

Army Achievement Medal given to Norton High School graduate

Army Cpl. Brandon N. Otter has been awarded the Army Achievement Medal for participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The medal is awarded to soldiers who have served in any capacity in an area authorized by the Secretary of the Army. The recipients must have distinguished themselves by meritorious service or achievement while acting on behalf of the Army. In addition, Cpl. Otter was awarded the Combat Action Badge. Otter is an AH-64 attack helicopter repairer and crew chief

assigned to a Logistical Support Area based in Balad, Iraq. The corporal has served in the military for three years. He is the son of Francis G. and LeVonne M. Otter of Highway Contract Route 1, Clayton. The corporal graduated in 2004 from Norton Community High School, Norton. Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protec-

tion, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq. Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy.

Tornado death has Oberlin ties

The tornado that struck Chapman last Wednesday claimed the life of Crystal P. Bishop, 21, a granddaughter of Derry W. Bishop of Oberlin and mother of an 18-month-old daughter. Ms. Bishop, who apparently was hit by debris while running to shelter, was the only fatality reported from the Chapman storm. The tornado was in a line of storms which cut a diagonal swath across Kansas, destroying much of that town of 1,400. The same system left millions of dollars worth of damage in Manhattan. According to a report by KSN Television News, Mr. Bishop said that his daughter and her boyfriend were running with the baby, Bianca Whitefoot, toward

a shelter. They were caught in the tornado, he said, and Crystal died after being hit by debris. The couple's home was demolished, he said, reduced to an empty lot. A neighbor tried to save Crystal by performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation after the twister passed, the network said, but she died before rescue crews arrived. Ms. Bishop was born Feb. 10, 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 boy-

friend, 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.

Head scabs latest wheat concern

By STEVE WATSON swatson@ksu.edu Some Kansas wheat producers are reporting above normal levels of head scab in their crops, according to a Kansas State University scientist. "Head scab was favored by frequent rainfall that occurred just prior to and during the time of flowering," said Erick DeWolf, K-State Research and Extension plant pathologist. "The disease is most common in the eastern third of the state, but can also be found at low levels in parts of central Kansas," Mr. DeWolf said. "The symptoms of head scab include large tan or white lesions that encompass one or more spikelets. Heads infected by scab will often have a brown discoloration of the rachis (central stem of the wheat head) and the developing kernels will have a white chalky appearance," he said. "The base of diseased spikelets may also have a small pink mass that is produced by the fungus that causes head scab," he said. Nothing can be done at this point to prevent head scab, although it is important for producers to be scouting their fields for the

disease, he said. The symptoms become most obvious as the wheat moves into late milk and early dough stages of development. "It will be important to check multiple times during the grain filling period because the symptoms of head scab can change rapidly in just a few days," Mr. DeWolf said. "It is common to see the incidence of scab symptoms increase dramatically in a three- to five-day period." The infection typically takes place during flowering and the early stages of grain fill, and would require fungicide applications of products such as Folicur, Proline, or Caramba (all newly labeled products) to suppress the disease. Producers should also avoid using the most susceptible varieties and avoid planting wheat after corn, which is also a host of the fungus, Mr. DeWolf said. Cropping systems and tillage systems have an effect on the development of head scab in wheat, said Jim Shroyer, K-State Research and Extension crop production specialist. Corn residue and infected wheat residue are prime sources of head scab infections in the spring near flowering time, he said.

Wheat planted into or near corn residue, or continuous wheat planted into fields with infected wheat residue or infected wheat seed, is often more likely to have head scab infections than wheat planted after a broadleaf crop, grain sorghum, or on fallow ground, Mr. DeWolf said. However, wheat planted after a broadleaf crop or grain sorghum may still get infected with head scab some years since the Fusarium fungus is airborne and may travel great distances from the original source of inoculum — corn, wheat, or grass residues. Broadleaf crops, such as soybeans, sunflowers, canola, and cotton, are not hosts of the Fusarium head scab fungus, said Mr. DeWolf. Where scab has been a problem, producers may want to rotate to one of those crops the following year, added Mr. Shroyer. Producers who irrigate wheat should avoid watering the wheat during flowering through early grain fill, said Mr. Shroyer. More information on head scab in wheat is available on the Department of Plant Pathology Fact Sheet on the Web at: www.plantpath.ksu.edu/ and type in Wheat Scab.

New conservationist named

Eric B. Banks is the new state conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. He began his responsibility in early June from offices located in Salina. Mr. Banks, before accepting the Kansas position, served as the Assistant State Conservationist for Financial Assistance Programs in

Phoenix, Ariz. In Arizona he was responsible for the management of all Farm Bill programs. Mr. Banks brings a background of diverse experience to the Kansas natural resources conservation partnership. His experience in a variety of managerial and technical positions includes Acting National Grassland Reserve Program manager in Washington,

Rope maker



Kegan Vanover helped make rope during the recent "Then and Now" Day Camp help in Elmwood Park and the 4-H Building. The camp was an exercise in showing youngsters how things used to be done.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Schools join program

Just in time for the summer, the Norton School District signed an agreement to participate in the Nex-Tech Wireless *School Rebate Program*. The program, offered exclusively through Nex-Tech Wireless, allows wireless users to help raise additional funds for the school of their choice by simply using their phone. The summer months will allow Norton schools to earn funds that may be used during the 2008-2009 school year. "We are excited to have the Norton School District taking part in the *School Rebate Program*," Bill Bernhart, Director of Sales and Marketing for Nex-Tech Wireless, said. "The program is incredibly simple but the benefits and impact are huge. The more people who participate, the greater the amount of funds Norton community schools will have at their discretion." Since the program began in the fall of 2006, Nex-Tech Wireless has donated over \$20,000 to schools throughout their service area. The *School Rebate Program* was created to support local schools by offering additional funds that may be used as needed

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