emporia this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wood of Winston, Ore.; Shirley Crammer and Bobbie of Central Point, Ore.; and Beth Johnson were dinner guests of Delphyn Biggs at Oberlin on April 2.

Lee and Lora Arnold held a pizza party at the Norton Pizza Hut Sunday evening, March 27, in honor of Lee's birthday which was March 26. Those attending were Susan and Frank Bolek and Sarah of Valparaiso, Ind.; Mark, Julianna, Nathan, Marissa and Jordon Baker, Tiffany Wheeler, Mary Arnold, Gary, Susan and Dana Hillebrand, Bill LaSalle, Dennis Leichter, Ruth Gill, Jesse Bryant, and Wayne and Norma McCallister.

Birthdays: Terry Gade - April 7; Bill Craig - April 9; Dennis Shirley - April 10; Jerry Temple - April 12. Wayne and Norma McCallister were coffee guests of Bill and Bee

Nelson on April 2. Wayne, "Mr. Fix-it," took care of a couple of doors for the Nelsons.

Madison Fick had a first birthday party at Momma Millie's on Saturday, April 2. Aunts, uncles, grandparents, a great-grandpa and friends attended, as well as mom and dad, Mandi and Jonathan Fick.

Recent weekend guests of Leona and Bob Schoenrad were grandson, Robert Wills, and great-grandsons Sean and Nick Wills of Aurora, Colo. Sean will be leaving for U.S. Navy Seabee training after he graduates from high school this year.

REGIONAL 4-H DAY

The Prairie Dog 4-H Club went to Stockton on April 1 for Regional 4-H Day. Their model meeting received a blue ribbon. Individual results were: senior demonstration - Katrina Wentz, red; junior demonstration - Carissa Wentz, blue, and Wyatt Wentz, blue; project talks - Kegan Vanover, red, and Wyatt Wentz, blue; dance - Carissa Wentz, Megan Wentz and Rebecca Wentz, red; reading - Katrina Wentz, blue; and instrumental solo - Katrina Wentz, flute, blue.

ALUMNIBANQUET

The Norcatour Rural High School Alumni Banquet will be held Saturday, May 28. Those planning to attend need to contact Von Johnson for reservations at 117 West Legend Drive, Pueblo West, Colo., 81007-1714 or email V2535@hotmail.com for your tickets. The dinner will be roast pork. Tickets will be \$15 per person, and need to be purchased by May 1.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. followed by a dance at 9 p.m. Ad-

mission will be \$5 per person at the door.

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.

Virgil and Joyce Price attended the Lyle community carry-in dinner Sunday, April 3. In the afternoon several went to the Lyle Cemetery to help Sharleen Wurm search for unmarked graves.

A baby shower for Wendy (Strevey) and Ivalea Jo Tien was held at the Educational Building on March 26. Hostesses were Alice Barnett, Retta Hare and Rovella Shearer.

Darrel and Alice Barnett hosted an Easter Sunday dinner for Marylyn Barnett, Kearney, Neb.; Mary and Tom Wright, Salina; David and Retta Hare; Bob and Kay Strevey; and the Strevey girls and husbands, Trudi, John and Elissa McCollum of Platte City, Mo., Wendy, Loren, and Ivalea Tien, and Hollie, Justin and Jared Ricke of Andover.

Scholarship applications for anyone who is going to college next year may be picked up at The Bank or the Norcatour City Office. They must be returned by May 20.

The Norcatour Commercial Club will be tinning the flag building at the cemetery within the next month. Due to the expense, the club members will be putting the tin up themselves. Donations may be sent to the Norcatour Commercial Club, c/o Linda Hunt, Box 102, Norcatour, Kan., 67653, or you may use the Citizen's Alliance.

Hard white wheat at crossroads



Extension Lines

By Brian Olson
Extension Agronomist

When it comes to hard white wheat production in the United States, speakers at a recent Kansas State University conference said, two key ingredients are still missing: a consistent supply and a liquid market.

"We've got people interested, but there isn't a consistent supply," said Seaboard Corp.'s Roy Loepp, referring to overseas buyers. "Hard white wheat production in the United States needs to reach a critical mass point where it becomes a consistent part of the landscape."

