

Many county members have entries in 4-H Day

Decatur County 4-H Club Day was held Friday afternoon at Oberlin Elementary School. Members and groups earning Regional blue ribbons are eligible to enter Regional 4-H Day at Brewster on April 1.

Results include:
Junior project talk: Timothy Helm, blue; Ryan May, Regional blue; Elizabeth Nedland, regional blue.

Intermediate project talk: Britta Noren, b; David Noren, rb; Matthew Helm, b; Jacob Helm, rb; Zach May, b; Hunter Nedland, b.

Public speaking: Rebecca Helm, rb; Aaron Helm, rb; Andrew Dempewolf, b.

Junior demonstration: Michael Noren, rb; Hannah May, rb.

Intermediate demonstration: Christian Rittmann, rb.

Junior illustrated talk: Cheyanne Soderlund, b.

Intermediate illustrated talk: Dakota Soderlund, rb.

Junior vocal solo: Ryan May, r; Cassidy Shields, rb.

Intermediate vocal solo: Kortnie Fisher, r; Miki Dorshorst, alternate rb; Samantha Anderson, rb; Hunter Nedland, b.

Senior vocal solo: Tricia Dorshorst, b; Anne Wasson, rb; Annamarie Larue, r; Cameron Nedland, r.

Intermediate vocal duet: Zach May and Cassidy Shields, rb.

Junior instrumental solo: Elizabeth Nedland, r.

Intermediate instrumental solo: Matthew Helm, b; Tyler Shields, r; Samantha Anderson, rb.

Senior instrumental solo: Rebecca Helm, r; Aaron Helm, r; Marci Metcalf, rb.

Intermediate instrumental duet: Matthew Wittman and Brent Juemann, b.

Vocal ensemble: Ryan May, Hannah May, Zach May, Kaylee

May, Elizabeth Nedland, Cassidy Shields, Tyler Shields, Caitlin Shields, Haylee Schiessler, rb.

Junior reading: Brittany Urban, b; Timothy Helm, b; Ryan May, b; Madison Monaco, rb; Cassidy Shields, b; Kelly Brown, b.

Intermediate reading: Matthew Helm, rb; Miki Dorshorst, b.

Senior reading: Rory Wendelin, b; Rebecca Helm, rb; Aaron Helm, r; Tricia Dorshorst, b; Cameron Nedland, r.

Novelty: Alyssa Montgomery and Kierstyn Johnson, b; Jacob Helm, rb; Nolan Wasson and Wade Juemann, r.

Gymnastics: Taylor Macfee and Kaylee May, b; Jamie Soderlund, b; Miki Dorshorst, b; Sara Kyte, rb.

Dance: Star Valley, b; Maverick, rb.

Model Meeting: Sappa Valley, r; Stick To It, rb.

Junior piano solo: Michael Noren, b; Caleb Koerperich, b; Ryan May, rb; Cheyanne Soderlund, r; Madison Monaco, r; Hannah May, b; Elizabeth Nedland, b; Troy Juemann, b; Chris Anderson, b; Gabe Anderson, b; Austin Kyte, b.

Intermediate Piano solo: Jessica Fredrickson, b; David Noren, r; Britta Noren, b; Jacob Helm, b; Miki Dorshorst, b; Zach May, b; Hunter Nedland, b; Matthew Wittman, b; Nolan Wasson, rb; Brent Juemann, b; Samantha Anderson, b; Sara Kyte, r.

Senior Piano Solo: Sarah Marcuson, b; Anne Wasson, rb; Annamarie Larue, b.

Junior piano duet: Madison Monaco and Cheyanne Soderlund, r; Hannah May and Elizabeth Nedland, rb; Chris and Gabe Anderson, b.

Intermediate piano duet: Jacob Helm and David Noren, b; Miki Dorshorst and Samantha Anderson, b; Zach May and Hunter Nedland, rb.

