

School will open late once a month

Oberlin students will be able to get a little extra sleep, as schools will start classes at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month, starting today.

At a meeting last Monday, the Oberlin School Board agreed to the late start on the third Wednesday of the month to give teachers time for training, to work on school improvement plans and make sure that they are meeting all the criteria of the No

Wednesdays to be short

Starting today, classes at Oberlin schools won't start until 10 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. The late-start days include Dec.

15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 20 and May 18.

No breakfast will be served those days, but lunch will be served.

Child Left Behind Act.

Superintendent Kelly Glodt told

the board they don't give their teachers enough time to collaborate with

each other.

The idea of whether to start late or dismiss early was discussed, said Mr. Glodt. The recommendation was for the late start.

The teachers will still be working the same amount of hours, he said; the kids will just be in school two less hours every month.

Principal Charles Haag said they haven't decided at the high school if the students will always miss the

same two classes, if the classes missed will be rotated or if the heat schedule, with shorter periods, will be used.

Does anything meet before school the third Wednesday of the month? asked Board Member Barb Olson. She said she wouldn't want some activity getting canceled or moved. Mr. Haag said there might be one thing that meets before school those days, but he wasn't

sure.

Mrs. Olson said she would support the idea if it was good for staff.

Mr. Glodt said he thought this would be good for staff.

At the end of the year, he said, they will ask the teachers what they think.

On the Wednesdays there will be late starts, he said, there will be no breakfast, but lunch will still be served.

Church to serve turkey

Services set around the area

Members of St. John's Lutheran Church are gearing up for the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner next week.

The dinner will be served at noon in the basement of the church. Everyone is invited. There is no charge, but an offering will be taken.

Before the meal, there will be a worship service at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Scott Goldt of Wichita as the guest speaker. He is the son of Lairy and Beth Goldt of Oberlin.

The meal will be prepared by St. John's members and volunteers. Salads and pies are still needed. Anyone who wants to volunteer to make one should call Connie Olson at 475-2464.

The church asks that anyone who plans to attend make a reservation by calling the same number. The county transportation bus will pick up people who need a ride to the church.

Meals will be packed for take-out or they can be delivered to those who cannot attend. Call 475-2464.

The church and the PRIDE organization started the meal in the mid-1980s. The church then took over responsibility for the project later, and volunteers from the congregation and the town do the planning and preparation.

Make reservations by Tuesday.

The Decatur County Ministerial Association plans a community Thanksgiving service at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Oberlin Covenant Church. Bill Duncan will deliver the message.

Donations will be accepted for the Oberlin Food Pantry, as well as cash for the Samaritan Fund, both sponsored by the association.

The public is invited. A fellow- (See DINNER on Page 10A)

Light parade planned

Greenery has been hung from the canopies downtown. Christmas decorations are on sale in the stores and the holiday feeling is in the air, which means it is time for the annual Parade of Lights.

Anyone who wants to participate has only a little over a week to come up with a float and string it with lights. The parade will start at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 26, the day after Thanksgiving.

The theme this year is "Ho-Ho-Here We Go, Christmas is on its Way." Anyone who wants to enter in the parade should call the Chamber of Commerce at 475-3441.

Anyone can enter. The parade marshal once again will be Doris Black.

So far, said Glenva Nichols, chamber manager, there are 14 entries.

The parade will start at the parking lot at Decatur Co-op and then travel up Main Street to the Good Samaritan Center. The floats will not come back down the street.

Santa Claus will be at the courthouse following the parade.

Before the parade, the Oberlin Lions Club will be serving soup, probably at the Golden Age Center.

Stores will be open until 8 p.m. that night to kick off the holiday shopping season.



ON SATURDAY, Dave O'Neill and Brian Dilsaver of Brighton, Colo., hunted with the help of Bailey, a golden lab (above). At the Pheasants Forever Banquet Friday

Hunters have some fun

The parking lot was full of trucks and sports utility vehicles, most with kennels in the back.

It was the night before the first day of bird season in northwest Kansas, and The Gateway was full for the annual banquet of the Sunflower Chapter of Pheasants Forever.

Organizer Ken Badsky said they had around 340 people at the banquet. Everything went well, he said. After bills were figured they thought they made around \$8,100.

Men and women ate and drank Friday and purchased new hunting supplies, from guns to hats. Some even got art prints to decorate their homes.

Early Saturday morning, those same hunters got out of bed early to head outdoors.

Mr. Badsky said he thought bird hunting this year is probably twice as good as it was last year in his area, northwest of town.

