

Pheasant hunters get good weather

We've been enjoying such a wonderful Indian summer here in Rexford, and it made for a great opening weekend of pheasant season for local and visiting hunters alike.

Both pheasant hunters and Rexford citizens gathered together for the Lions' Pheasant Dinner Saturday at the Rexford Community Building. Local 4-Hers helped to serve chili, chicken and noodles over potatoes, hot dogs and desserts. If you haven't attended in past years, you should put it on your calendar for next year.

Shepherd's Staff welcomed 15 hunters from Alabama, Texas and,

of course, Kansas. They spent the weekend hunting and will head home with plenty of pheasants.

Teens for Christ held their November Edge meeting Saturday night at Shepherd's Staff. Almost 100 teens and sponsors ate a spaghetti dinner at the Main Center and then watched the movie "Cutback" in The Hall.

So, thanks for the news from Rexford. I'd love to publish the things that are important to you. News can be left in the jar by the door at the Red Barn, called to 687-2076, or emailed to griffithsgang@gmail.com.

Have a great week!



Teens for Christ chowed down on their spaghetti supper Saturday evening in the Main Center at Shepherd's Staff.

Annual report reviews child deaths from 2009

The Kansas State Child Death Review Board has released its annual report, analyzing statistics of the deaths of children age 17 and younger in the year 2009.

"The death of a child is always tragic," Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said. "I appreciate the work of the State Child Death Review Board in compiling this report so we can understand the trends and focus resources where they are most needed to keep our children safe."

In 2009, 449 Kansas children died. This represents an 11 percent decline in deaths from 2008. Natural deaths remained the cause in the majority of the fatalities, accounting for 321 of the total cases. Of the natural deaths, 58 percent were infants younger than 29 days. Prematurity and congenital conditions accounted for a major-

ity of those deaths.

Fatalities from motor vehicle crashes fell to 38 - the lowest number since the Board began keeping statistics - and a 25 percent decrease from 2008. Suicide cases also continued to drop from previous years, with eight in 2009. Homicide deaths increased slightly from 26 in 2008 to 29 in 2009.

The Board is a multi-disciplinary, multi-agency volunteer board organized within the Attorney General's Office to examine trends and patterns that identify risk factors in the deaths of children, from birth through 17 years of age. The board is chaired by Assistant Attorney General Christine Ladner.

The report can be downloaded from the Attorney General's website at www.ksag.org/page/child-safety.

Images of Aging photo contest taking entries until February

The Landon Center on Aging at the University of Kansas Medical Center is sponsoring their 10th annual Images of Aging photo contest.

Photos are due by Thursday, Feb. 23, with an accompanying entry form which can be downloaded from www2.kumc.edu/coa. Click on the button labeled "Images of Aging."

Prizes range from \$15 for an

honorably mention to \$350 for the first place winner.

The photo contest is open to professional and amateur photographers of all ages throughout Kansas and in Jackson, Platte, Cass and Clay counties of Missouri.

The contest is intended to bring attention to the many faces of older adults; eligible photos must include at least one person who is

60 years or older.

There is no fee to enter and photos will not be returned. Winning photos are selected by a panel of judges. Prints must be 8 by 10 inches on photo quality paper, mounted on mat board the same size as the photo.

Prints must be of high quality and high resolution. Poor quality photos, cellular phone images or photos that do not meet the re-

quired guidelines will not be considered in the contest.

A maximum of three prints may be submitted per photographer. Prints may be in color or black and white. Photographers must attach a completed entry form to each photo submitted.

For contest rules and information call (913) 588-1266 or email jcozza@kumc.edu.

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Corrections

The Colby Free Press wants to maintain an accurate record of our town. Please report any error or lack of clarity in a news story to us at 462-3963.

Deaths

Patrick J. 'Joe' Mindrup

Patrick J. "Joe" Mindrup, 88, Colby, a retired Norton County farmer and rancher, died Thursday, Nov. 10, 2011, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex.

He was born April 13, 1923, the son of Al and Marie (Costello) Mindrup, in Norton County, and grew up on a farm near New Almelo where he attended New Almelo Grade School and Leoville High School.

In 1956, he married Rachel Hickert. Following her death, in 1979 he married Barbara (Schroeder) Olberding.

He farmed near New Almelo in Norton County until moving to Colby.

He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church of New Almelo, the Knights of Columbus and the National Farmers Organization.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his first wife, Rachel Mindrup; an infant daughter, Marine; a stepson, Paul Olberding; two brothers, Larry Mindrup and

James Mindrup; and three sisters, Dorothy Otter, Mary Ellen Mindrup and Geneva Long.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Mindrup of Colby; two sons, Joseph (Meg) Mindrup and John Mindrup, all of Hays; two daughters, Elizabeth (Phil) Jansonius, Prairie View; and Margaret (Brett) Houtz, Ozawkie; two stepsons, Carl (Roxanne) Olberding, Siren, Wis.; and Daniel Olberding, Washington, D.C.; two stepdaughters, Rose Marie (Charles) Fortina, Omaha, Neb.; and Lylea (John) Meyer, Siren, Wis.; two sisters, Ann (Roger) Schmidt, St. Paul, Minn.; and Jeanette Weishaar, Salina; seven grandchildren; and nine step-grandchildren.

Services were to be at 10 a.m. today, Monday, Nov. 14, 2011, at the church in New Almelo, with burial in the St. Joseph Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to the church, in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Take precautions now; protect roses from cold

Tender roses need protection from the cold temperatures and wind to survive through the winter.

Ward Upham, horticulturalist with K-State Research and Extension, said some roses, like the hybrid teas, have ancestry that originates in the warm temperatures of southern China. To help these roses survive the winter, begin winterizing them by removing and disposing of all the leaves. Do not put the leaves in a compost pile because diseases in the leaves can survive until next spring and be spread further.

Next, mound soil or compost about eight to 10 inches high

around each plant, Upham said. Once the ground has frozen, add another four inches of straw, leaves or hay for extra protection.

This moderates the temperature to prevent alternate freezing and thawing. Upham warned that adding this last layer of mulch before it freezes could attract mice to burrow in and feed on the rose bushes over the winter.

He also recommended tall canes be pruned to 36 inches and tied together to prevent damage from strong winds.

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Pet conference now on Web

Video presentations from "Natural Disasters: What about the Animals?" are now up on the Web at ome.ksu.edu/webcast/human-animal-bond/2011/.

The Sept. 24 Kansas State University conference offered insight

into the plight of family pets and other animals when disasters occur (Hurricane Katrina and the tornado that struck Greensburg are examples) and practical tips for protecting pets when storms are forecast.

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