

# Family

## Death

### Ross VanPelt

Ross VanPelt, 75, of Oberlin, died Sunday, June 20, 2004 at Decatur Health Systems in Oberlin. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Oberlin Cemetery with Rev. Mike McVay officiating. Burial will follow. Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin is handling arrangements.

Mr. VanPelt is survived by his wife, Dorothy VanPelt of Oberlin, a son, Wesley James VanPelt of Lafayette, Colo.; three daughters, Billie Jo Rubinfeld of Lancaster, Calif., Marla Wonzniak of Colby, Barbara Tally of Oberlin and eight grandchildren.

He was born Aug. 16, 1928 to Will and Myrtle Fowler VanPelt in Kansas City, Mo. He was raised on a farm in Decatur County and attended country school and Decatur County High School. He lived in Danbury, Neb. until 1949 when he moved to a farm north of Oberlin. In 1984, he moved to Oberlin. He also farmed.

On Sept. 26, 1948, he married Dorothy Ann Ruby in Danbury, Neb.

Mr. VanPelt served in WWII as a U.S. Army Corporal and was a lifetime member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, serving more than 20 years as Sergeant at Arms. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the Oberlin American Legion military funeral detail.

## Card Shower



Bert Summers

## Family plans 80th birthday reception

The family of Bert Summers is wanting everyone to come and celebrate with them on his 80th birthday.

The celebration will be held Sunday, July 4, at the Oakley Country Club from 2-4 p.m.

The event will be hosted by his wife, Wanda, children Larry and Sharon Summers, Marietta and Jerry Wright, Shirley and Eugene Lindemoen and their families.

Mr. Summers requests no gifts but would enjoy cards, which can reach him at 329 Maple, Oakley, Kan. 67748.



# Blood pressure checks offered next week at center

## Senior News

Seniors may get their blood pressure checked at the Senior Progress Center, 165 Fike Park, at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 1. This service is provided by the Thomas County Health Department.

There are plenty of other activities scheduled at the center for the week of June 28-July 2, including

Poem Day on Monday. Recite or tell your favorite poem. Tuesday exercise will be at 9:30 a.m. and bring a flower for the bouquet.

New Clothes Day is on Wednesday. Wear something new or some-

thing you have never worn to the center before, said Donna Schielke. Exercise will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday and it's also blood pressure check day. Friday exercise will be at 9:30 a.m. and it's Denim Day, wear your denim duds.

Everyone over 60 is welcome to eat lunch at the center. Donna

Schielke, director of the center, says no special invitation is needed to join in the lunchtime fellowship and all are welcome. She did remind everyone that a reservation is needed by noon the previous day. The menu for the next week includes: Monday - turkey and noodles, winter mix veggies, peaches,

roll, pudding. Tuesday - barbecue chicken sandwich, macaroni salad, corn, bun, apricots. Wednesday - salmon loaf with sauce, asparagus, five cup salad, bread, oatmeal cherry cookie. Thursday - roast beef, creamed potatoes and peas, three bean salad, bread, peach upside down cake. Friday - sausage link or patty, egg/potato bake, banana half, biscuit, orange juice.

The building is also available for rental for events.

For information or lunch reservations, call 460-2901.

# Project Dream camp dates announced

Project Dream, Inc. has announced its dates for summer camps for children 9- to 12-years-old. The dates for camps are July 11-15 and Aug. 1-5.

The organization is a non-profit that focuses on children and youth whose parents are addicted to alcohol or other drugs.

It reaches these children primarily through educational summer camps, officials said.

Dream Camp is located at Cedar Bluff Lake near Hays and offers education concerning chemical addiction, coping skills and work on self-esteem, along with camping activities, companionship and sup-

port. The fees for camp are based on family income.

With the support of Kansas Wildlife and Parks, the camps are held at Cedar Bluff Lake.

People wishing to make reservations for a child or who would like more information should call (785) 628-6655 or 1-800-420-9282.

Project Dream is also seeking support staff for the summer camps. Staff members must be at least 18 years of age and complete a formal application and interview. Selected staff are required to attend a support staff training.

Interested persons may contact the Dream, Inc. office.

## Student News

### Hurtt named to dean's list

Lindsay M. Hurtt of Colby was one of 1,712 students named to the Dean's List at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Mo. for academic achievement during the spring 2004 semester. Students named to the list earned a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and completed at least 12 degree credit hours.

