

*Contest brings crowd to park

(Continued from Page 1A) fruit pizza and chocolate-chip cookies.

At 2 p.m., 10 judges met to start tasting food, awarding points to each entry. The 10 judges were divided into two groups. The first group judged the pork butt, ribs and open class while the second judged desserts, beans and brisket.

Throughout the day, people milled around the park.

Kids played on the new playground equipment and musicians started playing in the afternoon. Groups performing included Tom and Patsy Jones, Last Gasp and Highway 385 from Colorado, which closed out the night.

Mrs. Riedel said the bands had a fun time and said they would like to come back for a music festival or something.

In the evening the winners of six categories were announced, with plaques and other prizes given.

The 12 teams included Smokin' Rebels of Oberlin with Judy Cochran, State Line Smokers of Danbury with Brent Townsend, Jedd BBQ of Norton with Wade Ambrosier, the Pitt Poor Smokers of Danbury with Alan Hardy, Blackwater BBQ of Oberlin with Mrs. Uehlin, Grillin' and Chillin' of Oberlin with Tracy Lincoln, Getting Jiggy with the Piggy of Oberlin with Mrs. Reichert, Nuttin Butt Good BBQ of Oberlin with Dave Bergling, the Nut Bags BBQ of Indianola with Chris and Jan Riley, Cheech and Chong's Revenge of Oberlin with Jerry Stein, the Pork Choppers of Atwood with Gary Worthy and Butts Up/Racks Down of Oberlin with Jimmy Wiegand.

The winners included;

- Brisket, Smokin on the Beaver first and Nut Bags second.
- Pork butt, Jedd BBQ first and Pitt Poor Smokers second.
- Ribs, Jedd BBQ first and Nut Bags second.
- Beans, Getting Jiggy with



AT THE UPIN SMOKE Barbecue Contest at Sappa Park on Saturday, Michaela Wasson, 4, played on one of the new frogs at the playground. — Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Piggy first and Racks Down, Butts Up took second.

- Open Class, Black Water first and Pitt Poor Smokers second.
- Dessert, Nut Bags took first and Getting Jiggy with Piggy took second.

Mrs. Riedel said the committee estimated that around 230 people came out to eat and listen to the music in the evening.

The committee plans to have a meeting today to go through the bills and revenue to see how much

the event made.

In all, said Mrs. Riedel, Up in Smoke was a great success. It would have been fun to have more people come out to eat, she said, but the food, the venue and the music were all great.

*Show planned for this weekend

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The show has kind of turned into a big family reunion for many, she said, with people returning year after year.

The events start at 7 a.m. Saturday with free registration. Throughout the day, exhibits will demonstrate old-fashioned farm machinery. There will be tractor games, kids games, free train rides and vendors.

A parade will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Anyone who wants to camp at the fairground, said Mrs. Wright, should call (785) 626-3315, (785)

475-3300, (785) 322-5563 or (785) 475-3517.

The group will hold a ham-and-bean feed at 6 p.m. Saturday for \$6 per person in the 4-H building.

At 8 a.m. Sunday, church will be held, with the Rev. James Jennings speaking.

Officers of the club are Mr. Wright, president; Carolyn Wurm, vice president; Vickie Lippelman, secretary; and Mrs. Wright, treasurer.

For information, visit the group's website at www.minisappashow.com.

Mail pick-up changes Saturday

Starting Saturday, mail will be picked up at 1:50 p.m. at the Oberlin post office, about 2 1/2 hours earlier than in recent years.

The mail has been picked up for out-of-town delivery at 4:15 p.m., said Janet Knappert, officer in charge in Oberlin, but that will change to 1:50 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The mail will then go to Salina to be sorted, with the exception of all 677 mail, which will still go to Colby.

If people want their mail to go out the same day, she said, the very latest it can be to the post office is 1:50 p.m.

This change in pick-up time is part of a Postal Service plan to save \$139,000 a year by consolidating mail sorting in northwest Kansas. That plan in turn is part of overall plans to save \$1 billion a year across the country. The service expects to lose \$8 billion to \$9 billion this year. Mrs. Knappert said the new schedule shouldn't affect delivery of *The Oberlin Herald* on Wednesdays.

The Oberlin Post Office isn't the only one in the area with new collection times.

Other changes include;

- Jennings will change from 3:45

*Woman takes lead

(Continued from Page 1A) post office and asked if they were hiring. She was put on as a casual temporary worker and later moved to a clerk's job.

Mrs. Knappert said the people and customers in Oberlin have been nice.

She and her husband have three children, a son 27, a daughter 20 and a daughter 12. She said she is going to become a grandmother in November.

Mrs. Knappert replaces Steve Carpenter, the previous officer in charge. The office has not had a permanent postmaster for the last three or four years.

p.m. to 2:05 p.m.

- Herndon from 4:10 p.m. to 1:20 p.m.
- Norcatur from 4 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Selden from 5:10 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

Homeowners get lawns cleaned up

The majority of the homeowners who received a letter from the city about cutting their grass and weeds have done so, and the other lawns have been or will be mowed by the city crew.

