

Young man dies in wreck on country road

A 25-year-old Clayton man was found dead in a corn field last Tuesday after his pickup apparently rolled, ejecting him into the field.

Trooper Ronny Boyd of the Kansas Highway Patrol said while it appears that alcohol was a factor in the accident that killed Eric Farr, but the lab report has not come back.

The trooper said he didn't calculate the speed, but it appears with what happened and with the condition of the road, speed was also a factor.

Trooper Boyd, from Oakley, wrote the report on the accident scene last Tuesday morning, although he wasn't the first law enforcement officer on the scene.

Decatur County Undersheriff Allen Marcum said he was the first to arrive after one or more calls came into the dispatch office just after 9 a.m. that there was a truck in a corn field on the Bohemian Hall Road about a mile and a half west of the Jennings Road.

He said he went out to the site and found Mr. Farr, who had been thrown from his 2004 Ford pickup. An ambulance was called, but the victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

Pretty much anytime there is a fatality, said Undersheriff Marcum,

the patrol is called in. The troopers have the technical equipment and training to do a lot of the tests, measuring the speed and figuring out what happened.

The undersheriff said it appeared that the truck had rolled and Mr. Farr was thrown out. He was dead when officers arrived.

"It was a simple deal with a tragic ending," he said.

The truck was probably out from the road 10 to 12 rows in the corn, he said.

Trooper Boyd said he placed the time of the accident around 4:15 a.m. Mr. Farr was last seen at 3:30 a.m. at his older brother's house in Oberlin. He added that there's no way to pinpoint the exact time.

Mr. Farr was eastbound on County Road 430, the Hall Road, when he lost control of his truck on the right edge of the road, the trooper said. The driver over corrected and got the truck back to the left side, then the center of the road. He over corrected again and went into the north ditch. The vehicle overturned and Mr. Farr was ejected.

He was found hours later. Dispatch shows the first call in at 9:19 a.m. Trooper Boyd said the body was found roughly 50 feet east of the truck.



Most contestants thought we'd win

Only one person figured that Rawlins County would beat Oberlin on Friday night. Everyone else thought that Oberlin would down the Bufaloes, as they had last year.

And no one was perfect this week. Goodland's win over Colby and Central Missouri's victory over Fort Hays State tripped up a lot of participants.

Linda Hollowell of Oberlin had seven of eight right and was closest to the score of the tie-breaker game, Oakley over St. Francis, 32-20. She will collect the \$15 first prize.

Kelly Brown, Oberlin, also had seven right and came in second on the tie breaker. He will get \$10 in scrip money.

Wilbur Reichert, Oberlin, had seven right and was right behind Brown on the tie breaker. He will collect the \$5 third prize.

Travis Raile and Charley Keller, both of Oberlin, also came up with seven out of eight right.

Getting six out of eight were Rusty Addleman, Zach May, Ivis Hanson and Shirley Simpson, Oberlin; Cheri Kastens, Herndon; and Amanda Adams, Danbury, Neb.

Coming in with five out of eight were Norm Wendelin, Tom Martin,

Mason Ahlberg, Jim Hollowell and Justin Gee, Oberlin, and Charissa Huff, Lebanon, Neb.

Getting half right were Owen Wilson, Tim Hrnchir, Kel Grafel, John Sater, Jacob Gee, Kenny Gee and Gary Anderson, all of Oberlin.

All eligible scores will be entered on a spread sheet. At the end of the 12-week contest, the contestant picking the most correct games will receive \$50 in scrip and a trophy.

The money won in the contest can be spent only at the sponsors: Ward Drug Store, the LandMark Inn, Fredrickson Insurance Agency, Decatur Co-op and Ampride, Creative Collision, Farm Bureau Financial Services and *The Oberlin Herald*.

Other scores of this week's games:

- Rawlins County over Oberlin, 25-6.
- Nebraska over K-State, 48-13.
- Goodland over Colby, 38-22.
- McCook over Lexington, Neb., 41-0.
- Central Missouri over Fort Hays State, 30-27.
- Quinter over Stockton, 56-6.
- Hoxie over Trego Community, 32-22.
- Missouri over Colorado, 26-0.

Singers practice for show

AT THE HIGH SCHOOL Monday, Joe Hirsch (above left) held the music while he and Zach May practiced for a vocal concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19. Chyanne Soderlund (right) concentrated on her part. The concert is open to the public. The high school band plans a concert at 7:30 p.m. the following Tuesday, Oct. 26.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis



Speaker to explain cattle trails next week

Several organizations have joined to sponsor a meeting about the Chisholm and Great Western cattle trails next week.

Jim Sherer, with the Kansas Western Cattle Trail Association, will be here to talk at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Old Bohemian Hall on the grounds of the Decatur County Last Indian Rain Museum.

He will also speak to the Oberlin Rotary Club over the noon hour.

Gary Anderson, a member of the Rotary Club and the Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau board, said the National Trail System has released a feasibility study and environmental assessment about im-

provements for sites on the trails.

The Kansas Western Cattle Trail Association is working with the federal agency, he said. The association has been marking the trails through southwest Kansas and now wants to do the same out here.

Anyone with knowledge of the trails or an interest in history is invited to the meeting.

The 94-page feasibility study can be found online at parkplanning.nps.gov/CHGWscoping.

The trail, which is listed in the study as being known also as the "Dodge City trail," started in the vicinity of San Antonio, Texas, and went to Ogallala, Neb.

Life group to sell pizzas

The Decatur County Kansans for Life will receive a slice of the dough from every pizza sold at Oberlin's Pizza Hut on Sunday.

The day at Pizza Hut is the only fund raiser the group does each year. A donation will be made to the group based on the business that day from

11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Last year, the group was able to give \$100 to the Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home in Hays and \$75 to the Center of Bio-Ethical Reform and kept \$50 in the county for its projects.

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