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Hunters will find food, plenty of birds

By KIMBERLY DAVIS

Pheasant hunters will start showing up at the end of the week, just in time for the Sunflower Chapter of Pheasants Forever 12th annual banquet Friday night and the opening for bird season Saturday morning. The banquet will be held in the arena at The Gateway, with social time from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and dinner to follow. The meal costs \$10, which includes pop and beer. There will be a cash bar. In past years, there has been a silent auction throughout the evening, but this year the

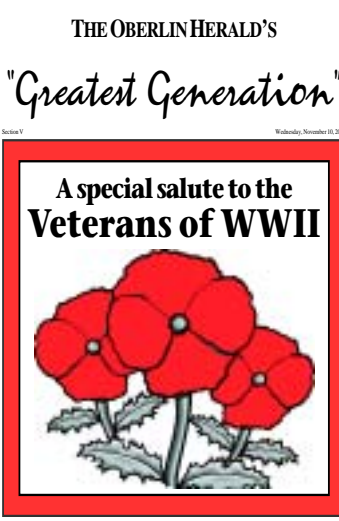
chapter decided to do some different giveaways instead, said Ken Badsky, a chapter member and dinner organizer. Dues to become a member of the national Pheasants Forever are \$25. The only way to be eligible for the door prizes, said Mr. Badsky, is to become a member. The organization provides money and lobbying for conservation programs, which helps with habitats for birds. The organization, he said, then gives the local chapter a discount for merchandise.

Also at the banquet will be pheasant bingo and the golf, in which players can win tickets for prizes. This year the group will be giving away and auctioning several guns, including two Ruger Red Label over/under shotguns, a Remington model 710 .30-06 rifle with 3x9 scope, Mossberg 835 12-gauge pump, Benelli Montefeltro 12-gauge semi-automatic, Franchi Alcione Field 12 gauge over/under, Stoeger Uplander Supreme SxS 20 gauge, Henry Lever Varmint Express .17 HRM, Thompson Black Powder rifle and a

Mathew Solocam compound bow. Other items to be auctioned or given away include taxidermy, clothing, a "mystery gun," prints, pheasant hunts, a dog-training collar and more. Mr. Badsky said everyone is welcome, whether they hunt or not, and the profits will be used to support wildlife habitat. The following morning, bird season will open. With the numbers of pheasants up in the area, he said, there should be a good turnout. Dale's Fish 'N' Fun will be open until

midnight on Friday for all hunters needs, including licenses, then will open early Saturday morning. The other place in town to purchase a hunting license is the clerk's office at the Decatur County Courthouse. They are open on Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Anyone who wants to purchase a license needs to have their hunter safety card or number and driver's license. A resident license costs \$19 and non-resident, \$71.

Vets land in spotlight



Inside today's paper is a special section honoring World War II veterans from Decatur County and the area. Over 800 men, members of "Our Greatest Generation," were drafted or enlisted from the county during the war. The section honors some of those men, as more than 70 families brought us stories about those who served.

Indoor pool popular, costly

By STEVE HAYNES

An indoor swimming pool would cost nearly twice what a new outdoor pool might, Anna Shaw of the city Pool Commission told the City Council on Thursday, but it would earn more support and more income. An indoor pool also would cost more to run, she said, but there are grants available to build indoor pools and potential donors say they're more likely to give for an indoor facility. Mrs. Shaw told the council the decision might come down to how much private financial support the commission can line up, both to build the pool and keep it open. An endowment might be required to pay part of the operating expenses, since many indoor pools lose money and depend on tax dollars to operate. The commission has had tentative talks with some possible big donors and hopes to contact more, she said. A fund-raising campaign will be needed to build a pool, particularly

an outdoor pool. The engineers hired by the city to study the existing pool estimated construction costs for an indoor pool at roughly double what an outdoor pool would cost. It seems clear from the engineer's survey, Mrs. Shaw said, that Oberlin needs a new pool, that it would be a waste to put much money in the existing 50-year-old pool. The old pool has leaks, filtration problems and hollow spots behind its walls. The equipment is outmoded and the smaller pools have to be filled from the big one each day, driving up the heating expense. Nonetheless, the city does plan to open the pool next summer. When Mrs. Shaw asked, City Administrator Gary Shike said they had budgeted to replace the heating unit before summer. The pool closed early this year when the boiler failed. "I don't think there's been any thought of not opening it," the administrator said. "We're trying to pin down the architect about using (See POOL on Page 10A)

