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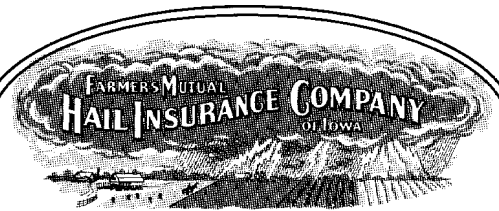
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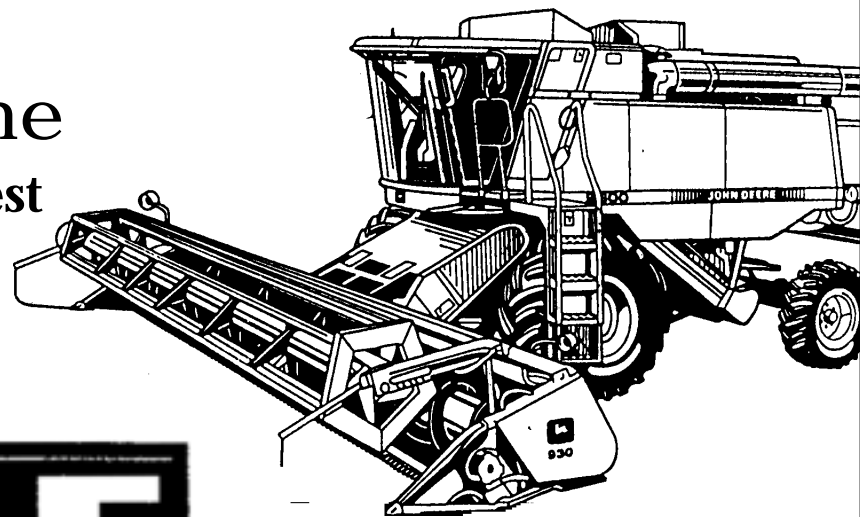


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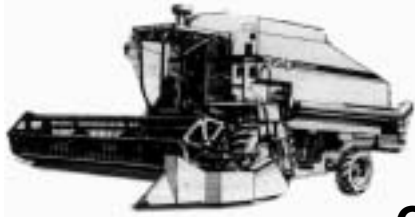
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Board discusses activity bus stops

The Oberlin School Board talked about policy on where students can be dropped off on the way back from events and possibly adding some if new kids from other areas decide to go to school here.

Superintendent Kelly Glodt said there are a few designated spots on the way back from activities where the bus will stop to drop kids off if a parent is there waiting for them.

He said some students from other districts have come in to look and might decide to go to school here. He said the board might want to consider some other stops. He said he isn't sure where the stops might need to be, since he isn't sure which students will enroll in the fall.

Board Member Monte Moore said he thought they should encourage coaches to let parents who want to pick up kids at an event to drive them home, especially on a school night.

Mr. Glodt said eventually the district may need to run an after-school activity bus.

At the end of the meeting, Board Member Barb Olson said she would like to invite the candidates for representative and state senate to a meeting. She said she would like to hear their views on education.

In other business, the school board:

- Accepted the resignation of School Nurse Ruth Wolfram.
- Decided to have a special meeting at 7 a.m. on Wednesday to pay bills and do transfers for the end of the year. They will also approve the grade and high school handbooks at the meeting and discuss administrators' contracts.
- Agreed to continue membership in the Kansas Association of School

School Roundup

At a meeting last Monday night, the Oberlin School Board:

- Received results from the annual tests students in grade and high school take each year and continue to score high on. Story below.
- Decided to let the curriculum committee study a request to add another science class in the high school. Story on Page 9A.
- Talked briefly about running an activity bus or adding stops on the way home from events. Story at left.
- Talked about teaching assignments and changes for the next year in both schools. Story on Page 10A.

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• Approved the agreement for Head Start for next year. The school lets the program use a room at no cost.

• Approved fees for next year without any increases.

• Heard that Amber Reynolds and Keely Witt had received the Hill Scholarship.

• Changed the Monday, July 12, meeting to Wednesday, July 14, because there was a schedule conflict.

• Held 15-minute and 5-minute closed sessions to discuss negotiations.

Kids score high on annual tests

The Oberlin School Board heard that students at all grade levels once again scored above the national averages on standardized tests this year and many will win honors for high scores on state assessment tests.

