



Perched on the finger of Mary Sadlmayer, Norcatur, is one of her Amazon parrots. Mrs. Sadlmayer presented a program on parrots for part of the Norton Library's summer reading program. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Parrots liven up the public library

By CAROLYN PLOTTS
The fine feathered friends of Mary Sedlmayer and Sandy Gade, both of Norcatur, entertained children during the July 20 afternoon session of the summer reading program at the Norton Library. Claws, paws, snails and scales is the theme of this summer's program, but the program on parrots added feathers to the mix.
Mrs. Sedlmayer and Mrs. Gade have been friends for many years. The two also share a love of parrots. They brought three of their birds to the library. They were an African Grey belonging to Mrs. Gade and a 20-year old yellow-naped Amazon named Sassy and a six-year old blue-fronted Amazon, named Friday, belonging to Mrs.

Sedlmayer.
Mrs. Gade has another bird from Australia, an umbrella cockatoo. It has the mentality of a perpetual two-year old and is considered a pest in Australia.
Sassy was very talkative for the children. She said, "I love you," "Yes, sir, that's my baby," "Hi, Fri", and "Tickle, tickle, tickle."
Mrs. Sadlmayer said the African greys are especially smart with a mentality of a 15-year old. The Amazons are more like a perpetual six-year old.
She said she keeps the birds' wings clipped so they can't fly and each bird has its own roomy cage.
Mrs. Sadlmayer has raised birds since she was seven years old. She and her husband, Al, got their first birds in 1986. "It's been a downward spiral ever since," she

laughed. They lived in Arizona before moving to Kansas. While there, they had 160 breeding pairs. "Kansas is not a good breeding climate for parrots," she said, "Unless you have a climate controlled building."
The Sadlmayers moved to Norcatur in August of 2002, where they live right across the street from their good friends, Terry and Sandy Gade. They all met when Mr. Sadlmayer's brother married Mr. Gade's sister.
Mrs. Sadlmayer enjoys showing off her parrots and would like to share them with groups in the area. If you are interested in having her bring her birds to your club or school, call her at 785-693-8840.

Norton County wheat plot shows best results for planting

The results are in for the 2006 Norton County Wheat Plot.
The plot was sponsored by Roger Braun and Spencer Braun. The plot was planted Sept. 29 with a seeding rate of 85 pounds per acre except for Jagalene which was planted at 120 pounds per acre and Jagalene 102 at 68 pounds per acre. Trio seed was supplied by Carl Waglemeier and Keota seed from AhlSeeco. The crop was harvested June 28.
The Kansas Association of Wheat Growers supported this comparison project.
Ranking No. 1 was seed variety 2137. It was a hard red type grown with conventional till methods. It registered a 9.1 percent moisture at harvest with a test weight of 56.4 pounds. The yield was 75.8 bushels per acre.
Placing second was Jagalene 120, another hard red type. It, too was farmed with conventional tillage methods and recorded 9.3 moisture, 58.4 test weight and a

yield of 73.2 bushels per acre.
Jagger hard red placed third using conventional tillage. It had a moisture of 9.2, a test weight of 57.9 and a yield of 71.8 bushels per acre.
No. 4 went to Jagalene 102. Another hard red type, it was also farmed with conventional tillage. The moisture content was 9.3 percent, test weight was 58.8 and it yielded 68.8 bushels per acre.
Fifth place went to a hard red type called Stanton. It was farmed conventionally and showed a 9.3 percent moisture, a 57.9 test weight and a per acre yield of 68.3 bushels per acre.
Another hard red type, Jagalene, placed sixth with a moisture content of 9.2 per cent. It was farmed with conventional tillage methods and yielded a test weight of 58.3 pounds and 66.4 bushels per acre.
No. 7 was T-81, a hard red type, grown using conventional tillage. The moisture content was 9.3 percent, test weight, 57.5 pounds and

per acre yield was 65.8 bushels.
Jagalene 68 placed No. 8. It is a hard red type wheat and was farmed using conventional tillage methods. The moisture content was 9.3 percent, test weight was 58.9 pounds and per acre yield was 64.3 bushels per acre.
Another hard red type was 2137 which ranked No. 9. It was grown using the no till method. The moisture content was 8.9 percent, test weight was 65.3 pounds and bushels per acre yield was 61.7.
Rounding out the top ten was T-81, another hard red variety farmed using no till. It had a moisture content of 9 percent, a test weight of 57.2 pounds and a 60.6 bushels per acre yield.
The other varieties, in order were Cutter, T-812, Keota, Hatcher, Jagalene 120, T-81SV, Jagalene 102, Jagger, Stanton (no till), Jagalene 68, Cutter (no till), Trego, Overley, Infinity CL, Millennium and Danby.

