Board to meet Monday

The Oberlin School Board plans an open discussion Monday night of a resolution to increase the local option budget to 25 percent of the district's general fund, which is the most the state will allow.

The increase would hike the district's property tax levy by about 6.9 mills in a normal year, Superintendent Kelly Glodt said, if the valuation stays the same. With the property tax accelerator passed by the Legislature, he added, the increase may be different.

Last month, the board said the meeting Monday would include a decision about which teachers might not have a job next year because of the lack of money. Superintendent Kelly Glodt said Monday, though, that he isn't sure if there will be any announcements or decisions made about that.

He said the board may decide on the increase in the local option budget first and see what happens. The board can approve the increase, but taxpayers can petition to have the decision put up for a public vote.

Mr. Glodt said there may be a closed session Monday to discuss non-elected personnel.

He said he plans to have some information on early retirement. High school Spanish teacher Maria Sanden had requested early retirement months ago, and Mr. Glodt said at that time he would get some information for the board.

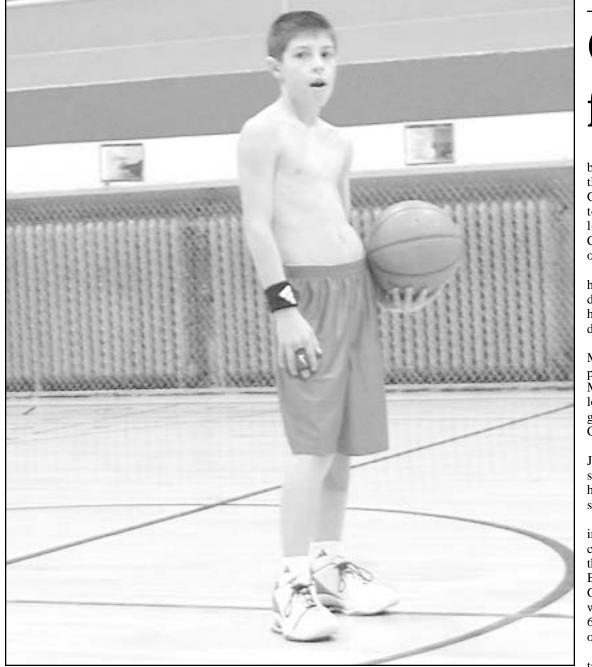
A representative from the district's auditors, Mapes and Miller, is scheduled to be at the meeting to go over the audit report.

The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. in the board room at the district office. It is open to the public.

Survey details onagenda

The Oberlin City Council will talk with a representative from the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development commission Thursday about an income survey to determine whether the city can get a grant for the sewer plant project.

Amy Griffey from the commission will be at the meeting to answer questions and explain how the survey works. City Administrator Gary Shike said they have to determine



Boys play basketball WITH HIS SHIRT OFF, Clay Andersen (above) waited for a play call last Tuesday during basketball practice at Oberlin Elementary School. Kaden Macfee (left) stood in the middle of the court before he made his move. Herald staff photos by Cynthia Haynes

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Officer gets call for active duty

Undersheriff Randy McHugh has ton, Neb. been called back to active duty with

the U.S. Army National Guard and is getting ready to leave for Fort Riley, leaving the Decatur County sheriff with just one part-time deputy.

Staff Sgt. McHugh said he received a call on Sunday, Dec. 14, saying that he was being called to duty.

On Friday, he was in

McCook helping get his unit's gear tacks two years ago, Sgt. McHugh packed for deployment Sgt. was called in to duty and spent al-McHugh said he doesn't know how long he will be gone or where he is going from Fort Riley, near Junction City.

He said he joined the Guard on Jan. 1, 1980, when he was 17 and has served ever since. Over the 24 years, Hohenfels, Germany, in a support he said, that has meant a lot of time role and transported soldiers. At the spent on active duty.

His career started with basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., as an armor crewman on the M60 tank. He was then assigned to the 635th Armor Battalion of the Kansas National Guard in Manhattan. In 1986, he to sergeant first class, but that is on was transferred to Delta Company 635th in Junction City as a gunner on the M50 tank.

tank commander and a few months to undersheriff. With him gone, that later to platoon sergeant, 2nd Platoon, Delta Company.

