

Voters get a peek at plans for buildings

By KIMBERLY BRANDT

About half a dozen taxpayers showed up for the first public meeting on the Oberlin School District bond issue at the grade school Thursday night.

With election day on June 5, the committee has started to hold the informational meetings to give people a chance to register to vote and learn about the bond issue. About a dozen people associated with the committee, the schools or the bond issue were on hand to explain the program.

Plans drawn up by Wilson and Co. and approved by the school board were on display and architect Craig Lofton briefly went over the changes. Showing the audience the second floor where the media center (library) will be, he explained that the design will allow a way to walk through the second floor where there isn't one now. The addition will also include an exit

Bonds would modernize grade, high schools

On June 5, voters in the Oberlin School District will have the chance to decide on a \$5.613 million bond issue which will pay for renovation and added space at the grade school and improved heating, ventilating and air conditioning at both schools.

At the beginning of the school year, board members started talking about electrical and plumbing needs at the schools. The bond issue grew to \$7 million, but over the months board members have worked the plans to bring the cost down, including spending \$200,000

from the capital outlay fund to keep it below \$6 million.

Built in 1926, Oberlin Elementary School is structurally sound, school officials say, but over the years programs have changed and specialized programs have come in which require more space. Closets have been turned into a speech room, counselor's office and a teacher conference room.

In the plans are two new classrooms for second graders on the main floor where the library is now. The second graders now have

classrooms on the second floor, but officials say that is a fire code violation.

A media center (fancy name for a library) will be built on the second floor over the cafeteria and the area outside will be filled in so kids can exit outside. The art room will be moved out of the basement onto the main floor. A heating, ventilating and air conditioning system will be put into the school. Now heat is provided by boilers which have to be repaired each summer, ventilation is poor and (Please see BONDS on Page 10A)

vitaly important that you be informed."

Mr. Shogren said that if the bond issue passed right now, the county would get 13 percent back in state aid, or \$729,690 from Topeka. This is money which people here and around the state paid in taxes, he said.

The state also will pay 13 percent of the interest cost on the bonds, which brings the total benefit up to \$1,223,000.

"Your choice on June 5 is whether you want to take advantage of this program," he said.

Another point Mr. Shogren stressed was that the property tax levy has dropped 12.93 points since 1991. A mill is \$1 of tax on each \$1,000 of assessed valuation of property. So in 1991 for a house assessed at \$50,000, the property tax was 50.27 mills or \$289.05. In 2000, it was 37.94 mills and people paid \$172.18. He said with the bond issue, taxes on that house will go (Please see PUBLIC on Page 10A)

onto the ground level which will be built by backfilling the area which now has the drive through parking on the north side of the school.

Steve Shogren, a representative with Ranson and Associates in Wichita, which will market the district's bonds, presented figures on what

people will pay if the bond issue passes.

"Education is a vital part of your community," he said. "You own the schools, so it is



CONCENTRATING ON HIS WORK, Jerred Stritt (right) bit his lip while he built his car for the lunch box derby last Wednesday morning with his partner Mikel Avritt (above). Randy

McHugh helped his daughter Jordan (below) build her cucumber-and-orange car for the race, which featured veggie cars on a downhill course. — Herald staff photos by Kimberly Brandt

Teachers pack board meeting on 'personnel'

By KIMBERLY BRANDT

Twenty high school teachers and staff members filled the Oberlin School Board meeting room last Monday night for a special meeting held to discuss personnel two weeks after the board decided to fire a math teacher.

Most of the meeting was behind closed doors to discuss non-elected personnel, leaving teachers to wait in the lobby for a total of 20 minutes for the first two sessions. The doors opened and board members voted to hold a 30-minute closed session without Principal Gordon Matson for personnel, which was extended 10 minutes.

Board President Barb Olson announced there would be no action taken after the closed sessions since it was a special meeting.

At a meeting April 9, the board voted 5-2 not to renew the contract of math teacher Traci Uehlin, who is completing her third year with the district. She had barely survived a similar vote the year before, and would have received tenured status if she had received a new contract. After a teacher receives tenure, it is difficult to terminate her.

In the lobby, teachers asked Board Clerk Vickie Lippleman about a letter to the board, which she had not seen.