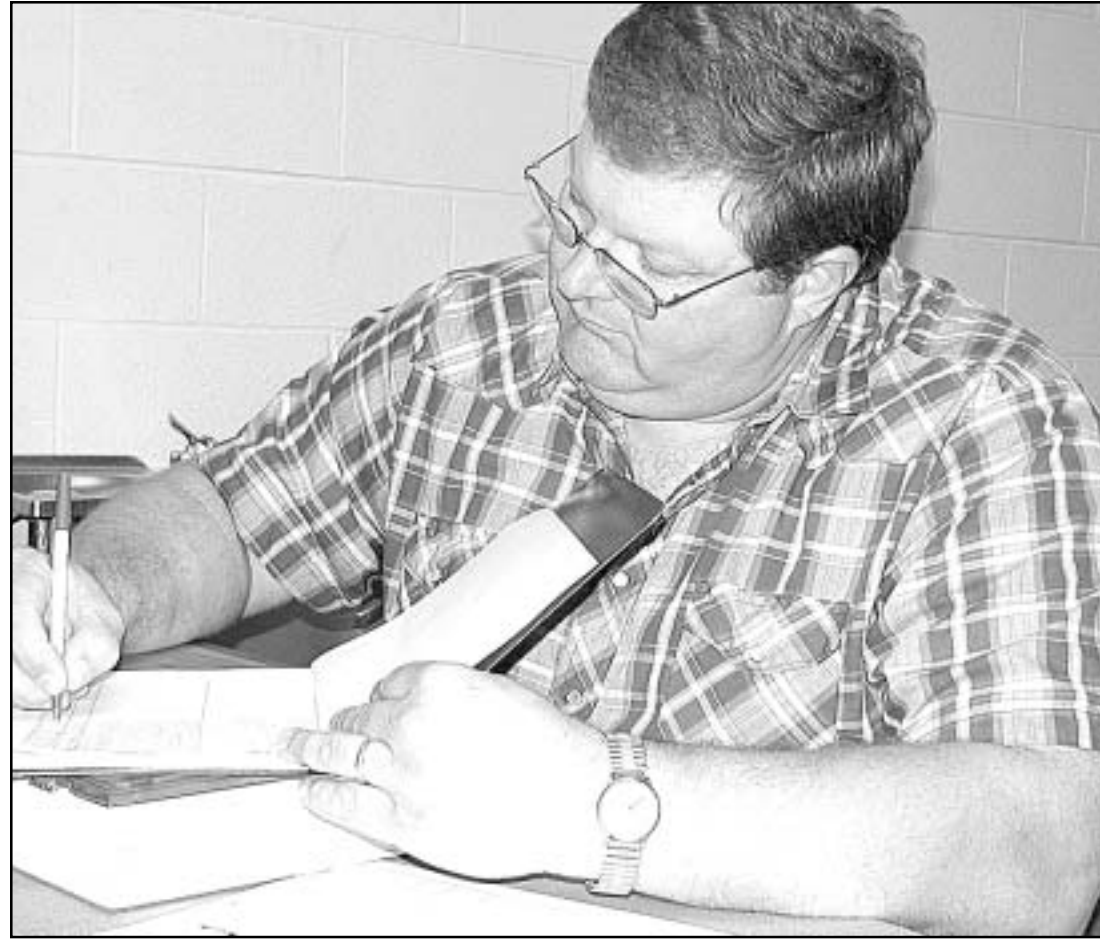
They got 29 birds total with 16 people hunting on Saturday, 12 on Sunday and around eight on Monday morning, he said.

He said he thought there were more hunters this year from Missouri, Colorado and Illinois, based on license plates.

Reports sent to other states said that the bird numbers were up here, which brings in more hunters.

Bob Woolsey, with Dale's Fish 'N' Fun, said everything they heard at the store was positive. Since it was opening week-end, the store stayed open late hours. He said their last customer Friday came at 10 minutes to midnight.

The crowds came in a little



differently than normal, he said. With Veterans Day falling on Thursday, many people came in Thursday or early Friday to get gear and licenses. It meant that Friday wasn't quite the madhouse it normally is.

Mr. Woolsey said he thought they had the same number of people as last year or possibly a few more.

Everyone who came in was optimistic, he said. They may not have shot as many birds as they wanted to, but everyone saw a lot of them. Mr. Woolsey said a number of the hunters he talked with said they wanted to come back later in the season.

Monday was the first day that someone had come in and hadn't seen any birds at all, he added.

Some did say that the birds were really skittish and flighty, said Mr. Woolsey. The birds wanted to take off as soon as hunters entered the field. Others said they had to hunt the birds out.

