



IN THE TEMPORARY DINING ROOM – Marvin and Donna Zimbelman and Tom Keller, right, were among those attending the Good Samaritan Village open house on Sunday.

Herald staff photo by Karen Krien

Arts association presents musical entertainment

At 7:30 p.m. on Monday a presentation of The Music Man is coming to Oakley High School as part of the Western Plains Arts Association season.

The Music Man, winner of six Tony awards including best musical, is bringing its small town charm and famous songs to the area.

An affectionate paean to Smalltown, USA of a bygone era, The Music Man follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying musical instruments and uniforms for a

boys' band he vows to organize... despite the fact he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef! His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, the town librarian, with chaos ensuing as the townsfolk get wind of his scheme.

Filled with classical musical fun, tender romance and favorites including "Ya Got Trouble," "Seventy-six Trombones," "Goodnight, My Someone," "Gary, Indiana," and "Til There Was You," The Music Man is the perfect All-American musical!

The Music Man is produced by

Windwood Productions, whose credits include national tours of Cabaret. Bye, Bye Birdie, Altar Boyz, Little Women, Urban Cowboy The Musical, Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, The Unsinkable Molly Brown, Barry Manilow's Copacabana, Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged).

Admission to this performance of The Music Man is with Western Plains Arts Association season ticket, or at the door.

Across the County

Now is the time to consider summer camps for kids

Although still officially winter, occasional sunny afternoons bring thoughts of spring and summer days to come, and may prompt parents to begin exploring summer opportunities for their children.

"A well planned and managed summer camp can provide a safe environment to introduce youth to new experiences and interests," said Pam Van Horn, a Kansas State University Research and Extension 4-H youth development specialist.

"There's more to summer camp than meeting new people, making new friends, and trying new activities," said Ms. Van Horn, who has more than 25 years experience in planning and managing successful educational opportunities for youth.

A summer camp will typically include health-promoting physical activity and opportunities for personal growth that come from community living and building respectful relationships, she said.

Most campers will have an opportunity to practice citizenship such as raising the flag, and learn about earth or environmental science, including the weather, geology, plants and wildlife.

Campers also can grow in responsibility for themselves so as not to miss meals or activities, said Ms. Van Horn, who encouraged parents to do some homework in choosing a camp that will be a good fit for their child.

For younger, first-time campers, she suggested considering a day or partial-day camp in a structured environment similar to a school day. First-time overnight campers may benefit from a first-timer – or Rookie Camp – with an abbreviated schedule to introduce children to outdoor life.

For a weekly or residential camp, youth organizations, such as Kansas 4-H, Scouts, school and community groups will typically have experience in providing successful camp experiences, said Ms. Van Horn, who encouraged parents to talk with the parents of their children's friends, and ask questions:

- Where is the camp located? What transportation will be required to/from camp?
- Is the camp affiliated with a group or organization? Who is responsible for the day-to-day management and operation of the camp? How long has the camp been serving youth? And, what is the average age and grade level of their camp groups?

- What's a typical day at camp like?
- Does the camp offer a lodge or dormitory? Cabins? Tents?

Families who are new to camping may want to consider family camp, in which the family attends camp together, said Van Horn, who noted that the Kansas 4-H Center at Rock Springs offers several opportunities during the summer for families to share in the camp experience. For dates and more information, contact Amanda Elders at aelders@rocksprings.net or call 785-257-3221.

And, for youth ages 12 to 14, who are too old to attend youth camp, but not old enough to be a camp counselor, Kansas 4-H

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offers Campference, June 14-17, at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Campference combines age-appropriate camp experiences with professional development opportunities to help youth build self-esteem and self-reliance, and grow in responsibility, citizenship and interpersonal skills.

For more information about Kansas 4-H Camps, including Campference and family camps, go to www.Kansas4-H.org. You can also contact the Cheyenne County Extension office at 332 3171 or www.cfear@ksu.edu with questions or comments. Till next week - Marty

Turkey hunting seminar offered

Turkey hunting enthusiasts of all ages will have the chance to learn more about the sport in a free turkey hunting seminar from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at Fort Hays State University's Kansas Wetlands Education Center, 10 miles northeast of Great Bend.

All levels of experience are welcome to come learn more about wild turkeys, what it takes to get started turkey hunting and to learn tips about turkey hunting and calling.

Featuring Rod Pettit, Elite Hunting Team pro staffer for Knight and Hale Game Calls, the day's activities will include mouth calling for adults and children, shotgun trap shooting, a laser game, and the seminar, "Hunter vs. 6 Tons," which will cover hunting scenarios and techniques, decoy use, equipment and gear.

Pettit's credentials also include being the current Kansas State Turkey Calling Champion.

Firearms and ammunition will be provided free of charge.

Participants who bring a non-perishable food item will receive a free mouth call. Donations will be made to a food bank, and



there is a limit of one mouth call per person.

Door prizes donated by local businesses will also be drawn throughout the event.

The seminar is sponsored by the Great Bend Recreation Wetland Commission, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Knight and Hale, Kansas Wetlands Education Center and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

For more information, call Kansas Wetlands Education Center at 877-243-9268 or e-mail Eric Giesing, KWEC educator, at ergiesing@fhsu.edu.

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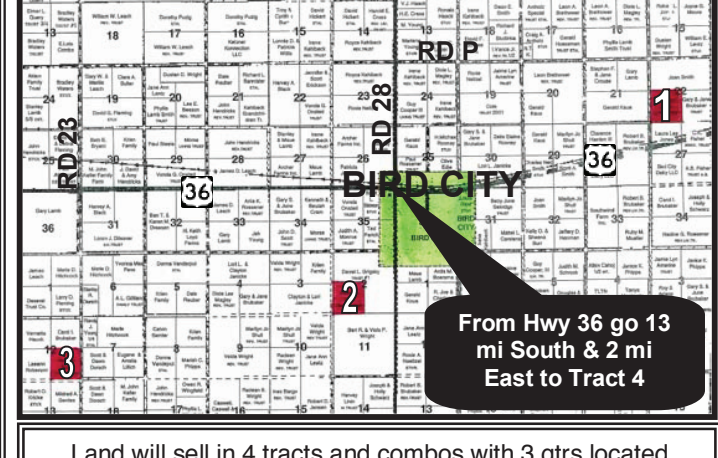
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