

# May critical time for fungicides in wheat

**Wheat Foliar Fungicides**  
As of May 13, the traces of leaf rust that are attacking some plants are now present in the southern parts of the state, and moving north. May is a critical time to look at any foliar fungicides for wheat. Looking at current disease pressure, varietal resistance, and yield potential can help decide treatment. Fungicides differ in their application timing but the most effective time to apply is between flag leaf emergence and fully headed. Some fungicides can be applied as late as 50 percent flowered. Assuming statewide research that has showed 4 percent to 13 percent yield response to treatment, one can estimate a quick and easy evaluation.

On average, statewide K-State Research has shown that on varieties of wheat that are very susceptible to diseases and during high Risk situations, one can see an average of 10 percent yield increase over non treated fields.

Typically the recommendation is to consider treatment if you feel your yield potential may be at or greater than the 40 bushel mark, and you have very susceptible varieties and optimum rust conditions. A field would be a candidate for a fungicide application if it is at the flag leaf emergence through heading stages of growth. If leaf rust becomes established on the flag leaf prior to heading, yield losses may exceed 30 percent in susceptible varieties. In this situation the next generation of lesions is already developing within the plants, and considerable damage to the leaf tissue has already occurred. Many products are locally systemic which means they will be rain fast as soon as they dry on the leaves but will not move into parts of the plant that are not covered by the fungicide. Some products have mixed modes of action and harvest restrictions on many prod-

ucts is anywhere from flag leaf full emergence to 45 days.

With the help of the USDA rust lab we have looked at the Norton County plots and although the data is several years old it does show some interesting facts. From 1999-2004 in our previous plots, the average increase over treatment versus not treating was a benefit of 7.5 bushels. Some years the difference was not in favor of using fungicide and some of it was a benefit. Again, for fields with higher disease pressure, higher yield potential and higher selling price the economics are more attractive to a fungicide treatment for wheat. Some varieties that are most susceptible are Jagger, Jagalene, Overly, T-81, Karl, Ike, Keota, Hatcher, 2137.

### Cedar Apple Rust

This time of year the very prevalent fungus disease will begin to show in the juniper related trees. With warmer temperatures and some higher humidity or rain, we will see the orange jelly like galls form on the juniper trees. These rarely cause severe damage but can become very thick on a tree. The fungus is now passing from the juniper to species of crab apple or apple trees. When it then harbors in these tree species it can cause some loss in the foliage and fruit if it is extremely heavy on trees.

The main concern is for the control of the disease on the apple trees. The current treatment is to remove the orange galls from the juniper trees if it is not too overwhelming of a job. The galls die when removed. The other best treatment is to treat the foliage of the apple or crab apple with a fungicide that has cedar-apple rust specifically on its label. Ingredients ferbam, maneb or mancozeb, chlorothalonil, and triforine are among a few that you may find. Follow the label guidelines but

**Views with Van Keith VanSike, Extension Director**



usually applications are needed about every 10 days from late April to early June on the apple tree foliage.

It does not really make any difference about planting distance between juniper types and apples. The fungus can travel by wind for one-half mile or more.

### Fertilize Peonies

Peonies do all their major growth in the spring before and at bloom. Their prime time for extra fertility need is early spring. Applying a low grade (10 to 20 percent nitrogen) fertilizer at a rate of 2-3 ounces now and in the fall after dormancy will really do wonders! Never apply fertilizer to crown — but place fertilizer around the soil about 8-18" from the crown and scratch it in.

(For more information, contact K-State Research & Extension, Norton County Office at 785-877-5755 or stop on the ground floor of the courthouse.)

## "Fun day" results told

The 31st annual Northern Valley Elementary Fun Day was held last Friday in Alma. One-hundred five students from grades kindergarten through sixth participated in the high jump, long jump, softball throw, sack race, 3-legged race, 50-yard dash, and 100-yard dash, totaling 420 individual events.

The first Fun Day was held in May of 1978 and there are two records still standing: 2nd Grade Boys 50-Yard Dash, Robbie Covington 7.4 and 3rd grade Girls Sack Race, Pennie Delimont 9.4.

This year the following students broke records:

2nd Grade Boys Long Jump, Chris Lowry, 10'3"; 2nd Grade Boys 3-Legged Race, Ross Cole / Riley Sides, 5.97; kindergarten Boys 25 yard Sack Race, Adam Moppin, 9.77; 6th grade Dash, Phillip Bryant, 6.62.

Fun Day organizers thanked the Northern Valley Honor Society students for helping with the activities and awards ceremony.

