

'Treasure hunt' set for 400 miles of U.S. 36 in state

Stores and collectors across the state will hold sales along U.S. 36 starting Friday as part of the Great U.S. 36 Highway Treasure Hunt, spanning 13 counties and 401 miles from Missouri to Colorado.

The hunt continues Saturday and Sunday. The idea is that someone can travel across the state and hit sales in each town, finding treasures along the way. The event is being promoted as "A 400-mile Treasure Hunt across Kansas on U.S. 36."

In Decatur County, at least nine people and stores plan to take part. Glenva Nichols, manager of the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce, said she asked that anyone planning to participate call her so she could make a map.

The map has been made and copies are ready to be handed out at convenience stores here and in adjacent counties. Stores here will have maps for nearby counties as well.

Sales in the treasure hunt include:

- Sandra Young at 709 N. York.

- Trader Horn, west edge of town on U.S. 36.
 - Carolyn Burtis, U.S. 36.
 - Arian Arnold of Times Past Antiques, 14 miles west on U.S. 36.
 - Ken Badsy, six miles west on U.S. 36 and half a mile north.
 - Star Motel, east U.S. 36.
 - Bargain Box Plus, 106 N. Beaver.
- The Oberlin Antique Guild, with items from several stores, the junction of U.S. 36 and 83.
- Scrounge Around, east U.S. 36. Mrs. Nichols said the antique stores downtown will be open on Friday and Saturday.
- Included on the map are also places to stay overnight and where to get food.
- This is the first year the association has promoted the treasure hunt across the state, but it plans to make the event an annual affair. Jim Erickson of Scandia is chairman of the treasure hunt, and Steve Haynes, Oberlin, is president of the group.

Oberlin entries win pigskin contest

Decatur County residents won the second week of the Pigskin Pick'em football contest after not doing so well in the first round.

Only one person guessed all 11 winners correctly. Norm Wendelin of Oberlin picked every game right to win \$15.

Todd Ketterl, Oberlin, had 10 correct guesses and was closest to the tie breaker, which was the Colorado State Rams overcoming their home-state rivals the University of Colorado Buffaloes 14-10. He received \$10.

Connie Grafel, Oberlin, came in third with 10 correct to win \$5.

Gail Bailey, Norcat, also had 10 correct but was too far off on the tie breaker to be in the money.

Missing just two out of 11 games were Billy McCoy, Danbury, Neb.; Amanda Grafel and Valisha Raile, Oberlin; Brock Baxter, Smith Center; Vernon Ketterl, Herndon; Denise Bailey, Norcat; Cody Jacobs, Dresden; and Kris Lemman and Jessica Vaughn, Colby.

Guessing correctly on eight were Kenny Gee, Gary Anderson, Dan Grafel, Travis Raile, Ivis Hanson and Jim Hollowell, Oberlin; Jeff Reinert, Atwood; Shayla Bailey and Lucas Bailey, Norcat; and Jeanne Tuma and Mark Winger, Colby.

Coming up right on seven out of 11 were Owen Wilson, Diana Solko and Colleen Gee, Oberlin; Rodney Solko, McCook; Randy Wilson, Colby; Betti Grout, Atwood; and Mark Bailey, Norcat.

First-place winners each week will get \$15; second place, \$10; and third \$5 in scrip spendable only at

the businesses which sponsor the contest — Fidele Electric and Woodcrafting, Goltl Home Planning, Ward Drug Store, Raye's Grocery, Fredrickson Insurance Agency, Farm Credit of Western Kansas, the LandMark Inn, R&M Service Center, Prairie Petals, Wagner Chevrolet and *The Oberlin Herald*.

Winners must pick up their prizes at the newspaper office during the contest period and spend the money before Dec. 31.

Correction notice: Due to an error in scoring last week — Hoxie beat Colby, not the other way around — the announced winners last week were incorrect and all entries have been redone to reflect the change.

The correct winners from last week are Gary Anderson, Oberlin, first; Brock Baxter, Smith Center, second; and Jeff Reinert, Atwood, third.

This week's contest is on Page 5A.

Winners of last week's games were:

- Oakley over Atwood, 35-0.
- Sainty over Goodland, 55-6.
- KU over Louisiana at Monroe, 21-19.
- Golden Plains over Western Plains, 54-8.
- Nebraska over Nicholls State, 56-7.
- Concordia over Colby, 26-3.
- Oberlin over Hoxie, 33-12.
- Eastern Heights over Northern Valley, 46-0.
- Norton over WaKeeney, 26-6.
- McCook over Ogallala, 13-0.
- Phillipsburg over Ellis, 44-2.

