

Agency looks into landing

The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating an emergency landing by a single-engine fixed-wing plane Thursday near the Nebraska state line.

Tony Molinaro, a spokesman for the federal agency out of the Central Region office in Chicago, said the agency won't release anything other than what's on the public website until the investigation is complete, which could take a couple weeks.

Mr. Molinaro said the plane ran out of fuel and landed in a field eight miles east on U.S. 36, 10 miles north on the Kanona/Danbury Road, two miles west and one and half north again.

The agricultural spray plane is listed as belonging to Swancutt Aviation Inc. out of Chester, Iowa.

Mr. Molinaro said there weren't any injuries and just the pilot was in the aircraft. The pilot's name wasn't released. He said the report doesn't say where the plane was going.

Museum kicks off summer

The Last Indian Raid Museum's director told members of the Oberlin Business Alliance last Wednesday that it looks like the museum is going to have a busy beginning to the summer.

On Friday, June 8, said Director Sharleen Wurm, the museum will be host for part of the Buffalo Commons Storytelling Festival from McCook. People will arrive in a bus or two to go through the museum and tour the Oberlin Cemetery and sites of the Indian Raid.

Then on Monday, June 11, or Tuesday, June 12, said Mrs. Wurm, a group of Cheyenne Indians riding from the Darlington Agency on horseback plans to stop here. She said the riders will come through Decatur County with a film crew making a documentary. Mrs. Wurm said they might do a supper at the museum and invite the public.

On Friday, June 15, she added, a bus tour is coming.

The new roadside signs, in all four directions coming into town, should be up, said Mrs. Wurm, by Memorial Day weekend.

Hospital to host 5K run

The Decatur County Hospital plans to host the Sappa 5K Trail Run/Walk the first Saturday of June.

Registration for the run/walk starts at 7 a.m., with the start time at 8 a.m. The registration fee of \$20 is due by Monday, May 14, if you want a race shirt. Those wanting to register the day of the race will pay \$25, but may not get a shirt.

The first-place finishers in men, women's and youth categories will receive prizes.

Anyone interested in running or walking can mail their information to Deb Klima at Decatur Health Systems, Box 268 Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

Any proceeds, said Mrs. Klima, will go for improvements to the playground equipment at City Park.

Council will tour Oberlin

Members of the Oberlin City Council plan to tour several city facilities during their meeting Thursday at The Gateway.

City Administrator Karen Larson said the meeting will start at 7 p.m. with the civic center and city offices first on the tour. The council will also tour the power plant, transformer, sewer lagoons and possibly the airport.

After the tour, the council will hold a short meeting to approve bills. They might talk about the bond issues for the water system and airport, she said, or that might be done at a later meeting.

The tour, like all council meetings, is open to the public.



KNIFEMAKER Jerry Smith, put an edge on a piece of steel in his workshop behind Oberlin Knife Shop. The Smiths moved to Oberlin last year and are planning a gun and knife show at The Gateway June 9.

—Herald photo by Carolyn Plotts

Knife and Gun Show coming

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Jerry and Deb Smith, owners of the Oberlin Knife Shop, who promoted knife and gun shows when they lived and worked in Texas, are preparing to hold the Sappa Creek Knife and Gun Show on June 9 and 10 at The Gateway.

The couple said they will have 88 eight-foot tables available to dealers and vendors. Mrs. Smith said half that space is already booked, with exhibitors coming from Arizona, Colorado, Nebraska, Oklahoma and, of course, Kansas. Featured at the show will be gun dealers, knife makers and collectors. Also available will be gun parts, accessories, gun books, custom knives, swords, military items and reloading materials.

A few of the tables have been reserved for nongun items, she said. Some of the nongun exhibitors already signed up for the show include a saddle collector, a jewelry maker, a taxidermist and a skull-painting artist. Other exhibitors might include western and wildlife art, Indian artifacts, bronze sculptures and scrimshaw carving, Mrs. Smith said.

A major attraction to this year's show will be a knife-fighting seminar taught by an Apache Indian, Snake Blocker. Mr. Blocker says he is a four-time kick boxing champion and a close-quarters combat instructor for the United States military.

He will make appearances at the knife and gun show and will teach a knife fighting class at the

Last Indian Raid Museum from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 9. Register for the class by calling (720) 323-0422. If you pay in advance, the cost is \$65. It will be \$80 at the door. Anyone attending the class is advised to bring their own training knife. To learn more about Mr. Blocker go to his website at www.snakeblocker.com. He accepts credit cards or checks, Mrs. Smith said.

The Smiths said all firearms at the show must be unloaded and tied inoperative. All firearm regulations will be observed and enforced. Security guards will be on the property and the Gateway staff will provide a concession stand. For information, go to www.oberlinknifeshop.com or call (785) 475-2695.

Centennial Park gets spruced up

The Oberlin Garden Club got down and dirty late last month as the members and some spouses spruced up the area around the Gazebo in Centennial Park.

Grass that was infiltrating sidewalks was removed, overgrown evergreens trimmed, weeds pulled, new mulch spread and grass and flowers planted by the busy crew.

Members Becky Vollertsen, Karen Thompson, Carolyn Hackney, Dianne Bremer and Dori Pauls worked at the small park for several hours on April 25 with the help of John Bremer and Kurt Vollertsen. That was the third time the group had worked to get the park ready for summer, Mrs. Vollertsen said.

Earlier in the spring, she said, Barry Richards power raked the lawn.

Mrs. Vollertsen said the women have formed themselves into a committee to care for Centennial Park, helping city Parks Director Jeremy Tally with cleanup and

maintenance. Other members of the Garden Club plan to work in some of the other city parks, she said.

On this outing, the group put in hostas and Stella de Ore lilies and Karl Foerster grasses, also known as feather reed grass. The city will provide two planters similar to those on Penn Avenue, she said, and the group plans to fill them around the gazebo. Some potted plants may be added later, she said.

Mrs. Vollertsen said the Garden Club doesn't do anything in the park without first consulting with Mr. Tally and City Administrator Karen Larson.

She said that eventually the group hopes to get some picnic tables with colorful umbrellas for the grassy area north of the gazebo so people can enjoy an outdoor lunch. The group hopes to make the area community friendly, she said.

"I don't know when we'll get that done," she added, "but that's the vision for the future."



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