

# Antique Guild formed by Oberlin businesses

Antique businesses in Decatur County have banded together to form the Decatur County Antique Guild, which promotes the sale of quality antique items of almost any vintage.

Gary Anderson, owner of the LandMark Inn, said the group was formed to let people know that Decatur County is the "Antique Crossroads of America." The guild promotes the county's 15 antique stores in Oberlin, as well as one at Norcatour.

He said that through advertising on radio, television and newspapers, they are bringing people to town who might not have stopped in Oberlin.

"Not all the businesses in the guild sell antiques," he said, "like Addleman Drug, the store has an antique soda fountain, and we try to get people to take a day trip and come to Oberlin."

He said that two of the business owners moved to Oberlin from Colorado during the past year.

He said the group plans to put signs, mounted on old machinery, outside of town to let travelers know Oberlin has antiques.

The members meet once a month to talk about how they can work together, rather than against, each

other. The group plans to go to Norcatour this month to visit an antique store and have a cookout. Plans are to expand their ad campaign during the holiday season.

Colored brochures with maps will direct people to all the antique stores, as well as other Oberlin businesses. Copies are available in all of the businesses and the Chamber of Commerce office.

Members include Addleman Drug Store, 137 S. Penn; Blackwater Antiques, 707 S. Antelope; Cabin Antiques, 156 S. Penn; Cobwebs Antiques and Collectibles, 3 miles north and 3/4 mile west of Oberlin; Nanny's Attic, 211 N. Penn; Oberlin Mercantile Co., 187 S. Penn; Old Czech Country Antiques and Primitives, 211 S. Penn; Just on Time, 802 N. Penn; and Times Past, 159 S. Penn, in Oberlin.

Other businesses listed in the antique guide include C & R Treasures, 104 N. Beaver; Grandma's Glass House, 505 S. Antelope; Jim's Odds and Ends, 711 E. Frontier Parkway; Seeds of Creation, 254 S. Penn; Trader Horn, 1004 W. Frontier Parkway; and Traer Traders, 119 S. Penn, all at Oberlin; and Red Roof Ped'lar, three blocks east of the elevator in Norcatour.

## Emergency loans available

Decatur County farmers who suffered crop losses from natural disasters may apply for U.S. Farm Service Agency emergency loans.

John C. Vogt, farm loan manager in Norton, said farmers in Rawlins and Norton counties also became eligible under federal law, which provides that farmers in counties bordering on those which have been designated for disaster assistance also may qualify. He said applications will be accepted until April 20.

"Loans covering physical and/or production losses may be made at 3.75 percent interest rate, and are scheduled for repayment as rapidly

as feasible, consistent with the applicant's reasonable ability to pay," he said.

Farm Service Agency loans covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock, or buildings (including homes), lost through this disaster.

Those loans covering production losses may be used to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, livestock or to make payments on real estate and equipment debts.

"Funds can also be used for other essential operating and living expenses," Mr. Vogt said.

## Matching fund benefit Sunday

The Norcatour Royal Neighbors will hold a matching fund benefit meal from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Norcatour City Hall dining room.

Proceeds will be used to help defray expenses for the Norcatour

Newsheet and will be matched by the Royal Neighbors.

For details, contact Dorothy Woods at (785) 475-2384 or Lora Arnold at (785) 693-4445. Reservations will be accepted, but are not necessary.

## Crusaders coming to Atwood

The Crusaders and the Crusaders Gospel Band will present concerts at 9:45 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17, at the United Methodist Church in Atwood.

The gospel group has been singing together for 38 years. As teenagers in the mid-'60s, the Crusaders grew to be one of the Midwest's

best-known gospel groups. In the '70s, they started traveling full-time, sharing the stage with southern gospel groups like the Blackwood Brothers and the Stamps Quartet.

There is no charge, but an offering will be taken.

## Benefit dinner set at Lebanon

A benefit old-fashioned ham and turkey dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday for Donnalea Harrison at the Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, Neb., sponsored by the Lebanon commu-

nity. She is making three trips a week to Kearney, Neb., for kidney dialysis while awaiting a kidney transplant. Proceeds will go to help with travel and medical expenses.

## Arts and crafts show planned

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission will sponsor the Holiday Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, Nov. 27, at The Gateway.

