

Classes start next week for Oberlin

The end of summer is nearing at incredible speed, and kids will be back in school in no time at all.

The Oberlin School District will start class at 7:20 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 19. Superintendent Kelly Glodt said the grade and high schools will run on heat schedule at least until the end of August, which means they will be out of classes by 1:30 p.m.

Normally, the district runs on heat schedule until Labor Day, but with it being a little later into September than normal, he said, they will decide that later.

Mr. Glodt said over the summer, only one new teacher has been hired. As of the board meeting Monday, Diana Steinmetz has been hired as

a first grade teacher. She had been the developmental kindergarten teacher, but Audrey Pavlicek's early retirement left a position open.

At that time, Mrs. Steinmetz, Mardi Lohoefer, Kimberly Witt and Ashanna Richards — teachers affected by layoffs this spring — all received letters to say there was a job open.

The superintendent said the hiring of Mrs. Steinmetz leaves the developmental kindergarten position open. It will be filled by the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley, said Mr. Glodt. This year, he added, the class won't be developmental kindergarten, but integrated preschool.

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Fall crops may fill grain bins

By KIMBERLY DAVIS

There may have been a poor wheat crop this year, but there still might be something to fill the elevators.

Fields of corn, soybeans, milo and sunflowers are looking better this summer than they have in the last four to five years, said Brian Olson, regional agronomist for Kansas State University.

A few fields are burning up, he said, but if farmers got good weed control on and got the rains, then there is optimism.

Mr. Olson said he is hopeful. There hasn't been as much hail damage or bug problems as in past years.

There was some concern earlier about grasshoppers, he said, but since everything stayed green, that sort of defused the situation.

Overall, said Mr. Olson, there haven't been any bug problems and the reports of disease have been minor.

The corn is better this year, he said, because it pollinated when it was cooler. Last year, it pollinated when it was 105 degrees.

The other big factor is that the area has received rains this year. Mr. Olson said we are close to normal in rainfall.

The corn is past the pollinating (See CROPS on Page 2A)

Herndon students will go elsewhere

By KIMBERLY DAVIS

Herndon elementary students will be bused to Atwood this year to attend school or go out of district, since the school house in town will be offering few classes.

Rawlins County School Superintendent Mark Wolters, who is also the grade school principal, said the only classes that will be held in Herndon will be preschool two mornings a week and kindergarten on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Other students will be taken to Atwood or have decided to go out of district.

When the Herndon schools agreed to consolidate with Atwood

over a year ago, a deal was made to keep the high school open for at least another year. The high school closed after graduation in May, and the agreement was that the students would attend school in Atwood or would go elsewhere.

The grade school was to stay open for at least four years, or as long as it was economically feasible. Although the district planned to have the grade school open this year, said Mr. Wolters, there were only going to be six to seven students. He said he thinks what happened is that the families who have kids in seventh through 12th grades are already (See HERNDON on Page 10A)

Back-to-School picnic kicks off season Tuesday

Reservations for the annual back-to-school Picnic in the Park should be made with the Oberlin-Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce office by Friday so chicken can be ordered for the meal.

The picnic will be held at 6 p.m. in City Park on Tuesday, Aug. 17. The event is sponsored by the Oberlin Business Alliance, the Chamber and Oberlin School District as a way for members of the groups to meet and get community members involved.

To make a reservation, stop in the chamber office or call 475-3441. Everyone needs to bring a covered dish to share, chairs and table service for their family. The event is for the whole family.

At the picnic, the Chamber will be giving away a free membership and the alliance, a dinner for two at the LandMark Inn.

Also at the picnic, *The Oberlin Herald* will be drawing names to give away a \$1,000 shopping spree, with the prize good only at sponsoring Oberlin merchants.

For the last month and a half,

people have been able to sign up for the spree in area businesses. No purchase is necessary.

The winner will receive \$1,000 in scrip money that has to be spent at sponsoring businesses. The winner doesn't have to be at the picnic to win. They will be notified by 10 a.m. (See PICNIC on Page 10A)

Old fountain marks 75th year

By MARY LOU OLSON

The soda fountain at Addleman Drug Store has been a favorite for young and old alike since it was installed 75 years ago.

Rusty Addleman, the third generation of the Addleman family to operate the store, said that in the 1940s and '50s, they had four tables with four chairs each and six to eight stools at the fountain.

"In the afternoon, they would all be filled with people waiting to sit down," he said. "Every Sunday night we would have popcorn and milk at home, then Dad would let us go to the drug store fountain and get whatever we wanted. I always took a milk shake can and filled it to the brim."

Coming back to their old posts as soda jerks for an anniversary observance on Friday, Mary (Taylor) Waldo, and Maxine (Mrstik) Sauvage, reminisced

about working there in the 1940s.