Area vet served with Gen. Patton

His radio man was nearby at end

By KIMBERLY DAVIS

Murlin Krizek never knew when he was drafted into the Army on Sept. 24, 1943, that he would one day serve with Gen. George Patton Jr., or that he'd be there the day a car accident ended the general's life.



Mr. Krizek

Mr. Krizek, originally from Jennings, went to Camp Hood in Texas for boot camp. He said they learned how to march and other military skills at the camp. Nothing the men learned there had anything to do with what it was really like in battle, he said. Battle was all so different. He was trained as an infantryman and was assigned to one of Gen. Patton's units. The man who had been carrying the radio for the Third Army commander was killed in action, but the radio was saved. Mr. Krizek said Gen. Patton told him to pick up the radio and carry it for him. The general, he said, told him to get the radio and jump in the Jeep. Mr. Krizek said he hadn't had any training on the radio. Gen. Patton said he would learn on the

way, so Mr. Krizek jumped in the Jeep, and away they went. As the radio man, he was in charge of taking orders to get more ammunition for the troops, more fuel and other supplies. He said he kept in touch with their base camp. Gen. Patton, said Mr. Krizek, is hard to explain. The man meant what he said and did what he said he was going to do. The men called him "Blood and Guts." While serving under the famous general, he had no idea what kind of figure he would become in our history. Mr. Krizek said he owns tapes on Gen. Patton now and has met actors who portray him. He didn't have anything bad to say about the man, and spoke with fondness and respect for the general. General Patton never went back, he said. He always told the men they would go forward. One time when the troops were passing an area, Mr. Krizek saw a small German flag flying. He asked (See SOLDIER on Page 10A)



COUNTY EMPLOYEES worked late into the night to help count advance ballots. Treasurer Jean Hale, Colleen Geighsler from the clerk's office and sheriff's Deputy Michael French tallied votes. — Herald staff photo by Steve Haynes

Big Vote

Turnout sets a record despite lack of races

By KIMBERLY DAVIS

Decatur County voters showed up in force for the general election Tuesday, producing the highest turnout in at least the last 20 years. County Clerk Marilyn Horn, who serves as county election officer, said 73 percent of registered voters turned out. "It was wonderful," she said.

Mrs. Horn said she thought the high voting percentage was stirred up by the heated presidential race. She said she thought that Democrats in particular got out and voted. There were 1,794 voters at the polls, plus 353 advance ballots, for a total of 2,147. There are about 2,468 registered voters in the

county, and Mrs. Horn said turnouts usually range from 45 to 55 percent. One year, with hot local races and a presidential contest, she said, it hit 63 percent. "This is the highest I've ever seen," she said of her two decades as clerk. "This is doing good." Voters here backed President George W. Bush for another four

years with 1,354 votes. Democrat John Kerry had 355. The next highest was Ralph Nader with 20. For U.S. senator, incumbent Republican Sam Brownback got 1,383 votes, Democrat Lee Jones 224 and Libertarian Steven Rosile had 38. Decatur County voters supported (See VOTER on Page 10A)

Republican sweeps district in Senate bid

By TOMBETZ

The Goodland Star-News The 40th District Senate seat will remain in the Republican ranks, and Rep. Ralph Ostmeyer of Grinnell will be promoted, as he defeated Democrat Tim Peterson of Monument 2-1 in last Tuesday's election. The district total, with all 234

precincts reporting, showed Ostmeyer with 20,894 votes to 10,223 for Mr. Peterson, giving Rep. Ostmeyer 67 percent to 33 percent for Mr. Peterson. At the beginning of the election season, it appeared that Sen. Stan Clark would be in good shape to retain his seat despite a primary challenge from young Dan Rasure

of Goodland. When Clark died in an accident in a dust storm last May, it threw the election wide open, and Rep. Ostmeyer stepped up to face Rasure in the primary. The Grinnell representative generally lines up with the conservatives in the Republican party, as did Sen. Clark, while Mr. Rasure had backing from

the "moderate" faction. Mr. Peterson filed for the seat, he said, mostly because he felt it was important that there be a Democrat in the race. He said he knew he was in an uphill race, and he was hoping for an upset. Rep. Ostmeyer won the Republican primary, and the unofficial (See SENATE on Page 10A)

