

Youngsters entertain Red Hat Club with ‘Not-So-Boring Minuet’



Kendra Akers, 13, and Josiah Akers, 11, sang at the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center last Tuesday for the Chatter Hatters, the home's Red Hat Society club. Doris Bateman (from left), Rita Ackerman and Leandra Avelar enjoyed the program. Kendra and Josiah are children of Vernon and Mary Beth Akers, who farm 12 miles southwest of Weskan and home school their family. Among the songs they sang was "The Not-So-Boring Minuet," a spoof which included such lyrics as "We are supposed to sing this song; hope it doesn't get too boring." They reminded listeners that the classics are part of culture which is "good for you, like spinach." Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

Artist's show kicks off

A Hoxie artist will be featured at the Carnegie Arts Center in March, filling the walls with watercolors, pen-and-ink and colored pencil creations.

Diane Mahanna's show will kick off with an opening reception from 1-3 p.m. Sunday.

Mahanna works mostly in watercolor, pen and ink and colored pencil alone, but often uses them in combination. Her artwork is mildly abstract, and she says she loves the unexpected use of color.

"I love to use colors you wouldn't expect to see, like purple on a face or green in hair," she said.

Her father, who was a carpenter, wood carver and pencil artist, had the biggest impact on her art, she said. However, other artists such as Paul Gauguin, Vincent Van Gogh, Diego Rivera and Miguel Martinez have given her inspiration. She looks to nature and faces for subjects in her work.

Mahanna was born in Olympia, Wash., but grew up in Hoxie and lived in Lawrence. She says she has been involved in art for as long as she can remember.

She has been part shows in Hays, Hoxie and Colby, and her work has been accepted in competitions in Hays, Russell and Sterling, Colo.

Mahanna will have about 25 pieces on display. The exhibit will include pieces created with colored pencil and solvent, which are worked backwards.

"Sometimes I love the process more than the finished project," she said.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Admission is free.

4-H news

Beaver Valley Club

The meeting of the Beaver Valley 4-H Club was called to order on Tuesday, Feb. 15. There were 14 members, two leaders, three guests and three adults present.

Roll call was answered by telling your favorite color. President Ashley Christians then called for reports of officers. Then leader Lori Phillips told the group about 4-H Days and talent night sign up and that the junior leaders are going to have a clinic to help anyone who needs to put together a talk for 4-H Days.

It was decided to put "Sherman County Beaver Valley 4-H Club 2005" on the brick the club is buying at the State Fair grounds. The club talked about a skit and decided to leave it up to Crystal Hernandez on what skit to do.

Vice President Eryn Topliff then started the program. Shelby Arnold did a demonstration on how to make sunflower cookie snacks, and Andrea Roeder did a project talk on leaving your dog in a hot car.

Then Cappi Thomas read a poem that her mother Sherry Thomas wrote; it was called "Metamorphosis."

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The meeting then had recreation by Kala Sharp, who led the group in a game of Duck, Duck, Goose. The meeting was then adjourned by saying the 4-H motto. Refreshments were served by the Billinger and Christians families.

Submitted by Club Reporter Paige Phillips

Prairie Gem

The February meeting of the Brewster Prairie Gem 4-H Club was called to order on Valentine's Day. Roll call was "guess the amount of candy in the jars."

The winner was Andrie Baird, who received both jars of candy. The club was then led in an entertaining version of the Barney theme song, led by Andrew Starns and Benjamin Baird.

Flag salute was led by Leyton Werth. New business for the club included the announcement that "County Club Days" will be held Tuesday, March 15, at the Sacred Heart schools in Colby.

In the program, Whitney Schultz gave a safety and health talk, and

Andrie Baird gave a demonstration with suggestions on how to give a good County Club Days presentation.

Rose Bear gave a sewing demonstration, and Timothy Knox gave a talk about leadership. Recreation for the night was a beanbag throwing game organized by the Werth brothers. The meeting was then adjourned.

Reported by Michael Eicher.

Sunflower Club

The regular monthly meeting of the Sunflower 4-H Club was held Monday, Feb. 21. Roll call was "What is your favorite color?" and was answered by 21 members, five parents, two leaders and a guest.

Christy Studer led the group in singing, "When the Saints Go Marching In."