College president to speak at meeting

Dr. Lynn Kreider, Colby Community College president, will be the guest speaker at the Norton Area Chamber of Commerce meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 9. Dr. Kreider, who began his duties as the school's fourth chief executive officer on July 1, will be speaking at noon at the Town and Country Kitchen.
Dr. Lynn Kreider, an experienced academic institutional leader with over 20 years of experience, was recently named as the fourth President at Colby Community College. Dr. Kreider was selected for the position following a comprehensive, nationwide search to fill the school's top job.
Prior to accepting the president's job at Colby, Dr. Kreider served as the first CEO/Chancellor of Louisiana Delta Community College, Monroe, La., for

five years. During his tenure, enrollment increased significantly and he was instrumental in the creation of the Louisiana Delta Community College Foundation, raising \$500,000 in scholarship funds and another \$300,000 in endowed professorships in the first year.
Prior to accepting the chancellor position at Louisiana Delta Community College, Dr. Kreider served as dean of professional and technology studies from 1997-2001 at Jackson State Community College, Jackson, Tenn. He also held several positions at Delaware Technical and Community College in Dover, Del., from 1989-1997.
Dr. Kreider is a graduate of Community College of the Air Force, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., with an associate degree in

aviation maintenance management. He received his undergraduate degree in industrial technology from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill. He continued his education at Wilmington College, Wilmington, Del., where he earned his master's degree in human resources management and his doctorate of education in educational innovation and leadership.
Dr. Kreider served in Vietnam as crew chief and forward observer. He was awarded the Bronze Star in 1968, the Meritorious Service Medal in 1987 and a Commendation Medal in 1967, 1976 and 1988. He was selected to receive the Lowell Barrett Award for Excellence in College Education in 1996 and is listed in Who's Who in American Educators.

Crop insurance forms need to be turned in

The application closing date for certain crops under the Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) is coming up.
Sept. 1 is the final date to pay the applicable service fee and obtain NAP coverage for barley, rye, triticale and wheat, as well as aquaculture, canola, Christmas trees, nursery crops, speltz and turf grass sod.
The administrative service fee is \$100 per crop per administrative county not to exceed \$300 per farmer per administrative county and a \$900 maximum fee for multi-county farmers. Those inter-

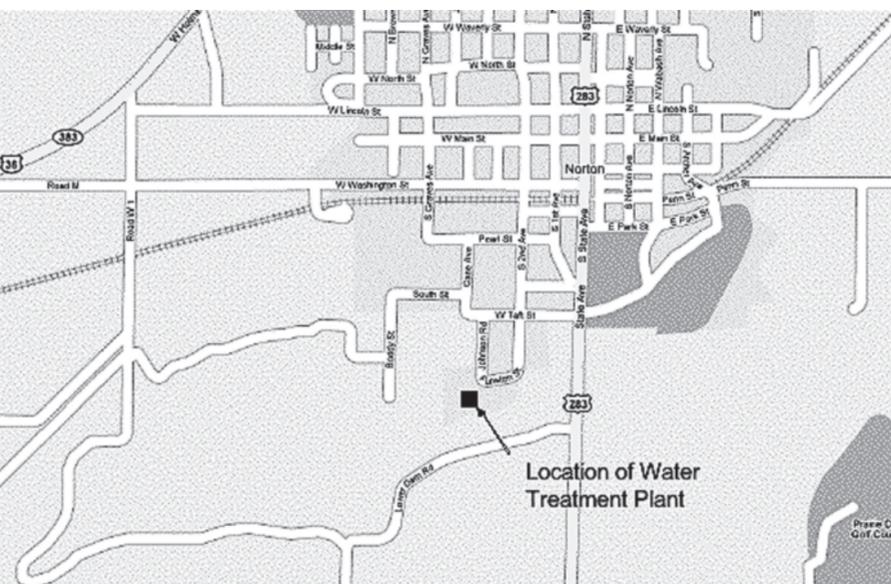
ested must pay the fee and file the application for coverage form by the closing deadline.
The coverage entitles eligible producers to a payment of 55 percent of an average market price for the commodity if a natural disaster causes a 50 percent production loss or greater of an eligible crop.
In the unfortunate event that a farmer does suffer a loss on their covered crop, the notice of loss form must be filed with the Farm Service Agency within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence, or the date the loss becomes

apparent to the farmer.
Farmers are limited to \$100,000 in benefits per person per crop year, they must certify crop acres by applicable deadlines, maintain production evidence for three years, not exceed the \$2 million gross revenue provisions, and must comply with conservation compliance provisions in order to be eligible.
Interested farmers should contact their local Farm Service Agency before the Sept. 1 application closing date to obtain NAP coverage.

PUBLIC NOTICE

USDA Rural Development for Norton sewer plant

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact.
The USDA, Rural Development has received an application for financial assistance from the City of Norton. The proposed project consists of an addition of three bulk storage facilities, rehabilitation of the two primary clarifiers, renovation and addition of a third filter, installation of a new chlorine contact tank and chemical feed building at the location of the existing water treatment facility. The existing facility is located at the south extension of Johnson Road and Funston Street in the City of Norton, Kansas.
As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, Rural Development has assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposed project and has determined that the proposal will not have a significant effect on the human environment and for which an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. The basis of this determination is made using a regulatory agency and public review of the project.
Copies of the Environmental Assessment can be reviewed or obtained at the USDA-RD, 2715 Canterbury Road, Hays, KS 67601. For further information, please contact Dave Barber at 785/628-3081 ext. 400.
A general location map of the proposal is shown below.



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