Voters give House member a big margin

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

State Rep. John Faber of Brewster retained his seat in the Kansas House last Tuesday, taking almost two votes for every one cast for his Democratic opponent, Bob Strevey of Norcatur. Rep. Faber received 6,662 votes to Mr. Strevey's 3,609. Mr. Strevey lost in all of the counties, running best in his home of Decatur County, which he lost by just 58 votes, 880 to 822. Mr. Faber won Norton County 1,364-1188 and took Cheyenne, 1,282 to 356; Rawlins, 1,364 to

354; and Phillips, 1766 to 888. In the primary, Mr. Faber beat Norton County attorney Doug Sebelius 3,404 to 2,375. Two years ago, he ran against Mr. Sebelius and Mr. Strevey also. This will be Mr. Faber's fifth term in the house. He said that he was looking forward to the challenges this year, especially the problems facing education and economic development. In education, he said, he is wor-

ried about what the state Supreme Court might do and whether the state will drop the low-enrollment weighting formula, which he said is essential to keeping several small schools in western Kansas going. He said that he hopes to work with Mr. Strevey, a former teacher, on the school finance problems. He said that he hopes Mr. Strevey might be able to go to Topeka to testify when hearings are held on the subject.



Rep. Faber

On economic development, he said that there is a lot to do, but the good news is that the state has seen an increase in revenues in October and the economy seems to be on the rebound. Mr. Strevey said that he wishes Mr. Faber all the best because he knows he will have a lot to do in the next two years. "We all need to be as supportive and helpful as we can," he said. Mr. Strevey said that he would do anything he could to get the voice of western Kansas heard in Topeka.

* Voter turnout hits all-time high

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 reported U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran with 1,541 ballots. Libertarian Jack Warner received 101.
 In the District 40 Senate race, Republican Ralph Ostmeier received 1,151 votes, Democrat Tim Peterson 523 and Dan Rasure six write-ins. Mr. Rasure met Mr. Ostmeier in the primary race in August but lost.
 The seat had been held by Stan Clark of Oakley until his death in a traffic accident in May.
 Rep. John Faber received 880 votes to help send him back to office in the 120th District of the state House of Representatives. His opponent, Democrat Bob Strevey of Norcatour, received 822, losing his home county by 58 votes.
 Judge Bill Elliott received 1,390 votes unopposed for judge in Judicial District 17.
 Mrs. Horn said the last polling

place returned ballots to the courthouse at 11:30 p.m. from the American Legion. By midnight, volunteers were done counting the votes..
 In other county races, the incumbents were unopposed, and voters cast:
 • 465 votes for Doyle Brown for District 3 commissioner.
 • 1,563 votes for Mrs. Horn for county clerk.
 • 1,537 votes for Jean Hale for treasurer.
 • 1,569 votes for Judy Gaumer for register of deeds, the county high total.
 • 1,528 votes for Steve Hirsch for county attorney.
 • 420 votes for Ralph Unger for District 2 commissioner.
 • 1,129 votes for Ken Badsky for sheriff and 418 write-ins for Derrick Bolliger.
 • 1,528 votes for John Bremer for magistrate judge.

