

New High Plains ArtFest set for The Gateway

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission and The Gateway will be holding the first High Plains ArtFest, showcasing work from high school students and area artists, at the beginning of April.

Connie Grafel, marketing director for The Gateway, said the Northwest Kansas League art show,

which is open to the public, will be at The Gateway on Tuesday, April 5, 6 and 7. Those pieces will be moved out before noon on Thursday, April 7, and the ArtFest will be set up in the arena.

Ms. Grafel said the group sent information to 35 area high schools asking for entries from juniors and

seniors. Each school is limited to five pieces. She said they also sent information to 300 adult artists in the Tri-State area.

So far, she thinks they have more than 100 entries, but she wasn't sure how many artists.

Categories for the show are water color, acrylic, oils, pastels, sculpture, handmade ceramics, photography and two dimensions.

A gala from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 8, will allow people to come and see the pieces. She said patrons will be asked to donate \$100 and that will get two people into the event.

All artists who have a piece entered will be invited and they are free

to bring a guest. There will be entertainers, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

Those who donated will be able to pick the best of show and purchase art work before anyone else.

The show will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday,

April 10. On those days the show will be free.

Ms. Grafel said the idea is to create a venue where area artists can display their work.

She said they will still take some pieces if someone wants to contact her at (785) 475-2400 or Mary Henzel at (785) 475-3329.

web-site are a Rival electric counter-top grill, a "Digimon" blanket, sets of glasses and Multimile tires.

For the big items, she said, people should wait until the week of the auction to bring them in.

If they have smaller items to donate, and they have a place in the school, they can store them. Mrs. Rogers said someone already brought in some dishes.

All of the items need to be at the school by 4 p.m. Friday, April 15.

Mrs. Rogers said they are advertising the items on the school web-site at www.usd295.k12.ks.us/auction/items.html.

If anyone wants their items advertised, all they need to do is call the school at (785) 678-2414. She said she will put pictures of the items on the site if people bring them in or let her know.

In the past, she said, the association has always had a soup supper and bingo night to raise money, but last year they decided to try the auction. Gary Gilliam and Bob Jones have donated their time as auctioneers.

Mrs. Rogers said they will take most items, but no clothing.

The doors will open at 8 a.m. the day of the auction, although the sale doesn't start until two hours later.

Students get look at Kan Ed

Program gives kids access to Internet 2

In the computer labs upstairs at Decatur Community High School last Tuesday, students got a look at the Kan Ed site the district is paying for in order for each of them to have a subscription for a year.

Elementary Principal Duane Dorshorst, who has been the point man on the project for the district, and Teacher Candy Dejmal helped students with their passwords and getting into the site.

Mr. Dorshorst said this site is a new resource for students in grades 4-12 and the staff. The school board bought 500 licenses for the program at 50 cents a shot.

Mr. Dorshorst told a group of high school students that once they entered the site, they could click on a button for the learning station. This will give each of them a lot of resources that other high school students don't have.

He said the program works on Internet 2, which means there are no advertisements and no eBay, just resources for research. He said most high school students don't have access to Internet 2.

All of the information, said Mr. Dorshorst, has passed through college experts.

Another feature on the site is called "Atomic Learning," which are short videos that offer tutorial programs for anything a student is working on.

Mr. Dorshorst said that if students are at home and need a little help, they can get into this program and watch a 2- to 3-minute video.

Each user will have an education backpack, he said, which will help students store their work. Mr. Dorshorst said that if a student is



WITH HIS RIGHT HAND on the mouse, Seth Ritter used his pointer to check out things on the Kan Ed site he was hooked up to last Tuesday morning at the high school. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

working on a paper at school and they want to take it home and work on it, instead of using a floppy disk, the student can put the paper in the education backpack. At home, they can pull the paper out and work on it on the computer.

The only problem is, he said, is if

the student is using Microsoft Word at school, they need to use the same program at home.

There were some kinks in the program last Tuesday, but Mr. Dorshorst said he would make a call and get them worked out. He and Mrs. Dejmal have been using home

rooms to get the students hooked up to the system. The teachers already have been set up.

Jennings teachers plan April auction

The Prairie Heights Teachers' Association is getting ready for its second annual consignment auction to raise money for scholarships for alumni and seniors graduating this year in Jennings.

The auction will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at the Jennings School.

Teacher Judy Rogers said last year they were able to give seven scholarships, six to graduating seniors and one to an alum, ranging from \$200 to \$400.

Mrs. Rogers said she doesn't know how many scholarships they will give away this year. It just depends on how much money they raise at the auction.

The association is looking for donations of items to auction, either on consignment or donations. For consignment items, said Mrs. Rogers, the association will keep 20 percent and give 80 percent to the owner.

Last year, she said, they sold a bus from the school and some extras. Mrs. Rogers said she didn't know if they would have a bus again, but they will be selling some refrigerators and freezers from the kitchen and some other items from the school.

Some of the other items on the

Relay for Life session tonight

The Decatur County Relay for Life committee will meet tonight at the home of Gary and Sarah Fredrickson on U.S. 36.

The group is getting ready for the event in June.

Anyone interested in working on a committee should come to the meeting, which starts at 5:30 p.m. and lasts about an hour.

Anyone with questions should call Sarah Fredrickson at 475-3135.

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City needs money for well

The Oberlin City Council will discuss the redrilling of well No. 12 east of town when it meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday night since they haven't heard anything official about financing yet.

City Administrator Gary Shike said they hope to have some news about an Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, but

haven't received anything official.

At the March 3 meeting, the council talked with Mike Ferguson with the Sunflower Chapter of Pheasants Forever about a lease of the lake ground, but no decision was made. The two are still ironing out details of a contract, and the council will continue that discussion.

Mr. Shike said the swimming pool commission will be in to dis-

uss what's next with the project.

The group asked the council in February to send around 15 questions to Water's Edge Aquatic Design, and the commission has received some of those answers back.

The meeting, open to the public, will be held in the meeting room upstairs at The Gateway. The meeting will be aired on local access cable channel 7.

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