

# Stripe rust disease threatens area wheat crop

By Jeanne Falk, K-State Agronomist

Stripe rust is a challenging wheat disease because it thrives in the same environment that wheat thrives. These conditions include moderate temperatures with moisture.

"I continue to get reports of low levels of stripe and leaf rust in Kansas," said Erick DeWolf, K-State wheat pathologist. Reports to date have come from primarily south central and central regions of the state.

Counties where stripe rust has been reported include: Harper, Kingman, Sedgwick, Pratt, Reno (south central); McPherson, Saline (Central). The wheat in these areas of the state ranges from flag leaf emergence to heading, which is approximately 2-3 weeks ahead of normal crop development, he said. Weather conditions this week have been favorable for continued spread and development of rust diseases."

With the storms that moved through the area in the last couple weeks, they circulated in a counterclockwise direction. This could

move rust spores from central Kansas to western Kansas.

This, he said, is a bit of a deviation from the normal south to north movement of the rust spores on the wind currents. There have also been reports of trace levels of rust in the panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma. These are usually the areas that are watched for the movement of stripe rust into northwest Kansas.

Finally, this is just an early warning and is not a cause for alarm, he said. It is just important that everyone know where we are with this disease.

"Our wheat is not in the stage of growth for fungicide applications to protect from rust," Mr. DeWolf said. "Wheat is normally treated when the flag leaf is at least 2/3 emerged. This is because fungicides move only on a limited basis within a leaf and will not move from leaf to leaf in the plant."

Those having questions, should call me at the K-State Extension office or at the Experiment Station in Colby at (785) 462-6281, Falk said.



RECEIVING DICTIONARIES at the Kansas honors dinner are Christina Schoenrogge, Isaac Schiltz and Tilyn Bell. Making the introductions, left, is St. Francis schools principal, Rob Schiltz.

Herald staff photo by Steve Haynes

## Students honored at program dinner

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Three St. Francis high school seniors and one Cheylin senior were among 59 students honored by the Kansas Honors Program at a dinner Wednesday in Oakley. Also on the list were one Brewster High senior and two from Golden Plains High School in Rexford.

The program, sponsored by the University of Kansas Alumni Association, honors students across Kansas who make up the top 10 percent of their graduating classes. The dinner in Oakley, held at the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center across from the courthouse, was one of 41 put on by the association.

The program, begun in 1971, honors top students regardless of

their plans for higher education or family ties. Many of the students said they would be attending Kansas State University or another school, though several said their plans included KU.

Students get a certificate and a copy of Webster's New College dictionary. Several of the superintendents and principals accompanying the senior recalled getting their dictionaries in the early years of the program.

Alumni volunteers had to take over the program after KU officials called to say the university's plane was fogbound in Lawrence and probably couldn't land in Colby or Oakley anyway.

Sherrie Wiedeman of Colby was the regional chair for the dinner and the designated master of ceremonies. She asked Jeff Mason, a Goodland lawyer and KU law grad, to fill in for the scheduled

speaker, Dr. Don Steeples, a professor of geophysics and former deputy provost of the university, who grew up in western Kansas.

Melissa Stramel of Colby, a pharmacy graduate, took over for Danny Lewis, director of alumni programs for the association, who was to have presented the gifts.

The crowd, including principals and students, parents and area KU alumni, filled the dining room at the service center.

Mr. Mason gave the students a little advice as they get ready for college, but warned:

"I am not an expert. An expert is someone who's more than 50 miles from home. Also, I don't expect you to remember anything I say."

He advised parents to be patient with their children.

"Some of you probably feel like you've fallen off the stupidity

cliff recently," he said. "But some day your child will come back to you as a resource. Be prepared for them to come home, too."

He told the students they shouldn't be afraid to change majors. He advised them to dream big.

"Don't underestimate yourselves," he said. "Go out and get to work. Have fun and stay curious."

St. Francis students at the dinner included Tilyn Bell, Isaac Schiltz and Christina Schoenrogge. Cheylin senior attending the dinner was Wil Orten.

It was not the first time the university's plane had been unable to deliver the dignitaries from Lawrence for a dinner out here. The same thing happened a couple of years ago. As the awards wrapped up and the dinner ended however, no one seemed to mind.