Sheriff wins office for another four years

By KIMBERLY DAVIS
 Decatur County voters returned Sheriff Ken Badsky to office for his sixth four-year term Tuesday night with 1,129 votes to 418 for Derrick Bolliger, a former police officer and reserve deputy who ran a write-in campaign.
 Sheriff Badsky was unopposed until about two weeks before the election, when Mr. Bolliger, also a Republican, decided to run.
 Sheriff Badsky said Monday that the election had the best turn out of voters since records have been kept in the county. He said he was happy with the numbers overall and the votes for him.
 The sheriff said that when you do your job, you are bound to make some people mad. Other times, he said, people just want change because they think that a person has been in office long enough. He is finishing 20 years as sheriff.
 In the next four years, Mr. Badsky said, he would like to return Randy McHugh to the staff and go back to three full-time officers. The more people, he said, the more visible the department can be.
 He said it is hard when gas is \$2.05

a gallon to be really visible. He said the commissioners have also asked that someone be in the office to do vehicle inspections and talk to people who call in. That leaves basically one full-time person and one part-time person to be in the field.
 The return of Mr. McHugh from service in Iraq will help out some, he said, but the office is also working on trying to get a federal "Cops" grant which would pay for another deputy.
 He said the officers have been more active this year, since the numbers of incidents reported has gone up.
 Sheriff Badsky said he knows there have been some complaints about officers driving emergency vehicles for personal use. The officers, he said, are on call 24 hours a day. Law enforcement isn't a 9-5 job, he said. If they are at home or at the school or wherever, they are on call, and they need to be able to respond right away. He said he promotes them being seen in their vehicles because it makes the office more visible.
 Mr. Bolliger could not be reached for comment on Monday.

* Senate seat filled with Republican vote

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 results from Tuesday's general election gave him a 2-1 margin over Mr. Peterson.
 Between the primary battle between Rep. Ostmeier and Rasure and the general election, the candidates raised over \$102,407. In the primary, Rasure raised about \$67,749. Rep. Ostmeier raised a total of \$39,681 and received contributions from tobacco companies, Indian tribes interested in extending gambling in Kansas and a number of political action committees. Mr. Peterson's contributions totaled

\$13,894, with big checks coming from the Democratic Party, the Kansas National Education Association and a Topeka lawyer Kristine Polansky.
 Rep. Ostmeier won all 18 counties in the district, with his weakest margin in his home county, Gove.
 Mr. Peterson picked up 655 votes (45 percent) in Gove County to 795 (55 percent) for Rep. Ostmeier. In the primary, Rasure won Gove County.
 Rep. Ostmeier won Mr. Peterson's home county, Logan, with 1,007 votes to 496 for Mr. Peterson.

Kids to have math fun

The Support Our Schools group is sponsoring a math night at Oberlin Elementary School from 7 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday.
 It will be full of math games and problems for the child and parent to do together.
 Abby Hissong, a member of the group, said all the kids and parents should meet in the gym. Students in second grade and younger will do their math games in the lunch room while the older kids will stay in the gym.
 In each room, there will be six stations, each lasting around 10 minutes.
 Students and parents can rotate through the six to play all the games, and there will be other centers for fun.
 Math areas included in the events will be logical reasoning, numbers and operations, probability, statistics, spatial thinking, patterns, estimation, calculators and others.

Each student will need to bring a parent.
 Baby-sitting will be available for young kids.
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 the heater we buy for a new pool." Mrs. Shaw gave the council charts showing relative costs for an outdoor pool, an outdoor pool with a hydrotherapy building to add value and attract grants, and for an indoor pool. While the indoor pool would cost more, she said, it also should attract more revenue and donations.
 She said an indoor pool or the building to house it could be named for a large donor. Other donors might give to an endowment to provide operating money.
 "We have been told by one individual that he will give a significant amount if it's an indoor pool," she

* Soldier served Gen. Patton as his personal radio operator

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 the medics if they had an American Flag so he could take the German one and replace it so the enemy would know they, too, had been there.
 Gen. Patton shouted at him for the first time, saying they would not back up to remove the flag. However, in the end, the troops ended up going back and Mr. Krizek came home with that German flag.
 He said one time the troops spearheaded a hill in France a little too fast. They got ahead of the other troops and were surrounded. He said he isn't sure how they got out, but they did.
 As Mr. Krizek tried to tell the story, emotion choked his voice.
 One time, he said, the troops got cut off from supplies and couldn't move. Even then Gen. Patton had the Third Army doing small attacks against the enemy to keep them sharp and slowly moving forward.



