

Club Clip

Auxiliary of the VFW Post 1528



The Auxiliary of the VFW Post 1528 met on Sept. 13 at Ruth Moore's house. There were seven present: Connie Rooney, Marlys Poulignot, Ruth Moore, Dot Hill, Carol Connett, Hattie Terry and Wanda Dowdy. President Rooney called the meeting to order and we had the opening ceremonies. JoAnn Wahrman did the inspection for the 9th District. She was given a corsage that Ruth Moore had made, with \$5 in it. JoAnn gave this back to us as an endowment.

Each person present at the meeting was given a folder with copies of the program for 2010-2011 to keep and read when we have time to give us a better understanding of the things that the VFW Auxiliary stands for and does for the Veterans. One of the things that was in these copies was a list of things that we can count on for community service. This includes a lot of things that a lot of us do in our everyday lives - recycling, helping others, giving meals or gift certificates for meals for others, as well as just helping out when others need it.

Another thing that was in this

packet was a TCB contest. This is for Taking Care of Business - what we should be doing as an Auxiliary. There will be in each mailer 1 question that we can answer - there is a paper that gives the information that we need to write and where to send our answers. There will be prizes awarded for the correct responses, but we all will be winners because we will be reading the by-laws and learning more about our organization.

They discussed the "Make A Difference Day" project and decided that they would give to the Food Pantry for this year. This is a needy cause and members can help.

If anyone is eligible and welcome to join the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW 1528, as plans are made for projects for the following year. They will meet at Ruth Moore's house on Oct. 18 at 1:30 p.m.



KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT staff was present for Gary Rogers' retirement party. Pictured, left to right, Gary Rogers, Keith Haberer, Russell County; George 'Pappy' Lies, Logan/Gove County; Debbie Hays, Phillips/Smith County; and Butch Post, Rooks County. The emergency managers presented Mr. Rogers with an award for service from the Kansas Adjutant General, Major General Tod Bunting, who is also the director of the Kansas Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

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Classy Classic Red Hatters

Red Hat Day for St. Francis members was Sept. 11. Dressed to the nine's, 10 amiable women met at the home of Hatter, Barbara Ewing, before departing to McCook, Neb.

Friends questioned, "Why go there? Is it really worth a day of your time?"

Red Hatter's responded, "Yes? It represents an Americanized town, unspoiled by mindless sprawl, congestion, and ugly strip development."

The group chose a scenic back road through farm and ranch country, enjoying miles of lush thick corn fields. One inviting remark, "Just look at that stunning crop of corn!" triggered conversation from the observing rural women who recalled personal years of blood, sweat, tears and love of their own farming experiences. They knew the complete cycle of growing corn from a single seed through final harvest and storage.

Even the ride to their destination was worth it.

Arriving in McCook, at 312 Norris Avenue, Red Hatters entered the front door of Sehnert's Bakery. Matt Sehnert, owner, pleasantly greeted the group.

Immediately, all eyes and noses absorbed the mouth-watering sights and scents of freshly baked breads and rolls. (Purchasing something before leaving the building was a desire of the women).

Matt, then, led the curious ladies to the work area for a behind-the-scenes education. Immediately, a "bath-tub" size electric dough mixer was admired. Peeking into a huge oven, multi layers of racks were rotating. Walking by neatly-stacked bread pans, cookie and cake sheets of all sizes was impressive.

Highlight of the tour was shown by Matt, demonstrating the mechanical rolling pin. A humongous bowl of fresh dough was tossed onto a king-sized work table. Then pushing dough back and forth through the rolling pin, a long-thin layer of dough covered the work surface. Matt, using many different shaped cutters, illustrated cuts of dough for making bow-knot rolls, scones, pastry fingers, creme-horns (only a few of the many delectable sweets created by Matt and his 24-hour, hard-working artistic craftspeople. Many compliments were addressed to Matt from the Hatters.

