

Story time with the congressman



Congressman Jerry Moran sat on the floor of the Central Elementary School library Wednesday afternoon, and read to students from Rebecca Musil's class as part of the Kansas National Education Association reading program. Moran presented some Dr. Seuss books to the school and read from "Mouse House, Mouse Senate," about how an idea becomes a bill and a law. The students had lots of questions for the congressman, and he spent about half an hour talking with them. The students were Brandon Sissel (behind Moran's head), Josh Whisnant, Devan Johnson, Jordan McCombs, Robert Gutierrez, Tanner Jones, Chantel Coates, Tiffany Charron, Elizabeth Wellman, Michael Langly and (not pictured) Justin Juelson and Kimber Linnell.

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4-Hers earn ribbons for talent

Sherman County 4-H clubs had Model Meetings Mondays, March 7 and 14, and Talent Night Friday, March 11.

Talent Night was presented by the Glendale Livewires and Beaver Valley 4-H clubs at the Goodland High School.

For the Model Meeting, Country Clovers earned Regional Blue; Sunflower earned Alternate Regional Blue; and Prairie Dale, Glendale Livewires, Ruleton Eager Beavers and Beaver Valley all earned Blue.

In Junior Demonstrations at the Model Meetings, Saige VanDiver earned Regional Blue. Cody Hooker, Brennen Clouse and Christie Studer each earned Regional Blue for Intermediate Demonstrations.

Sydney Winston earned Alternate Regional Blue in the event, while Nicole Hendrich, Katelyn Coon and Courtney Sheldon each earned Blue, and Michael Pettibone, Cooper Slough, Adam Duell, Holly Wilkening and Alexis Bateman each earned Red.

In Junior Project Talks, John Hendrich and Austin Rains each earned Regional Blue, and Milan Brannick earned Alternate Regional Blue. Cienna Brannick, Hope Cochran, Colton Cooper and Jessica Johnson each earned Blue.

In Senior Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks, Devin Mangus and

Alicia Studer each earned Regional Blue, while Aaron Duell earned Alternate Regional Blue. Jason Krayca and Dusti Chadwick each earned Blue, and Kali Rietcheck earned Red.

In Intermediate Project Talks, Mikail Freeman and Ryan Irvin each Regional Blue, and Brennen Clouse earned Alternate Regional Blue. Sydney Winston, Michael Johnson, Chantel Coates, TJ Freeman and Paige Phillips each earned Blue.

In Talent Night events, the Glendale Livewires earned Regional Blue for Skit Team 4, Ruleton Eager Beavers earned Alternate Regional Blue for Skit, the Country Clovers earned Blue for Skit, and the Glendale Livewires earned Blue for Skit Team 2 and Skit Team 3.

Prairie Dale earned Blue for Skit, Sunflower earned Red for Skit, and the Glendale Livewires earned Red for Skit Team 1.

Regional Blues went to Hope Cochran for Junior Vocal, Devin and Dani Mangus for Vocal Duet,

Bryan Gray for Senior Instrumental, Parker Sieck for Intermediate Piano Solo, Ryan Irvin for Intermediate Instrumental, Sydney Winston for Other Dance, Devin Mangus for Senior Vocal, Ellie House for Junior Piano and Brennen Clouse for Intermediate Vocal.

Alternate Regional Blues went to Shyanne Austin and Miranda Hernandez for Junior Vocal Duet, Michael Pettibone for Intermediate Vocal Solo, Cooper Slough for Intermediate Piano, John Hendrich for Junior Piano and Julica Bonsall for Senior Vocal.

Blues went to Parker Sieck for Intermediate Instrumental, Ryleigh Paxton for Junior Piano, Carly McCracken for Intermediate Vocal, Devin Mangus for Senior Instrumental, Parker Sieck for Intermediate Vocal and Paige Phillips for Intermediate Piano.

Reds went to Sami Philbrick for Senior Piano, Sydney Winston for Intermediate Instrumental and Kayler Rietchek and Michael Pettibone for Instrumental Duet.

obituary

Vernon Huffman

Vernon "Ray" Huffman, 82, St. Francis, a retired high school teacher and coach, died Saturday, March 26, 2005, at the Cheyenne County Hospital.

He and his surviving twin sister, Irma Faye (Cliff) Campbell of rural Beloit, were born Sept. 24, 1922, near Ashville, the children of Stella (Critchfield) and Walter Garland Huffman.

He attended rural schools and graduated from Simpson High School. "Cow pasture" football and baseball with brothers and many cousins were the highlight of his youth.

Huffman attended Dodge City Junior College for two years and then attended Fort Hays Kansas State Teacher's College, playing football at both. In October of 1942, he enlisted in the Army, as did many of his team mates.