A few spaces are still available. For registration information, contact Mary Henzel at (785) 475-3329 or Ella Betts at (785) 475-3557.

## Lightning strikes businesses

Lightning during a storm Thursday evening in Oberlin, which brought very high winds, damaged the phone system at the LandMark Inn and Decatur County Title and

Abstract. Two television sets at the LandMark were also damaged during the storm.

# Club News

## Members share memories

Rosella Meitl hosted the Sept. 27 meeting of Pi Alpha Club when members planned a trip to visit the "Satisfiers" Cookie Factor at Selden. However, due to the rain, the trip was canceled.

"Heaven's Grocery Store" was given by Mrs. Meitl for devotions. Ten members were present and told of summer memories. Elaine

Bryan won the hostess prize and the hostess served "Satisfiers" cookies for refreshments.

The Oct. 11 meeting will be at the Old Bohemian Hall where Robyn Rouse, instructor for the Creative Movement Gymnastics program for children, will demonstrate gymnastics. Janette Votapka will be hostess.

## Environment meeting set

The Special Committee on Environment, an 11-member committee of the Kansas Legislature studying natural resource issues, will meet at the Western Cooperative Electric Association Building, 635 S. 13th Street, in WaKeeney from 7 to 9 p.m. next Wednesday, Oct. 13, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14.

The panel will study a proposed program to convert land currently irrigated into non-irrigated land use. Last spring, a bill in the Legislature, would have established an irrigation assistance grant program to help water right owners with the conversion from irrigated agriculture to dryland agriculture, pasture, or

other non-irrigated use.

The committee also will review the economic impact, at the state and local levels, of not maintaining the recreational water pool level at Cedar Buff Reservoir. It will study the voting procedures and privileges of the Kansas Water Authority.

Public comment is welcome. The committee encourages written testimony, with at least 25 copies provided for the committee and staff. Kansans who want to present verbal or written comments may contact Raney Gilliland, Mary Galligan, or Amy VanHouse at the Legislative Research Department, (785) 296-3181.

## Oktoberfest is Saturday

The annual Oktoberfest celebration is planned on Saturday by the Atwood Chamber of Commerce.

The annual celebration has been renamed Atwood's Autumn Fest this year. The Ol' Depot will have demonstrations, including a Creative Memories workshop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A craft fair is planned in the former NAPA building downtown from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Events will include street games, a farmers' market, kiddy carnival and train rides, coins-in-the-corn tank and contests.

Drag races will be held from 2 to

4:30 p.m. at the airport, sponsored by the Atwood Ambassadors. The group has also scheduled a "Smokin' on the Beaver" barbecue competition to begin at noon, a hog roast from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight.

A free movie will be shown at the Jayhawk Theater at 4:30 p.m.

All Ambassador events will be held at the airport. For entry fees and registration information for Ambassador activities, call (785) 626-9629 evening, 626-3344 or 626-9695. For chamber-sponsored events, call 626-9630.

## Kansas State Fair results given

Four Decatur County 4-H members captured purple ribbons at the Kansas State Fair, while others brought back blue, red and white.

Fair winners included:

**Purple:** Kendra Anderson, Jared Marcuson, fashion revue; Anne Wasson, clothing; Sarah Marcuson, foods.

**Blue:** Rebecca Helm, clothing; Jared Marcuson, foods, fashion revue; Sarah Marcuson, Jared Marcuson, Gatlin Reichert, photography; Anne Wasson, fashion revue; Cameron Nedland, Hunter Nedland, photography;

**Red:** Andy Dempewolf, Jared Marcuson, woodworking; Jacob Larue, Gage Reichert, photography; Hunter Nedland, Christian Rittman, foods; Dakota Soderound, entomology;

**White:** Cameron Nedland, foods. **Participant:** Sabrina Dellere, trail, Western horsemanship, pole bending, barrel racing, flag race, breakaway, team roping; Rebecca Helm, Sarah Marcuson, arts and crafts; Jacob Helm, family and consumer sciences judging; Rebecca Helm, family and consumer sciences judging.

## Marine band to perform

"The President's Own," the United States Marine Corps Band, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Colby Community Building.

For free tickets, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Pat Ziegelmeier, Colby Community Building, 1255 South Range, Colby, Kan., 67701.

The band, established by an Act

of Congress in 1798, is America's oldest professional musical organization. It has performed at every presidential inauguration since that of Thomas Jefferson in 1801. John Philip Sousa directed the band from 1880-92.