Adjoining the work room was the storage room, layered from floor to ceiling with sacks of Wau-neta Roller Mills hard red-winter wheat. Sehnert's Bakery is the largest single user of this flour.

Historical facts about Sehnert's Bakery were rewarding. Matt began his report with the year 1521 in Eufurt, Germany. Sehnert's bakeries came to the United States in 1897. Matt is the fourth generation family baker in this country. The present Sehnert Bakery is celebrating its 53rd anniversary this year.

Lunch for the Red Hatters was ready. Matt escorted 10 hungry ladies to the reserved table in his Bieroc Cafe (joined to Sehnert's Bakery in 1999). It was the tour group's lucky day because live

music near the table was being performed by artist, Mr. Hastings. From his guitar and voice, country music was a nice addition to the lunch.

Pleasant waiters served signature sandwiches, cob salads, espresso-based drinks, just to name a few marvelous choices.

"Due to the generous size of their orders, a remark drifted through the Hatters, i.e., the old quote "their eyes were bigger than their stomachs." (A real compliment to the meals served).

Adding to the enjoyment of the day was a planned auto tour of McCook Heritage Square. Sites to be visited were located on Norris Avenue reaching from north to south, in a 10-block area.

Happy Red Hatter's ambled to their vehicles. A Red Hatter volunteer guide was appointed to each car to relay historic information as stops were made along the tour route.

Stop number one was in front of the old YMCA building (1926) showing mission revival architectural style.

Stop number two was Red Willow County Courthouse (1873), a Grecian/Doric style building built of buff Bedford Limestone.

Stop number three at 524 Norris Avenue was the address and home of Governor Ralph G. Brooks. In 1958, Brooks served as governor of Nebraska. A gifted orator, he was known as a "one-man" Chamber of Commerce.

Stop number four, the H.P. Hutton Home, designed and built by Frank Lloyd Wright, is the only house in Nebraska by this famous architect. Current owners, Van and Janet Korell restored the house.

Stop number five, the Honorable E. Benjamin Nelson Home at 608 Norris Avenue is where he was born on May 17, 1941.

He became Governor of Nebraska in 1991, re-elected in 1994, and elected to the U.S. Senate in 2000. He was noted for helping make ethanol production a national priority.

Stop number six, Senator George Norris Home, is listed as a State Historic Site. Norris was labeled as one of America's greatest legislators. This house was his home from 1899 until death in 1944. George served 40 years in the House of Representatives and U.S. Senate.

Stop number seven, the Honorable Frank and Maxine Morrison Home was labeled their retirement home. Frank was elected governor in 1960, and re-elected twice more in 1962 and 1964.

The drive-by tour of Norris Park, McCook Elks Lodge, United Methodist Church and a walk through of the Museum of the High Plains completed the historical drive.

After a cruise to McDonald's for ice cream treats - a gesture of the hostesses, the group returned to home, sweet home, i.e., St. Francis.

Ladies attending the excursion were: Neva DeGood, Helene Landenberger, Nancy McCumber, Madeleine Roberson, Betty Jean Winston, Raedell Winston, Donna Zimbelman, guest Joyce Russ, hostesses Arlene Walz and Barbara Ewing.