Woman hurt in accident

An 84-year-old Oberlin woman was hurt in an accident Thursday on U.S. 83 which sent her to a hospital in Wichita.

Helena Bruggeman was driving a 1994 Chevy Blazer west on Hall Street when she failed to yield to a northbound semitrailer rig on U.S. 83, said Police Chief Wade Lockhart. Mrs. Bruggeman drove across the highway and her sport utility was hit by a 2000 Peterbilt tractor driven by Kevin West, 43, of Oakley.

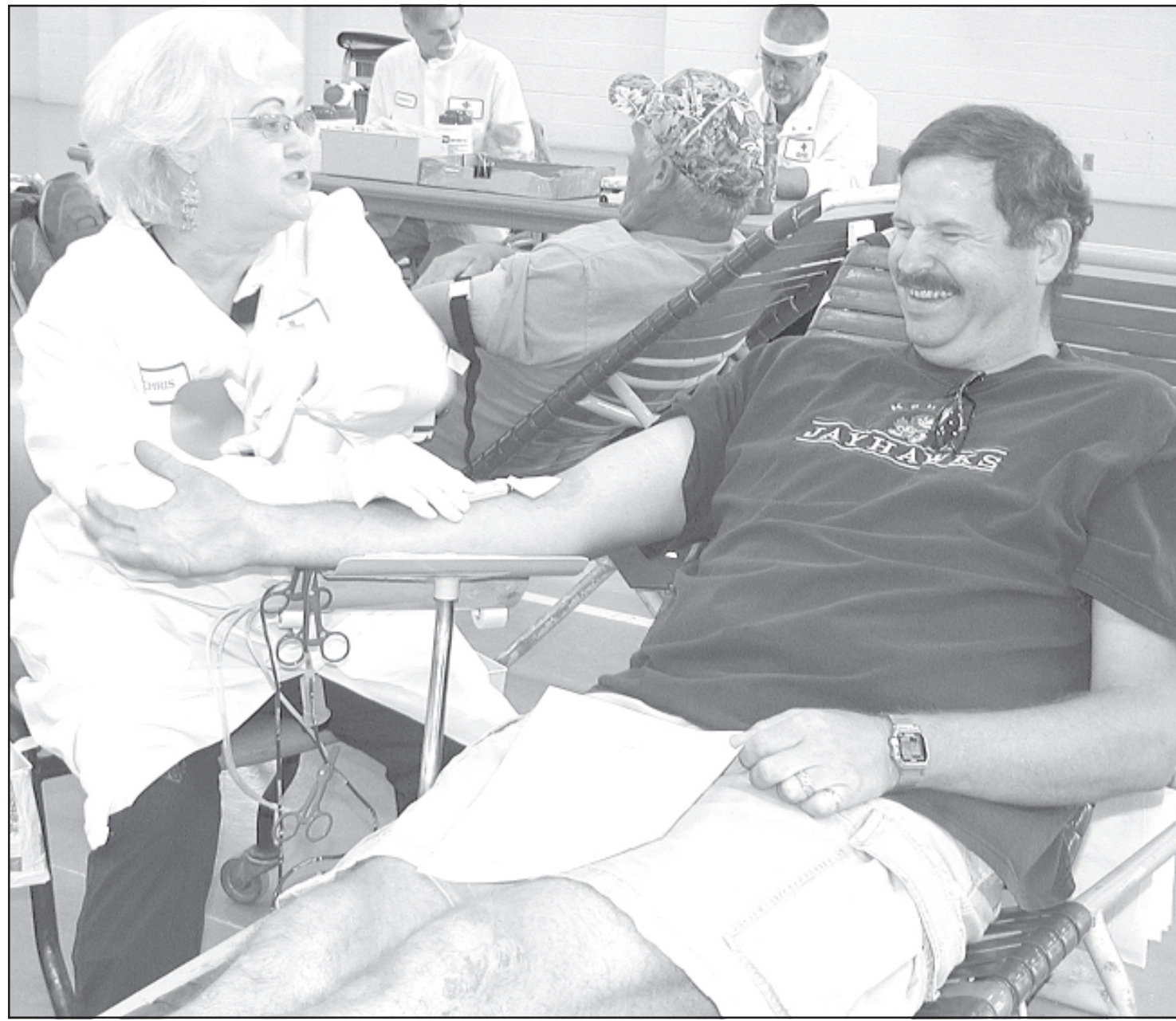
The truck hit the driver's side of the Blazer. The Blazer traveled 136

feet before coming to a stop in the yard of Jim Gamblin on the west side of U.S. 83, where it hit an evergreen.

