

Child abuse preventable situation

To the Editor:
When you read or hear news reports about cases of child abuse and neglect, what is your reaction? Disgust? Disbelief? Sadness?
Now here's the hard question. What do you do about it?
Child abuse is an ugly, terrible problem in our community and across our state. During fiscal year 2005 (July 2004 - June 2005) there were 47,409 reports of child abuse and neglect in Kansas - over 3,000 more than the year before. In Decatur County, there were 37 reports of child abuse and neglect in 2005 compared to 47 in 2004.
It's important to know the scope of the problem and the effect it has on kids. But, what's even more essential is knowing what each of us can do to help prevent child abuse and neglect. Without that information, many of us resign ourselves to the notion that there really isn't any-

thing that we can do. Nothing is further from the truth. Here are some ideas:
Support children and families. This is the simplest, yet the hardest thing to do. But, it's the most effective. Offer to baby-sit for a frazzled neighbor. Donate used children's clothing, furniture, and toys. Make an effort to get to know the kids and families on your block. Be a helping hand and a listening ear. Many times families under stress simply need someone to talk to.
Address the issue. Let others know you are concerned about child abuse. Encourage schools and churches to offer classes and support groups for parents. Call or write your elected officials and let them know the importance of programs and services that support healthy and safe children and families.
Educate yourself. Know where to go for help. For a listing of resources

Letters to the Editor

in your community, call the Kansas Children's Service League's Parent Helpline at (800) 332-6378).
Don't be afraid to report. Recently in Kansas a teenager intervened on behalf of a 3-year-old boy. If you suspect maltreatment of a child, don't wait, call. The child abuse hotline is (800) 922-5330. This is an anonymous call that could be an important step to protecting a child.
Get involved. Agencies that work with children and families always need help. Volunteer. Become a mentor, foster, or even an adoptive parent. Support their work in other ways.
Wear a Blue Ribbon. April is Child Abuse Prevention month. The

blue-ribbon campaign raises awareness of the positive steps available to prevent child abuse. Please wear your blue ribbon to support a standard that every child should grow up in a loving, safe, nurturing home. Preventing child abuse and neglect is everyone's responsibility. Please do your part during April and throughout the year. For more information on programs and how you can participate in the prevention of child abuse, please contact me.
Roxy Cabral, director
Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect
505 N. Franklin, Suite E, Colby, Kan.
(785) 460-8177
rcabral@st-tel.net

For Sale: Two very good rototillers by silent auction. Stop by and get your number and place your bid. Auction will end Saturday, April 15.

Do it Best
Stanley Hardware
149 S. Penn—Oberlin—785-475-2331

Openings for select House Parents
The Omaha Home for Boys offers a unique opportunity for married couples to care for boys, average age 12-16.
* Nationally recognized training * Beautiful, modern facility
* \$36,000 starting salary * Excellent benefits
* Free housing & meals
The Omaha Home For Boys
4343 N. 52nd St., Omaha, NE 68104 • www.omahahomeforboys.org
Call 1-800-408-4663, Monday-Friday

Reader disagrees with Moran's votes

To the Editor:
Rep. Jerry Moran had an hour on television last week. He spoke like he's just an observer in Washington, on the sidelines even. Not like a salaried legislator accounting for his actions to the people who put him in office.
Rep. Moran is not a bystander. He's been making laws in Congress for 10 years. Mr. Moran votes. He legislates. We hired him to do that. His actions directly affect us every day - and impact the people we care most about.
To know how he votes is to truly know the man.
Rep. Moran told viewers that he cares about education. This February, he voted to cut funding to student loans by \$12.7 billion dollars. It is the largest single cut the federal government has ever made to student aid.
Someone asked Mr. Moran what he knew about getting help with child support collection. He waved her question aside, saying child support enforcement is the responsibility

of the state and not Congress.
Yet, he voted to cut billions of dollars from the child support enforcement money given to state programs. Congress now estimates that the cuts will mean a loss of \$8.5 billion to the states, and, another \$8.4 billion to single parents in uncollected child support due to enforcement cutbacks.
I would have liked Mr. Moran to explain these votes to that sweet caller, but he didn't even mention it. Not a word.
Care about health care? Rep. Moran voted to cut federal spending to programs by \$39.5 billion. Medicaid cuts will account for 27 percent of that, and another 23 percent of it represents cutbacks in Medicare.
Rep. Moran's actions may result in 9 million people being unable to receive health care because of copayments that veterans, children, and seniors cannot afford. Congress estimates another 65,000 will lose Medicaid coverage outright. Eighty percent of the savings that he legislated will come from forced de-

creased use of health care services. One million, six hundred thousand people who do qualify for Medicaid will be denied services they need.
Do we want a congressman who uses his legislative power to oust helpless people from their medical programs?
We need a congressman who cares about the health of our grandmothers, our less-fortunate neighbors and especially our veterans - and proves it to us with his actions.
See, it's not what the man says that matters. What matters is how the man votes.
Pam Pohly
Hays

