

ON SATURDAY Dave Schissler bought an antique clock at one of the sale sites of the U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt along U.S. 36. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Bargain hunters find treasures

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Treasure hunters searched for deals across the state this weekend, following U.S. 36 from town to town.

While the cool temperatures on Saturday might have kept some people from straying too far from home, it didn't keep everyone inside.

This was the sixth year for U.S. 36 Treasure Hunt, with hundreds of yard and garage sales along 400 miles of the highway across Kansas. In Oberlin, some were in garages scattered around town, while others were on trailers and tables set up along the highway.

The Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce put out a map showing most of the sales. People had to sign up in advance and pay \$5 to get on the map. Twenty-three sales were listed, scattered around town and on the highway. Some of the antique stores along Penn Avenue were open as well.

Diane Parks, who lives on Martin Avenue held a sale in her garage and front yard. Mrs. Parks said they had had a really good sale. She and her husband had people from Kansas, California, Texas, Nebraska, Colorado and Pennsylvania.

She said they were open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and opened at 8 a.m. Saturday. Mrs. Parks

said they didn't plan to be open Sunday.

She said this is their first year for the Treasure Hunt. The couple moved to Oberlin a few years ago from McPherson.

A few of the women who stopped by to shop commented on how much fun they were having.

On Rodehaver Avenue, Deena Zodrow and her mother-in-law Leola Zodrow, sat outside while helping customers. Deena said they have been part of the Treasure Hunt for two or three years now.

The women said they had sold lots of clothes, quilts and children's books.

Leola said they started with four quilts on Friday and had only one left Saturday before lunch.

Deena said a group of cousins came through in two vehicles. One of them lived in Norton and the others were from out of state. They pulled up, she said, jumped out and swarmed the yard, looking for what they wanted.

While the weather was nicer on Sunday, several of the sale sites had folded up by then.

Carolyn Hackney, chamber of commerce manager, said she's heard that the sales in town seemed busy on Thursday and Friday, but the numbers dwindled by Saturday. There were a lot of out of town shoppers, she said.

Council holds off on 2010 audit

After receiving the 2010 audit report Thursday night, the Oberlin City Council decided to study the report before approving it so the auditor can file it with the state.

Brian Thompson with the Norton accounting firm of Mapes and Miller, went through the audit for the council. He said the audit noted a problem that could be a violation of state law. Several funds, include electric, sewer and community

growth, he said, went over budget and needed to be republished, which wasn't done. That was the only violation.

What's the next step? asked Councilman Rusty Addleman.

The audit needs to be approved, said Mr. Thompson so it can be filed with the state.

"I think we need to look it over before we approve it," the councilman replied.

Mr. Addleman asked when the audits are supposed to be done, adding that he knows the 2010 report was a challenge with the city changing its accounting system.

Mr. Thompson said they try to have the audits done in June or July.

Administrator Karen Larson said she never remembers the city getting the audit until August.

Winner has six correct

Powerful Norton's loss to Plainville threw football fans for a loop both on the field and in the weekly Pigskin Pick-em contest.

No one guessed all seven winners, as almost everyone picked Norton. However, Plainville downed the Bluejays 53-13 on Friday.

Jim Hollowell and Jacob Gee, both of Oberlin, each came up with six out of seven correct, but Mr. Hollowell was closest to the tiebreaker, as Scott City beat Colby 44-6.

Mr. Hollowell will get \$15 in scrip for first prize and Jacob will get the \$10 second prize.

Lots of contestants got five out of seven right, but Ryan Leitner, Oberlin, came closest to the tie-breaker

score. In fact, he hit it on the nose. He wins the \$5 third prize.

Others picking five out of seven were Jordan Davenport, Wade Juenemann, Todd Ketterl, Norm Wendelin, Rusty Addleman, Ivis Hanson, Owen Wilson, Kel Grafel, Kelly Brown, Zach May, Charley Keller and Kelly Brown, Oberlin; Vernon Ketterl, Herndon; and Wilbur Reichert, Dresden.

Coming up with four out of seven were Linda Hollowell, Gary Anderson, Justin Gee, Kenny Gee, Tom Martin and John Sater, Oberlin.

All eligible scores are entered on a spread sheet. At the end of the 10-week contest, the contestant picking the most correct games will receive

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, Creative Collision and *The Oberlin Herald*.

