K-State students research the heart of a small town

By Donna Sullivan

What happens when a group of enthusiastic Social Work majors are assigned a community diversity assessment project that includes some sort of service to that community? Big things happen in the case of Riley and the Community Food Basket when six K-State college students were given that assignment last fall.

According to Shanda Draper, a senior in the Social Work program, the girls chose Riley for their assessment project, with a focus on the economic diversity of the town. “The instructor had intended for it to be racial or ethnic diversity,” Draper explained. “But Riley doesn’t really have that, so we chose economic diversity.”

One of their first stops in town was the Riley County Office, where they met Brenda Kienitz, secretary of the Riley County Larger Parish Presbyterian Church and food coordinator for the Community Food Basket. That chance meeting helped form the basis of the girls’ project.

Sertoma Luncheon Club to sponsor tamale dinner

The Sertoma Luncheon Club, in cooperation with Texas Star Cafe, is sponsoring a tamale dinner from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, May 6, in Pottorf Hall. Club members will serve tamales, rice, beans and beverages. The price for adults is $5 and for children 12 and under has speech and hearing programs as its main sponsorship. The Sertoma Luncheon Club has purchased Earobics software and test materials for U.S.D. 383’s Speech and Hearing Department through its various fund-raising activities. Club members also have developed a young cowboy awaits his turn in the ring. Many youngsters

RILEY LIONS CLUB HIGHWAY PICKUP

The Riley Lions Club will have a highway pickup, 7:30 a.m., Saturday, May 13, Meet at the Corner Store. Rain date, May 21.

CO-REC SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT/BBQ DATE CHANGE

The date for the Co-Rec Softball Tournament has been changed from April 29-30 to May 6-7. There is a $100 entry fee. Contact Kim Nelson, 485-3896 or Larry Glassman, 293-5750. A community BBQ will be held May 6-7.

PAN FRIED CHICKEN NIGHT

Randy’s Restaurant Pan Fried Chicken Night, Wednesday, May 10, 5-7 at the Randolph VFW Hall.

LEONARDVILLE PRIDE

Upcoming Events

Upcoming events for Leonardville PRIDE are Movie Night in the Park, June 10 and the Leonardville Holoball on August 19. For more information contact Lori Roggie at 293-5922.

KEATS LIONS CLUB AUCTION

Keats Lions Club Auction, Sunday, June 4, 12 noon at Keats Park. Consignments accepted from 9 a.m.-12 noon. No clothes or large appliances. For more information, call 785-539-6569.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICES

Baccalaureate Services will be held as follows: Sunday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Blue Valley High School and Wednesday, May 17 at 8:00 p.m. at Riley County High School.

Bluegrass and Gospel music program to be held in Balsa

The Balsa Heritage Society will hold a Bluegrass and Gospel music program at the Balsa Community Hall on Saturday, May 1.

Have you entered your Mom in the Countian’s Mother’s Day contest?

Give your Mom the gift of appreciation this Mother’s Day by entering her name in the contest. Submissions must be received by May 4 and the winner will be announced on Mother’s Day. Prizes include:

• A Car Detailing by Bittersweet Auto Sales
• A Photo Session and an 8x10 family portrait by Fleming Photos
• A Gift Certificate from the American Academy of Cosmetology
• A Gift Certificate from Homestead Floral
• 2 Sunday Buffets from the Green Cafe
• Haircut and Style from Gia’s and Gia’s Styling

Letters and photos may be emailed to countian@twinsvalley.net, faxed to 65531 or dropped off at the office before 5:00 p.m. May 1, Broadway After Hours.

Here’s your chance to let that special lady know just how much you appreciate her!”

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