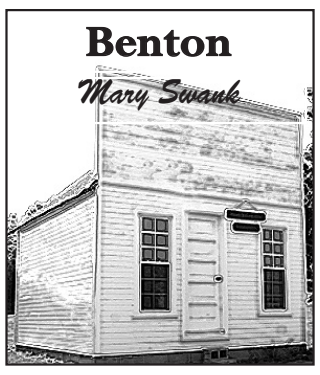
Benton

Mary Swank



We hope everyone is staying safe.

On Monday, the library ladies consisting of Nancy Roe, Bobbi Bainum, Mary Kathryn Gepner and Kay Hove met at Home Town Heros to celebrate Kay Hove's birthday anniversary.

Richard Swank visited several times during the week with Junior and Mary Swank.

Beverly Straight and Cathy Kilgore were weekly visitors of Ann Baker.

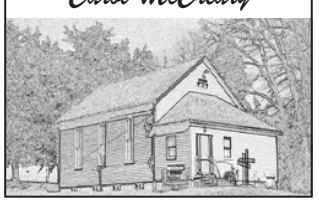
Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mary Kathryn Gepner and Mike Gepner were Michael, Johnnie, Lettie and Lexi Camacho.

A Thanksgiving Day guest of Larry and Lindsey Lane and Ann Baker was Chris Lane.

Saturday and Sunday visitors of Ann Baker and Larry and Lindsey Lane were Kenny, Lana and Jaxson Lane.

Wishard Chapel

Carol McCreary



Eighty one Christmas boxes were taken for distribution! Thanks to all who filled a box for Samaritans Purse.

Thank You to all who attended the Fall Harvest Soup Supper. It was a success. It's so nice to serve the soup in our large fellowship hall. Served 150 and received $1,445.

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! Celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior! So many ways to share gifts.

We are collecting socks and underwear (any size for both kids and adults) for the Neighborhood Center Christmas boxes. Bring by December 15 and leave on the table by the south main doors.

Congratulations to Cody and Logan Stackhouse on the birth of Dally Jo born on November 17.

December 7th. the Kids Christmas Program will be this coming Sunday at 5 p.m. followed by a soup supper.

Saturday, December 6 will be The Men's Prayer Breakfast at the church.

5:30 p.m. a Christmas supper will be served at the Legion followed by Local Christmas music. 1st Things 1st will be participating in the program.

Sunday, December 14th will be Youth group at Wishard Chapel. 5 to 6 p.m. for 6th to 8th graders. 6 p.m. Supper; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., 9 to 12th graders.

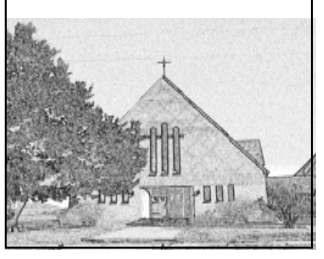
Christmas Eve service 5:30 p.m. with Candlelight Service.

Prayers and comfort to Ronnie and Joyce Gregg and family for the passing of their nephew, Keven Kimball.

Thought for the Day: Agree with each other and live in peace. Then the God of Love and Peace will be with you. 2nd Corinthians 13:11

Maloy

Joan Jackson



Dick and Joyce Weehler spent Thanksgiving in Swisher with Becky Heilman and Dewey Richardson and other family members. On Saturday afternoon, they helped host the 5th birthday party for great granddaughter, Laetyn. Helping to celebrate the little gal was her mother, Jensen Stewart of Mount Ayr. Other guests were Courtney Whitmore, also of Mt. Ayr. Maloy residents Neil and Jill Weehler, Randy, Kim, Mallory and Evan Weehler and Riley, Callie, LoElla and Gus Weehler attended. Jordan, Ranea, Gwen and Ace Stewart of Mount Ayr came for the party.

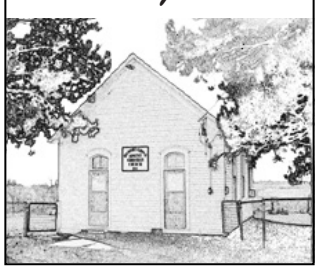
Craig and Kathi Braby were in Creston on Thanksgiving.They joined family in the home of Nick and Laurie Evans for the day.

