



POM PON SQUAD PERFORMED during halftime of the St. Francis vs Colby football game on Friday. Pictured, left to right, are Lexi Hilt, Laura Brunk, Clarice Neitzel, Aubree Schlepp, Aly Schlepp, Kaitlin Figgins, Mikaela Grace, Aly Marin, Tilyn Bell and Randee Grover.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

Mini Sappa show is 30 years old

The Mini Sappa Antique Thresher and Engine Show is once again just around the corner, but this year participants have a special reason to celebrate. The upcoming show on Sept. 18 and 19 commemorates a 30-year history of people in the Oberlin community and surrounding area getting together to experience and enjoy the sights and sounds of days gone by with all things vintage and agricultural.

In the beginning...
Many years ago, in October of 1981, a small group of enthusiasts got together to display and demonstrate a variety of tractors, farm equipment, small engines, and automobiles. Where did they choose to congregate for this event? Why, it was the Decatur County Fairgrounds—the same location the Mini Sappa club uses today!

The main organizers for this first show were Allen "Bus" and Carolyn Wurm. According to Carolyn in a 1987 Clarion article, the show began because they had been attending the Bird City show for quite some time and thought it would be a good activity to get started locally before the 1985 Oberlin Centennial. An estimated ten automobiles,

18 tractors, and 17 small engines were present at that first show. Among them was Bus and Carolyn's 1916 30-60 HP Aultman Taylor, the tractor on which the official club logo is based. Some other identified exhibits included Dwayne Jones' 1928 Ford Model A, Bus Wurm's 1918 International Harvester Titan tractor, Lowell Ayers' Case threshing machine, Tracy Lincoln's 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air, Charlie Lincoln's 1963 Chevrolet Nova SS convertible, and Jerry Bantam's 1915 Ford Model T.

Through the Years...
Within a few years of that first show, the Mini Sappa club was officially formed, and the annual event just kept getting bigger and better. More exhibitors and spectators poured in from the surrounding cities and states.

Each year, additional farm equipment was demonstrated. New features such as the kids' tractor pull, exhibitors' parade and vendor market were added. What started as a small get-together with fewer than 50 exhibits turned into a major attraction, at times bringing in well over 2,000 people and hosting hundreds of entries.

The Big 3-0...
This year, organizers are plan-

ning for another great event, with several new additions to the show in the works. For example, after several years without one, the club hopes to see a Case steam engine on the grounds this year!

This will complement the other vintage tractors, automobiles, stationary engines, farm equipment, and quilts—all of which are free to exhibit. As usual, there will be plenty of activities for the kids, including free rides on the famed Schrammel train mentioned previously.

Don't miss the stock garden tractor pull both days and the hog roast on Saturday evening. A full list of exhibits and activities can be found on the circulating show flyers as well as on the show's official website, www.minisappashow.com. The flyers and website contain contact details for specific show aspects. You may also call (785) 626-3315 or (785) 322-5563 for general information.

Admission and parking are free, so bring the whole family along for a great day out! In addition, take advantage of the US 36 Treasure Hunt event on the same weekend.

Training scheduled for Oct. 5 in Hays

Training for new Client Assessment, Referral and Evaluation (CARE) assessors in northwest Kansas will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 5, in Hays. The training in Hays will be held at the Kansas Highway Patrol Building, 1821 Frontier Road. Registration for the training will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the training will conclude at 4:30 p.m.

Anyone seeking nursing facility placement must have a Client Assessment, Referral and Evaluation assessment, as required by Kansas law. The Kansas Department on Aging, in cooperation with the Area Agencies on Aging and the Kansas Department on Aging offers this training twice a year for the Client Assessment, Referral and Evaluation assessment services, which must be conducted by a qualified Client Assessment, Referral and Evaluation assessor. A qualified assessor must attend the training session and have a bachelor's degree in gerontology, social work, counseling, human development, health,

or other related area, or be a registered nurse licensed to practice in the state of Kansas.

New hospital and Area Agencies on Aging assessors are required to attend the full six-hour training.

Nursing facility assessors are not required to attend the full training because they are not allowed to complete the full Client Assessment, Referral and Evaluation assessment. The morning session from 8:30 to noon will cover this process and information.

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BUDGET

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state government doesn't give us what they say they will and it is hard to budget.

"It is a challenging job," Mr. Kellner said. "I appreciate what you are trying to do."

Because of lower natural gas prices and decreased production, the state assessed valuation on gas production decreased by \$9 million.

There had also been a \$340,000 mistake in calculating natural gas taxes. This money had already been figured into the budget so, all of a sudden, the county was short.

After several days of figuring, the commissioners came up with a \$4,736,524 budget which is \$132,899 higher than last year's.

Courthouse department heads are on a strict budget. This includes the county road and bridge department. Dave Flemming, supervisor, was told to fix the old grader, as there would be no new one this year. If people really want more cuts, Mr. Patton said, we can cut half the county crew and cut back on grading and mowing. The road and bridge department makes up 25 percent of the budget. The general fund is 59 percent and 16 percent goes to bridge building, noxious weed, prairie dog and hospital.

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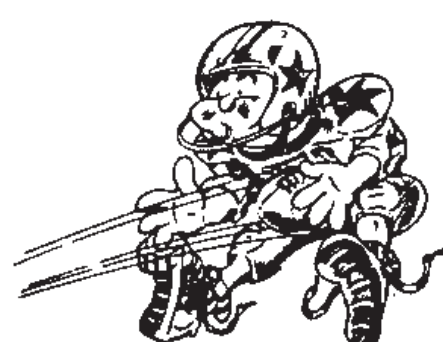
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