

Tourney planned in Sainty

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All eight Northwest Kansas League varsity volleyball teams will be in St. Francis on Saturday as the league tournament will be played here.

Action will take place in both the high school and the grade school gyms. League teams besides St. Francis include Colby, Goodland, Hoxie, Oberlin, Oakley, Rawlins County and Quinter.

"This should be a very interesting tournament," Sainty coach Kent Kechter said.

"Many teams are evenly matched. There should be some very exciting matches. There are also some very talented young women who will be playing.

"Colby should be the favorite to win the tournament. They return almost all of their state team from a year ago and have been playing very well."

Seeding for the tournament did not take place until Wednesday afternoon, too late to be printed in the Herald.

"The tournament schedule will be placed on the St. Francis school website (<<http://www.usd297.org>) when it is available," Coach Kechter said.

"Come support the Lady Indians and enjoy the tournament.

"We will be ready to compete well."

Screening date set for Oct. 23

A free screening for young children will be held Tuesday, Oct. 23, at the St. Francis Elementary School.

The screening is sponsored by the St. Francis School System, with the assistance from staff at the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center.

This annual developmental screening is recommended for all young children, who have not yet

entered kindergarten. Its purpose is to help parents be informed of their child's developmental levels. The screening process assesses hearing, vision, fine and gross motor skills, concepts, plus speech and language.

Parents are encouraged to accompany their children through the screening process. Parents should allow 90 minutes for each child's

screening. If the parents cannot attend, you are welcome to make arrangements for your child to go through this worthwhile screening. Please contact Robin Burr at 332-8149 for any special arrangements or assistance.

Appointments for screening may be made by call Teri Richard at the grade school 332-8143.



HUGH WATERMELON - Raedell Winston and grandson, Tiernan Poling display the watermelons grown in Raedell's garden.
Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Obituaries

James Albert Henery
Aug. 13, 1919 - Sept. 25, 2007
James Albert Henery died Sept. 25, 2007, in Olathe, Kan. Graveside services were held on Saturday, Sept. 29, in Oaklawn Memorial Gardens.

James was born on Aug. 13, 1919, in Cheyenne County to Robert and Minnie Henery. He married Morene Helen Kesner on Oct. 24, 1942, and went on to serve the country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was employed with Westside Machine Works in Kansas City and retired from the Board of Public Utilities after working as a machinist for 17 years.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Olathe, and the International Association of Machinists, Lodge 92, Kansas City, Mo.

James is survived by his son, the Rev. Dr. Charles R. Henery and his wife, Jennifer, of Nashotah, Wis., his daughter, Cathy S. Gunja and her husband, Larry of Overland Park, grandchildren, Kathleen Gunja Nelson, James E. Gunja, Robert L. Henery II, Sarah L.B. Henery, Andrew S. Henery, Margaret E. Henery, and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Morene, in 2005, and his sis-

ter, Idalu Ramey.

Contributions may be made to the Parkinsons Foundation.

To leave a message for the family, please visit www.Penwellgabel.com.

Martha (Walz) Gilbraith
April 15, 1916 - Sept. 28, 2007

Martha was born April 15, 1916, to Fred and Eva (Schmierer/Knorr) Walz. She was baptized in May 1916, and confirmed June 21, 1931, at Salem Lutheran Church, rural St. Francis.

She attended Cox school and rode the buggy pulled with horses. Her sister Alice rode with her as did some of the neighbor's children.

After graduating from grade school, she spent a lot of time working in homes of other people doing housework, and she also made noodles, baked pies, cakes and cookies for Schlittenhardt Motor Company. She painted the interior of houses with Viola Schauer, enjoyed stencil painting and embroidery.

On April 16, 1939, he married Ernest Zimbelman. To this union, a son, Marlin was born on Oct. 22, 1942. On Nov. 30, 2003, Martha's son died of severe gas fumes in a trailer at Trenton, Neb. Ernest had a severe automobile accident on July 12, 1959, from which he did

not survive.

