

At the show



MANNING HIS BOOTH at the Home and Garden Show at The Gateway on Saturday and Sunday, was Joe Stanley, owner of Stanley Hardware. The event, sponsored by the chamber and KFNF, brought around 30 booths to the civic center.
— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Council gets grant writer contract

The Oberlin City Council looked at a contract on Thursday from a private grant writer to work on a grant to fix the band shell in City Park, but didn't make any decisions.

City Administrator Gary Shike said he received the contract from Deanna Vogler of Jetmore and wanted to let the council know.

The contract says that she would be hired for two months or less, bill-

ing the city at \$20 an hour up to 120 hours.

Mr. Shike said Ms. Vogler formerly worked for Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development out of Colby.

The city contacted the Colby agency about five years ago about the band shell project, but they haven't found any grants to help pay for the restoration.

Councilwoman Rhonda May asked if the band shell is on the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Shike said the Colby agency was supposed to handle that.

Ms. May said a recent list she saw didn't list the band shell. If it was on the list, the city would have more ways to get money to repair it.

Councilman Ray Ward said he would like to see an estimate on

what the bandshell would cost to repair.

Mr. Shike said he's asked contractors to look at the project, but hasn't received any numbers.

Ms. May said she didn't think the city would get an estimate in writing because of the age of the building.

The council didn't make any decisions on the contract.

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Norton County teen last seen Sunday

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

The family of a missing Norton girl is enlisting the help of the community to locate their 16-year-old daughter.

Virgil and Donna Mock reported their daughter, Miranda Mock, missing to the Norton Sheriff's department Sunday afternoon.

Miranda was last seen at her home, southeast of Norton, Saturday evening. It is believed she left the home, on foot, between 6 and 7 p.m. and perhaps headed across country. She was not carrying a cell phone and it is believed she had no money. She was last seen wearing blue jeans, white sneakers and a white, cotton shirt with cap sleeves. She was not wearing a jacket.

Miranda stands 5 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 103 pounds. She has

long, straight brown hair, which she might be wearing in a low ponytail, brown eyes and braces on her teeth with green elastic bands.



M. Mock

Norton County Sheriff Troy Thomson said interviews with Miranda's friends gained no information. He said she has been listed as an "Attempt to Locate" on the National Crime Information Computer (NCIS). If she is not found the category will be changed to "Missing".

Sheriff Thomson said, "At this point we're taking every step we can to look for Miranda." The Sheriff said the girl's family had provided flyers which the sheriff's department was distributing throughout the community.

Sheriff Thomson said if anyone has any information, at all, about Miranda they should call 911 or his office at 785-877-5780.

Carnival planned at the grade school

The Support Our Schools organization plans to hold a carnival at the grade school on Tuesday, April 3.

The event starts at 5:30 p.m. and lasts until 8:30 p.m.

The carnival will boast games including paratrooper landing, cake walk and bingo. Abby Hissong, member, said there will be 13 games total.

The group also plans to have a concession stand with sloppy joes, nachos, hot dogs, pop corn, cookies, brownies, cotton candy, water and pop.

This is just one of the fundraisers that helps pay for events the Support Our Schools organization sponsors during the year, including Muffin with Moms, Donuts with Dads, Science Night and Reading Night.

Mrs. Hissong said the group also is holding its annual basket raffle. The baskets will be displayed at Stanley Hardware. Each grade puts one basket together, she said.

Tickets are \$1 a piece or six for \$5 and can be purchased in the office before school or at Stanley Hardware.

Table contest on Sunday

Mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon for the table decorating contest and Dresser fashion show at The Gateway.

The event, sponsored by the Decatur County Stand Against Violence group, the Dresser and the Northwest Kansas Domestic and

Sexual Violence Services out of Hays, will open at 1 p.m.

The style show will start at 2 p.m. Admission to the event is free.

Anyone who wants to vote on their favorite table should bring their pennies. Each penny put in the cup at a table counts as one vote.

Storm class set for April

Anyone wanting to learn about storms on the plains can attend storm a spotter training class in April.

The class starts at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 4 at The Gateway. The beginner's course will

cover tornadoes and other threatening weather.

The class, offered by the National Weather Service in Goodland and the local emergency management team, is free. Refreshments will be served.

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