Club News

Stick-To-It 4-H club meets

By SAMANTHA ANDERSON

Well, 4-H Days are over for Decatur County 4-H'ers. Were you nervous about 4-H Days? Did it feel like your heart was going to pop out of your chest? Mine did! All the 4-H clubs did a great job at club days. Congratulations! Good luck to all that are going on to regional in Brewster.

With a smile, Ann Wasson presided over our meeting for March 13. With a bit of wit, Cameron Nedland read the minutes of the last meeting. Treasurer Sarah Kyte reported how much was in our club funds. Council members reported it will be 100 years for 4-H in Decatur County. The council is asking for fun ideas to help celebrate this event, such as a dance and barbecue.

Mrs. Monaco, of the community involvement committee, re-

minded everyone that Teacher Appreciation Week is the first week in May. Christian Rittmann asked if we would like to help with a group, "Join Hands," and help clean the City Park before the next meeting in April. Kade Brown suggested that our club help set up for the "Relay for Life" on June 17.

Ryan May gave a project talk about picking out a steer from the pasture for the show ring. We enjoyed a talk from Zach May about his bred heifer with some graphic photos. Dena Anderson and Hannah May led us in a song, "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes."

Refreshments were provided by the Kevin Brown and Butch Rittmann families and they were very yummy!

Widows and Friends meet

Widows and Friends met for lunch at Keeno's Road House on March 9 with 21 members present: Elaine Bryan, Dorothy Jackson, Esther Carlson, Bernie Fred, Eileene Grose, Evelyn Olson, Mildred Holmdahl, Luella Sloan, Virginia Sprating, Martha Fringer, Doris Fringer,

Cecil Hess, Nadean Stoney, Delores Koerperich, Millie Lippelmann, Phyllis Screen, Ruby Wennihan, Norma Richards, Doris Sloan, Alice Bobbitt and Eula Juemann.

They will meet for dessert at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, at the LandMark Inn.

Cross history presented

The history behind eight patterns of crosses was presented for Lenten devotions by Wilma May when St. John's Missionary League met. The Roman cross, depicting the suffering of Jesus Christ, is the one most commonly used in the United States.

"Fruit of the Spirit, True Abiding Joy" was led by Kim Lang-

ness. Dorothy Moore announced that the spring rally will be in Atwood on Sunday and delegates are Evelyn May, Wilma May and alternate Peggy Groneweg.

The next meeting will be a brunch at 9 a.m. on April 9 at the church. Dorothy Moore was hostess.

Club enters dance number

By JESSICA SODERLUND

The Maverick 4-H Club met briefly after performing their dance at 4-H Day on March 11. They received a regional blue on their performance, with all 22 members taking part.

The kids made a thank you for Dr. Sliter, who furnished pizza for them. Other items discussed were Teacher Appreciation Week on May 1-7. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

Pi Alpha enjoys dinner

Sixteen member of Pi Alpha Club enjoyed a Dutch treat dinner at the Frontier Restaurant on March 7 with Nora Bearley as co-hostess. Joan Evans won the hostess prize.

The annual spring breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. on Saturday at the home of Doris Sloan, assisted by Pat Wright and Eris Young.

Legion Auxiliary meets

The Oberlin American Legion made plans to sell Avenue of Flags magazine during the Home and Garden Show this weekend in Oberlin when they met on March 9 at the Legion Hall.

Membership is around 126 and the goal is 145. Correspondence from the Betty Ellis family was read and delegates chosen for Girls State. The district letter was presented for all to read.

The president reported that 17 reports had been sent to district

officers. The ham-and-bean feed for the swimming pool fund was a great success, bringing in \$700 for the project. Expenses, donated food and hours worked will be used if they apply for a grant. This was a great community effort with people, the swimming pool board, American Legion and Auxiliary working together.

The poppy program for sixth graders next month was discussed, along with the burger and fish fry.

Tri-State Conference in Colorado on April 18

The 2005 Tri-State Conference will be held on Monday, April 18, at Peerless Center, 212 S. Inter-ocean, in Holyoke, Colo., with the theme "Conquering Our Future."

There will be a business meeting at 10 a.m. Mountain Time, followed by registration at 11:15 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon.