While waiting in the lobby, teacher Brenda Breth told colleagues they are

Faculty protests decision to fire teacher.

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on the agenda for the May 14 meeting, which she said is before the board "makes a decision." Mr. Matson said the board couldn't make a decision or take a vote on the issue during the special meeting.

There is no law which says a board can't take action in a special session, nor does the Oberlin board have a rule, but the discussion on non-elected personnel was set up as a discussion to tie up loose ends from their meeting the week before. There were no action items on the agenda.

Although board members can come to a consensus during a closed session they can't make motions or vote. If there is any action to take from the sessions, it apparently will come in the May 14 meeting.

Board members accepted a bid for a new lawn mower at the meeting. The bid for \$6,950 from Southwest Implement was accepted out of a five bids. The highest one was for \$9,495, but Superintendent Duane Steele said it wasn't for the same mower.

Crews smoothing out bumps along U.S. 36

By STEVE HAYNES

Construction crews are busy west of town, rebuilding eight miles of U.S. 36 in eastern Rawlins County, and by summer, another crew will be repaving the highway from Oberlin to Norcatour.

The two projects will bring the pavement up to current state standards for two-lane roads — 30-foot pavement with three-foot paved shoulders on either side — and mark another step, nearly the last, in completion of U.S. 36 as a modern highway across the state.

It'll be a few years before the last piece of the puzzle falls into place, though. Rebuilding of the last piece of narrow pavement, from Norcatour to Norton, is in the current state Transportation plan, but not until the summers of 2006 and 2007.

West of Oberlin, Venture Corp. has

an \$8.9 million contract to build an entirely new road, replacing eight miles of U.S. 36 built in the 1930s without shoulders. Chriss McDiffett, district engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation in Norton, said the new alignment, mostly to the south of the existing road, will have a better grade and fewer blind spots than the old one.

Crews for a subcontractor, Reece Construction of Scandia, actually started extending culverts on the stretch at mid-winter. Other crews have started grading and a bridge west of the Herndon turnoff. Paving should be done by fall.

The eight miles just east of Atwood were rebuilt under a similar contract last year, Mr. McDiffett said, and crews working for Ritchie Paving are still (Please see PAVING on Page 10A)

Veggie vehicles give olive thrills

Apple wheels better than Firestone

By KIMBERLY BRANDT

It looked like a vegetarian's dream smorgasbord — strawberries, kiwi fruit, grapes, olives, corn, eggplants and lots of other healthy treats — but for fourth and fifth graders at Oberlin Elementary School, the spread amounted to car parts.

They found the goodies perfect to make wheels, bodies, steering wheels and other parts for cars in the annual Lunch Box Derby at the school.

Each group of two or three students moved slowly behind a cafeteria table covered with fruits and vegetables last Wednesday. With a box in hand, they collected materials from the piles. The auto parts were brought in from Raye's Grocery for the event, which is in its eighth year in Oberlin.

The first year students at the grade school who took part, Danielle Diederich and Erica Redfern, now seniors, took their car to national competition.

The event was then sponsored by

the Washington Apple Commission, but this year the national group dropped its participation. The staff at Raye's Grocery decided to continue it. The store supplied the building materials, including not only of the fruits and vegetables but also three skewers, four toothpicks and one rubber band for each group.

"It is one of those things which just gets started," said Mory Zodrow of Raye's. "The kids have fun with it and we plan to keep up the tradition."

Designs vary with the kids' creativity and what they are willing to try.

"Some of the cars which are built look great and then fall apart on the ramp," said Mr. Zodrow. "Others which look so frail do great."

Jessica Bremer and first timer Kassia Bryan had a game plan, figuring out what type of wheels to use, some help from Kassia's dad Ron and a drill bit to make holes in the food.

Jessica said she brought the bit, (Please see FRUIT on Page 10A)



New rules require tape to shine on all big trailers

Starting June 1, federal regulations will require all trailers longer than 80 inches and with a gross weight of more than 10,000 pounds to have reflective stripes on the rear and sides.

The regulation is mainly designed for truckers, said Paul Shields, president of the Decatur County Farm Bureau, and he figured most farmers hadn't heard about it. Even though many may not be required to have the reflective material, he said, it's a good idea for all trailers.

