

# School plans crisis

## Fake explosion to help training

The Oberlin School District will be working with emergency crews closely on Monday, April 28, when a mock explosion in the chemistry lab at Decatur Community High School will put the crisis plan into full swing.

Superintendent Kelly Glodt, who is serving as the public information officer, said the groups are working together to put on a mock crisis to work on the crisis plan and get training hours in.

Although the group wants the drill to be as lifelike as possible, he said he wants people in town to know what is going on so 500 parents don't drive to the school trying to figure out if their kids are safe.

Mr. Glodt said the call will be made over the police radio just like a normal call. He said he knows many people have scanners in their homes, so the group wants the community to know ahead of time what is happening.

The whole idea started with the Decatur County Farm Bureau, and then other agencies got involved.

What it will be is an explosion in the chemistry lab and the group will have to do decontamination. Pretend sulfuric acid will be spilled on some of the students, he said. Others may have glass cuts or other emergencies.

Some students will have to be taken to the hospital, while others will have to be sprayed down to remove the acid off their bodies.

Mr. Glodt said the school will be sending home permission slips for those students in the mock explosion. So far, he thinks there are about 18 kids involved.

# Police seek arrest in domestic

A domestic dispute has led to city officers seeking an arrest warrant for a 28-year-old Oberlin man.

Police Chief Wade Lockhart said he was called to a house in the 200 block of South York Avenue a little after 9 a.m. March, 25 but there wasn't enough information to arrest anyone.

He said officers didn't get to talk to one of the men in the house at the time. Chief Lockhart said a little investigation turned up three active warrants for him out of Nebraska.

Officers tried to arrest the man about 10 p.m. that night, but before they had a chance, he took off out the back door and ran east.

While running, the chief said, he dropped some marijuana from his pocket.

The man made it back to the house, and he and another man left in a car, of which the woman of the house had given them the keys.

The vehicle was reported stolen after it wasn't returned by Saturday, five days later. It was picked up last Monday in North Platte, Neb.



# Finishing touches put on new track

**VOLUNTEERS** have been working at the Oberlin Speedway the last couple weeks to get it ready for opening day Saturday. The men hung the rest of the debris fence with the help of some farm machinery. The first race is scheduled to start at 4 p.m. Saturday. The gates to the pit and the grandstands will open two hours before start time. Tickets will be sold at the gate. People 12 years and older are \$8, age 6 to 11 are \$4 and 5 and under are free. The pit fee for racers is \$20.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Brandt



# Final election results counted

The final numbers for the city and school election are in, with very few changes to the unofficial numbers released election night.

County Clerk Marilyn Horn, who is also the county election officer, said Commissioners Ralph Unger, Doyle Brown and Register of Deeds Judy Gaumer canvassed the votes Friday morning.

They found a few numbers written down incorrectly, which changed some of the numbers, but nothing big.

Mrs. Horn said everything went smoothly. After all the numbers have been counted, she said, 46 percent of the voters turned out in the county and 49 percent in the city.

- Final vote totals were:
- 124 votes for Kurt Vollertsen for No. 1 seat for the Oberlin School Board.
  - 102 for Monte Moore and 54 for Dan Wasson for the No. 2 seat for the Oberlin School Board.
  - 71 for Barb Olson for No. 3 seat for the Oberlin School Board.
  - 509 for Jean Martin, 301 for

Dave Stapp and 84 write-ins for Mike Helm for the at-large seat for the Oberlin School Board.

• 539 for Ken Shobe and 54 votes for Steve Smith for mayor of Oberlin.

• 494 for Ray Ward, 349 for Patrick Pomeroy, 138 for Jerry Fidele and 65 for write-in candidate Royce Leitner for Oberlin City Council. The top two got seats.

• 61 for Mr. Helm, 50 for Rodney Leichter, 35 for Jim Plotts, 26 for Carolyn Plotts, 16 for Teresa Reves, 11 for Jean Pelkey and four for Bill Craig for Norcatour City Council. The top three got seats.

• 53 for Eric Green, 38 for Sarah Carter, 18 for Stann Hartzog, 11 for Bill Gawith, four for Martin LaRue

## Will Rogers exhibit set

The Dane G. Hansen Memorial Museum at Logan will present "Will Rogers: A Reel Retrospective" through May 25.

The posters, part of the Gordon Kuntz Collection, have been loaned to the Will Rogers museum. A resi-

dent of suburban Minneapolis, Kuntz has been an ardent Rogers collector for more than a decade.

• 10 for Russell Rhodes for mayor of Dresden.

• Eight for Jeannie Spresser, seven for Ron Jacobs, three for Don Ritter, three for Don Sulzman, two for Delores Depperschmidt and two for Ed Meitl for Dresden City Council. The top two got seats.

• 89 for Aden Schillig for Jennings School Board for an unexpired term.

• 103 for Lawrence Carter, 84 for Sheila Rhodes, 61 for Lila Jennings, 60 for Sarah Carter and 50 for Gary Gillum for the Jennings School Board.

The top four got seats.

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# Group will sell 50 trees

The Oberlin Tree Committee plans to get 50 trees this week to sell at cost to residents in the city.

Mayor Gary Walter, who sits on the committee, said the group met before the City Council meeting Thursday night, but didn't have a quorum. At a recent meeting, the group had decided to order 50 trees from Common Scents in McCook.

The committee ordered 20 green-spire linden, 15 burr oak and 15 prairiefire crab apple. Each tree will cost around \$100, said Mayor Walter.

With the water project going on, several trees along Cass Avenue have X's on them and will be removed in the next few weeks, he said. It would be nice to see some of those replaced. Mayor Walter said he would like to see some of the trees planted along street rights of way.

Mayor Walter said the committee has applications in the county extension office with Agent Byron Hale. Only one tree will be allowed per business or home.

The location where someone wants to plant a tree has to be approved by Rocky Diederich of the city crew to be sure it will not cause problems in the future.

Although a young tree might be ideal for some spots now, said Mayor Walter, when it grows to a mature height it might not be a good spot.

Three will be stored at the city plant and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

Mayor Walter said Mr. Hale has information on planting and maintenance. The city will provide wood chips for mulch around the trees.

To get an application, call 475-8121 or stop by the extension office at the courthouse.

# Alliance to hold fry

With spring in the air, the Oberlin Business Alliance will hold the first fry of the year downtown Friday.

The group will be making both fish sandwiches and burgers in front of Stanley Hardware.

The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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