## Markets

### Quotes as of close of previous business day Hi-Plains Co-op

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# Agency plans to spend \$21 million upgrading unemployment system

TOPEKA (AP)—A state agency plans to spend \$21 million over three years to replace a computer system that handles benefits for unemployed Kansas workers.

The Department of Human Resources received permission Wednesday from the State Finance Council to start the project.

The council voted unanimously to have the state issue bonds to cover the cost. The council, com-

prising the governor and eight top lawmakers, handles financial matters when the Legislature is not in session.

"I think it's a pretty good investment for a pretty critical system," Human Resources Secretary Jim Garner said following the vote.

Sebelius acknowledged the project's high cost but said continuing to use an outdated computer system is risky.

"If that system crashes, we will have constituents all over the state of Kansas who desperately need their checks because they're out of work and won't be able to recover them," Sebelius said.

Sebelius called the current system "almost unfixable," while Garner described it as "very delicate and very outdated." Legislative leaders agreed on the need to replace the system.

# Lawmakers push for mad cow testing

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Kansas congressman tried Wednesday to punish the Agriculture Department until it lets meatpackers test all their animals for mad cow disease.

But Republican Rep. Todd Tiahrt, R-Kan., quickly abandoned the effort, saying his purpose "was to catch their attention and get them to move forward." He had proposed in an amendment to a spending bill to halt all travel by Agriculture Department employees.

At issue is the desire by Creekstone Farms Premium Beef LLC to voluntarily test all animals at its Arkansas City, Kan., facility to inspire Japanese confidence in its beef.

The Kentucky-based company says customers in Japan, which banned imports after mad cow disease was found in a Washington state Holstein in December, will buy Creekstone's beef if the company tests all its animals.

"We have the safest meat supply in the world, but the reason I offered

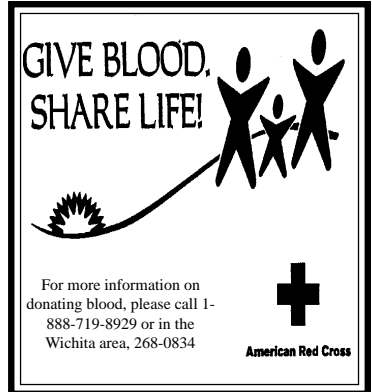
the amendment is because USDA had failed to act on this issue," Tiahrt said.

"We've lost \$800 million in sales in the last five months, and we'll lose \$1.5 billion in sales this year if they don't act soon," he said. "Australia is now filling in the gap on those markets ... we may never gain it back."

U.S. agriculture officials have refused to allow the testing, arguing that science does not justify the need and that trade negotiations are too sensitive.

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**Woodson and Coffey Counties, KS**

R.E. French Oil Company, LLC and French & Winterscheid, Inc., Gridley, KS, are offering for private sale by sealed bid all of their right title, and interest in eighteen (18) oil and gas leases and 100 wells. Sellers' interests include 100% working interests and operations. Oil production is principally from the Mississippian formation within the Winterscheid field.

All of sellers' interests shall be sold together in one package based on sealed bids which must be received on or before five o'clock p.m., July 30, 2004 in the office of James K. Logan, Foulston Siefkin LLP, 40 Corporate Woods, 9401 Indian Creek Parkway, Suite 1050, Overland Park, KS 66210.

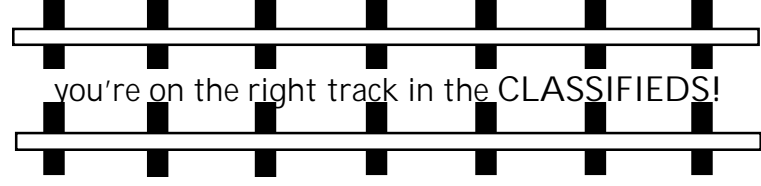
The effective date of the sale and closing shall occur on or before October 1, 2004. At closing, buyer shall pay to sellers the full purchase price in good funds and sellers shall convey to buyers all of their property interests without any warranties whatsoever express or implied.

Sellers reserve the right to reject any bid for any reason.

Bid packages containing detailed descriptions of the properties being offered including production, revenue, and expense histories may be obtained at the offices of or by request from:

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The bid process and sale shall be subject to terms and conditions set out in the bid package.



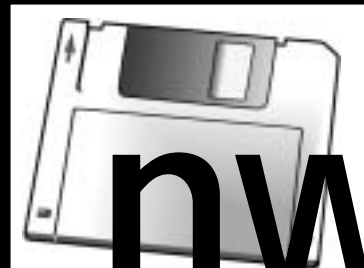
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