Local employee receives recognition

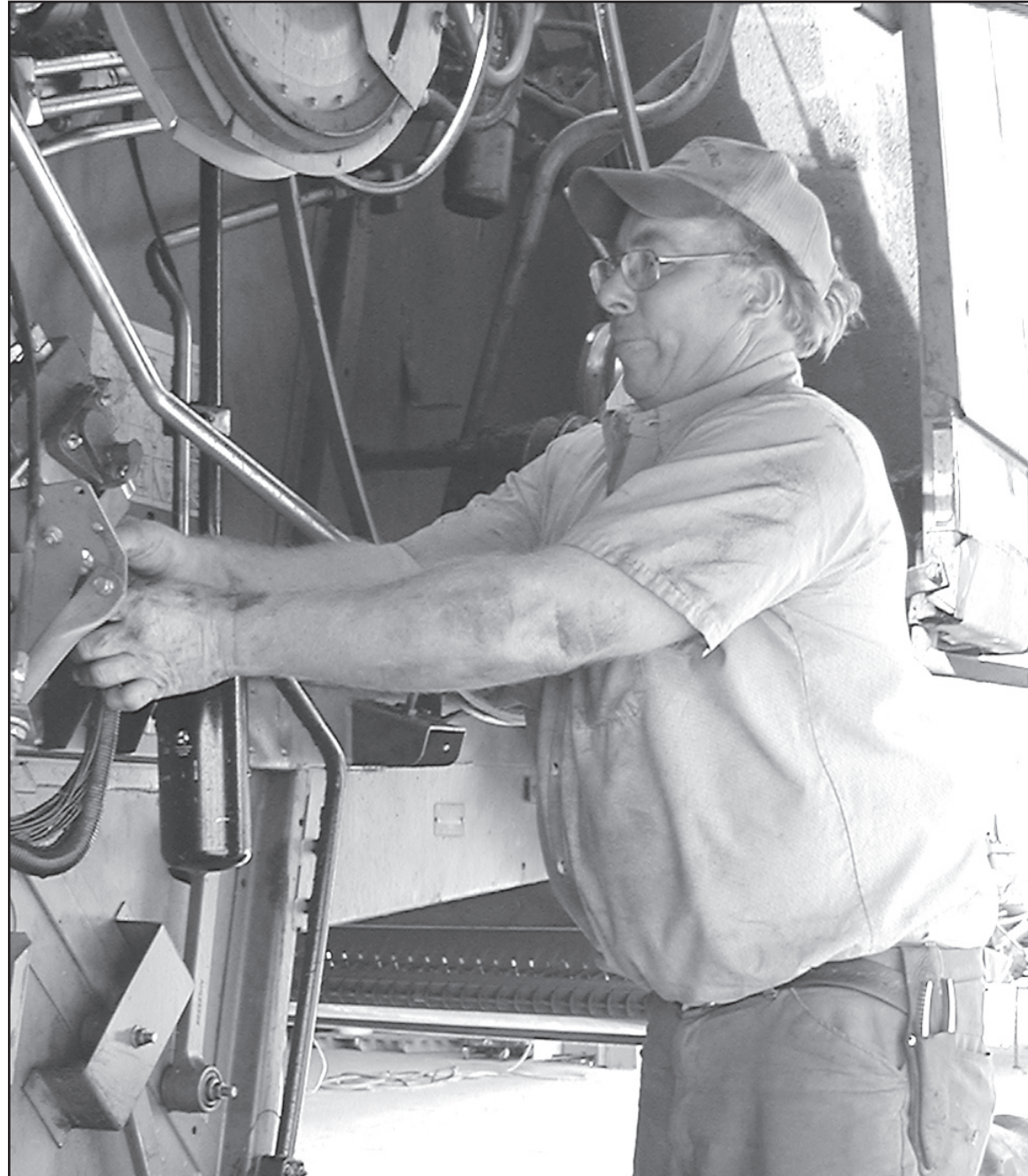
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SERVICE TECHNICIAN DAVE RITTER received recognition by earning John Deere University program credits. He works at Goodland Greenline in Wheeler.

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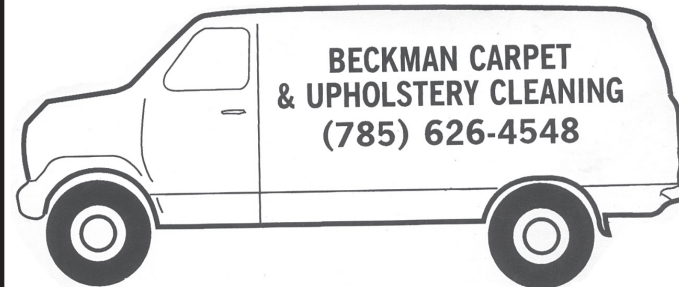
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