Mr. Shields said if a trailer stays within 150 miles of your farm and if you don't cross a state line, then you don't have to put the reflective tape on.

"Most farmers don't drive that kind of distance," he said, "but we feel that any trailers that travel at night should

have it on because it makes them more visible."

He said the red-and-white reflective tape makes the trailers stand out at night.

A Farm Bureau handout says "These regulations apply to anything that can be hitched or unhitched. If a farm truck is all one unit and no parts can be unhitched, then these regulations won't apply."

The rule covers semitrailers, stock trailers and some flat beds. Mr. Shields said being so close to the Nebraska state line may affect some farmers, even though they may not take the trailer 150 miles away from their farm. The tape is needed for any trailer which meets (Please see TAPE on Page 10A)



AS THE FIRST OFFICIAL CUSTOMER, Elmer Kathka filled the gas tank in his 1949 REO truck at Crossroads Express. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Brandt

Store, station open; burgers coming up

Crossroads Express, at the corner of U.S. 36 and U.S. 83, opened its convenience store Tuesday, although people have been able to get fuel from the pumps for several days.

Owner Ron Fowler said the first day fuel was available, they did around \$500 worth of business. Friday afternoon, Elmer Kathka brought his 1949 REO truck into the station to be one of the first customers to use the pumps at the new station.

Mr. Kathka owned the Fifth Wheel, a service station and restaurant that sat on the corner for years. The city bought the land when they were building The Gateway, but it was never used and was sold last year to Mr. Fowler.

While Mr. Kathka filled his tank, workers inside finished last-minute details for the opening day on Tuesday. Shelves had already been stocked with candy, soda, and other food items. The four slushy machines were doing their thing, spinning the dark red, orange and blue drinks.

Mr. Fowler said there was still a lot of work to do before (Please see STORE on Page 10A)

* Public meeting gives voters a look at school plans

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 up \$77.11, which means a taxpayer will pay less on a house than in 1991, said Mr. Shogren. Property taxes will increase 13.41 mills with the approval of the bond issue, he said. Before a tour of the school, the meeting was opened up to questions which were mostly written on index cards. One person asked what ADA stands for. • The abbreviation stands for the American Disabilities Act, a federal law which sets requirements for handicap accessibility, said Mr. Lofton. When you go into a building and start changing spaces or adding space, you have to

make it handicap accessible, he said, including ramps, doors, hallways, bathrooms, an elevator and other things which have to be taken into consideration. Another question was how long the state aid will be available. • It is impossible to answer that with certainty, said Mr. Shogren. The state aid is from a law passed in 1992, but laws can be changed. He said legislators he talked to said if a district passes a bond issue under the program, they will have the state aid until the debt is paid, 20 years in the case of the bond issue here. Someone asked if the state aid will stay at 13

percent for the life of the bond issue. • The figure is determined by the number of kids in the schools and the assessed value of the district, said Mr. Shogren. It can go up or down. Another question was about the bathroom situation at the school. • Principal Duane Dorshorst said in the newer wing built in the 1960s there are bathrooms on both floors, but for the older kids, fourth through sixth grade, students have to travel all over the building to use the facilities. In the old wing, the boys room is on the second floor and the girls on the ground floor. What happens to the kids during construction?

There is no plan set yet, but the district is looking into space at the high school, dividing the gym and maybe having to use some church basements. Question: What are the safety concerns if the bond issue doesn't pass? • Superintendent Duane Steele said he thought the building has gone as far as it can electrically. They would have to live with the bathroom situation. School Board President Barb Olson said the board decided to go ahead with the bond issue, including major renovation at the grade school, because every time they

turned around there was an electrical or plumbing problem. "We have patched and fixed as much as we can," she said. How many bond issues has Ranson and Associates worked on with did not pass? • Mr. Shogren said the company has passed 85 since 1992 and worked on fewer than 10 which didn't pass, but not all of the issues which passed were done on the first try. Principal Dorshorst took those who wanted to go on a tour showing them the basement art room, offices which were at one time closets and areas which will change if the bonds pass.