Pheasant season will remain open until the end of January.

night, Ken Badsky (below) sold memberships at the front door. Emmie Pauls (bottom) helped with the live auction.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

Tour held on Main

Almost 40 people took the opportunity to see what businesses in Oberlin have to offer for the holidays during the annual Business tour on Sunday.

Seventeen businesses opened their doors for the late-afternoon tour, with some even selling a few items.

The tour started at the Chamber of Commerce office on Main Street at 4 p.m. and then moved up the street to the Split End. With the brisk weather, some chose to drive, but the majority walked.

Marcia Lohofener gave a brief tour, since owner Amy Lamb was out of town. Mrs. Lohofener said the beauty salon and boutique also offers tanning. She and her husband Jerry decided when their daughter had some empty shelving in the store that they should place some antiques on them, mostly dishware.

Next it was on to Raye's Grocery. The store is offering gift baskets again and already have a few samples out with cheese, sausage, crackers and more. The store recently installed new freezers and produce cases.

Raye's offers gift certificates, too.

Down Commercial Avenue to Country Quilting and Keepsaking is where the group went next. The little house was set up for quilting classes, with books, fabrics and other supplies for sale.

At Culligan Water Conditioning, the group piled into the front room. (See TOUR on Page 10A)

Sports program denied

The Oberlin School Board, high school principal and athletic director talked about a program to help promote good sportsmanship, but decided not to buy the \$425 package.

Principal Charles Haag said he noticed last year that some parents got a little too much into the game and forgot why they were there. He said he and Athletic Director Randy Olson talked about the "Enjoy the Game" program but decided if they were going to do something like this, they wanted board support.

Mr. Haag said people need to stop and realize this is high school sports, not life and death.

Mr. Olson said he heard about the program some time ago. He said he looked at ways they could address sportsmanship here. He called the state Activities Association, and they told him about the program.

A video tape about the roles of players, parents, spectators and coaches was loaned to the district, Mr. Olson said, and he passed it around to the coaches to watch. The coaches said the message was good.

He said a man named Bill Stutz came up with the program. The package costs \$425, which will include 48 water bottles, banners and the tape. He said it is additional to purchase more logo stuff.

The good thing about the program, he said, is it gives everyone a reference of someone who isn't demonstrating good sportsmanship.

The tape can be shown at pre-season events and team meetings, Mr. Olson said. One suggestion he received was to send out forms to parents and have them sign it if they have viewed the tape. He said he wasn't sure if he liked that idea. (See BOARD on Page 10A)



* Board says no

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 Would the coaches feel comfortable showing the tapes? asked Superintendent Kelly Glodt. Mr. Olson said they would.

The board watched the tape, and President Dewayne Jackson said he thought the spectator section was the weakest. Mr. Olson said there is at least one other tape directed at basketball. Board members noted that there were sports in the tape that the district doesn't even play.

Mr. Haag said he thought the tape would help, especially if they get parents to watch it.

Mr. Olson said people need to understand it isn't just an Oberlin concern. This is something other coaches are dealing with, too. The group agreed that high school sportsmanship has gotten worse because people see how pro athletes and their fans act.

Maybe it would be better to start the year off with it instead of coming in half way through, said Mr. Haag.

Who would pay for the program? asked Mr. Jackson. Mr. Olson said the athletic department has taken a bit of a hit this year on uniforms.

Kimberly Davis, managing editor of *The Oberlin Herald*, said the board should maybe look at the option of using their own athletes to make a video or to talk about sportsmanship instead of spending the money on a film that was kind of hokey.

Mr. Glodt said he thought better sportsmanship is something they need to strive towards with the fans and kids, but maybe this program isn't the right one.

Board Member Jeannie Martin said she was surprised there aren't more programs on the market.

Mr. Glodt said coaches at meetings he has been to lately have talked about the issue. He said he appreciates the things the school is doing to encourage good sportsmanship.

The board agreed to search for other options and continue to work for better sportsmanship.



AT RAYE'S GROCERY STORE on Sunday, Joe Stanley (above) and Gary Walter looked at the gift baskets during the annual Business-to-Business tour. Anne Wasson (below)

checked out the scarves at the Dresser.

— Herald staff photos by Cynthia Haynes

* Tour brings out 40 lookers, buyers

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Owner Randy Ostmeyer said they treat water and have several water softeners. He said they have finance programs for people to buy the products, or they can rent them.

Mr. Ostmeyer said they also have a water cooler service.

