

Fun in the sun



ON THE HILL north of Oberlin Elementary School and fourth grade classes have paired up all year as reading buddies. Mackenzie Aguirre read to Sabryn O'Gara. The second — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Museum plans annual car show for downtown

It's almost time for the Decatur County Museum Car Show and Summerfest on Main Street in Oberlin.

The show will start on Friday, May 30, with a "cruise-in" from 7 to 9 p.m. on the south end of Main Street in front of the Last Indian Raid Museum. Curator Sharleen Wurm said the museum board will grill hot dogs and sell soda.

She said the museum is co-sponsoring the entire show with KFNH Radio.

The car show starts the next day at 7 a.m. at the museum with a pancake breakfast in the Bohemian Hall. Mrs. Wurm said the breakfast will be served for a donation.

Registration for the owners of the vehicles that will be displayed all day on Main Street will be from 8 to 11 a.m. at the museum.

The museum will hold a 50/50 raffle, she said, giving people a chance to buy tickets and win prizes donated by Oberlin businesses.

Mrs. Wurm said vendors will sell kettle corn and funnel cakes throughout the day.

Around lunch time, the museum board will grill porkburgers and bratwurst around Farmers Bank and Trust, again, for a donation. Terry Rose, a country musician who lives in Decatur County, will sing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A Schwan's truck will be on the street, selling ice cream sandwiches and bars for \$1.

At 1 p.m., people will turn in their votes for the People's Choice Award and a poker run will start. At 2 p.m., said Mrs. Wurm, there will be a starter throw sponsored by Oberlin Automotive south of The Bank, and at 2:30 p.m. a hubcap throw, sponsored by Terrace Garden R.V. Park.

At 4 p.m., she said, trophies will be presented.

After the awards, said Mrs. Wurm, the museum board will serve chips, baked beans and barbecued beef in the Bohemian Hall for a donation.

Throughout the day, she said, the restrooms at the Decatur County courthouse will be open for the public.

The museum will be open all day, with admission costing 50 cents, instead of the normal \$5, because the museum is celebrating 50 years of service this year.

The annual citywide garage sale sponsored by the chamber of commerce will be on the same day as the car show. Mrs. Wurm said the county van will pick up visitors on Main Street and take them to the sales.

For information, call the museum at 475-2712.

Selden gets ready for tractor/car show

The Selden American Legion Post is preparing for the 15th Annual Antique Tractor and Car Show on Main Street Sunday, June 1, including a day featuring family activities, antique and classic tractors, collector cars, small engines and more.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the north end of Main, or Kansas Avenue. There is no fee for entries or for admission. Exhibits will be on display throughout the day, with most activities taking place in and around the city park. Plaques will be awarded for the top 10 tractors, top 10 cars and top three small engines.

Games begin at 10 a.m. with a horseshoe pitching contest on the south side of the tennis courts, which will run until all teams have competed. Cash prizes are awarded.

At 11:30 a.m., a Basketball Free Throw contest will begin on the tennis courts. Medals will be awarded for first, second, and third place in two age divisions: grades 3, 4, 5 and grades 6, 7, 8.

At 1 p.m. will be a Kiddie Tractor Pull. Children can test their strength and skill by pulling a weighted sled with a pedal tractor. Trophies will be awarded to the top three pullers in each age group, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10. Other activities for the kids include barrel and wagon train rides, a corn tank with hidden treasures and the children's raffle.

The Legion will be serving grilled hamburgers, barbecue pork sandwiches, hot dogs, baked beans and drinks.

Rose Bainter and Vic Wagoner Jr. sing and play in the park over the noon hour. Seating is limited, so bring lawn chairs and blankets. The Old-Time Band will perform in the Sacred Heart Church parish hall in the afternoon. Spectators are welcome to join in the singing and dancing.

Tractor drivers can test their skill in a barrel-rolling competition and a washer drop. Antique balers will be demonstrated several times during the day, and spectators can view exhibits and booths in the parish hall.

The Legion will raffle off a pedal tractor and an all-terrain tricycle, along with other prizes. Tickets, \$1 each or six for \$5, can be purchased in advance from any Legion member, at The Bank in Selden or at the announcer's stand the day of the show. Children will have a chance to put their names in for a free children's raffle.

Raffle prizes will be drawn just prior to the parade beginning at 3:30 p.m. The parade, the final event of the day, will run past the north end of the park. This allows everyone a chance to see the entries as they drive past. Awards will be announced and distributed to winning entries.

For information, call (785) 386-4331 or (785) 386-4481.

Responders to discuss plane wreck

Emergency workers who responded to a report of a plane wreck on Saturday, May 10, plan to try to use the incident as a training exercise, Decatur County commissioners heard last Tuesday.