* Store opening in town

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 the station opened, but they were almost done. "The whole corner will be lit up tonight," he said Friday. He said there were spots outside which needed to be painted and behind the counter, and supplies for truckers still needed to be hung. On the west side of the building, boxes covered the booths at Mean Gene's Burgers. The restaurant won't be open until May 7, said Mr. Fowler, because trainers will be here this week to help employees get acquainted with their job. Mean Gene's offers a variety of food from hamburgers, chicken, hot dogs to a full breakfast menu, he said. Since the store will open at 6 a.m., Mr. Fowler said, it will be perfect for people on their way to work to drive thru and get breakfast. People also will be able to buy Cinnamon Street Bakery rolls next to the counter. The business, built after Mr. Fowler purchased land from the city with the help of a small business loan, has provided jobs for around 25 people, he said, including workers of all ages. "We have a fantastic team," the owner added. All the positions are not filled though and applications can be picked up in the store. Naomi Meitl, from Dresden, will manage the convenience store, and Deb Brown will manage Mean Gene's. Mr. Fowler said he is hoping to have a grand opening around fair time. He said the burger man, Mean Gene himself, will show up later in the season to sign autographs. Inside booths will seat around 38 people, including four which have phone jacks and electrical outlets next to them. Mr. Fowler said these will be offered for truck drivers, who can plug in computers and check their e-mail. For now, Mr. Fowler said, the store will be open from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. When Mean Gene's opens, its hours will be 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the week and 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekends. He said the hours may be adjusted during different seasons. Mr. Fowler said the number of cars which pass the corner is the same as the west entrance to Colby, and he hopes



TWO TOOTHPICKS WERE PLACED in the top of Kari Davis' (left) and Shelby Brown's fruit and vegetable car to hold red cherries which the girls used as decoration. They were preparing for the annual Lunch Box Derby at Oberlin Elementary School. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Brandt

* Fruit wheels roll vegetable cars along

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 which she said makes holes easier, so the skewers, which were used as axles, wouldn't break as the girls put them in the wheels or body of the car. Through the grapevine, Kassia heard that a car last year with orange wheels fell to pieces during the race, while one that had apple wheels won. That, she said, is why they used the Granny Smiths. The girls decided to name their car the "ACJBKB mobile." Jebb Tally and his partner Jordan Macfee said they, too, decided to use apples for wheels because they would roll better. The "Cukester" built by Jebb and Jordan, with help from Deb Macfee, Jordan's mom, took first place in fifth grade competition after rolling off the ramp for 40 feet. Jebb said they decided on a cucumber for a body because it is lighter. Both the boys and mom agreed the car would be more aerodynamic because of its shape and the scooped out center. When they were done building the racers, the fifth graders went back to the supplies, this time looking for a snack.

Kids munched on almost all the food, but the strawberries and cherries didn't last long. That afternoon, it was race time, but first Principal Duane Dorshorst said they had added a new category to the competition, "most creative based on looks and use of fruit." In the fourth grade, the runners-up were Krystal Anderson and Jordan McHugh and winners were Alyssa Rippe and Makenzie Nelson. In the fifth grade, runners-up were Cameron Weishapl and Cody Savage, while the winners were Anna Sheaffer and Ashley Huntley. Teacher Steve Cullen said it was time to "rock and race." The kids and parents who filled the gym cheered on the vehicles. They laughed as some barely made it off the ramp, slowly sliding, not rolling, to the ground, and as one car with orange wheels lost its front axle and wheels. Leaving the car behind, the wheels rolled almost to the other side of the gym. Winners in first through third place in each grade received a trophy purchased by Raye's, and each participant received a certificate for a candy bar

from the store. Winners were for the fourth grade: • Chesney Flora and Chelsea Warta for the "CC Terminator," 31 feet for third. • John Meitl and Lucas Juenemann for the "JL Cucumber Mobile," 33 feet for second. • Jacob Fortin and Sam Stapp for the "Tampa Bay Torpedo," 34 feet for first. Winners for the fifth grade: • Spencer Young and Jared Marcuson for the "Hawaiian Cruiser," 31 feet, 10 inches for third. • Kayla Zodrow and Rebecca Helm for "Reka," 38 feet, 8 inches for second. • Tally and Macfee, 40 feet for first. Mr. Cullen said the race allows kids to use science, including the laws of motion, to get the cars to go a long ways, basically without thinking about it. The designs also exercise a lot of imagination. "It is a lot of fun, and when we first started doing the event it was just for fun," said Mr. Cullen. "Now the parents get to come in and help the kids build the cars and be together (with their kids) at school."