Thanksgiving at the Wendell and Joan Jackson home. Guests for the day were Curt Jackson and Kevin and Melanie Jackson of Maloy, Hannah Jackson of Pella, Wyatt, Payton and Cameron of Bedford. From Maryville were Erin, Charyti, Logan, Isabelle, and Seager Jackson. Earl Jackson came up from Savannah, MO. Tyanna Jackson of Lenox also joined the family. Birthdays for Seager and Joan were celebrated during the day.

Donna Warin had Thanksgiving dinner with the Poore family at the Benton Community Hall. Megan, Kellen and Evelyn Suntken from Hampton came down Thanksgiving evening to spend the holiday. The Warin's hosted the Suntken's along with Katelyn, Jeremy, Emmet, Lyla and Anna Maass and Mike and Grace Warin for Thanksgiving supper.

Hickory Grove

Vickie Jeanes



Happy 104th birthday to Jake Dailey! Jo Kaye Shields, Debbie Dodge, Jeff and Brenda Woody, Diane Wood, Alyce Mattis, Lisa Jackson, Cricket Waske, Joshua, Amanda, and Emerie Waske and Gavin Wood from OK met at Rumors with Jake to begin celebrating his 104th birthday with supper. Jo Kaye joined Jake and his family at Clearview for a birthday luncheon on Tuesday. Thanksgiving dinner guests with Jo Kaye and Cricket were Jay, Ally and Hannah Waske, Josh, Amanda, Ella and Emerie Waske and Mike Clark from Des Moines. Jaycob Waske spent the long weekend with Jo Kaye and Cricket. Emerie Waske stayed Friday and Saturday nights. On Sunday, Joshua, Emerie and Ally Waske, and Jo Kaye had lunch at El Napol's in Bethany.

Rose and Kevin James enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with Nick and Jen Johnston and other Johnston family members at Nick and Jen's home in rural Indianola.

Walt and Bev traveled to Omaha on Wednesday to spend the holiday. They stayed with Karla and Jasmine, and everyone had Thanksgiving dinner with Kim, Randy, and Sanai Foster. They returned home on Friday. Walt and Bev hosted Dave, Jennifer, Aaden, and Adalyn Brennaman for lunch on Sunday.

Thanksgiving Day dinner guests with Lizzie Jeanes, Kayla, Tyler and Sauri were Robert Morrow, Jennifer and Kimiko Meadors, Nate, Nicki, Hunter and Gunner Head and Charlie and Vickie Jeanes.

Charlie and Vickie Jeanes hosted dinner at the Allendale Community Building on Saturday. Guests were Bek, Emily, Benny, and Rayhona Tolipov and Erkin and Mukaddas Tolipov from Hutto, TX, Lizzie Jeanes and Kayla and Tyler, Abby and Troy Hawk, Robert Morrow, Hopkins, Lila and Maurice Craig and Bob Dill, Eagleville, Julie Pulley, Fenton, MO, Charlie Hiatt, Bethany and Ralph, Kevin, Lacy and Kimberlin Kobbe, Grant City. This was the first time for everyone to meet three-month-old Rayhona.

Mount Ayr Health Care Center

How about a nice snowfall for the kickoff of December. Personally, I could do without it until right at Christmas, but it sure helps us get into the spirit.

We had started our week preparing for Christmas with decorating ornaments. They get the option to gift them or enjoy them themselves, so a few of you may see some of them. Bingo filled the afternoon with Phyllis Sickels joining to help things run smoothly. Winners for Monday were Teresa Buchanan, Linda Jackson, Loren Winemiller, Jerry Trenkle, Leland Jones, and Phyllis Sickels. The blackout winner was Betty Johnston.

Fly Swat Ball started our Tuesday and got us moving and stretching. We read from our book, Life of a Country Veterinarian, and finished it. We look forward to reading another after mixing in something else. We particularly enjoyed knowing that we knew some of the people who were named in the book. We then held our Book Tasting, our book club. We enjoy hearing what others are reading and getting ideas for our next book.

Wednesday's church was led by Bill Armstrong with a nice message on being thankful. Sally Young accompanied us singing on the piano. Nails were painted and hair was done to be ready for the holiday. We also read the Record News to keep up with current events.

On Thursday, we didn't have scheduled activities for the holiday. We had a few visitors, and a few went out to visit.

