

Shooting

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at the high school, had been at play practice. They were in the south parking lot behind the school when they first heard "between five and 10" rapid gunshots coming from the lot to the east.

"At first, we thought it was fireworks or a car backfiring," Ms. Edmonds said. "The band came outside, because they had heard it, too. After that, we all went back inside for another half-hour to 45 minutes before the police came, asked if we had seen anything and released us from the building."

She said that the general response to the shooting by those familiar with the town has been one of disbelief. After the incident, she said, she called her parents in Lansing and explained the situation.

"I told them what had happened," she said, "and my mom said, 'In Oberlin?!' I had student taught in Kansas City for six months, and then this sort of thing happens here, and just outside of the school building."

Mrs. Marchello described the gunshots as sounding like a "string of Black Cat fireworks going off." She said she saw the flash of a gun from where she stood in the parking lot, looking out onto Commercial.

Trena Farr Skufca, who lives across the street north of the house on Commercial and is a cook at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center, said she had returned home from walking her dog just after 8 p.m. She was sitting on the couch, watching television, when she

heard "quite a few" gunshots outside.

"I was sitting on my sofa and my door was open," Ms. Skufca said. "I heard the shots, and immediately thought it was kids playing with fireworks, but it was very loud. I got up and looked out the door and I saw someone shining a light on the body, and it looked like someone got hurt."

"So, I stepped out on my front porch to see if anyone needed to call 911, and noticed one of the officers had a gun. I just froze. After I saw the officer in uniform, I stepped back inside the house."

Originally from the McCook area, Ms. Skufca said that she had lived for a time in Washington, D.C., "the crime capital of the world," as she described it. But, she said, this is the first time she has ever experienced a violent scene right outside her own home.

"It's been a very eventful block since I moved here," she said. "It was very disturbing seeing the body covered with the white sheet."

She said she had seen county Emergency Medical Services Director Linda Manning cover the body.

"No one talked to me after the incident," she added. "I just stayed out of the way and kept to myself"

Mr. Koeperich said that the mood at the high school last Tuesday was nothing out of the ordinary, even though most of the students knew what had happened.

"There wasn't a big fuss about it," he said. "People were

talking about it. There was a teachers' meeting before school about what happened, and we were all talking to each other to find out what people had heard."

Meanwhile, KBI agents, the city police and highway patrol officers blocked-off Commercial and the parking lot behind the high school as the investigation into the incident carried on throughout the morning.

Mr. Spooner, whose adopted family lives in the Long Island area northeast of Norton, and whose mother teaches science at Northern Valley High School in Almena, has had a history of run-ins with the law in Decatur, Norton, Rooks and Phillips counties in Kansas since the age of 14, said Norton County Attorney Doug Sebelius.

On Tuesday, Feb. 18, Sheriff Ken Badsy reported that Mr. Spooner, while being booked into the Decatur County jail on a warrant out of Phillips County for burglary and theft, went on a drug-fueled rampage in his cell, kicking out one of the fourth-story windows of the jail and punching a hole in the ceiling. He was transported to the Phillips county jail the following morning.

Mr. Spooner was to appear in district court Thursday in Phillips County on these charges.

By late Tuesday afternoon, police had cleared the crime scene and removed the yellow tape surrounding it. People slowly drove past by the lot where the chase ended, as a light rain, seldom seen in these parts in recent years, washed away what signs of the shooting remained.

Gallentine Benefit



A benefit dinner was held for Doug Gallentine, Norton, on Saturday night at the American Legion to help pay for his medical bills and travel expenses to Kansas City. Doug has been diagnosed with terminal stomach cancer and was too weak to attend, according to his mother-in-law Donna Goscha, but phone calls and cards are welcome. The dinner included beef fries, ham, potato salad, baked beans and choice of cake. To help Doug with his expenses, donations can be sent to Doug Gallentine, 16236 Road W 6, Norton, KS 67654

—Telegram photo by Mike Stephens

Teens For Christ looking for Alumni

For over 35 years, the ministry of Teens For Christ Connection, based out of Phillipsburg, has been reaching out to teenagers in various communities of the western Kansas and southern Nebraska. With the heartbeat of the ministry being the American teenager, TFC through the years has offered weekly meetings, camps, Mission Trips, and various other activities to point teenagers to the Truth of Jesus Christ. Through seasons of changes in style of ministry and name changes (formerly called Golden Plains Youth for Christ 1977- 1989), TFC has had contact with hundreds and hundreds of past and current teenagers!