* Paving crews to smooth out two U.S. 36 segments

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 grading, seeding and cleaning up that stretch. The work is being done on new alignment, he said, to keep from having to close the road, even though that meant buying more right of way. East of town, the Shears Division of APAC has a \$2.1 million contract to recycle and repave U.S. 36 from Oberlin to the county line. The company has stockpiled sand and gravel north of the road, and Mr. McDiffett said work should begin in June or early July. The firm has 55 working days to finish. Work will include milling off four inches of pavement and recycling it

with fly ash as a binder. Then 1 1/2 inches of new asphalt will be laid down, widening the pavement to 30 feet. That will leave only the stretch from Norton to the K-383 intersection without shoulders on U.S. 36 across Kansas. Mr. McDiffett said the road will remain open, with flag cars escorting traffic through the construction area. Another project this summer will be rebuilding the U.S. 36-U.S. 283 intersection at the stoplight in Norton. Traffic will have to be detoured in town at times. Bids have not been taken yet on the project, Mr. McDiffett said. In Decatur County, the U.S. 36 project will complete a cycle which has

seen U.S. 83 repaved or resurfaced all the way through the county in the last few years. K-383 from Selden to Clayton also has been repaved, and last year, contractor crews rebuilt the highway from Clayton on to U.S. 36 in Norton County. Mr. McDiffett said the first highway program started under Gov. Mike Hayden, and coupled with the current

program put together under Gov. Bill Graves, has allowed the state to catch up with maintenance and rebuilding most existing roads. Like the highways in Decatur County, he said, most roads in Kansas are in pretty good shape. If you're traveling U.S. 83 this year, by the way, there won't be many delays. No work is scheduled anywhere in the vicinity, the engineer said.

* Tape needs to shine on trailers

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 the regulations whether it is used on a farm or for another purpose, the only exceptions are for trailers that are made for stationary uses. Trailers made after 1993 came with the reflective sheeting already in place, but after June 1, the regulation will apply to older units as well. Just like any motor regulation, Mr. Shields said, there is a fine which will have to be paid if it isn't followed. If the sheeting falls off or fades, he said, then he assumes the same fine would have to be paid if the trailer is caught after June 1 without it. Even if your trailer doesn't meet the regulations, he said, this is a positive thing and all trucks and trailers should have the reflective tape. The sheeting is designed to be seen from a distance which will help prevent an accident and save lives, he said. Farm Bureau members can purchase the tape from the county office, said Mr. Shields, and most farm stores carry it. He said complying with the regulation would cost in the neighborhood of \$150 for a semitrailer. The stripe has to be applied to the full width of the rear end of the trailer. On the sides, it doesn't need to be continu-

ous, but needs to run for at least half the length of the trailer. In both locations the sheeting must be between 15 and 60 inches above the road surface when the truck is measured empty. On the top side of the rear of the truck, two angles of white tape should be on the corners, with the legs 12 inches long. If you decide not to use the reflective tape, you can purchase reflectors, which must be placed in the same spots as the tape. Reflectors can be purchased at most auto supply stores, Farm Bureau says.