Oberlin Elementary Principal Duane Dorshorst said the preliminary numbers for the state assessments show that the fourth graders will meet the state's Standard of Excellence in math while the fifth grade won it in reading.

High school Counselor Nita Lavielle said seniors take the ACT test, a college admissions test. This year, Oberlin seniors averaged a score of 23.5, while nationally the mean was 21.

She said this is the first year that there wasn't anyone in the low range, a score between 1 and 15. The lowest score here was 19.

Sheila Jansonius, grade school counselor, said students took the Iowa Test of Basic Skills the week of April 19. They also took the state assessments.

In the kindergarten and second grade, students are tested on math, vocabulary and reading. For the third grade and up, they were tested in more areas.

Mrs. Jansonius said every grade scored higher than the national averages. There are some individual scores that teachers are concerned about, she said, but as a whole, classes did a good job and the building scores were strong.

Every class had at least half the students score at the 70th percentile or higher, she said.

Mr. Dorshorst said he thought the kids did well this year. Those who are weaker in math or reading, he said, will get help through "title" classes financed with federal aid.

At the high school, Mrs. Lavielle said, the upper half of the junior class took the preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, which is the qualifying test for the National Merit scholarships. That was 13 students.

The mean scores were 48.8 for verbal and 53.7 for math. Mrs. Lavielle said that was one of the highest math scores ever. She said the juniors are a small class and not as competitive as some, but still very sharp.

The sophomores take the PLAN test, which used to be the pre-ACT, she said. There were 45 students tested and they received an 18.7 mean, with the national average being 16.5.

Mrs. Lavielle said four of the students scored in the 99th percentile, a quarter scored above the 90th percentile and half of them scored above the 50th percentile.

The eighth graders take the Explore test, said Mrs. Lavielle.

They scored a 16.1 with the national mean at 14.7. Two-thirds scored above the 50th percentile, one-third above the 75th percentile, three scored above the 90th percentile and three scored at the 99th percentile, she said.

Seminar on writing to be offered in July

Plans are underway for a writing seminar in McCook and Oberlin near the end of July.

The event will start on Friday, July 23, at the McCook Public Library. Registration starts at 8 a.m., with the keynote address at 9 a.m. by Alex Kava, talking about how writers use real-life news events.

At 11 a.m., Steve Buttry, writing coach for *The Omaha World-Herald*, will talk about jobs that involve writing. Miss Kava will speak on "Writing What You Didn't Know: Research," at lunch.

In the afternoon, there will be a panel discussion, writing activities and a writer-to-writer focus session. A journalism workshop will be featured that afternoon at the McCook Community College.

There will be a Friday night social starting at 5:30 p.m. with happy hour at the historic Bieroc Cafe. The theme will be sharing writing war stories. A dinner buffet will be at 6:30 p.m. and writers as entertain-

ers will be held following that.

On Saturday, the workshop will move to The Gateway at Oberlin. Registration will start at 8 a.m., with the keynote address at 9 a.m. by Marcia Preston, a *Byline* magazine editor and novelist.

At 11 a.m., Sharleen Wurm, director of the Last Indian Raid Museum, will talk about the area that inspired the Ralph Moody books.

Lunch will be served at noon. In the afternoon, there will be an open campus, allowing people to shop downtown, go to the museum or attend a breakout session.

Later, there will be a panel discussion on "What Editors and Publishers Want." Speakers will be Miss Preston and Ann Milton, publisher of *Old 101 Press*.

To register, call (800) 658-4348 ext. 8122 or (308) 345-8122.

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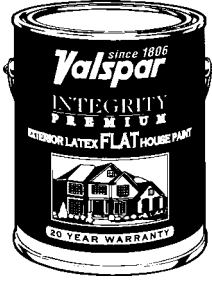


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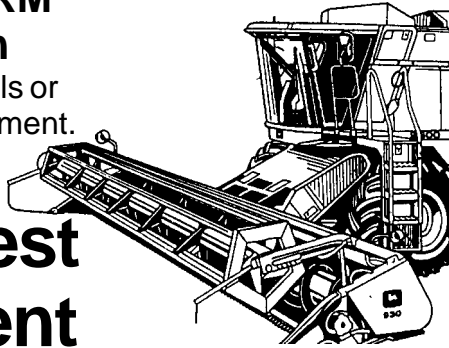
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