Patti Skubal, county emergency management director, said she thought they would all get together on Thursday to discuss the incident and see what they could have done better. In this incident, she said, she thought there were too many chiefs and not enough Indians.

Is the county going to foot the search bill? asked Commissioner Doyle Brown. Mrs. Skubal said she thought so, but might try to turn some of the expense into the Kansas Division of Emergency Management to see if any of it can be reimbursed.

She said she received a message that morning that the Civil Air Patrol had sent a ground support team to Phillips County. At some point, she said, someone from Decatur County called the organization for air support here.

County Countdown

At their meeting last Tuesday, the Decatur County commissioners:

- Decided to accept bids from Oberlin dealers for a used diesel three-quarter-ton or bigger pickup for the sheriff's department to pull a trailer loaded with emergency supplies. Story to come.

• Approved paying two bills to AT&T for the Emergency 911 system. Story on Page 2A.

• Talked about the response from the emergency workers on a plane wreck call on Saturday, May 10. Story at left.

Mrs. Skubal said she contacted the patrol and told them not to come. Mrs. Skubal said she did talk with the state emergency management people about getting an airplane with a heat sensing unit if it came to that, but they said they would have had a hard time flying in the wind that night.

The call originally came into Phillips County, she said, and the county has a new enhanced 911 system. The location which the cell phone call was coming from should have come up on the dispatcher's

computer screen. Mrs. Skubal said she wasn't sure why it didn't work. The emergency manager there was out of town, she said.

She said she asked both ambulance director Linda Manning and Fire Chief Bill Cathcart about their thought on the search. Sheriff Ken Badsky was at the meeting.

Commissioner Ralph Unger said he thought a lot of people out looking didn't need to be

During the event, said Mrs. Skubal, they got four sets of coordinates. Maybe, said Mr. Unger, dispatch

needs a map with latitude and longitude on it.

The event was a good practice for everyone here, said Sheriff Badsky, even though the plane was not found here.

In other business, the commissioners:

• Talked briefly about Lt. Col. Eric Peck, with the Kansas National Guard, coming here to look at the old youth ranch. Mrs. Skubal said she thought he was impressed with the facility and also with the brick streets in Oberlin. He said the streets reminded him of home. She said Col. Peck said he was satisfied with what he saw and he would pass the information along.

Is the National Guard looking for more classroom space? asked Mr. Unger. No, said Mrs. Skubal, she thought they needed space for more for maneuvers.

• Heard that Mrs. Skubal is trying to work on an exercise with the state Animal Health Division, but didn't have any details yet.

Board hires three new teachers for the district

By KIMBERLY DAVIS
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The Decatur Community Junior/Senior High School will welcome two more new teachers next year after the board approved hiring a husband/wife team for physical education and alternative classroom.

After a five-minute, and a pair of two-minute closed sessions for non-elected personnel, the board approved hiring Jeff Jones to teach physical education and be the head boys basketball and his wife Belinda Jones to teach in the alternative classroom.

The board also approved hiring Jeni Henningson, Norcatur, to teach

at the grade school. Mrs. Henningson has worked at the school for the past nine years through the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center.

Principal Duane Dorshorst's recommendation letter said that after interviewing five applicants, he believed her "skills and abilities best fit the needs of Oberlin Elementary at this time."

Before approving the new hires, the board accepted the resignation of Keith Grafel, who has taught physical education and coached in the district for the past 18 years and his wife Roma Grafel as route and activity bus driver and of Debbie Arp, counselor.

None of the resignation letters said why the staff had decided to leave the district.

The board also approved recommendations to re-employ Vickie Lippelmann, board clerk; Pam Simonsson, secretary/treasurer; Ron Jansonious, technology coordinator; Terry Ream, outdoor maintenance supervisor; Brian Simonsson, transportation supervisor; Kenny Black, facilities/plant supervisor; Johanna Mason, school nurse; Linda Weber and Donna Sauvage, full time cooks; Chris Hardy and Maureen Anderson, part-time cooks; Steve Horn, Paul Cochran and Gary Jensen, maintenance; Lisa Fortin, part-time media

center aide and Judy Marietta and Melissa Dreher, junior/senior high secretaries.

At the grade school, the board approved the re-employment of Kim Weishapl and Randy Walters, custodians; Carla Depperschmidt, secretary; Lisa Fortin, part-time library aide; Ana Wishon, interpreter; Jackie Anderson and Deena Zoderow, aides and Kayla Bose and Maureen Anderson, cooks.

The board re-employed Jeanne Pachner, Clara Russ, Dennis Agan, Lairy Goltl, David Olson, John Stanley, Patty Stapp and Chris Hardy as bus drivers.

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