

McDonald News

By Vera Kacirek

The March birthday luncheon at the Frosty Mug will be held at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 26.

Gilbert Frisbie has been transferred to Lincoln, Neb. for re-hab. His address is, Madonna, Room 139, 5401 South Street, Lincoln, Neb. 68506.

Joan Tongish had surgery on Monday at the Community Hospital in McCook, for a total knee replacement. Later this week she will be transferred back to the Rawlins County Hospital in Atwood for swing-bed care.

Last Thursday, Marlene Johnson was surprised on her birthday by members of the Ladies Guild.

Sharon Barnberg of Benkelman was a Thursday visitor of Kay Miller.

Jerry and Betty Knapp attended the AWANA program in Goodland on Saturday in which their

granddaughter was a participant. They also enjoyed visiting with the Purvis family.

Joan Tongish and Betty Lewis were Sunday dinner guests of Jerry and Betty Knapp at the Park Hill restaurant.

R.J. and Susie Sabatka were Sunday supper guests of Laddie and Vera Kacirek for a St. Patrick's Supper.

Barney Kacirek accompanied Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson to Atwood on Friday evening to attend the Fish Fry at the K.C. Hall.

Eleanor Swihart went to St. Francis on Saturday evening to attend the community play "Murder Can Be Habit Forming." Her son, Bruce played the part of Herman, a handyman. She was an overnight guest of Bruce and Shirley Swihart and attended Sunday church services with them.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AT the Bird City senior center. From left to right; Paul Roesener, Emma Hopp, Shirley Stately, Darlene Burr, ErvaGene DeAragon, Lee Amsberry and Vivian Seymour. Times staff photo by Linda Schneider

Ag Talk with Jeanne

Fungicide treatment for wheat

By Jeanne Falk
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In the last couple years, fungicide has been applied to a great deal of acres of wheat. A study conducted in Garden City and Tribune addressed some of the questions associated with these applications.

According to Curtis Thompson, K-State southwest area agronomist, the results found in irrigated TAM 110 and dryland Jagalene suggests the importance of treating wheat with fungicide to preserve wheat yield and quality when leaf diseases, especially leaf rust, is infesting the wheat crop. It has commonly been observed that wheat infested with leaf rust may have 10- to 15-percent yield increases when treated with a properly timed fungicide application.

The yield and quality results from the 2007 experiments were greater than normally observed in previous years. The most important factor is not which fungicide to use, but to, in fact, use a fungicide and at the proper timing. These applications commonly increased test weight and seed size.

Irrigated TAM 110 was very responsive to fungicide applications. Quilt treated wheat yielded 96 bushels/acre, a 32 bushels/acre (50-percent increase) more than untreated wheat.

All fungicides applied at the flagleaf stage increased wheat yields. When Headline at 3 fluid ounce/acre was applied at the jointing stage (F5-6), the yield was not increased. The wheat with no fungicide treatment yielded 64 bushels/acre and the wheat treated with 3 f fluid ounce of Headline yielded 66 bushels/acre.

In addition, split applications of Headline at F5-6 (3 fluid ounce) and F9 (6 fluid ounce) did not increase wheat yield when compared to Headline applied at the F9 (6 fluid ounce) stage only.

TAM 110 test weight was increased 2.4 to 3.7 pounds/bushel, when fungicides were applied at the flag leaf stage compared to untreated wheat. No test weight increases were observed from the early Headline treatment. Seed size increased when fungicides were applied to wheat at the F9 stage.

A similar study was conducted on dryland TAM 110 at Garden City. No differences were observed in yield or quality. Visual observations of disease level indicated fungicide reduced flag leaf destruction, however, drought resulted in premature flag leaf death. This explains the lack of yield and quality response. Flag leaf destruction for wheat not treated with fungicide, Headline at 3 fluid ounce, and all other treatments at the F9 stage was 48 percent, 43 percent, and 0 percent, respectively.

The yields from the dryland Jagalene at Tribune were increased 14 to 15 bushels/acre (21 to 23 percent) when treated with Headline, Quadris, or Quilt at the boot stage. Wheat yields were increased 11 bushels/acre, when treated with Tilt or Stratego at the boot stage. Test weights were above 61 pounds/bushel, even if fungicide was not applied, indicating favorable weather conditions during grain fill. The untreated wheat tended to have the lowest test weight, driest grain, and smallest seed size.

If you have any questions or want additional information, please contact me at the Extension office.



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farming technology and the broad opportunities that extend far beyond the field.

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Dixon Antholz Basnett Shrader Ponce

Students earn scholarships

Holly Keller, Katherine Jones, Lauren Zwegardt and Daniele Schmid of St. Francis Community High School and Kaedra Dixon, Mindy Antholz, Christopher Basnett, Colleen Shrader and Blanca Ponce of Cheylin High School have received Dane G. Hansen Foundation Scholarships as they prepare to further their education next fall.

Keller has received one of 50 Hansen Scholar awards. These awards are for \$3,000 for one year and may be renewed for one additional year, provided the student has continued regard for the principles which guided the success of the late Dane G. Hansen, maintains a 3.00 or better grade-point average at the college level and furnishes a letter describing progress toward educational goals.

Dixon, Jones and Zwegardt have each received one of the 100 Hansen Student awards. These

awards are for \$2,000. and may be renewed for one additional year provided the student has maintained a satisfactory academic record.

Antholz, Basnett, Ponce, Shrader and Schmid are five of 91 students interested in vocational training who have received a one-year award of \$2,000 each.

The Hansen Foundation also awarded 10 Hansen Leader of Tomorrow scholarships, for \$5,000 renewable for three additional years, provided the student has continued regard for the principles which guided the success of the late Dane G. Hansen, maintains a 3.99 or better grade-point average at the college level and furnishes a letter describing progress toward educational goals, and 15 Community College scholarships available to Kansas Community College graduates of the current school year who plan to continue their education at a four-year

Kansas college of university. The awards are for \$2,000 and may be renewed for one year upon completion of satisfactory work as evaluated by the Scholarship Committee.

Dixon, Basnett, Shrader, Ponce, Keller, Jones, Zwegardt and Schmid are among 250 high school seniors from 61 northwest Kansas high schools who have received scholarships from the foundation.

In selecting award winners, the Scholarship Committee considered proficiency in verbal and writing skills. Other important factors are academic records, test scores, and community service in which the student may have participated.

Financial consultant qualifies

William E. Small, Financial Consultant with AXA Advisors, serving the St. Francis area has fully qualified for the 2008 Million Dollar Round Table. This is the 22nd consecutive year he has achieved membership in this organization. Membership is recognized internationally as the standard of excellence in the life insurance and financial services business. It also reflects a commitment to continuing advanced education to better serve the financial security needs of families, individuals and businesses.

Mr. Small is a member of the Ark Valley Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, and the Society of Financial Service Professionals.

Club Clip

McDonald Area Development News

McDonald Area Development met on Wednesday, March 5, with seven members present.

The February minutes were read and approved. Lois Morelock was absent, so there was not a treasurer's report.

Marlene Johnson reported on the Valentine Drawing for two gift certificates to Two Lee's and The Frosty Mug. Winners were Julie Brogan and Lois Morelock.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 22 beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Ray Johnson yard. In case of cold weather, the hunt will be held in the McDonald Grade School gym. Members will fill the eggs at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, March 19, and will hide the eggs on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Ray Johnson reported that there is hail damage to the Shelter House in the Highway Park. A time will be set for painting at the park.

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