

What is old made new again

Here’s another example of the “Cycle” I’ve often mentioned in this column. Bearded Iris... Our grandmothers loved them. They had massive Iris beds that they watered, weeded and divided. As a kid, I remember thinking, for all this work, they ought to bloom all summer long. But, that is not the case. Given all the calls, our office has gotten this summer about iris, what is old must be new again. And So It Goes...

Bearded irises are well adapted to Kansas and multiply quickly. After several years, the centers of the clumps tend to lose vigor, and flowering occurs toward the outside. Dividing iris every three to five years will help rejuvenate them and increase flowering.

Iris may be divided from late July through August, but late July through early August is ideal. Because iris clumps are fairly shallow, it is easy to dig up the entire clump. The root system of the plant consists of thick rhizomes and smaller feeder roots. Use a sharp knife

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to cut the rhizomes apart so each division consists of a fan of leaves and a section of rhizome.

The best divisions are made from a double fan that consists of two small rhizomes attached to a larger one, which forms a Y-shaped division. Each of these small rhizomes has a fan of leaves. The rhizomes that do not split produce single fans. The double fans are preferred because they produce more flowers the first year after planting. Single fans take a year to build up strength.

Rhizomes that show signs of damage due to iris borers or soft rot may be discarded, but you may want to physically remove borers from rhizomes and replant if the damage is not severe.

It is possible to treat mild cases of soft rot by scraping out the affected tissue, allowing it to dry in the sun and dipping it in a 10 percent solution of household bleach. Make the bleach solution by mixing one-part bleach with nine parts water. Rinse the treated rhizomes with water and allow them to dry before replanting.

Cut the leaves back by two-thirds before replanting. Prepare the soil by removing weeds and fertilizing. Fertilize according to soil test recommendations or by applying a complete fertilizer, such as a 10-10-10, at the rate of 1 pound per 100 square feet. Mix the fertilizer into the soil to a depth of 6 inches. Be wary of using a complete fertilizer in areas that have been fertilized heavily in the past. A growing number of soil tests show phosphorus levels that are quite high. In such cases, use a fertilizer that has a much higher first number (nitrogen) than second (phosphorus). (Source--Ward Upham, KSU)

The importance of timely vaccinations

Parents agree that feeding and sleep schedules are important to help keep their children healthy. The same goes for childhood immunizations. Vaccinating children on time is the best way to protect them from 14 serious and potentially deadly diseases before their second birthday.

“The recommended immunization schedule is designed to offer protection early in life,” said Dr. Anne Schuchat, Assistant Surgeon General and Director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “when babies are vulnerable and before it’s likely they will be exposed to diseases.”

Public health and medical experts base their vaccine recommendations on many factors. They study information about diseases and vaccines very carefully to decide which vaccines kids should get and when they should get them for best protection.

Although the number of vaccines a child needs in the first two years may seem like a lot, doctors know a great deal about the human immune system, and they know that a healthy baby’s immune system can handle get-

ting all vaccines when they are recommended. Dr. Schuchat cautions against parents delaying vaccination. “There is no known benefit to delaying vaccination. In fact, it puts babies at risk of getting sick because they are left vulnerable to catch serious diseases during the time they are not protected by vaccines.” When parents choose not to vaccinate or to follow a delayed schedule, children are left unprotected against diseases that still circulate in this country, like measles and whooping cough.

For example, more than 48,000 cases of whooping cough were reported in the United States in 2012. During this time, 20 deaths were reported—the majority of these deaths were in children younger than 3 months of age.

From January 1 through July 3, 2014, 554 confirmed measles cases have been reported in 20 states. Five total measles cases have been reported in Kansas during this time period. Jenda Jones, local health department nurse, relates “If your child is twelve months of age and has not had the Measles, Mumps, Rubella vaccine or has turned four and has not received their

second Measles, Mumps, Rubella vaccine, I would highly encourage you to make this a priority to protect your loved one against this potentially deadly disease.” In 2014, the United States has experienced the highest number of measles cases since it was eliminated from the United States in 2000. Staying on track with the immunization schedule ensures that children have the best protection against diseases like these by age two.

“I make sure my kids are vaccinated on time,” said Dr. Amanda Cohn, pediatrician and epidemiologist at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. “Getting children all the vaccines they need by age two is one of the best things parents can do to help keep their children safe and healthy.”

If you have questions about the childhood immunization schedule, talk with your child’s primary care physician or the Norton County Health Department. For more information about vaccines, go to www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents or call the health department at (785) 877-5745.

Roadwork in Decatur and Sheridan Counties

A project to seal 22 miles of K-9, K-123 and K-223 in Decatur and Sheridan Counties was scheduled to begin on July 15, weather permitting.

Traffic will be reduced to one lane and controlled by flaggers and a pilot car during daylight hours. Minor delays should be expected during construction, not exceeding 15 minutes. The Kansas Department of Transportation urges all motorists

to be alert, obey the warning signs, and “Give ‘Em a Brake!” when approaching and driving through the construction zone.

The Department of Transportation awarded the construction contract - totaling \$522,000 - to Mid America Road Builders, Inc. This project should be completed by August, weather permitting.

This project is funded by T-WORKS, the transportation

program passed by the Kansas Legislature in May 2010. Find out more about this and other T-WORKS projects at: kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/.