Brett Zollinger of the Docking Institute will speak at 1:30 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. on "Our Workforce, Our Future," followed by Alexandra Hall from the Colorado Department of Labor at 3:30 p.m.

"Youth and Entrepreneurship" speakers will be Vicky Leibbrandt at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. followed by Jim Engelker from Revere High School at 3:30 p.m.

An "Art as Cultural Tourism Track" will feature High Plains Art

Fest and McCook Art Guild at the same times.

Evening activities will begin with a social hour at Sunset View, 330 W. Kellogg in Holyoke, sponsored by George K. Baum and Co. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by scholarship presentations by Larry Worth.

Youth Entrepreneurship and the Revere School Project will be presented by Jim Engelker at 7:15 p.m. Entertainment will follow at 7:45 p.m. with the Imperial High School Choir.

Conference fees are \$65, which includes lunch and the banquet. They may be sent to Phillips County Economic Development, Box 424, Holyoke, Colo. 80734; fax (970) 854-4837, or email: pced@pctc.net

Food managers certified

Janet Anthony, Teresa Ely, Diana Gamblin and Lisa Votapka of the Decatur County Hospital dietary department have completed a ServSafe class and passed the national test to become certified food protection managers.

They will become trainers in food safety and help train employees to enforce safety practices to prevent

food contamination.

A 2004 Food and Drug Administration report showed that a certified food protection manager can increase control of risk factors to help protect the entire food service operation, the hospital says. The best way to accomplish that goal is to put the ServSafe Program to work.



Extension Lines

By Byron Hale
 Decatur County Extension Agent

Caregiver programs planned

Kansas, like many other states, has an aging population, and the aging Baby Boomer population should boost the number of seniors. If you care for an aging person facing life decisions, such as moving to a care facility, this program is for you.

Caregivers are faced with issues, from paper work to finances to health care. This is a difficult stage of life for everyone.

Two programs for caregivers are planned. The first will be on Thursday, April 21, at The Gateway in Oberlin and the second on Friday, April 22, at the First Presbyterian Church in Hays.

The program, "Full Circle — an Aging Expo," will include topics

ranging from dementia, to long-term care insurance, to prescription drug programs. The keynote speaker is Scott Teeselink, from Kansas Farm Bureau, on identity theft and personal safety. A trade show will offer opportunities to gather information and develop networks.

Continuing education credit is available. Registration deadline for both locations is Tuesday, April 12. Check with your county transportation agency for a ride. With advance arrangements, adult daycare may be available at a nursing facility.

For registration and information, call the Decatur County extension office at 475-8121.

Scrapbooking workshop set

Space is still available at a scrapbooking benefit for the Last Indian Raid Museum from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday at the Decatur Community High School cafeteria in Oberlin.

The second annual Scrapbooking and Stampin' Extravaganza will draw vendors from across northwest

Kansas and southwest Nebraska. The high school yearbook staff will be doing photo reprints. Limited space is still available for vendors and the public is invited. All proceeds will go to the museum for restoration projects.

For details, contact Abby Hissong at (785) 475-2696.

Scholarship benefit set

Trips, getaways, sports tickets and other sought-after items have been donated for the Colby Community College Endowment Foundation scholarship benefit set for Saturday, April 2, at the Comfort Inn Convention Center in Colby.

"We have trips to the National Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas and to Cheyenne Frontier Days," said foundation Director Nick Wells. "In addition, we have packages to baseball games and a guided pheasant hunt."

Theme for this year's event is "The Orient Express."

"The party auction will also recognize the school's 40th anniversary and continue with the Ruby Jubilee celebration," said Mr. Wells. "The jewel of the night will be the ruby."

Auction items will be on display

at Dave's His Shop, Colby Photo and Personal Touch beginning today.

The Endowment Foundation, chartered Nov. 17, 1964, boosts the growth and development of the college, raising thousands of dollars for scholarships. It has helped the Board of Trustees with the construction of buildings and beautification of the campus.

Each year, the number of students receiving financial aid increases, and with higher costs, additional demands are placed on the foundation. The organization raised over \$50,000 at last year's scholarship dinner and auction.

