

Finishing with half day of class will save money

Students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Friday, the last day of school, the Oberlin School Board decided during a meeting last Monday night at the district office. Principal Charles Haag said the seniors will be gone and several of the students will be gone for the regional track meet in WaKeeney anyway. Teachers who are coaches will also be gone, he said, meaning they will need several substitutes. Mr. Haag said he would rather have the regular teachers check students out and get textbooks back, so that will have to be done in the morning before track meet. It will cost less to dismiss earlier

instead of having five to six substitutes in the building, he said. Board Member Dan Wasson said he never did understand why it was that the last day wasn't a half day of school instead of a whole day. It is a good idea, he said, and something he would like to see in years to come. Can any teacher who wants to then go to the track meet? asked Board Member Barb Olson. All of the track coaches will go, said Mr. Haag. Other teachers who want to go will have to take a personal day. The board approved students being dismissed at both schools at 11:30 a.m. There will be no lunch served at either school.

Herald reporter gets promotion to managing editor

After three years as the primary reporter for *The Oberlin Herald*, Kimberly Brandt of Oberlin has been promoted to managing editor.



K. Brandt

Miss Brandt, a 2000 graduate of the University of Colorado, will continue to cover much of the news in Oberlin, but will expand her responsibilities. "In some ways, this is as much a recognition of what Kim has learned as anything," said Publisher Steve Haynes. "She has continued to learn and grow, and take on more responsibility ever since she came to town. "With her new title, she'll be responsible for planning and executing all our news coverage and coordinating the other reporters and correspondents. She does most of that today, and she's always learning new things, trying new roles. She lays out the paper, and she is in charge of news when the publishers are gone. "Kim is one of the most together planners I've worked with in this business. She is a solid reporter with a good feel for the community. She always has plenty of news, gets it done on time, and then creates an in-

teresting newspaper." Most recently, she has learned digital photo work and started working up many of the photos that appear in the paper. Last fall, she spent about a month helping out part time at *The Norton Telegram* after it joined the Nor' West Newspapers group. Miss Brandt received a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from CU in Boulder. Her parents, Marty and Nancy Brandt, live in Colorado Springs. That is where she called home before moving to Kansas, but the family moved frequently when her dad was in the Air Force. He retired as a colonel. Her sister, Jeanette Brandt, is a teacher in Omaha. Her brother, Trey, is attending Fort Lewis State College in Durango. She and her fiancé, Tim Davis of Oberlin, are looking for a house to buy in town. He has two children, Kari and Breanna, by a previous marriage. Miss Brandt came to *The Herald* in June of 2000, just after graduation at CU. Her start was held up a couple of weeks by an emergency appendectomy.

City to discuss request for low-interest bonds

The Oberlin City Council will continue discussing a request for industrial revenue bonds for Hansen-Mueller Grain when it meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. The company, which purchased the old Oberlin Milling facility at the south end of Main Street, asked the council to consider a resolution of intent to issue the bonds at the May 1 meeting. The council decided to wait for public comment. With the bonds, the company also asked for a tax abatement. City Administrator Gary Shike said the council will also be looking at employee health insurance again. He said it looks like the city will be

staying with Blue Cross/Blue Shield since the other option with Fortis Insurance fell through. The good news is that the rate increase will be 32 percent instead of 44 percent because the city resubmitted as a new group. A representative from the Northwest Kansas Family Shelter is scheduled to be at the meeting. Mr. Shike said the council will need to appoint someone to fill Councilman Joe Stanley's position on the board of zoning appeals and the city planning commission. The meeting is open to the public and will be held upstairs at The Gateway.

Scholarships to be given to visually impaired kids

The Northwest Kansas Association for the Visually Impaired will be awarding two \$500 scholarships to visually impaired students enrolled in academic, vocational, technical or professional training programs beyond high school. The scholarship program was established in honor of Lee Razak and Lloyd Nida, co-founders of the association. They have been strong advocates for visually impaired individuals for many years.

The scholarship committee will accept applications from students from the 18 counties of northwest Kansas who are enrolled in a college, university or technical school. To applicant must submit a completed application form together with the required supporting documentation postmarked on or before May 31. Applications may be obtained by contacting President Robert Chaffin, 1105 Centennial Blvd., Hays, Kan., 67601.