Fire chief asks OK to apply for big grant

By KIMBERLY BRANDT
 Fire Chief Bill Cathcart asked Decatur County commissioners last week to approve a grant request for federal money to buy equipment for his department. At the beginning of the commissioners' meeting Tuesday, Chief Cathcart dropped the grant request off for them to look at. He said the deadline for applications is today, meaning the chief had only a week to fill the form out and get it to Washington. Chief Cathcart said he would like to replace one of the rural fire department's pumper trucks. A basic truck is about \$170,000, he said. With the grant paying 90 percent, the county would pay about \$18,000, which is less than a new pickup. The grant has six categories to apply for and Chief Cathcart said he is interested not only a new truck, but also in some equipment. There will be a lot of competition, he said, since it is a national grant. The commissioners and chief decided they would never know if Decatur County could get the grant if they didn't try. Commissioner Ralph Unger said although the commissioners hadn't read the whole form, the consensus was to try for the grant. During the meeting, Ambulance Director John Barrett told the commissioners that all of the emergency medical technicians training in Oberlin had passed their skills exams and the written exams have been sent to the state. He said the Jennings class will test at the courthouse on June 23, and three students from Norton County will join them. Mr. Barrett invited the commissioners to the regional emergency medical technicians' meeting. The group meets every other month, he said, and has been talking about changes in emergency services. Although Mr. Barrett said he didn't think anything would be decided at the meeting, he said a show of force would be helpful. Commissioners worked out a holiday pay system with Dispatch Supervisor Jeanne Pachner after questions were brought up about what the pay would be for Good Friday and Easter. Holiday pay is double time and if you don't work you don't get paid, said County Clerk Marilyn Horn. On Good Friday commissioners approved the courthouse closing at noon for a holiday and since dispatch never closes Easter is a holiday for those workers. Since dispatch never closes, they work holidays, Mrs. Pachner said. On Good Friday, the courthouse closed at noon, so Ms. Pachner asked if everyone who worked that day would get holiday pay or just the person who worked during the holiday hours. On Good Friday, she said, she came in at 3 p.m. for her shift, meaning she worked two hours when the courthouse

was closed. The person who worked before her came on when the building was open, and Ms. Pachner wanted to know if she would receive holiday pay. The commissioners and Ms. Pachner agreed that everyone who worked would get holiday pay. If the courthouse closes at 3 p.m. for a holiday, then everyone who works that day in dispatch gets 2 hours of holiday pay. They all agreed this would be the fair way to work holiday pay since everyone will be treated the same. In other business, commissioners: • Held a five minute non-elected personnel closed session. No action was taken. • Talked with Health Administrator Marilyn Gamblin, who said the fund for the northwest Kansas Local Environmental Protection Group, which has been paying mileage for people to attend meetings and work, is gone. It was suggested each county pay for the mileage and the commissioners didn't have a problem with that. Ms. Gamblin said the state is cutting the organization's budget by 20 percent, and she asked the commissioners to write a letter protesting the cut. • Signed a mutual aide agreement with Sheridan County which means in case of a disaster, the two will help each other. A disaster could mean a large accident in which the counties would need to help each other with emergency services because an extra ambulance is needed. • Received a letter about a lawsuit against General Motors for saddle-type gas tanks. The commissioners looked at the titles and found a vehicle in the noxious weed department and two in the road and bridge department may have problems. • Signed an amendment to their insurance for out-patient services saying no out-patient has to be pre-certified. • Signed an exception for a deed on a tract which was sold to the Decatur County Co-op five years ago. The deed had an exclusion on the bottom of it which was actually for the piece of land the co-op bought. • Heard all the papers have been received for the grant which will be used for a small business loan fund. • Talked with Ms. Pachner about smoking on the fourth floor, since commissioners have heard complaints. Commissioner Unger suggested an air purifying machine might help with the smoke. While smoking is not allowed in the courthouse, and most employees have to go outside, it is allowed on the fourth floor because dispatchers cannot leave their console. • Heard the second repeater purchased to help with the police radio reception in Oberlin is working. It was mounted on the city water tower. The old one was moved last year to a cellular tower near Kanona, which gives better coverage of much of the county but worse coverage in the city.

* Bonds would pay bills for fixing up two schools

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 there is no air conditioning. The bond issue will also offer space for counselors and other staff working with students. The resource room and speech room, where kids who have special needs learn, will be moved away from the music rooms to a quieter atmosphere. Restrooms will be added since now there is only one each for girls and boys for the fourth through sixth grades, boys upstairs and girls downstairs. An elevator will be put in to make the building handicap accessible and other changes based on the American Disabilities Act, like door widths, hallway widths, ramps and a handicap accessible restroom are included. Decatur Community High School was built 1939 and then renovated 1965

when a \$1 million bond issue passed. The outdated electrical system and wiring will be replaced. Approval of the bond issue will also pay for heating, ventilating and air conditioning classrooms in the north and east wings, which have been said to be the hottest. The system will also be put into the gyms, cafeteria, kitchen and library. Both buildings will have electrical upgrades. At the high school, the board has said they plan to spend \$100,000 each year from capital outlay on improvements which were taken out of the bond issue, including updating locker rooms, tiling the hallway, a curtain in the lunch room, a handicap accessible restroom and other things. The work would start in the spring of 2002.

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