TECH 5 MURLIN KRIZEK stood with his interpreter in front of a switching tower in Mannheim, Germany, during World War II. Mr. Krizek said Gen. George Patton Jr. was in a car accident behind the building which led to his death.

Although the Third Army was working its way towards Germany, Mr. Krizek never fought there. He was injured by a German sniper sometime in November 1944.
 In a recent interview, he said the troops were about two miles from the German line when he was shot. He had been carrying the radio over his shoulder while holding it with his left hand.
 The bullet hit his hand, passed through it and killed the radio. He said he was lucky, because the guy who had been carrying the radio before him was killed and the radio saved. Instead, the radio saved him.
 Mr. Krizek asked to have his hand bandaged up because he had seen where the sniper was. Afterwards he was sent to England to recover in an Army Hospital.
 Once the hand was healed, Mr.

Krizek was sent to Germany to serve with the transportation division. He said he had an interpreter and they worked together to tell

what supplies needed to be put on what trains and when.
 On Dec. 9, 1945, Mr. Krizek said he was working at the loading station in Mannheim, Germany when he heard a crash behind the brick building.
 Gen. Patton's car and a truck driven by three drunk soldiers had collided. The general was taken to the 130th Station Hospital in Heidelberg, Germany. Mr. Krizek said he tried to get into the hospital to see him, they wouldn't let anyone in.
 Twelve days later, he died and he was buried in the American Military Cemetery at Hamm, Luxembourg.
 On Jan. 23, 1946, Mr. Krizek was honorably discharged from the army as a Technician 5, although he stayed in the reserves.
 "I think about it now," he said, "and I'm not sure how I got home."
 On returning to northwest Kansas, he worked at a filling station owned by Home Oil Co.
 He met Luella Hayes of Rexford, and the two married. They later moved to McCook. They had three children, Steve, who died in 1972; Peggy Smalley, who lives in McCook; and Neal, who lives in Colorado. They have four grandkids, Scott and Kala Smalley and Tanner and Riley Krizek.
 Mr. Krizek said he didn't talk about the events in World War II much until one of his grandsons asked if he could do a school project on his service. Then one of his grandson's friends called.
 After the war, he was decorated with the World War II Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Mediterranean Theater Ribbon, four Bronze Service Stars and a Purple Heart.

Winner had the biggest budget

By VERONICA MONIER
 Incumbent John Faber, who won the race for the 120th District in the Kansas House, reported by far the most contributions this period, which began July 23 and ran until last Monday.
 Mr. Faber reported \$10,475 in contributions, which was added to the \$5,044 cash-on-hand he had at the beginning of the period for a total of \$15,519. He spent \$8,256.40, leaving him with \$7,263 at the end of the period.
 Out of his 46 contributions, 30 were from political action committees representing developers, professional associations, businesses and other interests, including tobacco companies.
 His contributions of \$100 or more from political action committees included Brittany Development., Olathe, \$500; Southwest Prohome, Wichita, \$500; Kansas Association of Realtors, Topeka, \$400; Kansas Bankers Association, Topeka, \$350; Kansas Credit Union Association, Topeka, \$250; Enterprise Rent-A-Car, St. Louis, \$250; National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action, Fairfax, Va., \$250;
 Kansas Contractors Association., Topeka, \$250; Waste Connections,

Topeka, \$250; Prairie Bank Potawatomi Nation, Mayetta, \$200; Harrah's Entertainment, Las Vegas, \$200; Kansas Insurance Agents, Topeka, \$200; American Council of Engineering, Topeka, \$200; the Builders Association, Kansas City, Mo., \$200; Kansas Dental Association., Topeka, \$200; Kansas Optometric Association, Topeka, \$200; Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association, Wichita, \$150;
 Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, Topeka, \$150; R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Winston-Salem, N.C., \$150; Vulcan Materials Co., Wichita, \$150; Anadauko Petroleum Corp., Houston, \$150; Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, Denver, \$150; Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha, \$150;
 Kansas Agri Business Council, Topeka, \$100; Kansas Soft Drink Association, \$100; Kansas Committee for Rural Electrification, Topeka, \$100; Kansas Automobile Dealers, Topeka, \$100; Kansas Land and Title, Wichita, \$100; Kansas Public Employees Action Committee, \$100; SITA/RTMC, Topeka, \$100.
 Other contributions of \$100 or more included: \$500—Rural Telephone Company of Lenora; Cynthia

