

The annual pheasant supper was held Saturday evening, Nov. 8, with 164 registered from Florida, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Missouri, Mississippi, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas.

Betty Reid returned home Nov. 4 after undergoing surgery at the Norton County Hospital.

Thirteen attended Senior Citizens on Nov. 7. Winners were Kathy Van Meter, Twila Henry, June Jolly and Beth Johnson. The Next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Friday.

The News volunteers celebrated the October birthday of Dee Magers and the November birthday of Mary Leslie on Nov. 4. Present were K.G. and Dorothy Ward, Dee Magers, Lorretta Carter, Mary Leslie, Arlene Hix, Lula Hix, Goldie Brewer, Laverne Milner, Joyce Price and Marguerite Clark.

On Nov. 6, Oran and Laverne Milner visited Fern Mapes in the McCook hospital and Ivah Alexander at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. Since then Fern has moved to the Good Samaritan Center.

Jay and Vi Gallentine and Gary Menges spent the last weekend of October in Olathe, helping Connie Lewis celebrate her birthday in her

new home, as the very first occupant. They also visited granddaughters Jennifer (Shick) Reynolds and family of Overland Park; Amy (Shick) Yarkoni, Atlanta, Ga.; Randy Gallentine, Arizona; and granddaughters Candace Menges and family, and Renee Menges and family, both daughters of Gary.

Gary Menges is a new resident in Norton, having moved into an apartment there from the Kansas City area.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Amy Wentz, Ronald and Gerry Temple - Nov. 12; Mary Leslie, R.D. Thornton, Marvin Bailey - Nov. 13; Rea Magers, Howard Sumner - Nov. 14; Dewaine Stapp, Judy Shirley, Troy Marshall - Nov. 17.

On Oct. 25, Royal Neighbors met at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin. They presented the center with nine lap robes they had made since the first of the year. Those attending were Estella Harold, Neoma Tacha, Lora Arnold and Dorothy Woods.

Lee and Lora Arnold attended church at Jennings on Sunday, Oct. 26, to hear an ensemble from Southwestern College of Winfield.

While attending the Lyle Bazaar, Rea and Dee Magers enjoyed visit-

ing with Bill Malone of Strasburg, Colo., a former Norcatcur resident.

On Nov. 8, Fern Mapes suffered a fracture of her left leg and was taken to McCook for surgery. She is doing well and has transferred to the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin, where she will be undergoing rehabilitative therapy.

The United Methodist Church has a new minister, Pastor Kathy Aeillo, from Almena. She will be doing services in Norcatcur from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Sunday School will be from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

There are only a few weeks left until the annual Norcatcur Christmas drawing. If any person or organization would like to donate items for the drawing, contact Deb Marshall or Chris Dempewolf. Any monetary contribution or item can be left at the Norcatcur City office. This event is sponsored by the Norcatcur Preschool. The Decatur Community High School band department will be wrapping packages from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Bob and Bonnie Rapp donated a beautiful hand-painted cardinal picture to be hung in the city office. It was painted by Genevieve Brunk, and was donated in memory of the class of 1940.

Get ready for the holiday fun

We have had clouds and cold winds, but no moisture to start off the month. Today the sun is shining for a change but the forecast still calls for no wet stuff.

At least the pheasant hunters had a good weekend. There were several entries turned in for the Longest Tail Feather contest and the longest measured 23 1/8 inches. The winner is Dan Grafel. Good hunting!

The city crews are making it look like Christmas outside as they string garland and make sure that the lights are working. Oberlin Business Alliance wrapped the poles and set the nativity scene up last Sunday in preparation for the holiday season.

The Business to Business Tour gave everyone a chance to look at each other's merchandise. It helps us get geared up for the season. This gave a lot of answers as to where can I find the perfect gift that I have been looking for.

Open House will be held at Cabinetland on Wednesday, Nov.

