

Bird City craft fair scheduled for Oct. 27

It's craft time in Bird City again.

Be sure to stop by the Cheylin Grade School gym at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, to purchase your holiday gifts and goodies. We are sold out again this year with 25 vendors, said Barb Gerdes, coordinator. It is a great way to find new friends and crafters.

Most of the consignors are back for another year along with several new faces, she said. There are vendors coming from Colorado, southwestern and central Kansas and Nebraska, along with the local crafters.

New items are woven rugs, stained glass, Serenity jewelry, shadow boxes and wreaths.

Along with these are the popular cloth books by Lily Ruth Edmonston and baked goods.

Most all booths this year, Mrs. Gerdes said, are handmade.

"I have tried to keep it as much crafts as possible," she said.

There is a lot of variety that

the vendors bring into the community. It is a great time to get ideas for Thanksgiving and Christmas without having to spend a lot. It also shows off all the talent in this area.

The Kids' Korner will also be at the show.

"It is a great way for kids to find their crafts and keep busy while moms shop. The cost of the Kids' Korner is \$5 and they can make as many crafty things as possible. The cost goes to the workers for keeping an eye on the kids as well as replenishing the supplies for next year.

"The Kids' Korner has gone over really well in the past 5 years," Mrs. Gerdes said.

The kids can glue, color, use markers and make all kinds of things. All of which is theirs to take home.

Shoppers want to plan to eat lunch while at the show. Tina Sager will be serving lunch for the shoppers' convenience.



GRANT SHRADER and Shaun Pochop from Industrial Arts are installing the ceiling tile in the Wellness Center. Times staff photo by Norma Martinez

Across the County

By Marty Fear

Effects of Freeze on Forages

When plants freeze, changes occur in their metabolism and composition that can poison livestock. But you can prevent problems.

Sorghum-related plants, like cane, sudangrass, shattercane, and milo can be highly toxic for a few days after frost. Freezing breaks plant cell membranes. This breakage allows the chemicals that form prussic acid to mix together and release this poisonous compound rapidly. Livestock eating recently frozen sorghums can get a sudden, high dose of prussic acid and potentially die. Fortunately, prussic acid soon turns into a gas and disappears into the air. So wait 3 to 5 days after a freeze before grazing sorghums; the chance of poisoning then becomes much lower.

Freezing also slows down metabolism in all plants. This stress sometimes permits nitrates to accumulate in plants that are still growing, especially grasses like oats, millet, and sudangrass. There has been some new plant growth following some rain a few weeks ago. The new plant growth can have very high nitrate levels and be dangerous for livestock. I would encourage producers to test before turning cattle out in those stock fields. Some samples from across the state have reported very high levels of nitrates in corn, forage sorghum, milo, and millet. Some as high as 18,000 ppm NO3!

Alfalfa reacts two ways to a hard freeze, down close to twenty degrees, cold enough

to cause plants to wilt. Nitrate levels can increase, but rarely to hazardous levels. Freezing also makes alfalfa more likely to cause bloat for a few days after the frost. Then, several days later, after plants begin to wilt or grow again, alfalfa becomes less likely to cause bloat. So waiting to graze alfalfa until well after a hard freeze is a good, safer management practice.

Frost causes important changes in forages so manage them carefully for safe feed. Please contact the Cheyenne County Extension office with any questions or to test feed samples.

Until next week - Marty

Helpful Hints

• Flies or bees bothering you? Spray them with hair spray and they will take a quick dive.

• Sealed envelope - put in the freezer for a few hours, then slide a knife under the flap. The envelope can then be resealed.

• Use empty toilet paper roll to store appliance cords. It keeps them neat and you can write on the roll what appliance it belongs to.

• For icy door steps in freezing temperatures: get warm water and put Dawn dish-washing liquid in it. Pour it all over the steps. The mix won't re-freeze.

• Crayon marks on walls? This worked wonderfully! A damp rag, dipped in baking soda. Comes off with little effort (elbow grease that is!).

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Obituary

Leonard John Kamla

Nov. 30, 1925 - Oct. 13, 2012

Leonard John Kamla, 86, died Oct. 13, 2012, surrounded by his family at his home in Bird City, Kan.

John was born Nov. 30, 1925, on the family farm 12 miles northeast of St. Francis, Kan. He was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church northwest of St. Francis. He attended Prairie Rose Grade School through the eighth grade, graduating in 1941. He began farming soon thereafter with his brother Harold on their Uncle Cap's farm near Armel, Colo.

John was inducted into the Army on Feb. 11, 1953, and honorably discharged on Feb. 1, 1955. He completed his basic training at Camp Picket, Va., and was deployed on a ship bound for the Korean War. However, in July 1953, the Korean War ended, and John was sent to Munich, Germany where he served on an ambulance crew at Will Kaserne. While in Munich, John met Maria Becker and they were married Oct. 23, 1954. They returned to John's parents' farm in February 1955, where they lived for a brief time and helped on the farm.

Soon, John bought land 7 miles south of Bird City, where he and Maria lived for the next 52 years. John was a successful farmer and rancher, increasing

the size of both his farming and ranching operations over the years. In 1989, the Kansas Bankers Association honored him with the Windbreak Award for establishing and managing a windbreak for protection of farm resources. Even after a tornado destroyed John and Maria's home in March of 2007 and prompted a move to town, John continued to actively manage his farm and ranch operations.

During the last two years of his life, John achieved two life-long goals. In 2010, he traveled to Hawaii, and in 2011, he traveled to Alaska.

John was a regular member of St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City. Over the years, he served on several committees and in various positions. He remained steadfast in his faith even in the face of a terminal illness, trusting in God's plan for his life.

Those left to remember John are his wife Maria, children Frederick and Monika Bonavia (Mark), granddaughter Ceara, sisters Louise Schlepp and Marie Potthoff, sisters-in-law Elisabeth Huber (Robert) and Monika Kammermeier (Hans) both of Munich, Germany, and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by four children David, Katherine,

Edward and Bryan, his parents Friedrich and Rosa (Wagner), two brothers Harold and Samuel, and three sisters Opal Bills, Pearl Englund and Oma Kamla.

The family suggests memorials to St. John Lutheran Church or Leukemia and Lymphoma

Society (www.lls.org).

"Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy." - Eskimo Proverb

McDonald News

By Sandy Binning

Friday evening and supper guests of Marlene Johnson were Ted and Dixie Bethell of McCook, and Connie Sabatka.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Johnson of Moundridge, KS were weekend guests of Marlene Johnson.

Saturday guests of Gilbert and Janice Antholz were Hal, Becky, and CJ Antholz, and Cort, Megan,

and Hallie Antholz. They all enjoyed the football game.

Bruce and Shirley Swihart were Sunday dinner guests of Eleanor Swihart.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were brief callers on Agnes Reech Wednesday. The Wilkinsons were on their way to Colby.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Sunday lunch guests of Dan and Margie Hubbard were Rusty Jamison of Quinter, Craig and Jeri Antholz, Gilbert and Janice Antholz, and Roy and Jnel Hubbard and Daniel

Bethel Goltl helped serve the Mission Festival dinner at church Sunday in Bird City.

Guests this week of Bethel Goltl are Bethel's niece, Becky and Dave Rosinbum of Olympia, WA. Don Bruder was a Sunday afternoon visitor.

David Banister was a Sunday evening and supper guest of his parents, George and Kathy Banister.

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