For questions concerning the project, please contact Kansas Department of Transportation Area 4 Engineer Mathew Withington at (785) 672-3113 or matheww@ksdot.org.

New library exhibits



Bill Beale’s collection of miniature vehicles is one of the new displays at the Norton Public Library.

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

By Beverly Kindler

It is that time again - there are new exhibits at the Norton Public Library.

Have you heard a frog croak from the pond this summer? Maybe not, but you will enjoy seeing the display of frogs from Cynthia Brown. She said, “I have liked frogs for a long time. When family and friends visited different places they would buy a frog for me.” So, Cynthia has frogs from several states and even one that is a hand made whistle from Belarus. The frogs in the collection came from jewelry stores, gift shops and garage sales as loving gifts to her. Cynthia’s husband liked frogs too, so they combined their collections when they married. You won’t hear the frogs croak, but you will enjoy seeing them in one of the horizontal display cases.

In the tall display case you will find an interesting display of miniature vehicles shared by Bill Beale. He re-

ported that in the late 70’s Big A Auto Parts started issuing a bank each year. This continued through Dec. 1997. At the same time Wix Oil Filter Company also started issuing a bank each year. You guessed it - “Bill was hooked!” Here you see a small part of his collection.

In the center horizontal case you will be reminded of how reading, writing and arithmetic were learned. This display of books and school projects is shared by Faith (Sprigg), Hays, Kan. She attended Hays District #52 for the first four years then attended Pleasantview District #19 for the last four years of ‘grade school.’

The little dolls and figurines are little gifts she received as a member of the girls club. Faith’s sixth grade teacher, Delpha Foss, taught the girls of her class how to embroider.

The small picture shows members of the 8th grade graduation class, of all Norton County country schools,

of which Faith was a member in 1940.

In the Art Gallery, Kristine Knapp presents her art display which includes watercolors, charcoals on canvas and pencil drawings. Kristine said she started doing art in high school with Mrs. Peggy Stull, instructor, continuing through Art IV and also did drawing with Mr. Ed Lawrence. At Kansas State University she was in Architectural Engineering but missed art so transferred to Ft. Hays where she earned a bachelor’s degree in graphic design and worked on a master’s degree in drawing. Then she moved to California but missed the small town life so is back in Norton. Now you will find Kristine at Studio 111 involved in her graphic design business. She is also teaching art and wine classes.

Plan to take time on a summer afternoon or evening to see these displays at the Norton Public Library.

COLLEGE NOTES

Wichita State University has announced the names of more than 2,100 students who were on the Wichita State University dean’s honor roll for spring 2014. To be included on the dean’s honor roll, a student must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. For a list of honor students, go to <http://www.wichita.edu/deanhnrl>.

More than 1,500 students completed degrees at Wichita State University in spring 2014. Undergraduate students who have attained a grade point average of 3.9 out of a possible 4.0 received the summa cum laude

award; those with an average of 3.55 received the magna cum laude award; and those with an average of 3.25 received the cum laude. Enclosed are names of local students who are among the spring 2014 graduates at Wichita State University.

Wichita State University enrolls more than 14,500 students and offers more than 50 undergraduate degree programs in more than 150 areas of study in six undergraduate colleges. The Graduate School offers an extensive program including 42 master’s degrees that offer study in more than 100 areas; a specialist in education degree; and doctoral degrees in applied

mathematics; audiology; chemistry; communication sciences and disorders; human factors and community/clinical psychology; educational leadership; nursing practice; physical therapy; and aerospace, electrical, industrial and mechanical engineering.

Students who made the Spring 2014 Dean’s Honor Roll and completed their degrees:

Jessica A. Holmes, Bachelor of Science, Dental Hygiene, Magna Cum Laude, Alma.

Spencer A. Shirk, Bachelor’s in Exercise Science, Summa Cum Laude, Norton.

PUBLIC RECORD

Municipal Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. These cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

July 10
June 29-Tanner Furbush, Norton; Charge: Stop sign violation; Plea: Guilty as amended;

Other Action: Amended to defective brakes by city prosecutor; Found: Guilty as amended; Sentence: Fine \$100, Costs \$76, Total \$176.

June 11-Julianna Wolfe, Eldorsburg, Md.; Charge: Speeding 45 in 35; Plea: No Contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, Costs: \$76, Total \$106.

June 27-Javier Benroma,

Almena; Charge: No proof of insurance; Other Action: Dismissed/Proof.

July 5-Robert Horesky, Norton; Charge: No proof of insurance; Other Action: Dismissed/Proof.



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FREE GOSPEL CONCERT

Tues., July 22 at 8 p.m.
Fair Grandstands in Norton

The Norton Ministerial Alliance is pleased to announce that Shelby Stevens of “Shelby and Company” will provide the special music this year at the opening of the Norton County Fair. Shelby is an accomplished song writer

and vocalist from McCook, Neb.

A free will offering will be taken.



INFORMATIONAL MEETING

*CHS Agri Service Center
will be holding an
informational meeting
for Wheat Growers.*

**Tuesday, July 29
Norton American Legion
5:30-8 p.m.**

*Dinner will be served. Topics will
include Fertility Management and Crop
Protections for wheat acres.*



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