

Time for fall festivals

By KIMBERLY DAVIS

With fall here, it's time for the annual celebrations at the museum and fairgrounds with food, history, games, tractors, quilts and cars.

At the Last Indian Raid Museum downtown, it'll be Mini-Sapa Day on Saturday, Oct. 1, with a couple of events the next day, Oct. 2. The Mini-Sappa Antique Thresher and Engine Show will run Saturday and Sunday that weekend at the Decatur County Fairgrounds.

At the museum, the one-day event will start at 7 a.m. with a pancake feed. At 8 a.m., there will be a bake sale at the land office with homemade cookies, breads and other goodies.

A craft fair on the museum grounds will start at 9:30 a.m. and last until 3:30 p.m. Pumpkin painting will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with bratwurst and pork burgers served.

At 2 p.m. there will be an ice cream social and St. Mark's Lutheran Church, recently moved to the museum, will be open for tours.

The museum will be open all day and there is no cost to tour it.

At 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2, there will be a dedication at St. Mark's, followed by a potluck supper at the Bohemian Hall.

Mini Sapa is sponsored by the museum and KFN Radio.

At the fairgrounds, events start at 9 a.m. both Saturday, Oct. 1, and Sunday, Oct. 2. Both days there will be a parade at 4 p.m. and on Saturday, there will be a poker run at 5 p.m.

There will be a craft market, with vendors selling all kinds of items, plus old-fashioned hay baling, corn shelling and grinding, free train rides, threshing, a saw mill and storytelling on both days.

There will be antique engines, tractors, hot rods and custom cars to see each day.

At 6 p.m. Saturday, there will be a hog roast for \$6 per person. For exhibitors and vendors, the meal is free.

At 2 p.m. on Sunday, there will be a kids' pedal tractor pull.

Admission is \$3 per adult and 50 cents per child. Anyone who wants to camp at the fairgrounds can pay \$3 per hookup or \$5 for both days.



AT THE SAPPA VALLEY YOUTH RANCH, Head Teacher Aurelia Jackson and Superintendent Kelly Glodt told the Oberlin School Board about the new building during the board's annual tour. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Board tours Sappa Ranch building

The Oberlin School Board got to see the inside of the newest building at Sappa Valley Youth Ranch school during its annual tour last Monday.

The district bought the two-room trailer for the Minneola School District last winter.

Although work isn't finished on the inside, the district has been holding classes there. Before the new building was purchased, the youth had to meet in one trailer with two rooms, learning in a cramped environment.

Aurelia Jackson, head teacher at the ranch, showed the board around. In the old building, the school now has a library, a conference room and office, and a classroom.

There is no doubt that the ranch needed more space, said Superintendent Kelly Glodt.

Mrs. Jackson said she has 35 kids in the school.

School Roundup

At its monthly meeting last Monday, the Oberlin School Board:

- Toured the new and old school buildings at the ranch, the grade school and the high school to see summer maintenance projects. Story at left.
- Heard that the Tech Club at the

high school has started to work on their second annual project so they can go to competition in October. Story to come.

- Received a gift of 17 computer monitors from First National Bank. Story to come.

With 35, said Mr. Glodt, the district will get more state aide at the ranch, which has to be spent on the ranch school, so the board might need to talk about adding personnel.

In the new building, Mrs. Jackson said that they teach life skills and science on one side and English on the other.

They are working on the life skills/science side so that the boys can learn to cook. The building

also has a restroom.

With the two buildings, they are able to split the boys up more, which provides a better learning environment.

The students are able to use laptop computers and a movie station, used as an incentive program in literature. With the viewing station, students are able to compare movies and the text. They also use books, tapes and CDs.

Mrs. Jackson said it's a special

school, built around students with special needs.

From the ranch, the board went to the Oberlin Elementary School to see work done to the playground over the summer.

Mr. Glodt said the new windows at the grade school were being installed.

At the high school, the board saw the wall on the south side of the gym with the new siding. They looked at the new pads on the walls in the senior and junior high gyms.

Over the summer, some of the shower fixtures at the high school were replaced, which Mr. Glodt said is an ongoing project.

Each year the board tours the schools to see what the staff has accomplished over the summer and other projects that need to be done.

After the tour, members returned to the district office to finish their monthly meeting.

Benefit to help with pool

The Oberlin chapter of the Royal Neighbors of America and the pool committee will join forces Friday to help raise money for a new pool by holding a benefit tailgate potato bar and dessert buffet before the Red Devil football game with Goodland.

The Royal Neighbors national headquarters in Rock Island, Ill., will match the first \$1,000 raised at the event, which starts at 5 p.m. Food will be served north of Smick Field in City Park. In case of bad weather, it will be held at the high school cafeteria.

The dinner will be for a donation. Others wishing to donate to the fund should call Anna Shaw at 475-2707, or Edna Mott at 475-3017.

Mayor authorizes defibrillator at The Gateway

The mayor said at a City Council meeting on Sept. 8, that it is OK for the county ambulance director to put an external defibrillator in The Gateway.

Ambulance Director Patrick Pomeroy, who also is a council member, said he has access to a defibrillator and would like to put it in the building. A few times in the past, he said, it would have come in

handy. A defibrillator is used to help restart a heart that has stopped beating. The external units can be used in an emergency by an untrained bystander.

Will there be training for the equipment? asked City Attorney Steve Hirsch. Yes, said Mr. Pomeroy, there will be some training, but basically all a person has to

do is open it and listen to the instructions, then press the button.

"It sounds like a good deal," said Mayor Shobe.