Internet Tonight?
475-2206

TRUCK LOAD SALE ON BUSH HOG® LOADERS
Model 3226 or 2846
LOADER with 84" Bucket \$4795
LOADER with 84" Bucket & 4 tine Grapple Fork \$6250
CALL FOR SPECIAL PRICING ON OTHER BUSH HOG LOADERS!
MCCOOK FARM EQUIPMENT
"Your Short Line Specialists"
708 East 'B' Street • McCook, NE 69001 • 308-345-4480

Pool proposal expensive

To the Editor:
I read an article in the *Salina Journal* about a new pool proposed in WaKeeney that was interesting in light of the pool issue in Oberlin. It is of special interest to the taxpayers of Oberlin and Decatur County.
There is a significant difference in the price of the proposed pool in Oberlin at \$5.5 million and the less than \$2 million quoted in the article about WaKeeney. This money is coming from the taxpayers and a large number of the taxpayers are landowners, but not residents who can even vote! If the bond issue should pass, we will be required to help finance this high-priced ven-

ture without having a choice in the matter.
Francis W. Porsch
Selden

SCHLUMBERGER
Vernal, Utah
Relocation or Rotation positions available
Looking for Equipment Operators
Minimum 21 years of age, must be able to obtain a class A CDL license, pass a drug and alcohol test, good driving record. No DUI's or felonies in the last 7 years. Medical, Dental, Vision, etc. Benefits start the day you start.
Competitive wages and overtime.
Please call: 435-828-0404
Schlumberger

Council meets Thursday in school library

The Oberlin City Council will meet in the high school library Thursday so members can take part in the "community conversation" which will be held at the school that evening.
The council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Although the meeting will not be aired on local access cable Channel 7, it is open to the public.
City Administrator Gary Shike said they will be opening bids for the new sewer lagoons on Tuesday, so the council will look at those at the meeting and possibly make a decision. The engineer, Thaniel Monaco, from Miller and Associates, normally reads the bids. Any of the council members can attend.

Heartland Restoration services set

Heartland Restoration services will be held later this month at The Gateway.
The services, sponsored by the League of Ministers and Churches in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado, will feature International Apostle Jim Hodges and his wife Jean, founders of the Federation of Ministers and Churches International.
The couple has taught for more than 10 years at Christ for the Nations Institute in Texas and ministered in over 40 nations.
Service will be in the arena at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 21, and 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 22.
All services are open to the public.
There will be an offering taken.

**S
B
A
L
L
S**

Limestone Angus Black Angus Bulls
SIRE: GARDENS MATRIX, LIMESTONE ROCK 231.
15-18 mo., AI sired, performance records, EPD's & ultrasound data, semen tested.
Specializing in easy calving with outstanding carcass.
Can board &/or work on delivery.
Gary Hoffman
Lebanon, NE
308-375-4275

K.J. River Ranch
50 yearling Angus Bulls
For Sale at Private Treaty
Sires: Right Time 338, Special Design, Lead On, GAR Traveler 6052 and Connealy 044
308-364-2241

This is Bull! Saturday, April 8, 2006 1:00 CST Oakley Livestock Oakley, Kansas
Moser Limousin Annual Bull Sale
Using the "proof of the past" for the "progress of the future."
Dan & Kristy Moser & family Archie & Verla Moser Winona, Kansas
For questions or to request a catalog PHONE: 785-846-7888 FAX: 785-846-7874 e-mail: dmosr@st-tel.net
Sale Day Phone 785-672-4100
53 BULLS
(41) LIMI & (12) LIMI-FLEX BULLS
(42) 2 YR. OLDS, (11) YEARLINGS
90% Black - 90% Polled
Many Homozygous Black
36 YEARS OF "MEATING" THE NEEDS OF THE COMMERCIAL AND PUREBRED PRODUCER.

Get all the news from Decatur County
Subscribe today!
Subscribers whose mailing address is in Decatur, Norton, Rawlins, Sheridan, Thomas and Red Willow counties \$30
Elsewhere in Kansas \$34
Elsewhere in the United States \$37
To order your subscription, fill out the coupon below and send it with payment to:
THE OBERLIN HERALD
170 S. Penn Ave. Oberlin, Kan. 67749
Name
Address
City..... State..... Zip.....