Admission is \$30 per person or a table of eight is \$200. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., with the auction at 7. For reservations, call Mr. Wells at (785) 460-4684.

Expert to speak at college

Dr. Mark Hansen, dean of social sciences at the University of Chicago, will be the first speaker of the year for the Dr. Max Pickerrill Lecture Series at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in the Frahm Theater at Colby Community College.

The 2000 and 2004 elections were the most competitive pair of presidential elections in over a century — the second and fourth closest electoral vote margins in American history.

In his lecture, "The 2004 Presidential Election: Where We Are, How We Got There, and What It Means," Dr. Hansen will explore the influences that made these contests so close, identifying the factors that helped the Republicans and the Democrats, and those that did not

benefit either party.

He will focus on key social forces that have made turn-of-the-century politics so competitive and so polarized, trace the historical source of these social changes, and assess the impact they will have on our political future.

Dr. Hansen is a native of Colby, graduating from Colby High School in 1977. He earned his undergraduate degree in 1981 from the University of Kansas, a masters in 1983 and a doctorate in 1987 from Yale University. He is the son of John and Joyce Hansen of Colby.

There is no admission charge. A reception, hosted by the college, will follow.

For details, call Cathy Gordon at (785) 462-3984, extension 310.

DCHS ALUMNI BANQUET RESERVATION COUPON

The DCHS Alumni Banquet will be held at The Gateway in Oberlin, Saturday, May 28, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30. Mail reservations and remittance to: Alumni Assn., P.O. Box 201, Oberlin, KS 67749. Deadline for reservations is May 19, 2005. Price per plate is \$12.50 - This includes dinner and 50 cents for the Smick Memorial Loan Fund.

Alumni's Name	Class
Spouse or Guest Name	Class
Space allows for alumni and spouse/guest. BE SURE to give class year and maiden name.	
If spouse/guest is also an alumni, please indicate the class year he/she would like to be seated with: <input type="text"/>	
Late registrations accepted, but no guarantee on sitting with your class.	

INTERNET TONIGHT!
 475-2206

New Arrival

Miranda Lynn Carlson

Tim and Judy Carlson of Arapahoe, Neb., are the parents of a daughter, Miranda Lynn, born Feb. 25, 2005, at Cambridge Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces and was 19 inches long. Her grandparents are Eleanor Rogers, Holbrook, Neb., and the late Neal Carlson, the late Margaret Kunkee, and the late Jack Wisdom. Mrs. Carlson is the former Judy Wisdom, a 1980 graduate of Decatur Community High School.



M. Carlson

Spring Cleaning Special

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 3/11 - 13

Take an additional 10% off of winter sale merchandise

Home & Garden Show Special

20% off of new spring merchandise.

Same time - same place

Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. & Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5: p.m.
 SPECIAL SUNDAY - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



152 S. Penn—Oberlin—785-475-3407

Summer Job Offers:
 The City of Oberlin is accepting applications for temporary summer jobs until positions are filled. These include labor jobs in the maintenance of park, streets, cemetery, swimming pool and public utilities.
 Also accepting applications for swimming pool manager. Swimming pool manager must have current Water Safety Instructor Certificate and must have completed American Heart Association CPR and Basic First Aid. Experience as pool manager or assistance manager would be helpful.
 Application forms can be picked up at the
 City Office
 #1 Morgan Drive
 Oberlin, KS 67749

RN or LPN POSITION OPEN
 Decatur County Good Samaritan Center has a full-time position available for an RN or LPN as evening charge nurse.
 We are seeking an individual who is a team player and has an interest in working with the elderly.
 Benefits include a new wage scale, up to 17 days paid time off the first year, health and dental insurance, and pension plan.
 Interested persons should contact Loretta McFee at 785-475-2245
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Happy _____ Birthday!
 March 22nd
 We are having a card shower to celebrate.
 Please send cards to
 Marcella Leitner
 103 E. Washington
 Oberlin, KS 67749
 We love you,
 Patricia, Barbara, and Donna