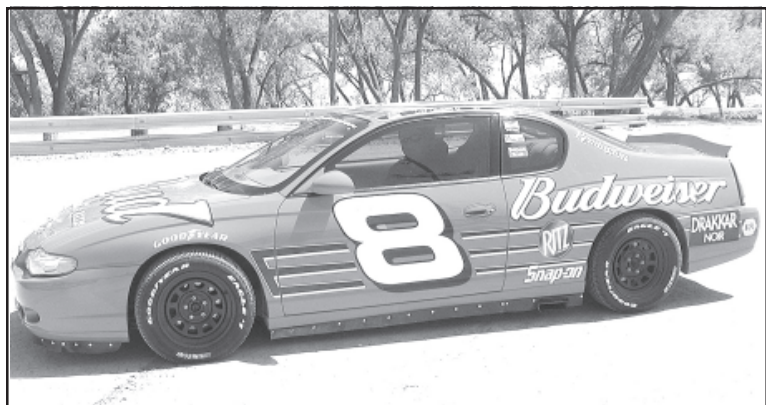


On the go...



Of Budweiser's five mock-race cars was in town this week on its way to the Atwood Rod Run tonight and tomorrow. The car is mostly just for show and won't be in the race.

— Telegram photos by Veronica Monier



Bananas, feathers mean healthy wheat

When looking at wheat freeze damage, you're looking for bananas and feathers.

With warmer weather conditions this past week we can see some stresses on to wheat that are magnified. The drought of earlier has caused the most stress causing some burning and stunting of the plants.

With the earlier freeze we could see possible freeze injury with white beards, and although I have not seen any significant damage to fields I have inspected, you may see chlorosis or bleaching of the awns.

Damage from freezing at the boot or heading stage reveals the spikes and glumes to become yellow to white and virtually without any substance to them.

The most sensitive time for freezing temperatures is at the flowering or "anthesis stage". Flowering on the wheat plant begins in the center of the head and moves both ways out to the ends over a 2 to 4 day period. When you see the yellow "flakes" or "flowers" hanging off a wheat head, these are the anthers that pollinated the florets and if these were

Views with Van Keith VanSki, Extension Director



damaged earlier they turn white to brown and do not shed pollen or extrude from the florets easily. Normal anthers are a light green, banana shaped, then turn yellow-brown after they mature.

Freezing at these stages causes no grain filling or partially filled spikes, even though the head may look normal. Normally, developing kernels grow to full size within 12 to 14 days after flowering but the kernels do not reach maximum weight for another two weeks after this.

Most wheat I had inspected was at the late joint or boot stage as a few weeks ago. I have not seen any extensive freeze damage to the reproductive parts of the plants that I have looked at. As you look at wheat plants, split the stem or strip the spikelet (or mesh) open to expose the reproductive parts.

The male anthers are banana shaped, 1/8 inch long and green now before the pollen is ready. There are three of them in each spikelet. In between them will be the "ovary" it will look like a small white "feather".

After pollination, the male flower parts will turn yellow then brown and fall off. If there was freeze damage to the anthers then they begin to shrivel, curl up and turn a white-yellow and then brown within 2 or 3 days after freezing.

Thus far I have seen only minor tip and leaf damage but have not come across any freeze damage to the heads.

The wheat plant is most sensitive to cold temperatures at the flowering stage not able to withstand even 32 degrees. The plant at the joint or early boot stage can take only about 2 hours of temperatures around 24 degrees. Wheat in a thick canopy and damp soil are usually more resistant to cold as opposed to thinner or drier more exposed plants with little canopy thus I see more stunting and damage by the earlier drier weather at this time.

Advocates get grant to help kids

The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the 17th Judicial District, Inc. was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant from Jewelers for Children, the leading charity of the U.S. jewelry industry. These funds were used to expand volunteer-based advocacy services for abused and neglected children in Decatur, Graham, Norton, Osborne, Phillips, and Smith counties. As a result of this grant, CASA of the 17th Judicial District, Inc. is serving 12 new children and trained 4 new volunteers.