"It was every girl's dream to be a soda jerk during the 1940s," Mrs. Waldo said. "After my freshman year, I started working for D.G. Addleman, Rusty's grandfather. We sold imitation Coke syrup during the war when the 'Real Thing' was impossible to get, and it tasted like turpentine!"

"Rusty was the bus boy at the time, washing dishes all day for a 15 cent milk shake. It was 'the' hangout for the young crowd during the summers. I worked six days a week (Saturdays until 9 p.m.) for \$12 a week, and I was glad to have the job."

Mrs. Sauvage said her memories of working at the drug store always include Herbie Morrison, who stopped by three or four times a day to enjoy a Coke. Another regular Coke customer was Wally Wolfe. (See SODA on Page 10A)



SPINNING THE BIRTHDAY WHEEL at the Decatur County Fair was volunteer Deanne Spanier, the band teacher at Decatur Community High. Cowboy Rhet Murray, son of Todd and Bobbie Murray of Alma, and

grandson of Danny and Jody Elwood of Oberlin (below), strutted along the little railroad tracks. Meanwhile, Mikaela Dorshorst urged her steer forward during 4-H judging. — Herald photos by Kimberly Davis and Cynthia Haynes



Experience earns 4-H member bundle of prizes

By KIMBERLY DAVIS

With nine years of 4-H under her belt, Marci Metcalf left this year's Decatur County Fair with grand champion ribbons for market swine and senior showmanship in swine.

She also had first blue in the light/medium-weight swine class and three purple ribbons in cooking.

Miss Metcalf, a member of the Maverick 4-H club, is going to be a sophomore at Decatur Community High School.

She said she joined 4-H because her older brother was in it and it looked like fun. She said her parents, Joe and Lolita Metcalf, got her involved. Over the years, she said, being part of the organization has taught her patience and the knowledge that you can't always win.

Although this year she had entries in the cooking section, beef and swine, she said the pigs are her favorite.

"They are fun to work with," she



MARCIMETCALF wore her grand champion ribbon.

said.

She brought two pigs to the fair, Garfield and Cecil. She said they are both Yorkshire-Hampshire crosses.

The pigs were born on her family farm in February. In April, she said, she picked the two she wanted to bring to the fair. She said she decided on the two pigs because of their size and how they looked: good size, wide enough and long enough.

A couple months before fair, she said, she started working with the pigs.

The competition for the swine was first thing Thursday morning. After that, and getting her pictures taken with her winner, she said she was going to take a lunch break, maybe a nap, and then be ready for the round robin (See PIGS on Page 10A)



ENJOYING A COOKIE at Addleman's were Jamie (left) and Cheyenne Soderlund. — Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

* School to start classes next week

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The class will be similar to the old concept, except there may be 3 or 4 year olds in class with the 5 year olds.

Mr. Glodt said the service center is working on hiring teaching assistants for the district. He said he isn't sure who those will be yet.

The half-time school nurse position will be filled by Angela Copeland, an Oberlin resident who is a licensed practical nurse. A registered nurse hired through the service center will be here once or twice a month, said Superintendent Kelly Glodt. The registered nurse, herself a part-time employee, will supervise and train Mrs. Copeland and help her with any questions.

At the meeting Monday night, said Mr. Glodt, the principals were scheduled to go through coaching changes, schedules and overall differences in programs.

Although enrollment was held last week, Mr. Glodt said they won't know how many kids the district is going to have until after school

starts.

So far, he said, the district has 11 new students at Oberlin Elementary School and eight at Decatur Community High School. Some have come from the Herndon area, where both schools are closing, and from Jennings, he said, but until school starts, they won't know exactly how many.

Mr. Glodt said he doesn't have any idea how many students have been lost over the summer or since the beginning of last year.

The district expects to lose around 22 students with graduation of a large senior class — 45 students — and a smaller incoming kindergarten, he said, but the new enrollment could almost make up for that. The real question, he said, is how many have moved away from the district.

They won't know until school starts, he said, since traditionally, only about 65 percent of the students enroll during the summer.

The first official count day is Monday, Sept. 20, said Mr. Glodt, and they will know by then.



A SODA JERK IN THE 1940s, Mary Waldo (above) returned to prove that she hadn't lost her touch by squeezing a lemon for a lemonade at the fountain in Addleman Drug Store.

Mixing up a malt for a customer, Kim Ketterl (below) was kept busy at the 75th anniversary celebration on Friday.

— Herald staff photos by Cynthia Haynes

* Sodas still a draw at town's fountain

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Both said that root beer was popular because it was served in brass mugs for 5 cents. Ice cream cones were 5 cents for a single dip and 10 cents for a double. Sodas were 15 cents back in the '40s.

Other top sellers were limeades, banana splits and Green River drinks, made of syrup and carbonated water.

