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OHS KAYs Holds Easter Egg Hunt At Leisure Park



Photo by Bailey Starns

J.J. Reece, son of Melvin and Elly Reece of Onaga, found a bunch of eggs as he raced around the playground of Leisure Park on Saturday. The KAYs (Kansas Association for Youth) have sponsored the Easter Egg Hunt for many years. Previous to the merging of male and female clubs, the KAYs and KAYettes, the girls ran the egg hunt.

OGS Track Also Underway



Photo provided courtesy Interstate Studio

The OMS track team started its 2025 season a week ago at Jefferson County North. Then on Tuesday of this week the Buffs hosted an invitational. Team members from the left, front to back: 1st Row: Teigan VanDonge, Peyton Rice, Wyatt Rager, Hayden Matzke, Blaine Blaske, Miken Wheeler, Elizabeth Hochstedler, Faith Perry, Jaelyn VanDonge, Sally Miller. 2nd Row: Jazmine Miller, Gracie McKinsey, Karlee Murray, Saphira French, Justin Wrosch, Brooklyn DeChant, Allie Perry, Rayvin Hager, Mattie Kolterman, Briane Bates. 3rd Row: Ryen Valburg, Jovin Matson, Gabriel McKinsey, Ryeli Shankland, Kynlee VanDonge, Ellie Starns, Samuel Miller, Preston French, Hudson Baxter, Carter Venneberg, Brayden Bean, Alexandrya Davidson. 4th Row: Max Krause, Ryder Kolterman, Zabel Collins, Waylon Figge, Clancy Revell, Gavin Weiser, Charlee Schwartz, Camdyn Fordham, Addison Priest, Cahlan Kaberline. Not pictured. Carley DeChant, Head Coach Jason Claycamp, Assistant Coaches Sierra Valburg & Ty Poell.

Local Churches Announce Easter Services

St. Luke Lutheran Church will be holding services Maundy Thursday at 7:00pm; Good Friday at 7:00 pm and Easter Sunrise service at 7:45 at the South Church grounds unless foul weather forces them to the church. Worship service with Holy Communion will be held at 10:00. At St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, Onaga, Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16 @ 6:30 PM. St. Vincent de Paul Church The Paschal Triduum & Easter April 17, 2025 Holy Thursday at 7:00 P.M. Mass St. Patrick, Corn- ing; April 18, 2025 Good Friday Service 2:00 P.M. St. Vincent at Onaga; 4:00 P.M. St. Bede at Kelly; 6:00 P.M. St. Patrick at Corning; April 19, 2025 Easter Vigil 8:00 P.M. Mass at St. Patrick in Corning; April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday 8:00 A.M. Mass St. Bede at Kelly; 10:00 A.M. Mass St. Vincent at Onaga. New Hope Lutheran Easter Sunday at 9:00 A.M. and facebook.

DeWalts Announce Birth of Son

Keaton and Kendal De- walt, Wamego, announce the birth of their first child, a son Walker William De- Walt. Walker was born February 22, 2025 at Stormont Vail Regional Hospital in Topeka. He weighed 6 lbs.14 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Lynn and Daun Krohn of Ona- ga, Aaron and Tiffany DeWalt and Jackie and Denny Browning of Wa- tertville, Ks. Great grandparents are Dale and Connie Renfro, Onaga and Orlene Kro- hn, Blaine.



County Adds New Plaque to Veterans Memorial

by Beth Day
Times News Service

The newest plaque containing the names of 50 Pottawatomie County Veterans was added to the Veterans Memorial located near the Historical County Courthouse on the corner of Main St. and Second St. in West- moreland. It was official- ly unveiled on Monday during a well attended ceremony.

County Commission Chair Terry Force ad- dressed the crowd during the unveiling.

"I always loved this quote. 'A veteran is someone who at one point in their life wrote a blank check payable to the United States of America for the amount up to and including their life,'" he began. "I mean, that has always hit home with me from day one. I can't express my grati- tude enough for those who did serve our coun- try throughout the years. You all have my utmost respect and admiration."

The names of hon- orably discharged men and women that reside or have resided in Pot- tawatomie County, and served in any branch of the U.S. Military af- ter Dec. 31, 1946 have continually been added to the memorial since its original dedication in May of 1992. Each plaque on the monument con- tains 50 names and once 50 names are collected, a new bronze plaque is cast to be added to the monument.

Names of county vet- erans can be submitted through a form on the county website. In ad- dition, challenge coins hon- oring veterans are avail- able for purchase at the County Treasurer's Of- fice. The proceeds help pay for the upkeep of the memorial.

CULVERT LINING

Public Works Direc- tor Tim Eisenbarth re- quested approval to use \$250,000 for ultraviolet light cured culvert lin- ing of five tubes in the county, most of which are located on Whea- ton Rd. The tubes have rusted bottoms and are at their end of life. This is the same process Public Works has used for the previous two years.

The cured-in-place process is trenchless, requires no digging, and offers minimal to zero dis- ruption to traffic. The cost upfront is more expen- sive than simply digging out the old tube and re- placing it. But the cured lining is engineered and structural and will last four times longer than simply replacing the tube. While the process is not new to the county, it is new to the four recently elected commissioners. Eisenbarth offered a de- tailed explanation of the process and brought in

samples of the product for the commission to view.

"This process was ini- tially started a couple of years ago to deal with linings under asphalt roads," explained Eisen- barth. "Removal of a tube under an asphalt road is very hard. No matter how good of a compaction job you do, you will always have settling. Along with that, any time you tear up that road you are going to have downtime, which means the road is going to be closed. When we initially did the numbers three years ago, and we compared what the cost would be for us to remove that tube, put a new tube in, compact it, patch it with asphalt, and then come back typically one to two years later and patch again, the cost was almost the same. Within a thousand dollars of be- ing the same."

Eisenbarth went on to explain the benefits of using the UV light cured process. "There's no interruption to traf- fic throughout the whole process. Longevity wise, there is 75 to 100 years on this product," he said. "Your price is going to range somewhere from \$400 to \$900 a foot."

Eisenbarth also stressed that simply re- placing the tube may last 25 years and would result in repeated road patching. Whereas, the cured lining would last up to four times as long, and required no digging or disruption to traffic.

Commissioners Merl Page and Bill Drew re- quested more specific cost comparisons of re- placing the tubes verses using the UV cured lining method. "For me it isn't enough information to make a decision," said Drew. "Maybe the past commissioners got that information."

"We did have the peo- ple come out and talk about it, and walk through it. And answered our questions," explained Commissioner Dee McK- ee, the only commission- er who was serving on the board when the coun- ty first decided to use the UV cured liners.

Force felt it was im- portant to move forward. "What we are doing here is we are just giving them a budget of \$250,000 to do what they've done in the past. I'm not of the mind to reinvent the wheel, because I can understand time is of the essence. We need to get on their schedule in or- der to get in the rotation, possibly pick up some discounts and that kind of thing. Personally, what I'd like to do is authorize this thing today so you guys can get going on that. And next week may- be bring back that sheet