

‘Red Hat Day’ brings women from around the area together

Can you imagine more than 70 ladies all dressed in shades of purple and wearing a red hat being in one big group?

That is what took place at Fairview Estates last Sunday afternoon. Ladies from Brewster, Oberlin, Hoxie, Oakley and Colby came for a Red Hat Fun Day.

This is an organization started by



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a few women for women over 50 to get together and enjoy a care-free

day. Those under 50-years-old wear pink hats.

There were hats of every description, big little, straw, lacy, many with big red roses or feathers—really quite a sight to see.

The party was sponsored by our administrator, Karen Hodson with the help of the staff here and Walter and Brenda McGuire from Mc-

Cook. The tables were covered with lace tablecloths and a beautiful tea pot for a centerpiece. It looked very festive.

Karen welcomed everyone and had the group from each town stand to introduce themselves.

She then introduced Pete Morrison who brought his white-haired friend of over 50 years who limped along on a cane.

They swapped stories about their time in the service when Pete as a private and the friend was a colonel. It was all a big fake but was funny.

(The Colonel was really Duane Heble of Colby.)

Elma Lee Erickson of Herndon and Em Threlkel of Atwood provided a musical program.

While Mrs. Threlkel played the piano Elma Lee sang songs and changed hats to fit the theme of the song.

They then played some lively tunes with Elma Lee playing the harmonica.

Several sang along with the music and a few danced.

Pat Wright from Oberlin read a

funny poem about Grandmothers shoes. Brenda McGuire told a joke on Karen that made everyone laugh. Six door prizes of fancy coffee mixes were given to the lucky winners and a \$10 gift certificate was given by the C.J. Boutique. Refreshments of snacks, veggies, cake, hot tea or coffee were served and the party closed with singing a song lead by Mrs. Erickson.

Many stayed to visit longer and take pictures.

It was really a red letter day for everyone as well as a Red Hat Day.

Many Golden Plains students honored with ‘Excellence’ award

Twenty-one students from the Golden Plains School district were recognized recently for having attained the Standard of Excellence on the 2003 state assessments.

Each of the students received a certificate of recognition from the State Board of Education for their accomplishments, school officials said.

Dr. Roger Baskerville, superintendent and principal of Golden Plains Schools, said he was pleased with the students’ hard work.

“I appreciate the state recognizing our Standard of Excellence students,” he said.

“So often the academic success small schools achieve goes unrecognized.”

Students being recognized for their performance on the state assessments include six Golden Plains Elementary students: Lucas Phillips, fourth grade mathematics and science; Avery Spresser, fourth grade mathematics and science;

Brandy Gilbert, fourth grade science; Jacy Moss, fourth grade science; Jonathan Broeckelman, fifth grade reading and Michael Roehl, fifth grade reading.

Ten Golden Plains Middle school students achieved the Standard of Excellence.

They are Candee VonLehe, sixth grade social studies; Andrew Broeckelman, seventh grade mathematics and science; Danny Rogers, seventh grade mathematics; Levi VonLehe, seventh grade mathematics; Stephanie Juenemann, eighth grade reading and social studies; Megan Juenemann, eighth grade social studies; Katelyn Spresser, eighth grade social studies and Drew Stevenson, eighth grade social studies.

Golden Plains High School students earning the Standard of Excellence were Jesse Miller, tenth grade math and science, and Darcie Spresser, tenth grade math.

Other high school students in-

cluded Nichole Spresser, tenth grade math and science; Kristin Wark, tenth grade science and Dana Broeckelman, 11th grade reading and social studies.

Golden Plains is proud of its curricular and extra-curricular accomplishments, Baskerville said.

“I’m proud of the tireless work the vast majority of our faculty and staff put into the process of making Golden Plains the very best it can be,” he said.

“We’re working hard to reach and teach all students in our system. Perhaps one day, we can proudly say the entire Golden Plains student body achieved the state’s Standard of Excellence benchmark.”

State Board of Education Chair Janet Vaughn was also pleased with the achievement. “These students can take pride in meeting such a high standard,” she said.

“Their accomplishment also reflects well on the efforts of teachers and their school.”

Kansas man faces online fraud charges

A Washington County man was charged for allegedly defrauding many people out of thousands of dollars over the Internet, said Attorney General Phill Kline today.

Greg Jackson of Hanover was charged in Washington County District Court today with 10 counts of theft by deception and 8 counts of computer crimes for allegedly receiving money for tractors offered for sale through online auction sites without delivering the items as agreed.

He has also been charged with one count of selling a vehicle without transferring the certificate of title and for allegedly selling a car without providing the title at the time of delivery or within the time allowed by law.

Computer crime is a level eight nonperson felony punishable by a sentence of 5 to 17 months and fines of up to \$100,000 per violation, said Whitney Watson, director of communications.

Theft by deception is a level nine nonperson felony punishable by a sentence of 7 to 23 months and fines of up to \$100,000 per violation. Sale of a vehicle without transfer of certificate of title is an unclassified nonperson Misdemeanor punishable by 30 days to 6 months imprisonment in county jail and/or a fine not to exceed \$2,500.

Assistant Attorney General Lee Davidson will prosecute the case on behalf of Kline, Watson said.

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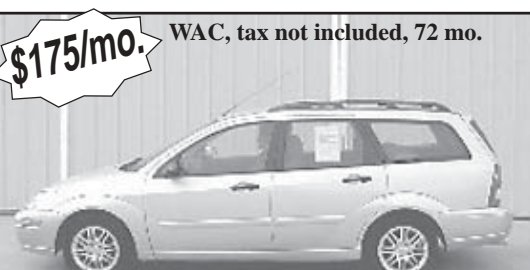









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