Mr. Pomeroy said he got the defibrillator through a grant. He said there is one in the Jennings School now, but it might not stay there since the school is going to close.

If there is a lot of traffic at Sappa Park, the second unit could be put

there, he said.

Firm to take soil samples for city

The Oberlin City Council approved a bid of \$2,932 at the meeting Thursday, Sept. 8, for soil samples to be taken in the area where the new waste water treatment plant will be built.

Chris Miller, with Miller and Associates, a McCook engineering firm working on the plant, said nor-

mally waste water plants require 20 to 30 soil tests. He said the company asked for a variance from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment so only four have to be taken because of the plastic liner that will be used in the lagoons.

Mr. Miller said they received two bids on the soil samples, one from

Maxim for \$3,900 and one from GSI for \$2,932. He said they recommended hiring the cheaper of the two, which the council did.

The council received a tentative plan for the drilling of well No. 12 east of town. Mr. Miller said the drilling rig should mobilize and work should start on Monday.

Pair perfect on games

Two people guessed the winners of all 11 football games in the third week of *The Oberlin Herald's* Pigskin Pick-em contest.

Brock Baxter, Smith Center, and Greg Grafel, Oberlin, guessed right on all 11 games but both picked the Oklahoma Sooners to beat UCLA.

UCLA beat the Sooners 41-24.

In the tiebreaker, Baxter came the closest guessing that Oklahoma would down UCLA 30-31 or 16 points off. Grafel guessed that Oklahoma would win 35-17 or 35 points off. Baxter wins the top prize of \$15 in scrip while Grafel takes second and wins \$10 in scrip spendable at participating merchants.

Six contestants guessed 10 out of 11 right:

Connie Grafel and Travis Raile, Oberlin; Rodney Solko, McCook; Jessica Vaughn, Rexford; and Randy Wilson and Scot Swafford, Colby, missed one game each.

Grafel was the closest to the tiebreaker, being off by 20 points so she won the \$5 scrip third prize.

Solko was off by 24; Wilson, 27; Vaughn, 28; Swafford, 30; and Raile, 41.

Five people guessed nine out of 11 right: Kimberly Solko, Valisha Castle, Gary Anderson and Rick Doeden, Oberlin, and Cheri Kastens, Herndon.

Eight people guessed eight out of 11: Hal Kistler, Kris Lemman, Colby; Ron Solko, Diana Solko, Colleen Gee, Sharla Ritter and Rose Riffle, Oberlin; and Denise Bailey, Norcatour.

Last week's games:

- Custom Trophy — Chadron State over Fort Hays State, 45-6.
- Home Planning Center — Nebraska over Pittsburgh, 7-6.
- Ward Drug — University of Kansas over Louisiana Tech, 27-7.
- Raye's Grocery — Smith Center over Norton, 51-13.
- Fredrickson Insurance — Golden Plains over South Cloud (Glasco), 60-12.
- Farm Credit of Western Kansas — Oberlin over Colby, 20-6.
- LandMark Inn — McCook over Ogallala, 44-0.
- R&M Service Center — Oakley over Hoxie, 8-6.
- Prairie Petals — Goodland over Atwood, 33-8.
- Wagner Chevrolet — St. Francis over Quinter, 32-6.
- The Oberlin Herald — Phillipsburg over Ellis, 24-7.

This week, fans can find the Pigskin Pick-em contest on Page 8A.

The contest is free but you need to use the blank from the paper or pick up an official entry blank.



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(No Alcohol Allowed on Grounds)

Events Start at 9 a.m. — Parade at 4 p.m. Both Days

Quilt Show Both Days - Cruise In Fri. & Sat. AM
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Antique Automobiles - Antique Engine Display
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(Drawing for 1949 '9N' Tractor and Quilt after parade on Sunday)

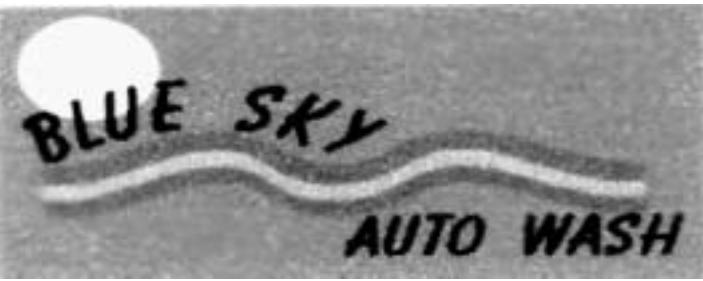
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Shifts will involve both afternoon and night work.

Background checks and psychological testing will be run on all eligible applicants.

Please submit resume to:

Chief: Wade D. Lockhart
P.O. Box 237
Oberlin, KS 67749 or Call (785) 475-2217

You're Invited

The public is invited to the biennial Fall Harvest Festival at Cottonwood Ranch, State Historic Site near Studley on Saturday, October 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Along with demonstrations and activities such as cornshelling, ropemaking, washboard laundry, pressing apples for cider, and butter churning you may watch a wool spinner, blacksmith, and other craftspeople at work.

This year the Friends of Cottonwood Ranch is adding a new twist to the event by hosting Marvin Mann of Plainville, a fully accredited International Society of Appraisers member, to appraise your antiques and heirlooms. To offset costs a fee of \$1 per item is requested.

The "Aged Objects Road Show" will begin at 11 a.m. and end around 2:30 p.m. So blow the dust off that old object or bric-a-brac and find out what it is worth.

This event is co-sponsored by Friends of Cottonwood Ranch and the Kansas State Historical Society. Vendors are welcome and admission to this event is free.