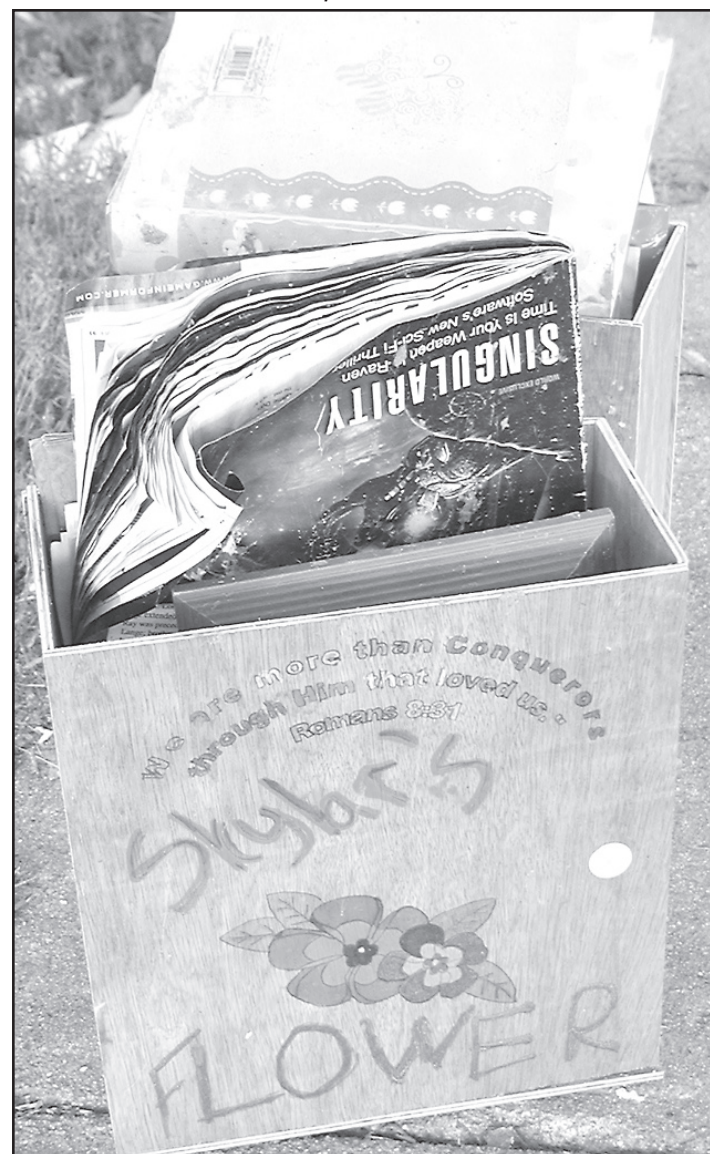


All that is left!



A box of small possessions sits on the sidewalk outside the burned out home of Skylar and her sisters. The family lost everything in the fire that happened last weekend in Alma. See story on Page 1

-Telegram photo by Harriett Gill

Help available for growers

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SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAM

Corn Growers Beware - Gray Leaf Spot Has Arrived

As is often the case, June rains were both a blessing and a curse for farmers. One problem stemming from the moisture is gray leaf spot that has been building in corn fields in northeast and north central Kansas, according to Kansas State University Research and Extension plant pathologist Doug Jardine.

"Rains earlier in June allowed the disease to gain a foothold in the lower canopy and it is beginning to move upward in some fields. One field in Pottawatomie County had lesions on the ear leaf, and pollination had not begun yet," he said.

Gray leaf spot lesions tend to be rectangular, Jardine said, adding that early lesions are small, brown spots with yellow haloes that gradually expand to full-sized lesions. Expanding lesions are initially tan and later turn gray on the underside of the leaf during moist conditions.

A spray calculator to assist in fungicide application decisions is available on the K-State Department of Agricultural Economics Agmanager.info website: <http://www.agmanager.info/crops/prodecon/decision/CropSpray.swf>. Producers can put in their own data to determine whether or not a fungicide application might be profitable.

"Many fields that are planted to more resistant hybrids, especially when rotation and tillage are used, probably would not reach the break even level," Jardine said.

Products containing both a strobiluron and a triazole mode of action work well, he added. Those currently registered in Kansas include Headline AMP, Quilt, Quilt Xcel and Stratego.

Vegetable Harvest Is Drawing Near

The time is approaching when gardeners should watch for signs their vegetables are ready to harvest.

"Potatoes are ready to harvest when the vines are about half dead," said Ward Upham, a horticulturist with Kansas State University Research and Extension. This usually happens in June to July or September to October, depending on when they were planted.

"Potatoes dug too early have tender skins and are easily bruised," he said. "Delaying digging will allow the soil to heat since it is no longer shaded by foliage. High soil temperatures can lead to sprouting potatoes."

Upham said it is important to allow potatoes to "set" by keeping them in a shady, dry location for about a day. They may be moved to a cool, moist environment like a cellar or basement for longer storage.