The day ended with the annual egg toss with Matt Stutsman and John Simpson proving to be victorious.

# Fun continues at Andbe

By ROSE ANN MILLER  
Special to The Telegram  
A crowd of nearly 40 Andbe Home residents and families and

friends, enjoyed a banquet on the fourth day of the National Nursing Week celebration last Wednesday evening. The theme of the week was "Echoes of my Life." The evening program dealt with weddings of the residents, family or friends.

Josie Stover, daughter of Tonya and Ryan Stover and Collin Hadley, son of Erin Hadley, held hands and were dressed as though they were playing "wedding." They walked about the dining room greeting those at tables. Some told them they were pretty and handsome. One comment given them was "congratulations!"

After some tables were cleared away, Al Leiker was the DJ playing music that the residents would have enjoyed through the years. Activity director Crystal Richards and Rose Ann Miller, S.S.D., then started the "wedding dance" by taking residents to the dance floor. Those in wheel chairs were turned and twirled to "dance." Dean Railsback told his partner Rose Ann that it was a lot like a "tiltawhirl ride."

Families became brave and started wheelchair dancing, too. There were many smiles and happy people who lasted out the evening until the ending of the party.



National Nursing Week got off to a good start at the Andbe Home Wednesday evening with a fried chicken supper and all the trimmings. One of the residents who enjoyed the evening was Violet Volgamore.

-Telegram photo Vicki Henderson



Helping to ensure everyone had a good time at the dance, Andbe home resident Bob Schick remained on the dance floor throughout the evening. Bob had the next dance with Evelyn Lyon. In the background providing music for the evening was Al Leiker, owner of the ThunderChord Guitars in Norton.

-Telegram photo by Vicki Henderson

## Accidents

April 24 — Candice Sage was the victim of a hit and run while her unattended car was parked on N. Grant. The driver of the second car is unknown.

April 30 — Venice Poage struck the passenger side of Eleanor Jensen's vehicle while both drivers were backing out of parking spaces. Jensen's vehicle was damaged.

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## Patrol reports fatal accident

An accident on highway K-9 last week Tuesday, claimed the life of Robert Sparks, 54, according to the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Mr. Sparks, according to the patrol's report, lost control of his Ford F150 just west of Logan. The vehicle went off the highway and rolled into a ditch, the report showed.

Sparks, the patrol said, was ejected from the driver's seat. He was taken by ambulance to the Norton County Hospital where he later died.

Mr. Sparks lived in Lenora and was reportedly en route to Norton for a doctor's appointment.

## PUBLIC RECORD

### Municipal Court

There were no transactions reported to the paper from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court.

### District Court

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse. Traffic, criminal and wildlife parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.

Limited action and small claim cases are reported only after the defendant is served.

### Traffic

May 7 — Mathew J. Butler, Evans, Colo., speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$57, court cost \$66.

May 7 — Justino Cruz-Reyes, Tustin, Calif., operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, fine \$69, court cost \$66.

May 7 — Dana M. Paxton, Nor-

ton, speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$57, court cost \$66.

May 7 — Bryan C. Shafer, Garden City, eleven hour rule violation and over weight limit on tandem axle, fine \$163, court cost \$66.

May 7 — Mathew Robert Wyatt, Norton, speeding 80 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$69, court cost \$66.

May 14 — Tyler B. Asher, Glade, speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$57, court cost \$66.

May 14 — Clayton R. Lubbers, Lamar, Colo., speeding 83 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$87, court cost \$66.

May 14 — Debra R. McMurdo, Smith Center, speeding 75 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$39, court cost \$66.

May 14 — Charles E. Moore, Barneston, Neb., over gross weight limits for vehicle, fine \$234, court cost \$66.

May 14 — Charles W. Perry, Kingman, Ariz., speeding 80

in a 65 mph zone and failure to wear seat belt, fine \$99, court cost \$66.

May 14 — Reginald Richmond, Memphis, Tenn., eleven hour rule violation, fine \$109, court cost \$66.

May 14 — Keith E. Russell, Hill City, speeding 80 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$99 and failure to wear seat belt, court cost \$66.

May 14 — Timothy A. Thompson, Iola, speeding 78 in a 65 mph zone, fine \$57, court cost \$66.



The children of **Frank Bouts** extend an invitation to his family and friends to join with them as they celebrate the occasion of his 80th Birthday.

An open house will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Selden Community Center on Saturday, May 23, 2009. If you are unable to attend, birthday greetings may be sent to Frank at P.O. Box 166, Selden, K& 67757.

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