Chamber News

By Glenva Nichols

19, from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

We would like to welcome a new business to our community. Just On Time opened their doors Monday, Nov. 17, at 802 N. Penn. They do metal fabrication, watch making and antiques. This includes toys, watches and tools.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. We have a lot to be thankful for. On Sunday, Nov. 23, at 3 p.m. the Oberlin churches will hold the community service at Faith Lutheran Church.

Friday, Nov. 28, is the beginning of the shopping season. First is Coffee Hour with Joe and his staff at Stanley's Hardware all day. The Light Parade will be lining up in Decatur Co-op's parking lot starting at 6:00 p.m. The march up main street, all aglow in lights, will herald the visit of Santa Claus at the

Courthouse immediately following the parade. The Lions Club will be serving soup in the Munson Building starting at 5:30 p.m. The stores will be open until 8 p.m. Be sure to vote on the best decorated window by picking up your ballot at the soup supper and turning it back in at the same place.

The Oberlin Holiday Arts and Craft Show will be held in the Gateway Saturday, Nov. 29. This is the time to do your shopping for unique hand-made items. It starts at 9 a.m., and they will serve lunch and provide baby-sitting.

The stores will be open on Sunday from 1-4 p.m. starting Nov. 30 until Christmas.

Stop by and have a cup of coffee and rest your feet while you're shopping.

Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Geneva Day services will be during the 11 a.m. morning worship services on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church. Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the church.

Gordon and Norma Anderson returned home Sunday from California, where they spent a week visiting his cousins, Charlene and Carl Ford, Glenna and John Brown, and Jolene Eaton, all of Fresno. The women are the daughters the late Albert and Emma Anderson. They also visited Edna DiBartoloneo at Antioch.

Wesley Benda underwent knee replacement surgery in McCook on Wednesday. Guests the past week

at the home of Wesley and Eulaine Benda have been their daughters, Beverly Messerly, Sublette; Leanne Pike Ashland; and Shirley Maresch, Netoma.

Ken and Alice Robson of Ellsworth visited over the weekend with Willard and Esther Noren and the Steve and Connie Noren family.

Ethan Beckman of Grinnell visited his grandparents, Frank and Margaret McEvoy, from Sunday to Tuesday.

Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther were honored with a potluck dinner on Sunday at the Herndon Covenant Church in observance of their birthdays and also for Pastor's Appreciation Month.

Officers elected at the Covenant Women Ministries meeting on Thursday include: Betty Jean Hafer, president; Margaret McEvoy, vice president; Melinda Bell; and Patti Benda, treasurer.

The Rawlins County Ministerial Association will sponsor a benefit Southern Gospel concert by the Singing Bragg Family at 7 p.m. Friday at the Atwood United Methodist Church. It is for the Ryan Swanton family, who lost their home and belongings after a propane explosion at their rural Atwood home. All have been hospitalized in Denver, but expect to return home soon.

Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

Tyler and Cassidy Shields, members of a McCook YMCA swim team, participated in a swim meet Saturday, Nov. 8, in Hastings. Tyler received two first-place finishes and two third-place finishes. Cassidy received two first-place finishes, a third-place and a seventh-place finish.

Rory Wendelin, Jessica Bremer, Lacey Ream, and Heather Glodt represented Decatur Community Junior High School in the eighth-grade scholar bowl competition Monday afternoon at Colby.

Mary Lemman was a Wednesday afternoon guest of Alvina Unger.

Anna Shaw visited Garrah Gaumer at the Good Samaritan Center Wednesday through Sunday, where they have been spending time painting together.

Jerry and Connie Olson and Kelly, Wilma May, Evelyn Olson, and Justin and Wendy Scott, Garrett

and Gage enjoyed dinner out Sunday noon to celebrate Connie's birthday, which was Saturday.

Elwood and Jeanie May spent the weekend in Chase visiting her parents and helping her mother, Stella Casey, celebrate her birthday.

Jessica Bremer performed two memorized piano solos, "Andante in C Major" by Mozart and "Kamarinskaya" by Tchaikovsky, in the Kansas Music Teachers Association State Honors Auditions Saturday afternoon on the University of Kansas campus. Joining them for Jessica's audition were Lyn and Linda Tomasch and Lisa Sonsthagen, Matthew and Emily, all of Olathe. The Bremers left Friday afternoon for Lawrence and returned home Saturday evening.