Firemen had to pry off the door to get Mrs. Bruggeman out of the vehicle. She was taken to the Decatur County Hospital and later transferred to a Via Christi/St. Francis Hospital in Wichita. According to her daughter-in-law, Alvera Bruggeman, she suffered broken ribs and a broken leg and is in the intensive care unit.

Chief Lockhart said the vehicle most likely was totaled. No ticket has been given yet.

Please, don't tickle



AT THE GATEWAY last Wednesday, Greg Olson gave blood at the American Red Cross drive. The bloodmobile comes to Oberlin about twice a year for donations. — Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Business group plans early-pay discount

The Oberlin Business Alliance agreed to give 10 percent off 2006 membership dues paid by the last day of the year at a meeting last Wednesday at the LandMark Inn.

The organization has been offering the deal for a few years, along with the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce, said Chamber manager Glenva Nichols.

Dues are \$75 for a business and \$25 for an individual for the alliance and \$125 for a business and \$50 for an individual for the Chamber. In order to belong to the alliance people and businesses have to first belong to the chamber.

Gary Walter, with The Bank, asked if the group wants to consider a discount for new members. The Chamber voted to give new busi-

nesses a free membership to the Chamber and the alliance for a year, Mrs. Nichols said. The alliance members agreed that would work.

Does the certificate list when and where the meetings are? asked Kurt Vollertsen, owner of Ward Drug Store. They will, Mrs. Nichols said.

The alliance will hold a tailgate fundraiser for repairs to the Christmas wreaths from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday before the high school football game. The group will be cooking and selling pork burgers and polish sausages.

Laurie Wasson, owner of Prairie Petals, asked what the repairs will cost. Mrs. Nichols said she hasn't talked with LaMoine Wolfram, owner of NAPA Auto Parts, who normally does the light bulb re-

placements. The stars were fixed by the high school students last year, she said.

Mrs. Nichols said the repairs on the wreaths will be fairly extensive.

Jay Anderson said he was talking to the man who owns the RV park on the southwest side of town. He said business is up by 40 percent and he wants to look into information to make Oberlin a "golf-cart friendly" town so visitors could get downtown. Dr. Anderson said that would mean people would be able to drive golf carts on the roads.

The group discussed it a little. Dr. Anderson said they would need more information before there was any action taken on the idea.

It might be less work, said Mr. Walter, if the park had a courtesy car

like the airport. Golf carts would have to be made "street legal" to be on the road, members said.

In other business, the alliance:

- Heard there will be a planning meeting for the fourth quarter at 6 p.m. tonight at the chamber office.
- Heard the back-to-school picnic went well, with around 216 people going through the line. Mrs. Nichols said most people seemed to find the indoor location in the high school cafeteria, where the event moved after a 2-inch rain struck that evening. The winner for a free dinner for two was Kelly Shields.
- Heard that Addleman Drug Store served around 450 people at the free barbecue to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the family operation.

Part of Oberlin sewer system to get bath

The sewer system in the north part of Oberlin will be cleaned starting Monday.

Willard Perrin, water department

manager, said the city crew will put up door hangers in the neighborhoods where the sewers will be cleaned. Mr. Perrin said the project will take three to four days, starting at 7 a.m. Monday.

The door signs say that people

who are in the neighborhood where sewer systems will be cleaned should cover floor drains with plastic and put a weight on the plastic. Toilets also should be covered with plastic with the lids down.

If there is an unpleasant odor, you

can run water into the drains to refill the traps.

The city cleans a section of the sewer system every year. The contractor doing the cleaning is Liquid Waste Management out of Longmont, Colo.

Work starts on bridge

Work on a bridge on U.S. 83 near Hall Street started Monday, with traffic reduced to one lane and a 20 mph speed limit approaching two stop lights.

The work was scheduled to start a few weeks ago, but because of scheduling for the crew, the work was put off. Kristen Brands, spokesman for the Kansas Department of Transportation office in Norton, said there also was a malfunction in a portable traffic signal.

The bridge crew will be replacing parts of the deteriorating deck, the approach slabs and sidewalks. The crew should finish by October.

Traffic will be reduced to one lane. Drivers should expect a delay of five to six minutes, she said. Fines are doubled in the work zone, so exceeding the 20 mph limit could be expensive.



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