"We are excited to award local program grants that support advocacy to change the lives of abused and neglected children around the country," says David Rocha, the Jewelers for Children Executive Director. "The CASA grants this year have a slightly greater focus on rural communities, providing much-needed help in areas where funds are sometimes scarce."

Since 2003, Jewelers for Children has funded advocacy services for abused and neglected children

in over 130 communities nationwide.

The National CASA Association provides leadership to more than 900 state and local organizations that champion the best interests of abused and neglected children. Across the country, more than 50,000 highly trained CASA volunteers serve as powerful advocates for these children, one child at a time, within the child welfare system.

"As a result of these grants, over 1000 abused and neglected children across the country will receive critical advocacy services," says Michael Piraino, National CASA Association CEO. "We are grateful to Jewelers For Children for their continued commitment to creating positive outcomes and better futures for our nation's foster children."

CASA of the 17th Judicial District, Inc. was started in 1992.

Nineteen trained and certified volunteers are currently advocating for the best interest of 29 abused and neglected children in the counties of Decatur, Graham, Norton, Osborne, Phillips, and Smith. CASA of the 17th Judicial District, Inc. is currently seeking applications to the volunteer program. For more information, contact Kristal Stanton, Executive Director at 785-345-4120.

Since 1999, JFC has donated more than \$18 million to specific programs benefiting children whose lives have been devastated either by catastrophic illness or abuse and neglect. In addition to the National CASA Association, JFC's charity partners include: the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. For more information on JFC please visit www.jewelersforchildren.org.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

NORTON Senior High:

Monday — Finals; State Golf at Hesston
 Tuesday — Finals; Track Awards Night, Music Room, 7 p.m.
 Friday — State Track at Wichita
 Saturday — State Track at Wichita

Junior High:

Monday — Awards Night, 7 p.m.

Eisenhower:

Monday — Celebrate Remainder of May Birthdays
 Tuesday — Fun Day, 1-3 p.m.
 Wednesday — Awards Day, 8:30 a.m.

All Schools:

Monday — Professional Development Meeting, Alice Tweed Office, 4 p.m.
 Wednesday — Final Day of School, Early Dismissal, No Meals Served, 11 a.m.; Retirement Reception, Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
 Thursday — Faculty Work Day

High School Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Cook's Choice, fruit or juice or cereal,

toast, milk; Lunch: Cook's Choice or chef salad, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cook's Choice, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Cook's Choice or chef salad, milk

Wednesday — No meals

Eisenhower Menus

Monday — Breakfast: Hard cooked eggs, toast, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Taco crunch, corn, tossed salad, mandarin oranges, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Sack lunch prepared by kitchen staff

Wednesday — No meals

NORTHERN VALLEY

Monday — Jr. High Graduation at Long Island in the Gym, 8 p.m.
 Tuesday — NVEA End of Year Party at Prairie Dog Golf Course in Norton; Eighth Grade Graduation Dance at Long Island in the band room, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Wednesday — Last Day of School, Dismiss at 1 p.m.; Fun Day at Long Island, 8:45 a.m.; Retirement Reception for Dwight Vallin, Mary Ellen Roeder and

Joanne Miller at Almena in the big gym, 3 p.m.

Thursday — Teacher Work Day
 Friday — High School State Track at Wichita

Saturday — High School State Track at Wichita; ARHS and NVHS Alumni Banquet at Almena in the big gym, 6:30 p.m.

Breakfast/Lunch Menus:

Monday — Breakfast: Ham-n-cheese biscuit, fruit, cereal; Lunch: Corndogs, potatoes, vegetables, fruit

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cherry muffin, sausage, juice, cereal; Lunch: Sandwich bar, potatoes, vegetables, pudding

Wednesday — Breakfast: Cinnamon bun, juice, cereal; No hot lunch served

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



The children of John and Pat Wright are hosting a Golden Anniversary open house to honor the couple.

Sunday, May 28
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Mike, Mary & Doug



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