

Museum prepares for car show here

Sports cars, convertibles, trucks and antique motorcycles will start pulling into Oberlin on Friday night for the sixth annual Last Indian Raid Museum Summerfest Car Show.

Pre-registration, at \$20, ends that night. Saturday, registration will be \$25.

Sharleen Wurm, museum curator, said the cruise-in on Friday goes from 7 to 9 p.m. in front of the museum on the south end of Main Street. The museum staff and board will serve hot dogs and soda for a donation. KFNH Radio, a co-sponsor, will have a live

broadcast from the cruise-in.

Prizes given that evening will include T-shirts and other donated items, said Mrs. Wurm.

The car show starts at 7 a.m. Saturday with a pancake feed at the Bohemian Hall behind the museum. Donations will be taken.

Registration goes from 8 to 11 a.m. at The Bank's drive through. A Show and Shine will go on all day on Main Street, with the vehicle owners answering questions about their cars.

All-day activities include a "50/50" raffle, which means a person buys a ticket for \$1 and the winner splits the money raised with the museum, and a "car sledge." Mrs. Wurm said people can try their hand at hitting two cars donated to the event with sledge hammers in front of Decatur County Implement.

The museum will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the 14 buildings including the main building, back annex, old-time grocery, sod house, general merchandise, railroad depot, Paul's Oil station, the Addleman

School, historic jail and church, Bohemian Hall, land office, doctor's office, livery and the Seeds of Creation Gift Shop.

From 10:30 a.m. to noon, the Decatur County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the remote-control car races in the south drive of Farmers Bank and Trust. These are open to all ages. Chamber President Marilyn Horn said prizes will be given for first, second and third. The Chamber will also give away three remote control cars, but you must be present to win.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the museum board

will serve lunch. The menu includes brats, pork burgers and homemade pie.

Other activities during the car show include:

- 1 p.m. — people can vote for their favorite entry.

Poker run will start.

- 2 p.m., Oberlin Automotive will sponsor a starter throw, where people see how far they can throw the starter out of an old car. The contest will be between Farmers Bank and Trust and the Old Czech Country (See CARS on Page 10A)

'Irregularities' in state tests force re-take

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All of the eighth graders at Decatur Community Junior High and one section of the seventh graders had to re-take the Kansas state reading assessments after some irregularities showed up in the testing.

Superintendent Kelly Glodt said the students had made some comments about the tests which led to an investigation through Principal Charlie Haag. He said he wouldn't go as far as to say that a teacher had given out answers to the state test, but there were some irregularities.

The teacher, said Dr. Glodt, is still being paid to the end of the year, but isn't teaching in the district next year. When asked who the teacher was, Mr. Glodt said he had no comment.

The students, said Duane Dorshorst, grade school principal and testing coordinator for the district, took the tests at the beginning of April and were re-tested the first part

of May. Kids, he said, made comments to other members of the teaching staff which raised some questions.

Mr. Dorshorst and Mr. Haag wrote a letter to the parents about the retesting. Dr. Glodt said since they didn't know for sure which of the tests were compromised, all of the kids in the class retook the state tests.

This has never happened before in the Oberlin School District, said Mr. Dorshorst.

Mr. Haag said after they determined there was a problem, the school had to turn itself in to the state Department of Education. Mr. Dorshorst said the state gave the district permission to give the tests again.

Mr. Haag said the students did OK taking the test again. Actually, he said, some of them seemed to do better the second time.

Mr. Dorshorst pointed out that the students took a different version of the test the second time around.

Treasurer's office will get to retain license renewals

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The Decatur County treasurer's office will get to keep renewing driver's licenses at the county courthouse, thanks to the efforts of treasurers across the state and U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran's office.

Kansas county treasurers have feared that, under the federal Real ID Act, a Homeland Security measure, county offices might lose the ability to renew driver's licenses.

Decatur County Treasurer Jean Hale, and most other treasurers across the state, put out petitions asking people to support keeping the renewal offices. Otherwise, she said, people would have to drive to a state-run office in Colby to renew a license.

In November, she said, she had sent the first batch of petitions in. A second batch went in December.