Upham also gave advice on harvesting onions, which are usually ready in mid-July through August. Onions are ready to harvest when about half of the plants' tops have fallen over, he said.

"This is a sign that the onions are mature and need to be pulled out of the ground, as bulbs may sunburn without the foliage to protect them," he added.

Onions should be moved to a shaded, well-ventilated area right after harvest.

The secret to onions keeping well is to allow the tops to dry completely before storage. After the tops are dry, they can be moved to a cool, dry location, he said.

Upham also said to avoid storing onions in plastic bags since the lack of air circulation will shorten storage life. He recommended using an open mesh bag instead.

Weather Favoring Brown Patch in Fescue Lawns

Those mornings when dew is on the grass and temperatures are in the high 60s F or above, the fungus that causes brown patch disease goes into overdrive.

Brown patch affects several cool-season lawn grasses. But, tall fescue is especially susceptible, said Megan Kennelly, plant pathologist with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

"In warm, humid weather, symptoms can develop in 24 to 48 hours. The soil may be moist, but an infected lawn can look drought-stressed," Kennelly said. "Diseased leaves turn a dark purple-green but quickly dry to a light tan or brown. They develop tan lesions with a brown border"

The overall pattern of lawn damage can vary. Infected areas may be round patches of blighted turf, ranging from several inches to several feet across.

More often, the damage is in irregular shapes, which sometimes look like a general browning of the lawn.

"Unless the infection is severe, most lawns can recover in two to four weeks. They just need the weather to change, so new, healthy leaves will emerge to

cover the damage," Kennelly said.

The brown patch fungus is a survivor. Most lawns already have plenty on hand, she explained. Fungicides to prevent and control the disease are available, too, but they can be costly. Some of the best aren't labeled for homeowner use. Plus, the disease tends to emerge in Kansas when cool-season turfgrasses are growing very slowly. So, rescue treatments don't always work well.

On the Web, Kennelly has posted the specific fungicides labeled for homeowner use at <http://www.plantpath.kstate.edu/DesktopModules/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=1128>.

"But, often the best defense is to manage turf so that conditions don't favor the disease. You start by watering early in the morning, since evening irrigation brings long, disease-fostering periods of leaf wetness," Kennelly said. "Also, select a resistant variety if you ever need to replant."

K-State research has found that mowing often without a grass catcher can reduce lawns nitrogen needs by up to 20 percent.

It also discourages disease, because the turf never gets overly tall, thus creating its own moist shade. Even infected turf's clippings will not spread or foster brown patch.

"Don't fertilize if you have active brown patch, though," Kennelly said. "And, never apply more than the recommended amount. Excess nitrogen makes brown patch cases more severe."

For more information: K-State Research and Extension News Media Services Elaine Edwards, coordinator elaine@ksu.edu

Blue spruce offered for free

Nebraska City, Neb. - Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in August will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign, a program dedicated to environmental stewardship through the planting of trees.

"Homeowners can use Colorado blue spruce trees in so many beneficial ways," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They can be used as ornamental trees, as an energy-saving windbreak, for privacy and as a living Christmas tree."

The trees will be shipped post-paid between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10, at the right time for planting in each member's area. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members of the Arbor Day Foundation will also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care, and Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Blue Spruces, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by August 31 or join online at arborday.org.

Museum to hold craft fair

The Dane G. Hansen Museum will sponsor the 37th Annual Hansen Arts and Crafts Fair, on Sat., Sept. 18, in Logan. Tad Felts will again be at the announcement booth; this is Tad's 35th year as Master of Ceremonies.

Chain saw artist, Gary Keenan, from Iowa will perform his chain saw artistry at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Drawings will be held at 11:45 a.m. and 2:25 p.m. for two of his carvings.

Kids will enjoy a 22 foot slide, an obstacle course and an enchanted castle from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Games and races will be held at 10 a.m. Face painting will be held in the Kid's Tent from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Live musicians on two stages will be performing. "Intensity", a national champion percussive power tap crew will be performing on the south stage at 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. "Uncalled 4", a local barbershop

quartet, will be performing on the north stage at 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

Antique appraiser, Bob Jones, from Jennings will be available in the Community Room of Hansen Plaza for a free verbal approximation of value for your antiques from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Registration forms to schedule a time for the appraisal are available through the Hansen Museum.

Purchase or renew your Museum membership to automatically get your name in for the \$500 Purchase Prize drawings held at 11:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. You must be present to win.

"Artist of the Month" will highlight the day with the selection of 12 new winners (and two alternates). Crafters will be judged by John Thorn, Hays. Join us for our 37th Annual Hansen Arts and Crafts Fair.

