



## **Tickets remain** for Hoedown to help center

for the Decatur Good Samaritan vacuum, fans, refrigerator for the Center's third annual Hoedown on med room, a mailbox for outgoing Saturday at the American Legion mail, a bread maker, a Christmas Hall.

The event is set for 6 p.m., with tickets at \$25 available from Dianne towel and blanket warmer, chairs for Bremer at Great Northwest Insur- the conference room and a printer ance Agency on Main Street.

The Hoedown raises money for the center. In 2010, it helped buy new dishes, shelves in the resident bathrooms, a shampoo machine, a mechanical horse, a swing for the ball player bobblehead doll, several courtyard, physical therapy and nursing items and chairs for the staff lounge, said Cindi Sloan Sauder, resource development director for the center. Last year, she said, the money was used for a recumbent will be prepared by the Main Street elliptical exercise machine, tools Inn in Hoxie. Ray Gerver of Mcfor the environmental department, Cook will provide the music.

There's still a dozen tickets left blood-pressure cuffs for training, a tree, sharps and glove dispensers, cutting boards for the kitchen, a for resource development.

During the Hoedown, said Ms. Sauder, there will be both live and silent auctions. Some of the items include a 1968 boxed K-State foot-Western prints, hand-embroidered pillow cases, a print from Anna Seeber Shaw, gift certificates to the Dresser and more.

The food for the benefit, she said,

## **Business members** plan burger fry

The Oberlin Business Alliance parent will receive a gift from the plans to donate the proceeds of a burger and brat fry over Memorial Day weekend to help pay the cost of two new signs on U.S. 36 and U.S. 83.

Museum Director Sharleen Wurm said the Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau had already ordered the signs, one for the top of Main Street on U.S. 36 and the other for U.S. 83 near the Assembly of God Church. The new signs will replace the old ones, she said.

The signs will replace the ones that already advertise Oberlin and downtown.

The signs will look good, she said, and be colorful. Mrs. Wurm said they would like to have the signs up before Memorial Day weekend.

At an alliance meeting last Wednesday, the members decided to ask the students at Oberlin Elementary School to write letters nominating their moms or dads as the last several years. Parent of the Year. The winning

alliance.

The alliance members plan to hold a burger and fish fry on Friday, April 6, in the drive thru on Main Street next to the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Center. Money will go to help pay for new flags and banners downtown.

In other business, the alliance members:

• Heard the Decatur County Last Indian Raid Museum will open on Tuesday, April 3. Mrs. Wurm said they will have the Chamber of Commerce coffee hour that day.

 Talked briefly about having an auction for business owners to sell some of their items.

· Talked about the planters downtown. Chamber manager Carolyn Hackney said she will be contacting businesses to see if they want to order flowers through the alliance, which has been getting the flowers

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## Newspaper wins three state awards

awards in the annual Better Newspapers Contest sponsored by the Kansas Press Association.

Articles, pages, photographs and ads from 2011 were submitted in January and the winners were announced Thursday.

Ad designer Crista Sauvage won third place for best specialty ad for a Dale's Fish 'N' Fun ad from October.

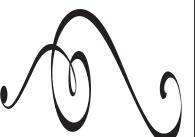
Editor Steve Haynes won third place for editorial writing. Winning editorials were about why the Constitution is still relevant (July 13), how "good" ideas threaten our liberties (April 27) and how more than just ships are being held hostage by African pirates (March 9). Mr. Haynes' editorials appear in *The Herald*, and in most Nor'West Newspapers publications.

Cynthia Haynes, chief financial officer of the firm, won third place for column writing for columns about her cat going into a diabetic coma while on the road, communion wine and her mother's first love, who was killed in World War II.

Among other Nor'West papers, The Goodland Star-News won five awards, four for ad design.

Goodland ad designer Jessica Corbin got first place in three advertising categories: best grocery ad for the Cowboy Corner Express on Sept. 20, best health care ad for Barotz Dental on Oct. 11 and best professional service ad for Assured Occupational Solutions Sept. 27. She won third place in best automotive ad for Finley Motors on March 11.

Former Star-News Editor Tom Betz took third place in editorial



The Oberlin Herald won three writing. Over the course of the year, softball photo taken in April. Betz wrote about truck noise, the post office, budgets and firefighters. place in the special section category He continues to write for the paper for the County Tax section. while working part time.

> Managing Editor Kevin Bottrell, Press in sports photography for a was published in September.

> > Planters, Etc.

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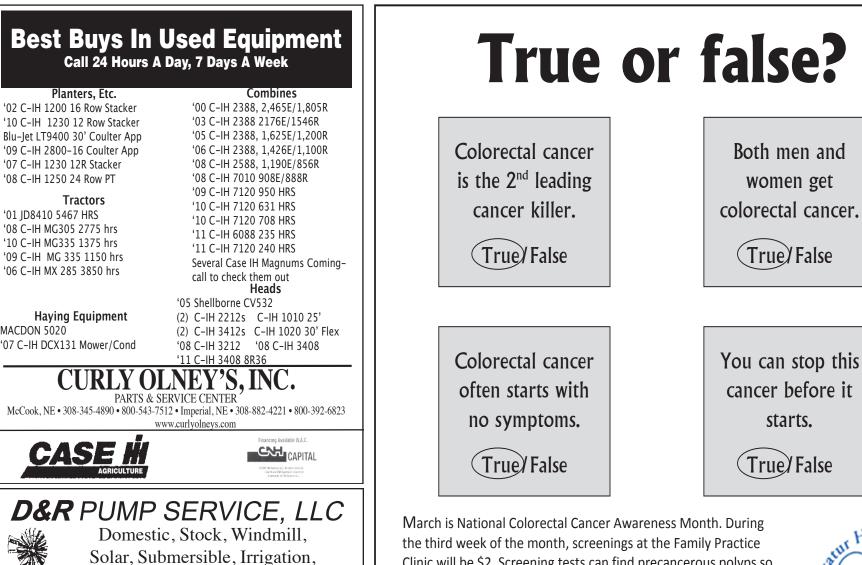
Awards will be presented at the association's annual convention Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21, in Overland Park.



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