

Teen leader gets a new hairstyle

More than 50 teenagers turned out Sunday night for "Water Wars," the last meeting of the school year for the Oberlin Teens for Christ group.

Leader Doug Mason had set out a challenge to the kids that if they could get 40 teens at the event in City Park, he would allow them to shave his head. If they could get 50, he promised to let them change his hair style.

Fifty-seven teenagers showed up at the park, and Mr. Mason is sporting a blue mohawk.

The kids, from sixth to 12th grades, played water games, made giant ice-cream sundaes and ended the evening with a shaving-cream war, said Mr. Mason.

For some, this was their last Teens for Christ meeting, as they will be graduating in a couple of weeks. For others, including the sixth graders, it was their first.

After school is out, the leader said, eight members will head out on three mission trips: to Horn Creek Camp in Colorado, to Cary, Miss., and to South Dakota to work with the Lakota tribe.



AFTER THE WATER WARS event on Sunday night, Doug Mason, leader of the Oberlin Teens for Christ group, got his hair cut into a mohawk to answer a challenge he set for the kids to get 50 or more teens to the park. They got 57; he got the blue hairdo.

— Teens for Christ

*Governor signs proclamations

(Continued from Page 1A) or prevent chronic conditions such as hypertension, heart disease and diabetes.

The notice came a little late, but April was Heart of Kansas Volunteer Month is just what it sounds like. The governor's proclamation recognizes the more than 770,000 Kansans who volunteer each year at hospitals, churches, schools and other organizations.

It is also National Hospital Week, and the Kansas Hospital Association is reminding people about the 127 community hospitals around the state that employ 73,890 people and see more than 318,000 patients a year.

It isn't just months or weeks in May that are used for celebrating or awareness:

Monday was Melanoma Day, sponsored by the American Academy of Dermatology. According to the academy, skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, with 3.5 million cases diagnosed annually. If treated early, however, the five-year survival rate is 98 percent. This type of cancer shows obvious signs on the skin, and the academy encourages people to see a dermatologist if they notice spots that are changing, itching or bleeding.

Today is VE Day in the U.S. On May 8, 1945, the Allies accepted

the surrender of Germany, ending the war in Europe. The formal surrender didn't happen until the evening, so it was already May 9 in Moscow, hence Victory Day will be celebrated on Wednesday in eastern Europe.

For something a little closer to home, April 27 was Arbor Day in Oberlin. The city is part of the Tree City USA program, administered by the the National Arbor Day Foundation. To be in the program, a city must have a tree board, a tree-care ordinance, a community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.



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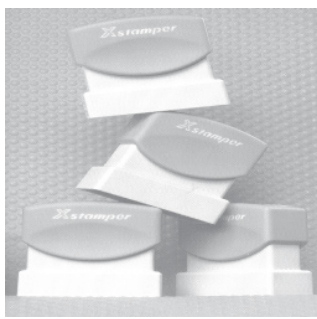
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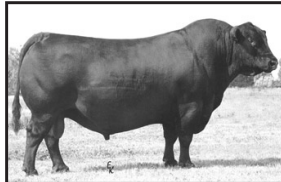
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