Police Log

July 17
6:00 p.m. Report of water leak
July 18
12:31 a.m. Report of family dispute
1:06 a.m. Report of fight, 100 block W. Main
3:24 a.m. Report of suspicious individual dressed in black
12:07 p.m. Motorist assist
6:58 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning civil matter
8:05 p.m. Report of vehicle driving recklessly
9:00 p.m. Two vehicle accident
9:00 p.m. Report of individual looking in windows
9:20 p.m. Report of suspicious vehicle, Loves
10:28 p.m. Request for civil standby
July 19
9:23 a.m. Report of bicycle left at practice field
12:31 p.m. Neighbor dispute, 500 block W. Washington
1:33 p.m. Report of someone trying to take battery
2:07 p.m. SRS investigation
5:42 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning daughters friends
6:19 p.m. Welfare check
10:05 p.m. Report of suspicious vehicle, 600 block Washington
July 20
12:30 a.m. Report of utility pole on fire
12:35 a.m. Report of intoxicated individual, taken into custody
12:50 a.m. Report of broken window, Sanders Furniture
8:32 a.m. Report of mail being

taken out of mail box
3:32 p.m. Report of juvenile running off again
7:59 p.m. Report of gunshots
July 21
1:44 p.m. Report of threatening text messages
2:39 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle
5:08 p.m. Report of someone dumping dead animal in private dumpster
7:19 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle
9:08 p.m. Noise complaint
9:50 p.m. Request for extra patrol
11:02 p.m. Report of small child walking up street
July 22
12:42 a.m. Activated alarm, Jamboree
4:23 a.m. Activated alarm, Jamboree
3:06 p.m. Report of vehicle losing big metal object, 2nd & Wilberforce
4:13 p.m. Report of suspicious individual, 100 block W. Lincoln
6:23 p.m. Report of dog following son home
11:16 p.m. Parking citation
July 23
1:55 a.m. Report of possible prowler, 500 block W. Wilton
7:43 a.m. Report of vehicle driving recklessly
8:27 a.m. Request for accident report
12:24 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle
2:15 p.m. Report of lost or stolen wallet
3:35 p.m. Request to speak to

officer concerning civil matter
6:59 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning mowing etiquette
8:20 p.m. Individual wanting to drain radiator onto street
9:38 p.m. Report of threats being made to individual
9:55 p.m. Vehicle stop, DUI individual taken into custody
July 24
7:29 a.m. Report of missing dog
8:54 a.m. Report of suspicious individual
11:10 a.m. Keys locked in vehicle
11:20 a.m. Keys locked in vehicle
11:21 a.m. Report of child riding bike in parking lot, Jamboree
11:28 a.m. Report of individual beating animal
11:51 a.m. Report of vehicle parked on wrong side of street
2:30 p.m. Report of hit and run accident
9:18 p.m. Report of pig loose, 300 block 1st St.
11:20 p.m. Report of possible drunk driver
July 25
1:49 a.m. Report of strange acting individual, 600 block W. Washington
2:37 a.m. Report of individuals messing with parked vehicle, Pamida
5:15 a.m. Vehicle pursuit, individual taken to custody
7:48 a.m. Report of dog running loose, S. 1st
8:23 a.m. Report of water leak

1:00 p.m. Report of stolen wallet
3:28 p.m. Report of vehicle parked facing traffic
8:37 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning civil matter
10:15 p.m. Report of possible scam
July 26
4:38 p.m. Request to speak to officer concerning civil matter
5:07 p.m. Request from Valley Hope to try and find phone number
7:03 p.m. Report of stolen wallet
8:50 a.m. Report of criminal damage to property
10:38 a.m. Individual taken into custody for domestic violence
1:00 p.m. Released vehicle from impound
2:00 p.m. Report of found wallet reported stolen
4:20 p.m. Request for information concerning ongoing case
4:52 p.m. Civil standby
9:04 p.m. Individual cited for MIP
July 27
9:23 a.m. Report of missing dog
9:35 a.m. EMS assist
12:30 p.m. EMS assist
1:54 p.m. Welfare check
2:00 p.m. Report of sexual assault
8:47 p.m. Report of identity theft
July 28
8:56 a.m. Keys locked in vehicle
11:11 a.m. Request for extra patrol

Super Croc is coming!



Beware!!! Super Croc is headed to Logan. Super Croc, created by Project Exploration, Chicago, Ill. will be on display from Aug. 13 to Nov. 7 at the Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum.

-Courtesy Photo



Outreach Classes in Norton

ENROLLMENT

MONDAY, AUGUST 16 — 5:00-6:30 P.M.

Enrollment will be held in the Norton Junior High School Cafeteria
Call Education Coordinator: Angela Melvin, 785-877-3518 (Home)

Classes not listed may be offered if sufficient interest exists

NO.	COURSE	CR.	INSTRUCTOR	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
AL101	Basic Nutrition	3	L. Killman	Norton Hospital	9/19	6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
CO208	Computer Workshop	1	E. Manning	High School	TBA	TBA
AL102	Medical Terminology	1	L. Killman	Norton Hospital	9/18	6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
AL104	Nurse Aide	5	L. Killman	Andbe Home	TBA	TBA
RE104	World Religion	3	S. Cade	Norton Junior High	TBA	TBA
EN176	English Comp. I	3	B. Gay	Norton Junior High	TBA	TBA