Loepp, who is the quality director of milling operations at Seaboard, was speaking at the K-State International Grains Program's Hard White Wheat Export Contracting Conference and Trade Show held March 14-16 on the Manhattan campus. The conference, also sponsored by U.S. Wheat Associates, brought together producers, grain handlers, domestic and export wheat buyers, and flour millers.

Despite overseas buyers' strong interest in hard white wheat for such products as noodles, tortillas and bread, the United States continues to produce much more hard red winter and other types of wheat than it does hard white wheat, said Mark Fowler, International Grains Program miller and conference coordinator.

Hard white wheat production in Kansas this year is estimated to be about 5 percent of the total wheat crop, with hard red winter wheat making up the rest, said David Frey, administrator of the Kansas Wheat Commission. U.S. hard white wheat production this year is estimated at 1.01 million metric tons, said Ron Stoddard, executive director of the Nebraska Wheat Board. That compares with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's estimate of 2004 hard red winter wheat production at 23 million metric tons.

Kansas-based Seaboard is widely known as a hog production company, Loepp said, but it has a long

history in the milling industry. He listed several factors that would help the U.S. wheat industry expand hard white wheat production, including:

- Promoting white wheat to make it safer for millers to gain experience with it.

- Having enough varieties that will work year in and year out.

- Proliferating performance data so everyone in the marketing chain has a better understanding of what he or she is growing, buying and selling.

Kelly Spitzer of Tempel Grain Co. said five of Tempel's 11 elevators in southeastern Colorado will handle hard white wheat this year. Spitzer is the vice president and grain merchandiser at Tempel, based in Wiley, Colo. Two of its locations (in Towner and Sheridan) will be devoted to hard white wheat only, while its elevators in Haswell, Wiley and Springfield will take in other wheat as well.

Tempel will segregate the hard white wheat from other cultivars, she said.

"We've made this commitment to the producers in the area," she said, adding that Trego, a variety of hard white wheat, has outperformed some types of hard red winter wheat in recent Colorado trials. Southeast Colorado has a fairly arid climate, averaging 11 to 12 inches of rain annually. Tempel is looking to California and Mexico as its best market prospects, Spitzer said.

Keys to success for hard white wheat are a liquid market, competitive yields and incentives for growers, she said.

"What growers want is to be able to call up an elevator or mill at any time and get a bid," she said.

Trego was developed by wheat breeder Joe Martin at K-State's Agricultural Research Center at Hays. It is the most widely used hard white wheat variety in the country, said Frey of the Kansas Wheat Commission, which has supported hard white wheat research at K-State for 20 years.

"Hard white wheat enhances the strength of the U.S. in the world wheat market," said Seaboard's Loepp. "Some synergies will be realized with hard red winter wheat and perhaps with northern spring or even other commodities."

"Seaboard needs a minimum of 8,100 metric tons or 300,000 bushels at one time to put together shipments. If we don't do it, others will and U.S. strength in the market will be diminished."

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.



Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

John and Dianne Bremer, accompanied by Enid Anderson, drove to Great Bend Saturday afternoon and attended a Kansas Emergency Medical Technicians Association awards banquet that evening at the Highland Hotel Convention Center. Dr. Ren Whitaker, Marion, Iowa, presented Enid with an award honoring her late husband, Carl "Andy" Anderson, who was posthumously inducted into the Emergency Medical Services Hall of Fame.

Andy helped organize emergency medical services in Decatur County in 1972, and served as the Decatur County Emergency Medical Services director from 1974-1985.

Marvin May took Martin and Evelyn May out for dinner Wednesday evening to celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary. Also joining them were Greg and Janice Cundiff, and Chris and Kasey May, Kaylee,

Kelsey, and Hunter. Brad Euhus, Carol Stream, Ill., has been a guest of his father, Stuart Euhus, this past week.

Ralph and Violet Shaw enjoyed attending the Art Gala Friday evening at the Oberlin Gateway Center. Anna Shaw and Norma Unger were two of the art exhibitors that evening.

Sunday noon dinner guests of Gaylord and Shirley Shields were Brad Euhus, Stuart Euhus, Kent and Diana Euhus and Brock, and Paul and Kelly Shields, Tyler, Cassidy and Caitlin.

Lois Eckhart, Mildred Fortin, and Wilma May were guests of Darlene Fisher on Wednesday for an evening of Scrabble.

