



A crew of volunteers (above) scooped dirt from the gutters on Main Street to get downtown Norcatur ready for Memorial weekend. They were from left to right, Carl Lyon, Gary

New, Randy Allen and John New. City councilman, Jim Plotts, left, and former mayor, Doug Dempewolf, (below) did their share during the annual town clean-up.

— Telegram photos by Carolyn Plotts

Norcatur's citizens clean up their town

Every year during the week before Memorial Day, the townspeople of Norcatur take special care to spruce up their town.

One night is designated as Main Street Clean-Up Night and volunteers show up with push brooms, shovels, tractors, bedding flowers for planters and garden tools. This year the city even had the use of an automatic street sweeper which sped up the cleaning process.

Man power was still needed to loosen packed dirt from the gutters and hand brooms swept up the small pieces.

Volunteers that helped ready downtown Norcatur for the weekend were: Gary Anthony, Carol New, Janice O'Hare, Linda Hunt, Jim Plotts, Troy Wentz, Carl Lyon, Randy Allen, John New, Gary New and Jerry Hill.



Catholic Church gives scholarships to local students

The St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Norton, has awarded 13 scholarships totaling \$11,000 to several area students.

Rachelle Donovan, daughter of David and Lisa Donovan, Norton, has been awarded the \$1,000 Gordon and Lulu Brantley Memorial Scholarship. Miss Donovan is attending Fort Hays State University working towards a degree in social work.

The \$500 Steven Wahlmeier Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to **Shannon Bechard**, daughter of Harold and Susan Bechard, Salina. Miss Bechard will be attending Washburn University.

Alyssa Kaus, daughter of Bob and Deb Kaus, Norton, has been awarded the \$500 A.M. "Babe"

and Josephine Hickert Memorial Scholarship. She is attending the University of Nebraska/Kearney.

The Glen and Helen Tweed Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, has been awarded to **Brian Juenemann**, son of Lee and Angie Juenemann, Norton. Brian plans to attend Fort Hays State University and study agriculture business.

Kelli Cole, daughter of Jim and Monica Cole, Long Island, is the recipient of the \$750 St. Francis of Assisi Parish Scholarship. Miss Cole is planning to attend Cloud County Community College to study business.

Dana Hillebrand, daughter of Gary and Sue Hillebrand, Norton, has received a \$1,000 Jack and Wanda Mechsner Scholarship for

the coming year. Miss Hillebrand plans to attend Pratt Community College to study agriculture.

Jared Engelbert, son of John and Pam Engelbert, Norton, will also receive a \$1,000 Jack and Wanda Mechsner Scholarship. He plans to attend the University of Nebraska/Kearney to study finance.

A third Jack and Wanda Mechsner Scholarship, for \$750, has been awarded to **Kayleigh Brooks**, daughter of Debbie Graham and Dennis Brooks, Norton. Miss Brooks will attend the University of Kansas to study pharmacy.

The Evelyn and Lester Fredde Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each, have been awarded to: **Nicholas Lewis**, son of Ann Wolf and Tim Lewis; **Sarah**

McDiffett, daughter of Chriss and Evelyn McDiffett; **Ryan Maddy**, son of Rod and Tammy Maddy; **Kevin Lentz**, son of Mike and Katie Lentz; and **Reesa Volgamore**, daughter of Mike and Jan Volgamore. Mr. Lewis will attend Barton County Community College to study computer science; Miss McDiffett will continue her studies in engineering at Northwest Kansas Vocational Technical College; Mr. Maddy will continue his education at Bethany College studying accounting; Mr. Lentz will continue his studies at Kansas State university where he is majoring in geography and pre-law; and Miss Volgamore will be attending Fort Hays State University to study communication disorders.

Leaf rust spreading to southern Kansas

Wheat Foliar Fungicides... As of May 5, the races of leaf rust that are attacking some plants are now present in the southern parts of the state, they are experiencing some significant pressure. Early May is a critical time to look at any foliar fungicides for wheat. Looking at current disease pressure, varietal resistance, and yield potential can help decide treatment. Fungicides differ in their application timing from boot stage through the fully headed stage. Assuming some statewide research that has showed 5, 10, or 15 percent yield response to treatment, one can estimate a quick and easy evaluation.

Typically the recommendation is to consider treatment if you feel your yield potential may be at or greater than the 45 bushel mark, and you have very susceptible varieties. Now with the returns for a seed production field, the economics are more attractive due to the higher selling price of seed.