Friday, we started looking forward to the Christmas holiday with a video of Lapland, Finland. Santa's village is nestled right above the Arctic Circle with reindeer prevalently running through the forests. To finish the week off, we had Simple Strokes. Again, we were looking ahead to the holiday and the snow coming with evergreens and snowmen. We enjoy the process even if they don't turn out as we picture them.

We celebrated a birthday on Sunday with Betty Johnston. She got to spend time with family to celebrate on Friday ahead of the storm.

That completes our week of activities. We are enjoying watching all this snow, knowing that we don't have to get out in it. We hope our family and friends stay safe in this weather. And as always, stay healthy, happy and safe.

Redding

Bobbi Bainum

Ian and Jasper Abarr were Thanksgiving Day guests at Charles and Becky Abarr's.

Helen Combs went to Lil Rinehart's for Thanksgiving dinner. Jeff Rinehart from Murray, Lori, Kevin and Justina Wimer were also guests at Lil's.

Gary and Linda Hosfield met Tom Hosfield and Andrew Coan from Des Moines for Thanksgiving dinner at Osceola on Thursday.

Gladys Jones and Helen Harris went to Clearview Home on Tuesday to visit Mary and Cindy Daniels and Carla Jo Davis. On Wednesday, Gladys, Connie Allen and Helen Harris had Thanksgiving dinner at the OldTowne cafe in Allendale. Connie Allen called on Gladys and brought her desserts. John Jones visited Gladys on Friday and Sunday and cleared snow from her ramp and sidewalks.

Dan and Kathy Quick had Thanksgiving dinner at Bruce and Kris Quick's and supper at Ginny Quick's on Thursday.

Ginny Quick went to watch Calvin Main bowl in a competition at Lucky Lanes in Mount Ayr on Monday. Ginny went to the National Honor Society Installation ceremony at the high school on Wednesday. Rice Reynolds, a student at Stanford University in California, was a guest speaker. Calvin Main, Trace Knapp, and Dannie Stewart were among the inductees. Ginny's supper guests on Thanksgiving were Rebecca, Cliff, Bryson and Kaden Smith from Adel, Carrie, Wiley, Louden and Calvin Main, Kathy and Dan Quick, Alana Doolittle, Quincy, Hannah, Hallie and Lindy Main from Mount Ayr.

Jan and Melinda Shervheim's Thanksgiving Day guests were Matthew Shervheim from Des Moines, Laura and Steven Henry and family from Adel, Peter and Reyna Shervheim from Des Moines, Anna Shervheim from Lenox and Nathan Shervheim from Des Moines.

Dick and Cindy Snethen's guests on Sunday for Thanksgiving were Dave and Ellen Brand from Audubon, Jennifer, Michael, Alex and Cassie Younts from Dallas Center, Karen Murphy from Alanthus Grove, Leigh Ann and Jim Freeman, Travis, Julie, Jaynee and Tanner Snethen. Tanner is home on leave and will be stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas in January. Leigh Ann and Jim were overnight guests on Saturday. Dick Snethen went to the Olney family Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday at the Frontier Hall in Redding.

Bobbi Bainum took dinner to Lena Hunt and Ian Hargrave on Thanksgiving Day in Grant and to Preston Hayse at home.

Lew Knapp from Webster, South Dakota was a Thanksgiving and weekend guest of Tracee and Steve Knapp. The Knapp family guests for Thanksgiving on Wednesday were Reas Knapp, Zoey Harman, Calvin Main and Laura Campbell.

First snow of the season arrives

photo by Jeff Snyder

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Mount Ayr, Iowa- Area residents were greeted with the first blast of winter this past week as snow blanketed the area with a heavy wet accumulation.

Snow fall totals varied by community but a general three to five inches could be measured.

. Mount Ayr city road crews worked over night on Friday November 28 into Saturday in an attempt to stay ahead of the deteriorating weather conditions. Plows from the Ringgold County department of transportation coordinated with the state to tackle the state roads.

Area grocery outlets were inundated with shoppers hoping to get last minute supplies before the snow made travel inadvisable. The Ringgold County sheriffs department issued travel advisories while the city enacted it's Snow Emergency protocols.

The city has designated collection points around town thereby enabling the city to bring in the appropriate heavy equipment to remove the accumulated snow, allowing for an organized pick up and disbursement.

You are Invited to JOIN US!

Christmas in the Ayr

A Very Vintage Christmas

Saturday, December 6

Please refer to the November 27th Record News for details