With a desire to build an Alumni Branch of ministry, TFC is looking for those who have been a part of the ministry in their Junior/Senior High years at their local TFC (YFC) groups from 1977 - 2012 graduates. They are also looking for community adult volunteers who have worked alongside them in ministry.

So if you, or your child, or friend, has been involved with TFC Connection or Golden Plains Youth for Christ in the past please contact them with

your information. It would be a blessing to "reconnect" with you. A quick form to fill out can be found at www.tfconnection.org/alumni-reconnect/ and hover over the Alumni Reconnect button to fill out and submit the form!

On April 5, a TFC Alumni Gathering will be held to launch this new branch of ministry. Information about the day and it's events can be found also at www.tfconnection.org.

Sudoku Puzzle #3209-M

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Medium

Archery

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Ryan Manning and Jeremy Hawks.

Now that the state is training the volunteers and has donated their percentage, the Norton Wild Turkey Federation picked up the rest of the tab to purchase complete kits for both schools. The kits include; 11 Matthews Genesis universal draw length bows, five dozen aluminum arrows, five targets, 1 30' back-stop safety net, 11 arm guards, one repair kit and one floor rack for hanging bows on.

John Ruder, banquet coordinator for the Norton Chapter, said, "I think it is a very good thing for the kids to get involved in and great for our schools to be able to offer it."

Like the Norton Pheasants Forever, Long Spur Chapter, the

Norton National Wild Turkey Federation, Prairie Dog Chapter does things to get youth involved with conservation and enjoying the great outdoors with shooting sports. In April, the Turkey Federation Chapter will be hosting a youth turkey hunt for ten lucky kids. All of the licenses, guns, ammo and blinds will be provided as well as a seasoned turkey hunter to lead the way.

In order to hold this activity, the chapter is looking for land to hunt on. So, if you have too many turkey lurking around and wouldn't mind letting these chapter members take the kids hunting on your land, please contact John Ruder at 785-871-0168 or Chapter President, Jerry Hawks at 785-877-3885.

We are very fortunate to have

such great stewards of wildlife conservation in our area, help support the local Pheasants Forever and Wild Turkey Federation chapters, the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism and our youth.



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"Juniors"

Across

- 1 Jeans material
- 6 Work on the turkey
- 11 One of the Bushes
- 14 Actress Christensen
- 15 Pale
- 16 Before, in poems
- 17 Hollywood starlet of the 1940s and 1950s
- 19 Falsehood
- 20 Solid ___ rock
- 21 Leaves out
- 22 Lazy person
- 24 Balloon sounds
- 25 "My goodness!"
- 26 Some Louisianians
- 29 Scoundrel
- 33 School tests
- 34 Quackers
- 35 Ending for Cray or pay
- 36 Not firm
- 37 Greet from a distance
- 38 Slender
- 39 Mauna ___, Hawaii
- 40 Having a protective barrier
- 41 Tom of "Amadeus"
- 42 Gave a grin to
- 44 Kind of roll
- 45 Meowing pets
- 46 Clue
- 47 "The Devil Wears ___"
- 49 Triangular road sign
- 51 "I don't think so"
- 54 Hot ___ (empty talk)
- 55 Sidewalk activity
- 58 Not me

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Down

- 1 ___ vu
- 2 Historical times
- 3 One of Columbus's ships
- 4 Pres. Eisenhower
- 5 Strands on an island
- 6 Foundation
- 7 Helper: abbr.
- 8 "___ the One" (Bruce Springsteen song)
- 9 ___ no.
- 10 Joins the military
- 11 Bakery buys
- 12 One of the Great Lakes
- 13 Schlitz or Heineken
- 18 Baseball strike callers, for short
- 23 One-seventh of a week
- 24 Gas station feature
- 25 Bothers
- 26 Microscopic units
- 27 Saying
- 28 Alcohol from the Caribbean
- 29 Comfy blanket
- 30 ___ coffee
- 31 Wonderland girl
- 32 Lion ___
- 34 Facts
- 37 Handfuls of cash
- 38 Hearts or spades
- 40 Find work
- 41 Most police officers carry one
- 43 Young fellow
- 44 Oven for potters
- 46 Names mentioned in a will
- 47 ___ steep price
- 48 Civil disturbance
- 49 Gym type
- 50 Apple tablet
- 51 Short letter
- 52 Mimicked
- 53 His and ___
- 56 "What's the ___?"
- 57 Highway: abbr.