He served more than three years in an anti-aircraft battalion of Gen.

George Patton's 3rd Army, landing at Utah Beach on June 16, 1944, and fought in England, France, Germany and Czechoslovakia.

He discharged as sergeant in December 1945 and returned to Fort Hays State, again playing football. He played for his brother, Coach Ralph "Red" Huffman, and graduated in 1947.

In 1947, he married Rachel Oshant of Hays and began his coaching and teaching career. He was a teacher and coach in Scott City, Palco, Jetmore, Kingman and St. Francis for 39 years. He earned a master's degree plus additional hours in counseling during these years.

Summer trips to Beloit for wheat harvest at his sister's meant her homemade bread and pies, her husband's homemade ice cream, meals in the fields and fun with nephews and nieces. Other summers were spent managing the St. Francis swimming pool with helpers from Hays while getting ready

for football.

Huffman was a 45-year member of Lions International and was a member of several educational and coaching associations and the St. Francis United Methodist Church.

He retired in 1989 and enjoyed traveling, especially fishing and camping in the Southwest. He enjoyed golfing, but attending school events was uppermost.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a sister, Beulah Chapman of Lamar, Colo.; and two brothers, Loren Huffman of Chicago and Ralph Huffman of Hays.

Besides his twin and her husband, his wife also survives.

Memorial services were planned for today, Friday, April 1, 2005, at the church with the Rev. Morita Truman officiating. Inurnment will be later in Hays.

Memorials may be made to the Ray Huffman Athletic Scholarship, the church or the hospital in care of Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis, Kan. 67756.

4-H news

February meeting

Sixteen members of the Prairie Dale 4-H Club attended the monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 14.

Roll call was "Name someone you know who has a birthday in February." Shelbi Herl read the previous meeting's minutes, and President John Mosbarger approved them.

Judy Herl reported that record books could be picked up from the leaders. Brennen Clouse gave the treasurer's report.

Vice President Clay Schilling led the program. Chantel Coates demonstrated how to start a sewing project. Clouse gave a project talk on "Safety Hazards for Dogs."

Audrey Titus played a song on her clarinet for Music or Other. Josiah Goodley had everyone play Pop the Balloon for recreation.

John Mosbarger called the meeting back to order after recreation. Herl announced that 4-H Days

deadline would be March 1 and that the model meeting would be March 7. Bryan Gray made a motion for adjournment, and Matt Miller seconded.

March meeting

The model meeting was called to order by President John Mosbarger at 7 p.m. Monday, March 7. Secretary Shelbi Herl read roll call and February's minutes.

Treasurer Brennan Clouse gave his report. Ryan Taylor reported on the 4-H Council. Bryan Gray reported that the ceremony committee had a ceremony prepared.

The committee presented the ceremony, "100 Years of 4-H," about the history of the organization.

There was a discussion about decorating and cleaning up the cemetery and about donating money to the dog club. Two committees were appointed to deal with these issues.

The meeting was turned over to Vice President Clay Schilling for

the program. Jed Gray led the club in singing, "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes." Alexis Bateman demonstrated the basics of dog obedience.

Garret Taylor gave a project talk on pigs. A health and safety talk on Protecting Yourself in the Sun was given by Laine Herl.

Grant Wilkens played "Green Onions" on his keyboard. Recreation was led by Jonah McClung. The group played a team-building game. After recreation, President John Mosbarger called the meeting back to order.

Clay Schilling announced information about the next meeting. Leader Darla Mosbarger made some announcements. Audrey Titus made a motion for adjournment, and Gerell Miller seconded. The meeting was adjourned by club members putting away the chairs.

Submitted by Club Reporter Bryan Gray.

matters of record

District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court: **March 7** — Shidong Zou, 42, Bolingbrook, Ill., \$144 for speeding.

Elmer F. Rosa, 33, Pomona, Calif., \$120 for speeding.

Dale R. Lehman, 22, Greencastle, Pa., \$195 for speeding.

Diane L. Kuykendall, 39, Weskan, \$126 for speeding.

Jheri L. Bermudez, 20, Topeka, \$186 for speeding.

Lisa L. Carson, 18, Goodland, \$120 for failure to yield from private driveway.

Hoyt W. Claybaugh, 39, Colorado Springs, \$204 for improper parking.

Lori W. Garcia, 40, Plano, Texas,

\$159 for speeding.

Deon A. Cofield, 19, Fort Leonardwood, Mo., \$144 for speeding.

David P. Klamme, 38, Greeley, Colo., \$280 for over weight limit on wheels and axles.

Douglas G. Pisarek, 41, Wentzville, Mo., \$126 for improper parking.

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