Pat Fringer, also a former soda jerk, has returned to the store as a clerk after several years as Decatur County treasurer.

The store was opened in 1879 by S. and C.S. Maddox, and the Addleman family got into the business when D.G. Addleman bought the store in 1906. When the transaction was made, *The Oberlin Herald* reported that "it is without a doubt the oldest established drug store in northwest Kansas."

Fred Strohwig was registered pharmacist at the time and the establishment was known as the Owl Drug store, with the motto, "Always awake for business."

No one really knows when the name was changed to Addleman Drug, but when the Bi-Stop Babcock fountain was installed in 1929, it was advertised as "just the place to meet your friends."

At that time, Herman Claussen was pharmacist with Ted Addleman, who had just taken his state board exam. Mr. Claussen, father of Don Claussen of Oberlin, served worked at the store for more than 26 years.

Rusty took over management of the business in the summer of 1977 after his father retired.

"When Lee Ploussard worked at Claar's and Wally Jorn at Clark's, they would come in every afternoon and we would 'Odd Man' for milk shakes," he recalled "Seems I always lost!"

Even after 75 years, the soda fountain still draws people to Oberlin, especially during the Decatur County Fair. Many visitors and former residents stop by for their favorite treat — and a taste of old times.



* Pigs earn awards

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competition, in which she will get to show sheep and a horse.

After that, it will be time for the livestock auction. Miss Metcalf said she planned on selling both Cecil and Garfield, although she said somehow she will get Garfield back so that she can show him at the Tri-State Royal in Goodland.

The money she gets at the auction, she said, will be put in her savings account for college. Miss Metcalf said she has always thought about going to college in Nebraska, but doesn't know what will happen or what she will study.

Growing up with pigs around, Miss Metcalf said, she has learned a lot about them. She said pigs can't sweat so they have to be watered down when it's hot. They need exercise, so she walks the pigs. She feeds them morning and night.

To sell the pigs, she said, they have to weigh between 240 and 270 pounds. Cecil weighs 240 and Garfield 255.

Miss Metcalf said she would suggest that younger kids get involved in 4-H. She said it's fun and you get



DEMONSTRATING THE RIGHT WAY to show her pig, Marci Metcalf gave a lesson for her mother, Lolita Metcalf.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

to learn a lot about animals, which is good to know if living in northwest Kansas.

She said 4-H also helps kids get

involved in the community. The organization isn't just about the fair, she said; they do community service throughout the year.

* Picnic will draw teachers, parents, kids

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on Wednesday, Aug. 18. If the winner can't be reached, the runner-up will be called.

The winner will have until Saturday, Aug. 28, to spend the money. Participating businesses include

Hansen's Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, Countryside Veterinary Clinic, Culligan Water Conditioning, Dale's Fish 'N' Fun, Raye's Grocery, Addleman Drug Store, the Carpet Center, Stanley Hardware, the LandMark Inn, Ward

Drug Store, Rocking R, Flowers by Lee, Prairie Petals, R&M Service Center, Home Planning Center, the Dresser, Ray Jewelry and Fidele Electric and Woodcrafting.

Jennings, Golden Plains ready to start semester

Classes will begin with an all-day session on Monday, Aug. 23, at Prairie Heights School at Jennings.

Dave DuBois has returned as superintendent after working for the past two years at Weskan. Diane Carter will teach music for kindergarten through 12th grade.

Football will be a cooperative program with Hoxie and squad members will practice there. Vickie Schmidt will coach volleyball.

Enrollment for students at

Golden Plains School will be from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Rexford and Selden. Classes will start on Thursday, Aug. 19, with an all-day session.

Dr. Roger Baskerville is superintendent. Russ Aumiller has been hired as middle school science teacher.

A football scrimmage is scheduled at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 26. Travis Smith is football coach and also serves as district administrative assistant.

* Herndon students will ride bus this fall

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sending part of the family to Atwood, so the younger kids are going there, too.

The school board then voted to keep the preschool and kindergarten at Herndon to keep the younger kids closer to home for at least a year, he said.

Mr. Wolters said the teachers who were at the Herndon School have for the most part been given jobs in Atwood. There were a couple who took jobs elsewhere and one who retired. He said no one got fired in the change.

The question remains what will be done with the Herndon school building.

Mr. Wolters said a committee is being put together with representa-

tives from Herndon and board members from the combined district to decide what to do with the building. That committee is just beginning its work, he said.

The superintendent said there have been some ideas tossed around. They have heard of other districts selling their buildings to businesses on the Internet. He said he isn't sure if that is a possibility here or not.

Regardless of what happens in Herndon, students will start school on Monday, Aug. 23 in Atwood. School will start at 8:15 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. each day. Mr. Wolters said they are not on a heat schedule yet. That decision will be made closer to the beginning of school.

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