



Kids show talents

AT 4-H CLUB DAY on Friday at Oberlin Elementary School, Isaac Carman (above) demonstrated his project on electricity. Cheyanne Soderlund (left) played a piece on the piano while Sierra Lohoefer (below) put her flute away. Results are on Page 8A. — Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis



Jennings plans lunch, meeting for Red Cross

A countywide fund raiser for the American Red Cross will be held at the Jennings Senior Center on Sunday, April 19, says Marj Hartzog of Jennings, a Red Cross volunteer.

"Disasters can strike at any time and in many forms," she said. "Tornadoes, floods, and fires are just a few of the perils faced by residents of northwest Kansas. Despite the threat of natural or even man-made disasters, many are unaware that the Red Cross is active in this area and of the assistance the Red Cross can provide.

"This event would not only raise money for the area Red Cross, but will promote awareness of the Red Cross and its functions."

A meal of beef and drop noodles, mashed potatoes, dessert and drinks will be served from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. by the Jennings City Council for a donation to support the Red Cross. This time has been set to allow everyone to attend church, Mrs. Hartzog said, and the Jennings United Methodist Church invites

everyone to its service at 11 a.m.

Following the meal, Mary Sweet, administrator of the Kiowa County Memorial Hospital in Greensburg, will speak about the Greensburg tornado experience and offer suggestions for disaster preparations. Diana Hanchett, Phillips County Red Cross branch manager, will give a short presentation on the Red Cross.

"The fund raiser is a countywide event and an opportunity to recognize the communities in Decatur County, including Oberlin, Jennings, Norcatur, Clayton, Dresden, Leoville, Traer, Lyle, Lund, Allison, Kanona, Prairie Chapel and Cedar Bluffs," said Mrs. Hartzog. "It is important to acknowledge all the communities as a vital part of Decatur County and we appreciate this opportunity to recognize them.

"Please contact others and invite them to join us in support of the Red Cross and recognition of all those who are a part of Decatur County."

Commissioners discuss fund raiser

The Decatur County commissioners talked with a Jennings woman about an upcoming fund raiser for the American Red Cross last Tuesday.

Marj Hartzog said Decatur County is covered by the Red Cross office out of Phillips County. Supporters in Jennings, she said, are planning the fund raiser with a program emphasizing what the organization does.

Although the organization in Phillips County is active and does cover this county, said Mrs. Hartzog, they haven't been called here for a single family house fire in probably a year and a half.

The county has several trained volunteers, she said, including Marilyn Gamblin and Doug and Shayla Williby.

Mrs. Hartzog said she would like to involve the entire county in the Jennings event. This would be a chance for the commissioners to be involved with their constituents. She thought it would be a good idea to call and invite people to come to the lunch and talk.

Commissioner Ralph Unger said he didn't really know there was a Red Cross presence here.

Where will the money raised go? asked Commissioner Gene Gallentine. Mrs. Hartzog said she wasn't sure if the money was supposed to go to Wichita or Phillips County.

Mr. Gallentine asked if there is a way to make sure the money stays here. She said she would ask. After leaving Mrs. Hartzog called and said the money will stay in the five-county region.

Paper late for election

With the city and school elections Tuesday, and a race for the Oberlin City Council, *The Oberlin Herald* will be printed one day late next week so election results can be included.

The newspaper won't be on sale until Wednesday afternoon, while those who get their paper in the mail should expect to get it one day later than normal. All deadlines will stay the same.

Carnival group gets to work

The president of the Decatur County Amusement Authority asked the county commissioners last Tuesday if the items from the old senior center and theater could be moved out of the buildings at the fairground.

President Judy Scott said the group is starting to have regular meetings. The group is a little more experienced than last year, when nearly all the former members had quit, and the members now know they need to start earlier.

With items from the Golden Age Center and Sunflower Cinema stored in the buildings, she said, the authority needs to get to other items, including parts of the rides, stored behind the salvage.

The fair prizes are to be ordered this weekend, said Ms. Scott, and those will need to be stored. Buckets and seats to the rides need to be taken out of the building and repaired and painted. In order to get those out of the buildings, the stored

Council roundup

At their meeting last Tuesday, the Decatur County commissioners:

- Talked with the president of the Amusement Authority about the items from the former senior center and theater that are being stored in the buildings at the fairground. Story at left.
- Heard from a Jennings woman about an upcoming fund raiser for the American Red Cross. Story at

right.

- Approved purchase of \$9,198 worth of chemicals for the weed control department from two vendors. Story below.

• Talked with a member of the Triple Creek Riders about locking the horse arena at the Decatur County fairground. Story on Page 10A.

items need to be moved.

Some of those items include furnaces, air conditioning units and other things.

Commissioner Ralph Unger said he's not sure where else the county has to store the salvage.

The group plans to meet twice in April at the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center, said Ms. Scott, and then at the fairgrounds

starting in May.

Hopefully, a bill exempting home-owned carnivals from state inspection rules will keep moving forward, allowing the community to still have a carnival, said Mr. Unger.

"We aren't going to wait to find out what is going to happen with the bill," said Ms. Scott. "We are going to keep moving forward."

County to purchase chemicals

The Decatur County commissioners approved buying \$9,198 in chemicals for the noxious weed control department at their meeting last Tuesday.

Director Gaylen Huntley brought in bids from three companies, including Van Diest Supply Company out of McCook, Crop Production Services out of Goodland and VMS of Wichita.

Mr. Huntley said he sent bid requests to four firms.

Commissioner Gene Gallentine asked if the department had contacted any firms in the county. Mr. Huntley said he has requested bids

from companies here before, but doesn't purchase them because of the price. He said he does buy items here when they need them right away.

The commissioners approved the bid of \$9,198, picking the best prices from Van Diest and Crop Production Services.

Marj Hartzog from Jennings said the ambulance barn and clinic there need new lights. The county-owned clinic is used by the hospital, she added, and she's not sure of the right way to ask for new lights, but it needs to be done.

Commissioner Gene Gallentine

asked if she could get a cost estimate. Mrs. Hartzog asked about the stimulus money from the government, and whether the Masonic Hall in Jennings could benefit from the plan.

Commissioner Ralph Unger said they don't even know if the county will get any money.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard that Clerk Colleen Geishler is in touch with Joe Dreher about being summer recreation director. He is going to come in and sign a contract, she said.

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