The concert is sponsored by the Colby Free Press and the Western Plains Arts Association.

## Annual Model Train Show set

The fifth annual Northwest Kansas Model Train Show and Swap Meet will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23, and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 24, at the Colby Community Building.

There will be operating layouts and vendors selling model railroad-

ing-related items.

Admission will be \$3 per person, with kids under 5 free, and families of four or more \$10. Lunch will be available.

The event is sponsored by the Northwest Kansas Model Railroad Club.

# Rock-a-Chickamauga will honor explorers

The Prairie Museum of Art and History at Colby will be hosting Rock-a-Chickamauga: Territorial Days on the High Plains, on Sunday. The event is being held to mark the bicentennial of the start of the Lewis and Clark Expedition and the 150th anniversary, or sesquicentennial, of Kansas becoming a territory in 1854.

Festivities will begin at noon and there is no admission charge. The Colby High School cheerleaders will be serving lunch as a fundraiser.

The day will include historical performances on the stage by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, performed by Phillip Thomas and William Worley. Joyce Thierer, accompanied by Pepper, her horse, as "Greedy Gut," will be Grower, a Native American woman from an earth lodge culture.

Children help her build a travois for Pepper to pull for the performance. There will also be try-on costumes, Native American crafts and other activities for the kids.

He-wo-we-dus, a Cheyenne brave, portrayed by Ken Weidner of Dighton, will talk about Native American life from the tipi. Kirk Shapland, as Young Buffalo Bill, will set up a buffalo hunter's camp, and Mark Berry will have a trader and trapper camp. Lon Sowers will be giving rides in his oxen-drawn

wagon. Folk art demonstrations will include spinning by Pam Sager, bobbin lace making by Sonia Domsch of Atwood, quilting by the Prairie Museum quilters and leatherworking by Scott Sheets.

There will be musical entertainment in the Lone Star Church by the McLemore Family, Larry Booth and the Pearce Family of Wallace. Several new temporary exhibits will be shown in the Garvey Educational Room.

Thomas County was organized in 1885 and was named for Gen. George H. Thomas, a Civil War hero of the Battle of Chickamauga. The Thomas County townships were named for Kansas soldiers killed at Chickamauga. As the town of Colby was laid out, some streets were even named for battles and towns where Thomas fought: Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Franklin and Nashville. For a short time, there was talk about changing the name of the town from Colby to Chickamauga.

Rock-a-Chickamauga Day is one of four events in Kansas sponsored by the Kansas Sesquicentennial Commission.

For details, contact the museum at 1905 S. Franklin, Colby, Kan., 67701, (785) 462-4590, or prairiem@st-tel.net or check the website [prairiemuseum.org](http://prairiemuseum.org).

## Soldier honored with medal

Specialist Terry Rose Jr., has returned after serving a year in Iraq and is stationed at Fort Riley. He is the son of Mary Lou Plotts of Oberlin.

He is serving with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor, United States Army. He was awarded the Purple Heart on July 3 for wounds received in ac-

tion. He also received the Army Commendation Medal for exceptional service while serving as a tank

driver. The certificate states, "His technical knowledge and hard work contributed immensely to the brigade's success during Operation Iraqi Freedom. His performance, dedication to duty and selfless service reflect great credit upon himself, the Devil Brigade and the United States Army."

He and his wife, Crystal, and their children, Caleb, Rosa and Jacob, are making their home in Junction City.



Terry Rose

## Patronage refunds paid

The board of Farm Credit of Western Kansas Agricultural Credit Association paid out \$700,000 in patronage refunds to members last month on interest paid by members during 2003.

The money comes from the association's interest income, crop insurance sales, and fee income. Over the past seven years, Farm Credit has returned nearly \$4 million in cash patronage to farmer members.


The association, with offices in Colby, is the leading agricultural lender in the nine counties of north-

west Kansas, with over \$170 million in assets including loans to young, beginning, and small farmers.

Farm Credit makes loans for the purchase or refinancing of farm, ranch or agribusiness real estate and facilities, as well as to finance farm operations, livestock and equipment. Farmers and ranchers who borrow from Farm Credit own the association. It is an independent unit of the Farm Credit System, the nation's leading agricultural lender with over \$90 billion in combined assets.

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