Other scores of this week's games were:

- Georgia Tech over KU, 66-24.
- K-State over Kent State, 37-0.
- Nebraska over Washington, 51-38.
- LaCrosse over Oberlin, 48-0.
- St. Francis over Holyoke, Colo., 36-6.
- Stanton County over Atwood, 56-6

Mini Sapa plans shaping up

Members of the Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau talked with the director of the Last Indian Raid Museum about the upcoming Mini Sapa celebration last Thursday.

Director Sharleen Wurm told the three authors of the two books, one about the Western Cattle Trail, and another about the Indian raid, will be at the museum Saturday, Oct. 1, to autograph their works.

The new book "The Northern Cheyenne Exodus In History and Memory" is for sale for \$37.50, which includes tax, she said. Anyone wanting to buy a book now could bring it back in to be signed, she said.

Mrs. Wurm said a marker for the Western Cattle Trail had been set up south of town on U.S. 83, and another will be placed to the west.

The museum will use three buses from the Oberlin School District

for tour of raid and cattle trail sites. Only 76 seats remain on the buses, she said, and anyone who wants to go should call the museum soon at 475-2712 to register. The cost to ride the bus is \$5.

The tour will stop at four places along the way for re-enactments and information, said Mrs. Wurm.

Gary Anderson, a board member and owner of the LandMark Inn, said he talked with Connie Grafel, marketing director of the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp., about the old Frontier Motel sign on Sappa Park property along U.S. 36. He said she talked with the state officials about the sign and was told that the Frontier has one year to fix the sign up before it loses the right to have it there.

Mr. Anderson said it doesn't sound like it's been too long since the business had been notified about

the sign.

The group has talked about moving the Last Indian Raid sign on the entrance to Sappa Park further east on U.S. 36.

Connie Riedel, who serves on the board and on the Up in Smoke Barbecue Cookoff committee, said the event had gone well. While the group doesn't have all the bills yet, she said, preliminary numbers show around \$1,600 in profit.

The group plans to stay with the event on the second Saturday in September, she said. Proceeds are used for park improvements.

In other business, the bureau members:

- Briefly discussed the bathrooms planned for Sappa Park. The drawing is complete and ready to be sent out to bids.

Board tours both schools

The Oberlin School Board took its annual tour school buildings to see what projects had been done over the summer.

The board members met at the district office on Wednesday, Sept. 7, going to the grade school and then the high school.

The staff did a lot of work over the summer, said Superintendent Duane Dorshorst. At the grade school, the board checked out new lights and carpeting in teacher Carol Dixon's sixth-grade room. The carpet in the small computer lab also had been replaced, they found.

Mr. Dorshorst said the board also

looked at the rooms of teachers Jeni Henningson and Sandy Ketterl, where energy-efficient lights had been installed.

The staff will continue replacing the lights in the building, he said. That's already been done in some of the classrooms and the vocal music, band and resource rooms.

At the high school, board members looked at the new flooring in several of the hallways. Mr. Dorshorst said they also inspected a new window in the cafeteria, adding that there are more to come.

The members got the chance to see the new lighting in the

east and east-west hallways. The building tours, said Mr. Dorshorst, went well.

Before touring the buildings, the board approved buying a new activity bus for \$95,000 from All American Tours of Hays. The new bus, said Mr. Dorshorst, will replace the old red activity bus, which will be put up for sale.

The current activity bus was purchased in 2002 and is a American Transportation bus.

The only other bid came from Masters Transportation out of Nebraska for \$165,000.

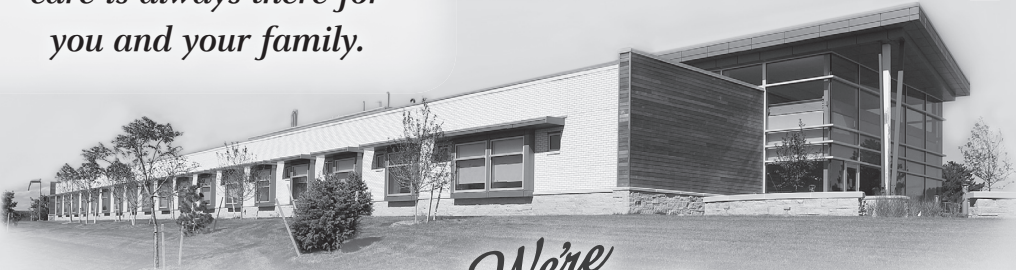


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