Quick and agile



AT THE OBERLINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL fun day recently, First Grader Shane Kolar tried his hardest to get over the ropes before doing the bear crawl. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Brandt

High school students recognized for work

Decatur Community High School students were honored for their achievements this year during the annual awards ceremony last Wednesday. Seniors received thousands of dollars in scholarships, and several former students also received or will receive awards. The Hill and Lippelmann scholarships, both substantial, will not be awarded until June. The Hill scholarship goes to both graduating seniors and those college students who have received it in the past and are still maintaining the high grade point average the award requires. Other honors and scholarships include:

- Dane G. Hansen scholarships, Lindsay Fortin, Sarah Olson, Grant Reichert, Jake Robinson, Janna Stef.
- Sam Willcoxon University of Kansas scholarship, Jake Robinson.
- University of Kansas Love scholarship, Chris Brown.
- Col. Delbert Townsend Kansas State University scholarships, Grant Reichert, Sarah Olson.
- Kansas Board of Regents Recommended Curriculum Completers, Grant Reichert, Jake Robinson, Ramsey Meitl.
- PSAT National Merit Commended Students, Grant Reichert, Jake Robinson.
- Academic All-State Team, Grant Reichert.
- Kansas High School Athletic Association Citizenship Awards,

Tyler Cook, Greta Wendelin.

- Kansas State Department of Education Exceptional Academic Performance, Jake Robinson.
- Kansas Scholars, Grant Reichert, Jake Robinson.
- Howard and Irene Benton Scholarship Award, Dan Dempe-wolf.
- J.R. and Loretta Betts Community scholarship, Lindsay Fortin.
- Jody Fredrickson Nursing scholarship, Krista Simonsson.
- Rotary scholarships, Jess Elwood, Davi Hardy, Kelsey Jackson, Greta Wendelin.
- Shobe Art scholarships, Jess Elwood, Janna Stef, Greta Wendelin, Nick Wolfram.
- Archie and Lola Hamilton Science scholarships, Grant Reichert, Janna Stef.
- Lions Club Academic scholarships, Ryan Ruf, Greta Wendelin, Kortney Stapp.
- PEO awards, Lindsay Fortin, Kelsey Jackson, Greta Wendelin.
- Glenn L. Mott Memorial scholarship, Britton Scott.
- American Legion scholarship, Jess Elwood.
- American Legion Auxiliary scholarships, Lindsay Fortin, Kelsey Jackson.
- Alif Be Khe scholarships, Tyler Cook, Erik Ahlberg, Sarah Olson, Trista Ploussard.
- Decatur Professional Women's scholarships, Natasha Edgerton, Chelsey Black.
- Goldie and Clara Scott scholar-

ships, Danny Spencer, Randy Spencer, Jennie Swart.

- Outstanding Seniors in Math and Science, Jake Robinson, Sarah Olson.
- Ralph A. and Mildred C. Pavlicek Memorial scholarship, Travis Votapka.
- Teachers' Association Educational scholarship, Lindsay Fortin.
- Clarence M. Kelley Youth Services scholarship, Tyler Cook.
- Masonic Essay Awards: Grant Reichert, Ramsey Meitl.
- Hoehner/Miller scholarship, Ramsey Meitl.
- John Bearley Education scholarship, Lindsay Fortin.
- Railsback scholarship, Chelsey Black.
- Neal Russell scholarship, Kelsey Jackson.
- Russell and Anna Lemman Scholarships, Davi Hardy, Jennie Swart.
- Pepsi scholarships, Adam Spanier, Becky Moore, David Orr.
- Northwest Kansas Technical College, Randy Spencer.
- Oberlin Booster Club: Kortney Stapp, Ryan Ruf, Tyler Cook, Erik Ahlberg.
- Oberlin Jaycees: Dan Dempe-wolf, Natasha Edgerton, Jess Elwood, Kortney Stapp.
- Elsie Robinson 4-H Scholarship, Ramsey Meitl.
- Monty Mockry Memorial Award, Grant Reichert.
- IDare You Leadership Awards, Logan Glaze, Rena Unger.
- Army Reserve Scholar/Athlete Awards, Kortney Stapp, Ryan Ruf.
- Recognition of Student Council officers for 2003-2004: President Brett Keck, Vice President Chase Juenemann, Secretary Leah Mar-ietta, Treasurer Kelsey Dorshorst.

Signs of forced entry in burglary case

The Oberlin Police Department received a report of items worth \$2,200, including a big-screen television, stolen from a house at 106 E. Maple sometime between April 27 and May 1. Police Chief Wade Lockhart said there were signs of forced entry through the back window. The chief said the biggest item taken in the burglary was a 20-inch television, but there were some other items missing from the house belonging to Doreen McDevitt.

Chief Lockhart said a vehicle reported stolen in January from Oberlin had been recovered in Federal Heights, Colo. The 1991 GMC Sierra pickup, belonging to Chad Jensen, was taken on Jan. 12. At that time, a warrant was issued for Arthur Dehoff, 37, for theft of the vehicle. He was arrested in Colorado still in possession of the truck. All information in the case has been turned over the county attorney, the chief said.

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