

## Giving a helping hand



**ENJOYING THE WATER**, Jillian Peters, 4, daughter of Randy and Lynda Peters of Oberlin, and Erin Duke, a neighbor, splashed around in the shallow end of the Oberlin pool on Friday.  
— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

## Colby plans bluegrass festival

The Pickin' on the Plains Bluegrass and Folk Festival will be held from Friday, July 18, through Sunday, July 20, in Colby.

This year it will be at the Thomas County Fairgrounds. Eleven bands will perform.

Shows begin at 6 p.m. Friday night and run through 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$18 in advance for adults for the entire weekend; \$10 for youths 12-16, and children under 12 are free with an adult. Day passes are available at the gate.

For advance tickets, contact the Colby Chamber of Commerce, Dave's His Shop, House of Wood furniture and City Limits, all in Colby. For details, call (785) 472-3474 or (800) 611-8835.

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## State to certify forage

The Decatur County commissioners found out last Tuesday that the county's noxious weed director is no longer allowed to certify "weed free forage" because the state has taken over that job.

Weed Director Gaylen Huntley said he received a letter from the state which said that the state Department of Agriculture wants to do the certifying itself.

Mr. Huntley said if someone wants forage certified, they have to call the state and they will give that person the number of someone in Colby who will come out and inspect the bales.

The state has known they were going to take this over for a year, he said, but they didn't say anything to counties or private individuals who do this until just now.

Mr. Huntley said he just purchased the tags for bales and spent \$100 for 100 tags. The county is now out that money.

He said he talked with one man who had just purchased \$5,000 worth of the tags.

Mr. Huntley said the Dodge truck which was damaged by an electrical fire is just about back in service. He said they had to put a flat bed on the truck, because the other one was

ruined. He said he is sending pictures to Brandon Mann with the Kansas Counties Multi-Lined Pool, the county's liability insurance company.

Mr. Huntley said he received one application to do part time work in the office. He said he would like to keep the office open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Mondays, and 8 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The crew has been working on musk thistle lately, he said, and has moved onto bindweed and pasture thistle.

## City to look at refinancing bonds

The Oberlin City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at The Gateway, with a resolution on the refinancing revenue bonds for Sappa Valley Manor topping the agenda.

City Administrator Gary Shike said the resolution has to be passed by the council to refund housing authority bonds for the Manor. Mr. Shike said the change may save \$6,000 to \$10,000 over the remaining five years on the bond issue.

There are \$190,000 of the bonds outstanding, he said. These are revenue bonds, paid from rents paid by apartment resident, and have nothing to do with taxpayers.

Mr. Shike said the council also will discuss a resolution to support a tax credit application for rehabilitation for the Parkview Apartments housing project near the ball fields. Commercial Management Co. is coming in to take over the apartments, and has asked for the credits.

The council will consider ap-

pointments to the planning commission and board of zoning appeals. Terms of Judy Cathcart and Gail Cook expired.

Mr. Shike said the city's accountants, Mapes and Miller, will talk about the audit and there will be a presentation on the waste water treatment plant and what it will take to meet new federal regulations.

The meeting, held in the upstairs meeting room, is open to the public.

## Ten-mile race set in Atwood

The 32nd Annual Lake Atwood 10-Mile will begin at 7 a.m. on Sunday, July 20. Check-in time is 30 minutes before the race on the north shore of the lake.

The main feature is Bob McAnany's attempt to complete the 10-mile course for the 25th consecutive time in under 60 minutes. His time in a five-mile race in Salina earlier this year indicates that the 46-year-old Hays runner is poised

to make history in this year's Atwood race.

Cash prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100 are awarded to the top three finishers who finish in 55 minutes or faster in the men's division and 65 minutes or faster in the women's division. A bonus of \$1,000 will be paid for a record performance in the men's and women's division.

Cash prizes of \$200 and \$100 are awarded to the top two teams that

average 60 minutes in the men's division and 70 minutes in the women's. A bonus of \$250 is paid to every team in the men's division finishing with a 55:43 average and every team in the women's division finishing with a 65:45 average.

For an entry form, log on to [www.recordbook.com](http://www.recordbook.com) or contact Bob Creighton, Box 46, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

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