A. White, a Wichita housewife; David R. White, a Wichita architect; the Rev. Patrick Bullock, a Wichita pastor; and David Holge, a Wichita bank manager; \$250—Jeffrey D. Wedan, general manager of Skyline Corp. Modular Homes; and Kansas Society of CPAs of Topeka; \$200—Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co. of Topeka; the Heavy Construction Association of Kansas City, Mo.; and Kyle Railroad Co. of Phillipsburg; \$150—Raytheon Aircraft Co. of Wichita; \$100—Dr. George W. Atkinson, a retired Norton veterinarian; Larry Nelson, Almena; Sunflower Electric Power Corp. of Hays; Kansas Manufactured Housing of Topeka; and NFIB-Kansas Safe Trust of Topeka.
 The final \$75 came from unitemized contributions of \$50 or less.
 Doug Sebelius, who was defeated in the primary for state representative from the 120th District, had contributions of \$4,155 for the period. His cash-on-hand at the beginning of the period was \$1,634, giving him a total of \$5,789. Mr. Sebelius had expenditures of \$5,652 and \$137 cash-on-hand at the end of the period.
 Mr. Sebelius was his own largest contributor, at \$3,050. Other contri-

butions included \$250 from Patti Hayden, Lawrence; \$250 from Dr. Jay and Ann. Anderson, Oberlin; \$250 Barbara A. Frick-Skeels, Lawrence; \$200 from R.W. and Doris Yeager, Norton; \$100 from Von Fahrenbruch, Norton; \$25 from Greg and Brenda Mann, Norton; \$20 from Arlene Fae Foss, Edmond; and \$10 from Lois M. Krauss, Norton.
 Democrat Bob Strevey, who was Mr. Faber's opponent in the general election, reported contributions of \$1,100 to add to the \$1,065 cash he had at the beginning of the period for a total of \$2,165. Mr. Strevey's expenditures totaled \$1,658, leaving him with \$506.65 at the end of the period.
 His contributions include \$300 from Dennis and Judy Shirley of Norcatour, \$250 from Kansas Livestock Association of Topeka, \$200 from Kansas First District Democrats of Dodge City, \$100 from K.G. Ward of Norcatour, \$100 from Kansas Democratic County Chairs Organization of Lyons, \$50 from Ellis County Democratic Central Committee of Hays, and \$50 from Gary Miller of Oberlin. Mr. Strevey also had \$50 in unitemized contributions.

* Pool commission discusses indoor and outdoor options

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 said. Mrs. Shaw added the pool group intends to ask for money or gifts from Oberlin alumni and others who once lived here.
 "At this point in time," she said, "we're not finding a whole lot of grants. I have one more grant to check out. Who knows, we might cross the right desk at the right time."
 Most grants would be for features such as hydrotherapy, she said, not for recreation. An indoor pool would need support not just from the city, but from the county, schools, hospital, doctors and others.
 She said Superintendent Kelly

Glodt thought the school district might be interested in an indoor pool, but they have no money. He did tell her about a law that allows a property tax levy for a joint city-school recreation district.
 The youth ranch, she said, told her it had no money for a pool, but plenty of volunteer manpower. The pool might be eligible for state tax credits also, she said.
 An indoor pool in Holyoke, Colo., a nearby town of similar size, caused budget problems for the schools there and the city until voters passed a half-cent sales tax to support it. That pool also gets state lottery money, which in Colorado is used

for recreation. The pool costs about \$110,000 a year, not quite twice what Oberlin spends today, she said.
 No matter which type of pool is built, Mrs. Shaw said, the commission feels that operating costs need to be addressed ahead of time. Especially with an outdoor pool, she

said, items such as a water slide could be phased in or left for future construction.
 She said the council eventually may have to decide.
 "We need direction from the city," she said. "Do we go for the hydrotherapy or what?"

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