Norman and Joanne Wendelin and Rory returned home Sunday afternoon after spending the weekend in Seward, Neb. They visited

Ladd and Greta Wendelin, and attended Ladd's production of "The Chairs", a tragi-comedy by Eugene Ionesco. Greta also had a speaking part in the production. They are both students at Concordia University.

Arthur and Alice May were Sunday noon dinner guests of the John Bremer family to help Jessica celebrate her 14th birthday. Home-made birthday cake was also enjoyed by all.

Extension Lines

By Brian Olson, Extension Agronomist

Many farmers this past summer had a positive experience with raising irrigated grain sorghum on low-output wells.

Unlike 2002, where farmers probably raised corn on these circles, grain sorghum was planted and a good crop was harvested. Below are the results from irrigated grain sorghum trials at Colby and Tribune.

As a producer picking a hybrid, I would put more emphasis on the results from Colby than Tribune because it's closer to our area. However, looking at multiple locations from the university and company-generated results will provide a more complete picture on how the hybrid will do in various environments.

Preliminary results from Colby indicate that Pioneer 84G62 won the plot with a yield of 182 bushels per acre. This was 112 percent of the test average of 163 bushels. The rest of the top five were Asgrow A571 at 177, Frontier F-700E at 176 with Croplan Genetics 514 and Monsanto X128 also yielding the same, Monsanto X218 at 174, and DeKalb

DKS53-11 at 173 bushels. The population was at 83,000 plants per acre.

At Tribune, Monsanto X128 and DeKalb DKS53-11 had the highest yield at 152 bushels, which was 128 percent of the test average of 119 bushels.

The rest of the top five were Mycogen M3838 at 143, DeKalb DKS54-00 at 141, Monsanto X218 at 133, and Drussel Seed B64 and Croplan Genetics 414 at 131 bushels. The population was 70,000 plants per acre.

For a full list of results, download by clicking on the Kansas Crop Performance Tests icon at the Web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2, or pick up a copy at your county extension office.

Brian Olson is multi-county extension agronomist for Decatur, Gove, Norton, Sheridan, and Trego counties. E-mail bolson@oznet.ksu.edu if you have any questions or would like to see a newspaper article on a specific crop production topic. For more information, contact the county extension office, 475-8121.

'Blaster Worm'

By Pastor Tom Smith of Lund Covenant Church

This question is for all those who own or operate personal computers. Have you ever encountered the "Blaster Worm"? Well, I have. That blasted "Blaster Worm" has infected and played havoc with my PC. It will slow it down to a crawl and cause other strange things to happen. I have become so disgusted and irritated that I have threatened to toss the whole system into the garbage can and forget the Internet, e-mail and all the rest.

This worm does remind me of life, though. You're going along just fine, hitting on all six or eight cylinders, and suddenly out of nowhere something happens to slow you down to school zone speed. Then the engine also begins to knock. What to do? Some run in circles, scream and shout while others want to throw the entire vehicle away. The smart ones fix it.

A book I once read suggested we should tell our children at an early age that life is going to be difficult. It won't be a bed of roses, and there will be numerous "viruses" and "worms" out there, just

waiting to infect their entire "system". So, life is difficult. How do you fix it?

I've tried to get the worm out of my computer all on my own. It hasn't worked because I don't know enough, even though I purchased a book for computer dummies (which I haven't read). The same is true in life. We struggle and sweat to pull ourselves up by the bootstraps and get absolutely nowhere. What we need is someone who knows more than we do and cannot only analyze the problem but actually fix it. That person is Jesus Christ. He is the one that can bring the "fix" to our wormy spiritual lives. There is no other valid substitute in all the world. When He told His disciples in John 14:6, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father, but by Me," he really meant it.

Don't throw your life away. Let Jesus take out all the blasted worms, resentments, memories of past failures and those crushing feelings of low self-esteem. He is perfectly capable and willing. Give Him a call. You can't do it on your own.



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