Later on in life, she met Frank Gilbraith of Bird City. The wedding date was May 26, 1967. They spent a number of years on the farm before moving to Goodland. In 1974, Frank experienced his first stroke, later on he had six more strokes and then, on Oct. 9, 1982, he died. Martha and Frank did some traveling to the south in the wintertime.

Martha was living in Goodland at 4th and Arcade. She kept herself busy doing church work and enjoyed neighbors and friends. Martha broke her hip in October 1999, and became a resident of Good Samaritan Village.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Ernest and Frank; her parents; son, Marlin; brother, Albert; also a baby brother who died when he was 3 days old.

Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Mary Zimbelman, McCook Neb.; her sisters, Alice Schauer

and Gertrude Zweggardt of St. Francis.

She is also survived by nieces, Verna Miller, Flagler, Colo., Donna Ramsey, Colorado Springs, Carol Trembly, St. Francis, Donita Baird, Brewster, Kay Raile, St. Francis; nephews, Ed Schauer, Darrel Zweggardt, Keith Zweggardt and Jim Dunn, all of St. Francis, and a host of other in-laws and relatives.

Services were held Oct. 3 at Knodel Funeral Home, St. Francis. Officiants for the service were Marvin Zimbelman and Pastor Glenn Isernhagen.

Casket bearers were nephews Ed Schauer, Keith Zweggardt, Jim Dunn, Jay Zimbelman, Eldon Zimbelman and Mark Zimbelman.

Burial was in the St. Francis Cemetery with a graveside service conducted by the American Legion Auxiliary of Bird City of which Martha was a lifetime member.

Oberlin City Council discusses wind power

By Kimberly Davis
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After an hour and 10 minutes in a closed session, supposedly to discuss attorney-client privilege, the Oberlin City Council agreed to send a letter to Sunflower Wind LLC saying the city will negotiate with the firm as long as a right of first refusal is taken out of the proposed contract.

Earlier, when the St. Francis City Council could not make a decision because of questions about the contract and funding, the proposed contract was withdrawn.

In early August, the company offered Oberlin a contract to sell power at 5.6 cents per kilowatt hour, with the agreement that the council would cancel the city's current contracts with Sunflower Electric Power Co. and for federal hydropower.

When Oberlin balked, Sunflower Wind offered the city an agreement giving the firm a right of first refusal, which would have allowed it to meet the price of

any other supplier. The Oberlin council never signed.

The council did send a letter of intent to the wind company saying it would work with the firm to reach an agreement.

At a special meeting on Sept. 26, the council agreed to send a letter saying it will negotiate with Sunflower if the right of first refusal is taken out of the agreement.

Oberlin City Administrator Gary Shike said he e-mailed the letter to Brice Barton with Sunflower Wind on Thursday. He said he hasn't heard anything back from Mr. Barton.

Although the city hired Joe Herz, an independent consultant, to look at the original contract offered from Sunflower Wind, Mr. Shike said, he hasn't been hired to continue working with the city.

At the meeting on Thursday, Sept. 27, Mr. Herz did say that if the agreement was for a right of first refusal he didn't want his name attached to it.

Interesting Facts

- To be classified as brilliant, a diamond is cut so as to have 58 facets.
- Sequoia National Park is named for the Cherokee Indian who invented a system of writing.

- Bathing suits known as bikinis take their name from an atoll in the Marshall Islands where the atomic bomb was tested.



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Aubree Schlepp
Grade: Freshman
Parents: Spencer & Lisa Schlepp

Student of the Month

Aubree, a Freshman at St. Francis Community High school, is the September Student of the Month.

Aubree is involved in volleyball, basketball, track, pom pon and yearbook. She also takes part in MYF, Girl Scouts and dance.

After St. Francis Community High School, Aubree plans on attending college and have a good job.

10 years from now Aubree plans to be married and starting a family with a successful job. Aubree's favorite saying is: "Dance as though no one is watching."

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