

Chalkboard play



PRACTICING HER LETTERS and numbers, Grace Randel worked on a chalkboard in Jim Andersen's room during a basketball game earlier in the month.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

St. Pat, basketball offer promotions

The Oberlin Business Alliance decided to run both a St. Patrick's Day savings promotion and a March basketball contest this month when they met March 5 at the LandMark Inn.

On Monday, businesses gave 17 percent off purchases on selected merchandise for those wearing green. Brian Loker, with KFNF radio was downtown live on the station promoting the idea.

Last year, the alliance held a basketball giveaway and gave a prize to the person who guessed who would play in the last game of the NCAA basketball championships. Mrs. Wasson asked if the group wanted to do both.

Chamber Manager Glenva Nichols said the group had a lot of entries during the promotion and the person who picked the correct teams won prizes from alliance businesses.

Connie Grafel, marketing director for the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp., said she thought there would be a lot of interest in the basketball promotion. If the alliance does that, too, said Mr. Loker, it can be aired on the radio on March 17 with the other promotion. The group decided to do both.

The group discussed the planters downtown and whether to make them uniform so everyone has the

same flowers. Mrs. Wasson said she has been in towns where the flowers are all the same and it looks nice. She said she could talk with her greenhouses about getting the flowers.

City Administrator Gary Shike said it was a nice idea.

There was no decision made. Someone suggested talking to the Master Gardeners for ideas on flowers.

In other business, the alliance:

- Heard there are still \$1,345 worth of Santa Bucks that need to be cashed. The deadline is Monday, March 31.

- Decided to hold their yearly planning meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, at Stanley Hardware.

- Talked about setting up a task force to see if it is feasible this year to get banners to put down Hall and Commercial Streets.

- Talked briefly about new greenery for the holiday season. Joe Stanley, owner of Stanley Hardware, said he would wait until mid-May and get prices when he goes to market.

- Heard the Last Indian Raid Museum has several activities coming up. The plan is to have a quilt show on April 12, a rummage sale on April 26 and 27 and the annual car show on May 31.



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City renews marketing director's pact

By **KIMBERLY BRANDT**

The Oberlin City council approved offering a two-year contract renewal with no changes from the last two years to the marketing director of The Gateway and the Economic Development Corp.

Connie Grafel, who has served as the marketing director for the last five years, said at the meeting March 6 that she wouldn't say no.

Councilman Ken Shobe said the economic development board met at the end of February and talked about the contract. The consensus was to offer Ms. Grafel the contract as is, with the same pay and terms.

Ms. Grafel said she is happy with her board and they are good to work with. She said the group is currently working on two projects, but both are going to need money.

The council approved City Foreman Dan Castle getting bids for a new mower at the cemetery. Mr. Castle said he had planned on moving one of the mowers at the cem-

etry to the youth ranch to replace what is already there.

He said the crew received the new pump for well No. 10 and it is working again.

Recently, he said, the crew worked with Prairie Land Electric and replaced three power poles in the city. He said there are some other areas that the crew is going to look at for replacements.

In other business, the council:

- Received a letter about the drought in Oberlin from Pastor Steve Smith, who is running for mayor. Mr. Smith quoted scripture and said he believed Sunday was the Lord's Day and there should be no outdoor watering on Sundays. Later in the letter, he suggested owners of houses with odd numbers watering on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday nights only. Those with even-numbered houses would water on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The hours he suggested were between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m.

Mr. Smith said he believed the public swimming pool should be closed permanently.

"I believe the public swimming pool is a complete waste of water as well as an offense to God because of the display of public nakedness," he wrote.

- Talked about replacing the lights on top of the water tower that are out. Mr. Castle suggested the next time the maintenance man for the tower is here to have him replace the lights.

- Heard that the well at the golf course is actually a little higher in water level than when it was tested last year, while the other city wells have dropped two feet.

- Heard that water employee David Perrin actually got a high school diploma, not a GED.

- Heard that city police officers worked seven criminal cases, three incident reports, one accident, gave two tickets, had two funeral escorts, two ambulance assists and 46 public assists last month. In February,

the city court brought in \$515.

Councilman Stan McEvoy asked how much part-time officer Barry Richards had been able to help. Chief Wade Lockhart said not much, but he thought Mr. Richards would be able to work more this month.

- Received a resignation from Councilman Jerry Fidele, with Thursday being his last meeting. He said he will be moving to Dodge City where he will be selling Canon copiers.

- Held a 10-minute closed session for non-elected personnel. There was no action taken.

- Held 10-minute and 10 minute closed sessions for attorney-client privilege with City Attorney Steve Hirsch.

- Held a 20 minute non-elected personnel session. There was no action taken.

Summer Job Offers:

The City of Oberlin is accepting applications for temporary summer jobs until positions are filled.

These include labor jobs in the maintenance of park, streets, cemetery, swimming pool and public utilities.

Also accepting applications for swimming pool manager—must have current Water Safety Instructor Certificate and must have completed American Heart Association CPR and Basic First Aid Experience as pool manager or assistant manager would be helpful.

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