In 1990, Staff Sgt. McHugh transferred to the 891st Combat Engineering Unit in southeast Kansas, where he operated heavy equipment and learned demolition. In 1994, he have three children, Jordan, Tyler transferred back to armor in Lexing- and Conner.

Currently he is in the 195th Armor Battalion in McCook, which was in transition to a transportation unit.

> Staff Sgt. McHugh is also on the Nebraska National Guard marksmanship team and has competed in rifle, pistol and sniper rifle. The team has won the national championship and other awards.

most six months in Nebraska on airport security. In November 2002 he was sent to Fort Riley to train 35th Infantry Division soldiers for deployment to Bosnia.

He went with the 35th to time, he was in charge of over 100 vehicles. His duty ended on March 15, 2003 when the last of the 35th Infantry left for Bosnia.

Sgt. McHugh has said that he wants to go to school to be promoted hold for now.

In 1998, he joined the Decatur County Sheriff's Department. He A year later, he was promoted to served as deputy and was promoted leaves the office with one full-time person, Sheriff Ken Badsky, and a part-time officer, Deputy Michael French, plus volunteer reserve officers

Sgt. McHugh and his wife Kristin

Women receives ticket

An 80-year-old woman got a age to the right corner rear bumper, ticket last month after backing out of a parking stall downtown and hitting a northbound car driven by an 85-year-old woman.

Oberlin, was driving a 1993 Chevy Lumina northbound on Main Street when Anna Ketterl, 80, backed her tail light on the car was broken. 1993 Dodge pickup out of a parking stall on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Mrs. Grose's car had damage to Lockhart said Mr. Lamb didn't the right front fender, headlight and know who it was. door. Mrs. Ketterl's truck had dam-

and she got a ticket for improper backing

On Thursday, Dec. 18, John Lamb was unlocking his 1995 Ford Police said Eileene Grose, 85, of Taurus parked in The Gateway parking lot when a truck backed out of a parking spot into his vehicle. A

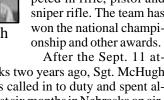
The person driving the truck didn't stop and Police Chief Wade

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what percentage of the town is in the low-to-moderate income range. He said the city is close to having 51 percent with low to moderate income, which is what determines whether the city gets the grant.

The whole city has to be surveyed and 80 percent of the residents have to respond, he said.

Mr. Shike said the city found out on Monday that it had been rejected for a Community Development Block Grant through the state Department of Commerce and Housing for housing rehabilitation in the southwest part of town.

The letter said the grant was turned down because of competition for the amount of money available.

The council meeting is open to the public and will be aired on the local access cable channel 7. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at The Gateway.

Prizes up for grab

With a week and half of the new year already gone, there has been no sign of a New Year's baby in Decatur County.

The good news is there is no time limit on the prizes offered by area businesses. However long it takes for the first baby of the new year to be born, the prizes will still be wait-

The prizes included a \$25 gift certificate from Addleman Drug Store, a special gift from Ray Jewelry, baby album from Custom Trophy and Engraving, \$25 savings bond from First National Bank, gift from Fredrickson Insurance Agency, case of baby food from Raye's Grocery, gift certificate from the Dresser, pizza for two from Pizza Hut, \$10 gift certificate from Stanley Hardware, \$10 gift certificate from Ward Drug Store, \$10 gift certificate from Ben Franklin Store and a year's subscription from *The* Oberlin Herald. American Family Insurance and KFNF wish the parents and new baby the best of luck.



Council ends the year with quick meeting

wrapped up the year with a 20minute meeting Tuesday night.

agenda that had to be taken up before the beginning of 2004.

The first was to pay the year-end events. bills, which were approved.

the budget, which was also ap- Thursday.

The Oberlin City Council proved. The council had to amend the budget because The Gateway spent about \$20,000 more than was There were two items on the allotted. City Administrator Gary Shike attributed this to an air conditioner repair and having more

The council will hold its first The second was an amendment to meeting of the new year at 6:30 p.m.

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