The business meeting consisted of dates to remember. The first date was County Club Day, March 11;

members need to sign up by today. The Model Meeting will be at 6:15 p.m. Monday, March 14. The Sunflower Club is putting on a skit and needs 10 members minimum for it. The T-shirt discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

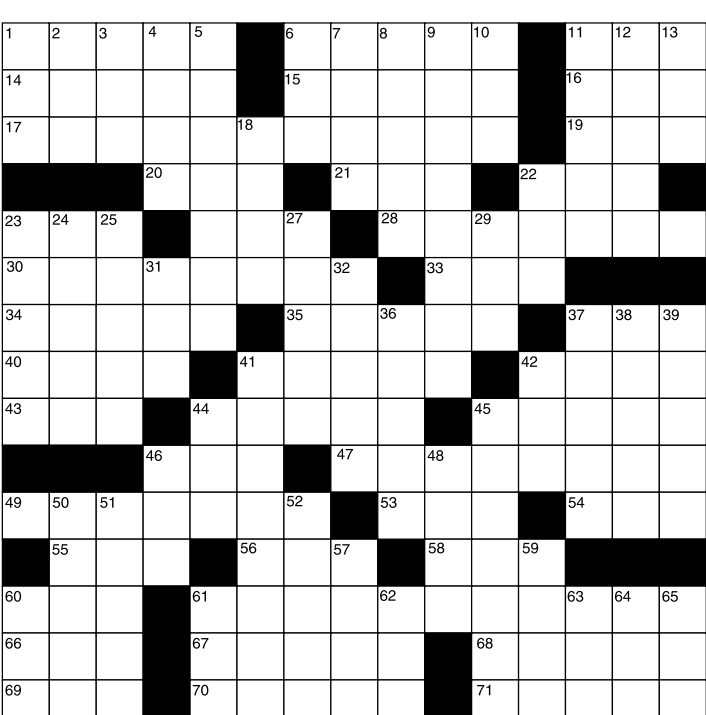
The program had six members doing something. First was a project talk given by John Hendrich on "Bullseye with Shooting Sports." Chris Irvin gave a project talk on woodworking. A current event was given by Corbin Townsend, "DIA Turning 10." A demonstration was given by Christy Studer on how to make "Lemon Butter Snow Bars." Another demonstration was given by Saige Vandiver on how to make "Purple Cow Jumped Over the Moon" drink. To end the program, Hiram Hendrich gave a health/safety tip on dirt biking.

Kathy Wood led the group in a game called Balancing. Refreshments were served by the Johnson

and Hendrich families.

Submitted by Club Reporter Chelsie Gausman

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- Heroism
- Shade
- Flavor enhancer
- A representation of a person
- Charges
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Kowtow
- ____ Rio, Texas
- ____ Lilly, drug company
- Australian flightless bird
- Former OSS
- Stores data
- Railways
- Undergo training or instruction
- Disinclined to talk
- Large African antelope
- Terminate
- Fortified
- Some
- Type of fur
- Informal terms for money
- A slight indication
- An enclosure for swine
- Bogart role
- Glorify
- Related to 40 across
- Most chic
- Franks
- Social insect
- A very large body of water
- Score
- Rules imposed by authority
- Tiny _____
- Thin colored transparent sheet
- Refers to Elysium
- Built by Noah
- People who perform a particular kind of work
- Armistice
- Sound of a hound on the scent
- Ghastly pale
- Trapshooting

CLUES DOWN

- By way of

- Current unit
- Drink
- A way to look
- Choose again
- Flying saucer
- 1760 yards
- Elderly pompous reactionary
- Swelled again
- Residue
- Disseminates widely to the public
- Weapon
- Girl
- Stack
- Central processing unit
- Jams
- An accounting entry
- Rocklike
- Trap
- The late parts of a temporal sequence
- Gall
- Ligneous plants
- Molten rock in the earth's crust
- Purgatives
- Suckle
- Gossip
- Robbers
- Time zone
- Quid pro _____
- Creators
- U.S. Pres.
- Negative
- Classical music for the stage
- Garrulous
- Isaac's mother (Bib.)
- Walking with your feet in water
- A distinctive feature
- Talk
- Monetary unit of Spain
- Comfortable and secluded
- Type of input
- Hole in one
- Leave

Brewster All-Star Booster Club

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2 - MARCH 8

Thursday - High school basketball Sub-state.

Friday - High school basketball Sub-state.

Saturday - High school basketball Sub-state.

Monday - Western Kansas Liberty League basketball meeting in Oakley, 6 p.m.

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