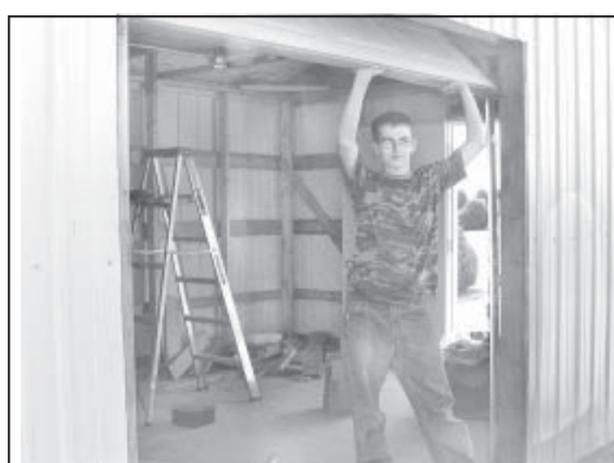




Justin Smith, 16, (above) loads up his tools after finishing his Eagle Scout project on Sunday. Justin, along with his parents, Joseph and Lucinda Smith, Hill City, built a 12' x 24' storage shed at Mt. Hope Cemetery, west of Almena. Justin (below), a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 181 of Norton, is ready to pull down the door of the new shed. He is a junior at Hill City High School.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts



# Eagle Scout finishes project

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Justin Smith of Hill City has been involved in Boy Scouting since he was six years old.

Now, 16, and a junior at Hill City High School, Justin has reached the pinnacle of his Boy Scout career. He is putting the finishing touches on his Eagle Scout project, a 12 foot by 24 foot storage building at Mt. Hope Cemetery, located approximately two miles west of Almena.

Over the years, Justin has earned more than 30 badges. He said his favorite badge was the Fish and

Wildlife Management badge. The badge that was the hardest for him to achieve was the Citizenship In the World badge.

Justin is a member of Norton Troop No. 181 where Pat Douglas is the Scoutmaster.

Justin said, "Scouting has helped me learn leadership skills."

After high school, he plans to study auto restoration at Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland.

His parents are Joseph and Lucinda Smith, Hill City.

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

## NORTON Senior High

Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; FCCLA Coat Drive; JV Football at Smith Center, 6 p.m.

Tuesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; 9 and 11 Grade Hearing Re-checks, 9:30 a.m.; Cheer, a.p.; Drama Club, a.p.; JV Tennis at Goodland, 4 p.m.; JV/Varsity Volleyball, Hoxie/Hill City/Stockton, here, senior night, 4 p.m.

Wednesday — Jay Singers, 7:30 a.m.; FFA District Land Judging at Hill City, 9 a.m.; SADD, a.p.; Homecoming Pre-Election, fourth hour; Homecoming Poster Party, 4-6 p.m.

Thursday — FFA, a.p.; FCCLA, a.p.; 9th Grade Volleyball vs Colby and Smith Center, here, 4:30 p.m.; Cross Country at Hill City, 5 p.m.

Friday — Model UN Meeting, a.p.; Football at Osborne, 7 p.m.

Saturday — KASL District VI Meeting; JV Volleyball at Hill City, 8:30 a.m.; FFA District Softball at Oakley, 9 a.m.; Varsity Tennis at WaKeeney, 9 a.m.; JV Tennis at Phillipsburg, 9 a.m.; Varsity Volleyball at Hays, noon

Sunday — Java Jive, JH Gym, 3 and 7 p.m.

Next Monday — Jay Singers, a.p.; 9th Grade Volleyball vs Osborne, Here, 5 p.m.; JV football vs Osborne, Here, 6 p.m.

## Junior High

Monday — Seventh Grade Football at Phillipsburg, 5 p.m.

Tuesday — Seventh Grade Hearing Re-Checks, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday — Site Council, 5 p.m.

Thursday — Volleyball vs McCook, Here, 4:30 p.m.; Seventh Grade Football vs McCook, Here, 5 p.m.; Eighth Grade Football vs McCook, Here, 7 p.m.

Saturday — Volleyball at Hoxie, 9 a.m.

## Eisenhower

Monday — Site Council, 7 p.m.

Wednesday — Team Meeting, Library, 3:40 p.m.; Title I Parent Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday — KASL District VI Meeting

## All Schools

Wednesday — Progress Reports Go Home

## Lunch Menus

### Junior/Senior High Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Yogurt, bagel with cream cheese, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Corn dog, peas, hot roll, carnival salad, rosy applesauce or chef salad, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Coffee cake, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Toasted cheese sandwich, green beans, combo salad, mixed fruit or chef salad, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Cinnamon bubble, fruit or juice of cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Ground beef gravy, whipped potatoes, carrots, hot roll, peaches or chef salad, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Cherry bread, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Burrito, lettuce and chopped tomato, corn, hot roll, pears or chef salad, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Hot cereal with toppings, fruit or juice or cereal, toast, milk; Lunch: Breaded meat patty, whipped potatoes with gravy, coleslaw, hot roll, mixed fruit or chef salad, milk

### Eisenhower Menus

Monday — Breakfast: Ice cold strawberries, bagel with cream cheese, milk; Lunch: Cavatini, tossed salad, peaches, French bread, milk