Kelly Olson, Rory Wendelin, and Jessica Bremer were among those attending Sarah Marcuson's surprise 18th birthday at the Gail Marcuson home Saturday evening.

Jessica Bremer was a Saturday

overnight guest of Arthur and Alice May while her parents were in Great Bend.

'Live A Risen Life'

By Rev. George Kochovelikkakam of Oberlin Sacred Heart Catholic Church

"I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever," Christ says triumphantly (Rev. 1:18). This revolutionizes our lives. When Jesus rises, he doesn't do so alone. He takes with him all who believe in him. To believe in the Lord's resurrection is to believe in one's own resurrection.

Not only a resurrection sometime in the future, on the last day, but a resurrection that has already taken place.

Through faith and baptism we have died to sin. We have received a new life, and this life is Christ. Are we giving this life what it needs to act itself out? Humans often turn things upside down, which makes life very complicated. We strive for the true life as an elevated ideal which we may eventually reach if we work hard enough at it. We develop a

certain moral code and then try — by our own efforts and strengths — to acquire virtues, be good and irreplaceable.

The New Testament, especially in the writing of Saint Paul, takes a different view of this. Holiness is something we have already been given — we carry it deep within us. All we need to do is let this holiness shine through us. Because we are God's chosen and holy ones we should be good, friendly and humble (Col. 3:12).

Once we are truly convinced of the holiness inside of us, we will no longer sin. There will be harmony between what we most intimately are and what we do. If we clothe ourselves in our true being, Christ, then everything we do will be influenced by him. Then we are living, even now, a risen life.



Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Congratulations to Ashleigh Green, daughter of David and Dana Green, who was named to the National Dean's List, 2004-2005. She graduated from Washburn University on Dec. 10 with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice, with an emphasis on corrections and a minor in psychology, and an associate of arts in legal studies. She is a 2000 graduate of Atwood High School and is working in an attorney's office in Colorado Springs.

The National Dean's List is the largest, most prestigious publication in the country dedicated to recognizing academic excellence among college students. Each year the deans, faculty members and education professionals from over 2,500 college and universities select outstanding students for nomination to the National Dean's List.

Her parents are David and Dana Green. She is the granddaughter of Merlin and Dixie Green of Ludell, and Judy Castle of Aurora, Colo.

Word was received last week of the death of Shirley Woods, 72, of Mankato. She and her husband, Bill, and their family, were former Atwood residents when he was vocation teacher and they attended the Herndon Covenant Church. Fu-

neral services were held on Wednesday. Mail will reach the family at 703 NW, Mankato, Kan., 66956.

Mac and Jeri McPheeters of Colby visited on Saturday with Dave and Sherry Bergling.

Elma Lee Erickson presented a program on cookie jars at the spring salad luncheon on Saturday, sponsored by Covenant Women Ministries at the Herndon Covenant Church for members and guests.

Detta Anderson spent last week in Manhattan to be with her sister, Cheryl Stull of Solomon, who was hospitalized, and her husband, Wane Stull. Mrs. Stull has returned home and is improving.

Jerry and Cheryl Hill, who have been houseguests of Steve and Arian Arnold for several weeks, have moved to the home they recently purchased at Norcatour. Assisting them with the move were their children, Matt, Erin and Lori of Denver; Sandra and Tim Craig of Fort Collins, Colo., and Don and Joye Hill of Dacona, Colo.

Blaine Ginther, Cameron, Will and Sophia visited on Saturday at the home of J.R. and Carrol Ginther.

Mary Lou Olson took Margaret McEvoy out for lunch on Friday for her birthday, which was April 6.

Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:

OBERLIN SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
785-475-3103
The Rev. George Kochovelikkakam, MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEOVILLE
The Rev. George Kochovelikkakam
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN
The Rev. George Kochovelikkakam
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Jim Martin
120 South East, Oberlin
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.

JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS
Glenn Krebs, pastor
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
DRESDEN
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.

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.

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.

OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
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
MASS: SUNDAY, 8 a.m.

HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH
Keith Reuther, Pastor
Phone 785-322-5316
SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.

NORCATOUR UNITED METHODIST
Pastor: Kathy Aeillo
Almena
SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

LYLE UNITED METHODIST
Carol Woodmanee, Almena
Lyle Lay Speaker
SUNDAY: Morning Worship 8 a.m.

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.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
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.

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