## Hospital board meets in basement of clinic

By Nathan Fiala  
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The Cheyenne county hospital board met in the basement of the clinic on Thursday, March 29. They first heard a diagnostic imaging report from manager Emily Rehmer. She reported that Darrell Reed, ultrasound and lab manager, wants to get a new table that would streamline the imaging process from what is set up now. She also mentioned the possibility of purchasing 3D imaging and bone density devices, but that a dexascan device would probably be more reasonable and possible for the hospital at this time.

Treasurer Jane Young wasn't

present, but she had given her report to hospital administrator Les Lacy, who read the report.

Mr. Lacy gave his administrator's report, most notably stating that this board meeting had been rescheduled because he and Great Plains Health Alliance representative Jackie John had attended a financial meeting in Washington D.C. at the time the meeting had originally been scheduled. He said they had 30 minutes to make their case to receive additional funding and he said the representatives seemed impressed with what he had to say. Mrs. John also said that the measurable standards of GPHA should give reason for the

politicians in Washington to take another look at their proposal.

Mr. Lacy also said that Deanna Grice is retiring and a new housekeeping manager would be sought out.

It was brought up that a service called Telestroke out of Denver is being considered. This service would put local staff in touch with specialists who could determine if clot-busting medications could be used during a stroke to make the effects less severe.

Mr. Lacy also said the hospital's health fair is scheduled to run April 16-20.

Toward the end of the meeting, Mr. Lacy suggested board mem-

bers start thinking about funding and how they want to proceed with that in the future. He realizes that asking for money from the county commissioners can ruffle a lot of feathers in the community, but that these funds are vital to retain and hire new staff members, and to purchase, repair and maintain equipment that keep the hospital competitive in the northwest Kansas area. Problems in past years are still present and aren't simply just going to go away by ignoring them.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 26 at 3 p.m. in the basement of the clinic.

## Moblie screening comes to Sainty

Free screenings for sight, hearing, blood pressure and diabetes testing will be available on Tuesday. All you have to do is show up, register and come inside for the different screenings.

The St. Francis Lions Club is hosting the Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit on Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cheyenne County Clinic. There will be free screenings in conjunction with the health fair that is going on at the same time.

The results of the testing will be given to each person who is tested, and those results can be taken to the appropriate medical professional. Adults and children are welcome.

The unit features a new piece of equipment which was recently purchased to provide visual screening for children from six months through pre-school age and older. This vision screener looks into the eyes through the pupils and sees problems before they become apparent to the parents or doctor.

Since young children do not

know how they should be seeing, their sight can be quite blurry or irregular, forcing them to cope in other ways and fooling parents into thinking their children see normally. The vision screener detects serious eye diseases and problems that then can be treated by ophthalmologists who specialize in such eye diseases and problems. It does not require much in the way of the infant's or child's cooperation- all he or she needs to do is look at the vision screener.

Many eye problems and serious, sight-robbing diseases begin in infancy or early childhood. While it is estimated that approximately 5-10 percent of all children experience sight-robbing vision problems, just 14 percent of U.S. Children six and younger see an eye doctor for testing. By the time they are four years of age, it can already be too late to stop or reverse the damage eye diseases are doing.

Take advantage of these free screenings. Many health problems can be minimized if we catch them in time. Take time to be tested. You are worth it!

## St. Francis News

Randall and Loretta Raile; Eric and Kasey Harper of Benkelman; Debra and George Harper were Saturday supper guests of Donna and Norvin Northrup celebrating several birthdays and anniversaries.

Virginia Cooper; Wanda Gienger; Mavem Gienger; and Floris Raile were Tuesday lunch guests of Donna Northrup, celebrating Virginia's birthday.

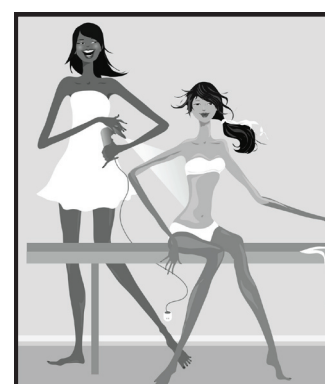
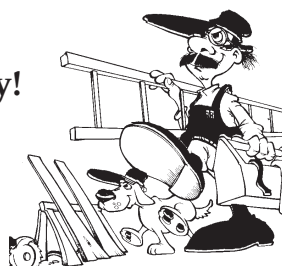
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St. Francis Community Schools  
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