At a City Council meeting Sept. 1, Jan Ackerman, the city's contract code enforcement officer, said she sent 61 letters about yards that need to be mowed. While 11 people didn't comply, she said, the others took care of their property.

Quite a bit has been happening with other properties, she said. Terry Lippelmann is taking down his building in the southwest part of town. The home, damaged in a fire

several years ago, wasn't safe, she said, adding that he did leave part of the house and a shed that he wants to do something with.

Jeff Sprenkle is still working on the house on Hall that he tore down by hand. Mrs. Ackerman said she doesn't think that Mr. Sprenkle will get everything cleaned up by the deadline the council set, which is next Wednesday. He is cleaning it up by hand, she said, and continues to work on it.

She said if he isn't done by the deadline, she would recommend the council give him an extension. It's the council's decision, she added, but he is trying.

Three houses have been placed in the Connections program and new owners are getting them cleaned up.

Actually, said Mrs. Ackerman, there is a waiting list of people who want to be part of the program, but there are no houses available right now.

It's a slow process getting houses to new owners, she added, but it's been worth it.

Councilman Josh Williby asked what the criteria is for the program?

Houses that are run down or dangerous are eligible, she said. If the owner cannot take care of the

problem and agrees to give them up, said Mrs. Ackerman, the homes are decided to a new owner. While the buildings are on their last legs, she said, she would rather keep them on the tax rolls and out of the landfill.

The new owner has to get the taxes up to date, said Mrs. Ackerman, and pay for the deed. They have six months to get the "curb appeal" up to code and a year to paint.

The home has to stay in the new owner's possession for at least a year unless it can be flipped and sold, she said, and the property has to stay on the tax rolls.

*Troops still open

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they can leave when they want to. It costs \$10 for a registered Girl Scout and male guest, plus an additional \$5 for those staying the night. Dues for the year are \$12 per girl for any age.

Groups include Daisy for kindergarten and first graders; Brownie for second and third graders; Junior for fourth and fifth grades; Cadette for sixth to eighth grades; Senior for ninth and 10th grades, and Ambassadors for 11th and 12th grade.

For information, call Mrs. Ayers at (785) 259-6743.

She said they aren't sure how many Girl Scouts they will have in Decatur County this year. Last year, there were 60, but they are still processing registrations.

At the end of the month, the troops will be out selling nuts and candy. The sales start on Friday, Sept. 23, and end Monday, Oct. 10.

Investigation leads to five arrests

By TOM BETZ

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A five-month drug investigation came to a close Thursday with the arrest of five of 15 people allegedly involved in distributing illegal narcotics in Sherman County by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

"As a result of the investigation, 15 individuals have been identified as distributing illegal narcotics, including cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana in Goodland and Sherman County," the agency said. "Formal charges are being filed with the Sherman County attorney on these individuals to include distribution and possession of illegal drugs and firearms violations."

"Five of the 15 have been arrested and are being held by the Sherman County sheriff."

"Two search warrants were executed by the investigating agencies on Friday in Goodland and Kan-

rado. The warrants were executed without incident and netted the recovery of additional quantities of illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia and illegal firearms.

"This investigation was a cooperative effort of the Sherman County Sheriff's Office, Goodland Police Department, Sherman County attorney's office and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation."

Based on information from the sheriff's website, the five arrested on Thursday and Friday include Jesse Sandoval, 27, Kanorado, arrested on Thursday for possession of drug paraphernalia and conspiracy to distribute cocaine, possession of cocaine and distribution of cocaine.

Arrested on Friday were Juan Benitez, 26; James Barrera, 24; Edwardo Palma, 26; and Aaron Miramontes, 21, all of Goodland. Benitez was charged with sale

of cocaine, conspiracy to distribute cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Barrera was charged with no drug tax stamp, unlawful use of a telecommunications device, sale of cocaine and conspiracy to distribute cocaine.

Palma was arrested for possession of cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to sell, possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, possession of drug paraphernalia for distribution and no drug tax stamp.

Miramontes was being held for possession of drug paraphernalia and intent to use.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby said Friday the charges are being filed on these cases and the KBI is seeking warrants for the other 10 people identified in the investigation.

Health department offers tests

The Decatur County Health Department plans to draw blood for a wide-ranging battery of tests at the end of the month.

The blood draws will be done from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, and Wednesday, Sept. 28, at the department office, 902 W.

Columbia.

Administrator Marilyn Gamblin said they will offer three tests. The first is the chem profile for \$25, which tests the electrolytes, blood sugar, kidney liver function, blood count and thyroid condition. The PSA test, which costs \$20, tests for

prostrate problems for the guys. The third is a hemoglobin A1C for \$15 for diabetics. The test, said Ms. Gamblin, gives an average of the blood sugar over a three-month period.

Anyone who wants the tests should call 475-8118 to make an appointment, Ms. Gamblin said, but walk-ins are OK.

City to receive audit report

The Oberlin City Council will receive the 2010 audit report at its meeting Thursday night.

City Administrator Karen Larson said the council will also be working

on a cable franchise renewal with Eagle Communications.

The meeting is open to the public. It starts at 7 p.m. in the upstairs meeting rooms at The Gateway.



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