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The Oberlin Business Alliance is looking for someone to head up promotions for the fourth quarter, which includes Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

At the beginning of the year, the quarter chairs are usually agreed on, but no one volunteered to do the fourth quarter. At the meeting last Wednesday, there were no volunteers again, but only a hand full of the members were there.

The chairperson would be responsible for organizing the end-of-the-year activities

Anyone interested in volunteering to help, whether to be on a committee, or as a chair, should attend a brainstorming meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 13, in the basement at Stanley Hardware.

Glenva Nichols, Chamber of Commerce manager, said she has the Santa bucks printed for the Christmas season and the group agreed to pay the bill of \$183 from a McCook firm.

The group discussed the farmer's market at Centennial Park on Saturday, July 24. Joe Stanley, owner of Stanley Hardware, said it seemed to be a good day.

Mrs. Nichols said she and Kem Bryan have already set a date for next year. Laurie Wasson, owner of Prairie Petals, said she was pleased with the turnout and thought it was good for downtown.

The market day was held in conjunction with the Chamber community-wide garage sale. Mrs. Nichols said she printed 225 garage sale maps and gave all of them out. So far, she said, there haven't been any complaints.

The group discussed a benefit auction coming up with half of the

proceeds to go to the swimming pool and half to the museum to move the old Lutheran church from Norcatu. Karen Chambers with Rocking R and Greg Fidele with Fidele Electric will manage the event on Saturday, Sept. 18. Anyone who wants to donate items should contact Mrs. Chambers.

Mr. Stanley said he had been asked why the businesses didn't have a senior citizen day once a week or once a month? Mrs. Wasson said she has one on Tuesdays, and gives people over 60 years old 15 percent off. She said she doesn't know if it draws people to town, but those who shop on that day and receive the discount seem to like it.

Mr. Stanley said it was something to keep in mind.

Mrs. Wasson suggested getting the canopies downtown cleaned up and repainted. She said she isn't sure of the cost, but would be willing to look into it if people were interested. She said she assumed all the businesses would be in charge of the canopies in front of their stores.


Is this something the city needs to be involved in, said Gary Walter with The Bank.

Mrs. Wasson said she talked with City Administrator Gary Shike and he offered the city's help. The group talked about labor for the project, whether it would come from the city crew, prisoners or ranch boys. She said she would look into it.

In other business, the alliance:

- Heard they are signed up for a football tailgate on Friday, Sept. 17, at the high school parking lot before the Red Devil football game.
- Heard there would not be a beach party this year.

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**Announcement of Child Nutrition Programs**

The Kansas State Department of Education announces the participation of all Kansas public school districts and many private schools in the Child Nutrition Programs. Local school officials have adopted the following household income guidelines for determining eligibility for Child Nutrition Program benefits.

**Income Eligibility Guidelines, School Year 2004-2005**

Household Size	Free Benefits	Reduced Price Benefits
1	\$12,103	\$17,224
2	16,237	23,107
3	20,371	28,990
4	24,505	34,873
5	28,639	40,756
6	32,773	46,639
7	36,907	52,522
8	41,041	58,405
9	45,175	64,288
10	49,309	70,171
11	53,443	76,054
12	57,577	81,937
For each additional household member add	+4,134	+5,883

Application forms and an informational letter to households are available from the school district or private school. Additional copies are available at the principal's business office in each school. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. An application for reduced price or free Child Nutrition Program benefits cannot be approved unless it is complete.

For school officials to determine eligibility, households receiving Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance to Families (TAF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), must list the children's names, the Food Stamp, TAF or FDPIR case number, and the signature of an adult household member. Households not receiving Food Stamps, TAF, or FDPIR must list names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member now receives, source of income, the Social Security number of the household member who signs the application or a statement that the household member does not possess one, and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct. The information is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. The eligibility status may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

In certain cases, foster children are also eligible for Child Nutrition Program benefits. If a household wishes to apply for Child Nutrition Program benefits for foster children living with them, the household should contact the school for more information.

Under provisions of the reduced price and free benefit policy, the Determining Official will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the Determining Official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing on the decision. Contact the school district or private school for name, address and phone number of the Hearing Official.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if household size changes, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the child(ren) in the household eligible for reduced price or free benefits if the household income falls at or below the levels shown above. Households are required to report an increase in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year, decreases in household size, and discontinuation of Food Stamps, TAF, or FDPIR benefits.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, schools participating in the Child Nutrition Programs are prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Each school and/or the district's/organization's main office has a copy of the policy for reduced price and free benefits which may be reviewed by any interested party.

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