Tuesday — Breakfast: Sausage pancake stick, grape juice, milk; Lunch: Ham and cheese on homemade bun, pepper strips, pork and beans, pears, milk

Wednesday — Breakfast: Shipwreck, orange juice, milk; Lunch: Taco crunch, corn, tossed salad, chocolate cake, milk

Thursday — Breakfast: Apple wedge, banana spears, toast with peanut butter, milk; Lunch: Chicken supreme, green beans, baby carrots, fruit basket upset, milk

Friday — Breakfast: Hot ham slice, hashbrown patty, apple juice, milk; Lunch: Ham and beans, celery stick, cookie, cornbread, peaches, milk

## NORTHERN VALLEY SCHOOLS

Monday — Breakfast and Lunch Payment Due

Tuesday — HS Volleyball with Alma and Logan at Logan, 5 p.m.

Wednesday — Kansas Coordinated School Health Workshop at Oakley, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Thursday — Hansen Scholarship Test at Logan, 9 a.m. to noon; Sixth Grade to WACKY Day at Kirwin, 9 a.m.; Homecoming Court Photographs, 1 to 2 p.m. in the Gym; HS and Jr. High Cross Country at Hill City, 5 p.m.; Homecoming Bonfire, Almena, 8:30 p.m.

Friday — FHSU Fall English Workshop; Jr. High Volleyball and Football vs Western Plains at Almena; Volleyball at 2:30 p.m., Football at 4 p.m.; Homecoming Parade, 12:45 p.m., Almena; School will Dismiss at 1:30 p.m.; Bus Routes will run at 1:30 p.m.; HS Football vs Ransom at Almena, 7 p.m., HOMECOMING

Saturday — HS JV Volleyball Tournament at Plainville, 8:30 a.m.; Homecoming Dance, HS Auditorium, 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., Almena

### Menus

Monday — Breakfast: Waffles, pear half, cereal; Lunch: Ham patty on a bun, tri-tators, peas and carrots, fruity jello

Tuesday — Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, orange juice, cereal; Lunch: Chicken and noodles; mashed potatoes with whole wheat roll, broccoli, cherry crisp

Wednesday — Breakfast: Cinnamon butterflake biscuit, cantaloupe, cereal; Lunch: Enchiladas, tossed salad with dressing, corn, lemon pie

Thursday — Breakfast: Krispie treats, watermelon, cereal; Lunch: Monterey sandwich, mashed potatoes, California blend vegetables, watermelon/cantaloupe

Friday — Breakfast: Breakfast casserole, apricots, cereal; lunch: Macaroni and cheese, Little Smokies, whole wheat roll, green beans, frosted pear

# Mites attracted to volunteer wheat

With wheat planting right around the corner, many farmers are making sure they have everything in order so they can get the best possible stand of wheat.

From finding the right wheat variety to fertilizer application to checking on drills, many decisions are being made. One choice which may get overlooked is controlling volunteer wheat on and around the ground that will be planted this fall.

Volunteer wheat is a wonderful host to the wheat curl mite. These are tiny, cigar-shaped mites which can be viewed with a 10X magnifying lens. Mites move with the wind and form a new generation every 7-10 days. The mites themselves are not a problem, but they are a vector for wheat streak mosaic and High Plains mosaic.

These two viruses can cause significant yield loss. Fall infections can cause a 50 percent loss in yield while spring infections can cause a 20 percent loss. Last spring, we noticed a new virus that was killing wheat. K-State experts believe this new virus is actually a mutation of the High Plains virus. Complete loss of the crop was observed when wheat was infected with this new mutation, so controlling the wheat curl mite is even more important.

Wheat infected with wheat streak or High Plains mosaic develops yellow streaking or mosaic pattern on young leaves. Infected plants are stunted and tiller poorly, with those tillers usually growing on the ground.

Although there's not much you can do once wheat is infected, management practices can minimize chance of infection. First, control volunteer wheat. Curl mites multiply rapidly, so taking away host plants will cut the number of mites present. Volunteer wheat should be killed at least two weeks prior to wheat emergence. Incomplete kill of the volunteer plants will leave large numbers of

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wheat curl mites available to infect newly emerged wheat.

The second management practice is not to plant too early. Wheat curl mites go dormant when temperatures are around freezing. If you plant wheat after the Hessian "fly-free" date for their county, this will typically be late enough that there will be minimal opportunity for infection.

The final management practice is to plant a resistant wheat variety. Although resistance does vary, no variety has complete resistance. Varieties with the best resistance to wheat streak mosaic include Jagger, 2137, Jagalene, Cutter, and Overley, to name a few. However, since resistance is not complete, these varieties will still succumb to an infection of wheat streak if the wheat curl mite pressure is great. Currently, wheat varieties are not tested for their tolerance level to the High Plains mosaic virus.

Farmers need to work together in their area to control volunteer wheat and minimize infections. With the addition of not planting too early and using varieties with some resistance, infection levels should be low.

For more information on the mosaic viruses, please go to [www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/) under the Production and Pest icon and download the K-State publications "Be a Good Neighbor: Control Volunteer Wheat", "Wheat Variety Disease and Insect Rating Guide" and "Wheat Production Problems", or visit your county extension office to pick up a copy.

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