New is whole house air purification which is hooked onto the furnace. Every time the system kicks on, it goes to work, he said.

The company also sells meat. They have a five-door cooler. Meat comes in once a week. Mr. Ostmeyer said they have smoked turkeys and hams in for the holidays.

It was then off to Main Street. The group started at Golt's Home Planning Center and then moved next door to Ray Jewelry.

Vicky Ray said she had just gotten in cell phone charms. They are



very popular on both coasts, she said, charms of all shapes which hang from a cell phone.

Also new are the musical clocks. There is one that plays music from the Beatles, one that plays Christmas tunes and others.

She said she ordered a lot of new things this year, some of which are not in yet.

At *The Oberlin Herald*, the group took a sneak peek at this week's OH! page, which was laid out on Friday, and also got to pet Tigger.

While the women went in The Dresser to look through the clothes, scarves, hats, gloves and jewelry, a number of the men milled around the planter out front.

Then it was then off to R&M Service Center and next door to Ward Drug Store.

Decorated for the Christmas season, the drug store had two tree branches hanging from the ceiling.

One had been spray painted gold and the other, silver. Each was decorated with ornaments.

The next stop was at the Washboard Beauty Salon and across the street to Custom Trophy and Engraving to see the new store. The front room was full of engravable items, from ornaments to picture frames.

The business also carries Red Devil memorabilia.

Next door at Addleman's, the group milled around the shelves of college items, picture frames, new baby items and the Christmas card selection.

It was then off to Stanley Hardware, then Flowers by Lee, Fidele Electric and Woodcrafting and lastly the LandMark Inn, where they had soup, sandwiches and pie.

District buys modular for ranch

The Oberlin School Board heard last Tuesday that a deal to buy a used modular classroom for the school at Sappa Valley Youth Ranch has been approved, but the unit still has to be moved here.

Superintendent Kelly Glodt said they are waiting for engineers with Miller and Associates to do a site plan. He said he thinks Decatur Co-op may have to move a propane tank, but basically everything is taken care of.

After the building is moved to the ranch, the district will have two classrooms there. Mr. Glodt said everything with the modular is being done with ranch school money.

The board talked with parent Shanna Long again about having a sidewalk built to the west of the kindergarten building. The board decided to table this until the December meeting and then look at the options again.

School Round-up

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

- Decided to not buy a program to promote good sportsmanship for \$425, but agreed to look at other options and continue to ask fans and students to set a good example. Story on front page.
- Heard that the deal to buy a used modular classroom for the school at Sappa Valley Youth Ranch has been approved, but the unit needs to be

moved here. Story to left.

- Decided to to start classes two hours later on the third Wednesday of every month so teachers will have more time for planning, conferring with each other and paperwork. Story on front page.
- Heard that members of the high school FFA program went to Kentucky for their national convention. Story on Page 3A.

In other business, the board:

- Agreed to visit some of the classrooms during school hours for part of their February meeting.
- Received two depository bids, one for 1.82 percent interest from First National Bank and one for 1.49 percent from The Bank. The

board accepted the bid from First National for three years. The figures were the average weekly rate as of Nov. 1.

- Agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss the superintendent's evaluation at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 29.

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* Dinner to be served

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 ship time will follow.

Among other area services planned include:

FAITH LUTHERAN
 "A Day of Giving Thanks" will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday at Faith Lutheran Church with Holy Communion. Special music will be presented by the Faith Bells. A Thanksgiving dinner will follow worship at 11 a.m., prepared by the Faith Church Council, as a benefit meal for the church repairs and \$700 will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

HERNDON COVENANT
 Thanksgiving Eve service will begin at 7 p.m. at the Herndon Covenant Church.

OBERLIN, SELDEN, LEOVILLE
 On Thanksgiving Day services will be held at 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin. At Sacred Heart Church in Selden Mass will begin at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, while the service at Immaculate Conception Church in Leoville will follow at 6:30 p.m.

Council to meet

The Oberlin City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday upstairs in The Gateway.

As of Monday, there was no agenda. The meeting is open to the public and will be aired on local cable channel 7.

Class planned

"Yoga for Health and Relaxation" will be presented at the Cancer Support Group meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 23, in Community Hospital in McCook.

Cindy West, physical therapist for Southwest Nebraska Physical Therapy, will present the introduction to yoga. There is no charge.

For details, call Susan Harris-Broomfiel at (308) 345-8550.



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and the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce welcome Graphix by Salem

The Chamber Board welcomed Graphix by Salem which opened recently at 702 Frontier Parkway. The business specializes in signs, billboards and race car T-shirts.