Decatur County collected 1,405 signatures and a resolution from county commissioners urging the federal and state governments to leave the license renewals in the county, Mrs. Hale reported.

Last month, Congressman Moran said the counties would be able to retain the service as long as they follow federal security standards, including verifying the identity of each applicant.

Eileen King, Riley County treasurer and president of the Kansas County Treasurers Association, gave Congressman Moran petitions with over 81,000 signatures from (See COUNTY on Page 10A)



AT MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES on Monday, Oberlin American Legion Commander Gary Hunziker (above) saluted as Phil Law played his horn during the raising of the

flag. Jessie Grace Tate, 2, (below) hung around a little after helping the "Poppy Girls" put up a cross decorated in red poppies. — Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

Town salutes fallen

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The wind caught the red, white and blue Monday, sending nearly 400 flags dancing to the north as people walked underneath, staring up in awe of the sight.

With over 380 flags moving in the wind, the scene had been set at the Oberlin Cemetery for the Memorial Day service sponsored by the Oberlin American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary. People walked slowly along the gravel paths under the Avenue of Flags, some moving up to graves to place flowers or touch the headstone of a relative or friend.

They moved along the rows, congregating around the large memorial on the west side of the cemetery. Post Commander Gary Hunziker, the master of ceremonies, got things started. The colors were presented, the national an-



them sung and the opening prayer prayed.

Phil Law, a shiny horn in hand, talked about military bugle calls. There are at least 52 different calls, he said. Many people recognize the more common ones, especially Taps, said Mr. Law. One of the bugle calls he played was "extinguish lights," which up until 1862, said Mr. Law, was the call to turn

out the lights. It later became Taps.

Taps, he said, is probably the most popular and familiar bugle call today. It is played at military funerals and often stirs emotions.

Before playing Taps — he said he would play the traditional one that is used at Arlington National Cemetery — he played all of the service hymns. Mr. Law invited anyone knowing the words to sing

along. Some did, singing the Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, Marines and Army hymns.

Before concluding his presentation, Mr. Law played "America the Beautiful," and "God Bless America." The audience, which stood in a horseshoe shape, sang proudly to both of the songs as an American flag in the center, at half mast, blew in the wind.

Fire secretary helped out in Greensburg

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It was pitch black when he arrived that first morning, but that didn't stop Steve Hirsch from pitching in to help evacuate people from their homes only hours after Greensburg was hit by a monster EF-5 tornado earlier this month.

Mr. Hirsch, secretary of the Kansas State Firefighters Association, said he was helping put on a fire school in Lakin that night, Friday, May 4. He heard about the tornado which devastated Greensburg on the news.

He said he is a good friend of the fire chiefs in Ford and Comanche counties, which are close to Greensburg, so he gave them a call. Mr. Hirsch said the men were (See MAN on Page 10A)



THE ROOF on the fire station in Greensburg fell in during a tornado at the beginning of the month. — Photo by Steve Hirsch

Donations needed to finish building

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The Decatur County Fair Board plans a fund raiser and is accepting donations to finish the new livestock building at the fairground, with \$9,000 to \$40,000 needed to finish the project.

Board Vice President Ken Badsy said the building is up but the board needs about \$8,700 to finish electrical work and fencing, but depending on how they decide the handle waste water from animals, it could be more like \$40,000.

The building still needs electrical, plumbing and cement work, he said.

Over the last few years, two young farmers, Michael Wasson and Clay Anderson, spearheaded a drive to raise around \$60,000. The

building, built by Sappa Valley Construction, cost \$52,979.

Mr. Badsy said Mr. Wasson told him he had talked with someone who might be interested in buying stock panels to use as fencing.

He said the fair board needs to see if they need a septic system or holding tank for the hog area. Depending on that, he said, it could cost around \$40,000 or a little more to finish the facility.

The fair board wants to meet with the 4-H clubs to see what they want at the building, he said, and ask if they are going raise any money.

Linda Schroer, board treasurer, said they will have a fund raiser, but haven't set a date. She said the board talked about having an open house (See LIVESTOCK on Page 10A)