A field would be a candidate for a fungicide application if it is at the flag leaf emergence through heading stages of growth. If leaf rust becomes established on the flag leaf prior to heading, yield losses may exceed 30 percent in susceptible varieties. It is too late to apply a fungicide if leaf rust has already exceeded 5 to 15 percent severity on the flag leaves at heading. In this situation, the next generation of lesions is already developing within the plants, and considerable damage to the leaf tissue has already occurred. These products are locally systemic which means they will be rain-fast as soon as they dry on the leaves but will not move into parts of the plant that are not covered by the fungicide. The products will provide 14 to 21 days of protection depending on the level of disease pressure.

Historical averages statewide from K-State Research and Extension Plant Pathologist average about 4-5 bushel response to fungicide treatments.

With the help of the USDA rust lab we have looked at the Norton County plots and although the data is several years old it does show some interesting facts. From 1999-2002 in our previous plots the average increase over treatment versus not treating

Views with Van Keith VanSike, Extension Director



was a benefit of 6.5 bushels. Some years the difference was not in favor of using fungicide and some of it was a benefit. Again, for fields with higher disease pressure, higher yield potential and higher selling price the economics are more attractive to a fungicide treatment for wheat. Some varieties that are most susceptible are Jagger, Jagalene, Overly, T-81, Dominator, Karl, Ike, Keota, Hatcher, 2163, 2137.

Cedar Apple Rust

This time of year the very prevalent fungus disease will begin to show in the juniper related trees. With warmer temperatures and some higher humidity or rain, we will see the orange jelly like galls form on the juniper trees. These rarely cause severe damage but can become very thick on a tree. The fungus is passing from the juniper to species of crab apple or apple trees. When it harbors in these tree species it can cause some loss in the foliage and fruit if it is extremely heavy on trees.

The current treatment is to remove the orange galls from the juniper trees if it is not too overwhelming of a job. The galls die when removed. The other best treatment is to treat the foliage of the apple or crab apple with a fungicide that has cedar-apple rust specifically on its label. Some ingredients are ferbam, maneb or mancozeb, chlorothalonil, and triforine are among a few that you may find. Follow the label guidelines but usually applications are needed about every 10 days from late April to early June on the apple tree foliage.

It does not really make any difference about planting distance between juniper types and apples. The fungus can travel by wind for half mile or more.

Norton County Wheat Plot Tour

Please note the date of Thursday, June 7 at 7 p.m. for this annual tour. Tim Schulze planted the plot located about a half mile west of road marker L-3, go west of Norton to W-3, then 1 mile north to L-3 then about a half mile west, you should see the signs.

The Norton City/County Economic Development Office, the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Norton County Extension Office will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, May 29 at 7 p.m. in the library community room. The purpose of the meeting will be to brainstorm ideas on a Farmer's Market/Open Air Market within the City of Norton. The goal is to promote our agricultural and hand crafted products in the hopes of bringing increased foot traffic through downtown. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. For more information contact the Economic Development Office at 874-4816.

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Our entertainment this year are two of the funniest and zaniest ladies that you will ever meet, "Tina and Lena". Their engaging variety show is a rich blend of clever cornball comedy, musical harmony and spirited antics...a celebration of the audience that goes full blast in high gear from start to finish.
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Norton Municipal Swimming Pool Opens Monday, May 28th

POOL HOURS: MONDAY-THURSDAY: 1:00-5:00 P.M. AND 6:30-8:30 P.M.; FRIDAY-SUNDAY: 1:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.
ADULT LAP SWIM: MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY: 12:00 NOON-1:00 P.M.
Daily Admission Price: \$1.50 Per Person; 20 Punch Card—\$25.00
Season Tickets: Individual-\$30.00; Family-\$75.00 (Immediate Family Only)
Private Pool Party: 40 People or Less-\$75.00; Over 40 People-\$100.00

The Pool will be closed if the following conditions occur:
 5 swimmers or less; lightning, rain or severe storms in the immediate area; or if the outside temperature is 65° or colder.
 Children under 5 will not be allowed unless accompanied by an Adult.
 Children 6 and under who are accompanied by an adult are admitted to the Baby Pool Free. There will be no lifeguard on duty at the Baby Pool

Pool Passes will be sold at the City Office on Thur., May 24, and Fri., May 25, during normal business hours for those wishing to purchase tickets in advance
Jill Lively, Pool Manager — Tamra Cochran, Assistant Manager

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