

Board decides to open field for game parking

The Oberlin School Board decided to open up the grassy area south of the football stadium for visiting fans to park again this year.

A few years ago, the area was closed to parking because new seed had been planted. The schools planned to use the area for a practice field. The district then purchased land east of the high school for a practice field.

At the regular monthly board meeting last Monday night, Superintendent Kelly Glodt said a patron had come in to ask if the school was going to open up that area again. Mr. Glodt said the patron he talked with said the district should have a sign welcoming visitors and pointing to parking at that spot.

Mr. Glodt said that area will probably never be used as a practice field again or by the gym classes. He said the patron offered to put up cones or rope off the pole vault pit.

Board Member Barb Olson said she was pretty sure the board closed the area before the land to the east was purchased. Mr. Glodt said he hadn't talked to Athletic Director Randy Olson yet.

It would only be used five eve-

School Roundup

At the monthly meeting last Monday, the Oberlin School Board:

• Heard the new windows for the grade school are here, but the company hasn't started installing them yet. Story on Page 5A.

• Agreed to open up the grassy area south of the football stadium for game parking this year. Story to left.

nings out of the year, said Board Member Jeanie Martin.

A lot of people like pulling into that grassy area, even the local people, because they can watch from their car, said Ms. Martin.

Board Member Monte Moore said he thought the board should give Terry Ream, the district's groundskeeper, some authority to close the area if it is muddy.

Red Devil home football games will be held Fridays Sept. 9 and 23, and Oct. 7, 14 and 27.



Fun at the county fair

AT THE 4-H FOOD auction, Leah Marietta (top) held up her ladybug cake while Mike Bailey looked for bids at the Decatur County Fair. Pam May (right) helped at the free barbecue to celebrate the 4-H centennial last Wednesday. Jacob Unger (below) tried his strength to ring the bell.

— Herald staff photos



Sheriff not allowed to offer reward for house shootings

The Decatur County sheriff asked if he could offer a reward for anyone with information on the person who has been shooting at houses in Jennings, but was told it wasn't possible.

County Attorney Steve Hirsch said a reward couldn't be offered because the crime wasn't committed against public property.

Sheriff Ken Badsy said Deputy Michael French's house was shot at with a .22 caliber gun on Tuesday, July 26, and then at the beginning of August Ken Carter reported that his house was shot at. Sheriff Badsy said both incidents were drive-by shootings.

Both Mike Bailey and Jerry Foster's houses have also been shot at.

This is serious, he said; someone could get hurt.

Mr. Hirsch said Sheriff Badsy

could check with the Crime Stoppers group in McCook to see if they could help.

Commissioner Ralph Unger suggested to the sheriff, who sits on the fair board, that maybe they should put up a sign at the fairground about when the fair will be next year. The fair is normally held the first full week of August, like this year, but normally that is the first week of August. This year it was the second week.

Sheriff Badsy said Undersheriff Randy McHugh won a first-place marksmanship award from the National Guard. The sheriff said he received a medal from the guard for letting Undersheriff McHugh serve in the war.

The commissioners held a 10-minute closed session for non-elected personnel with Sheriff Badsy. There was no action taken.

Council to approve budget for next year

The Oberlin City Council will approve a budget for next year after a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at The Gateway.

The budget the council worked out includes a 6-mill increase in property taxes, which is mostly because of bond and interest payments on projects on which the city hasn't had much choice. Those include the water project, renovation of the youth ranch and street projects.

The proposed budget is \$3,601,979, down about \$202,000 from this year's \$3,804,868. This year, the property tax levy is 67.130 mills, and next year's proposed levy is 73.498, an increase of 6.368 mills.

The council decided not to seal the

streets next year, saving around \$40,000.

City Administrator Gary Shike said he received a call from Sherry Brown, owner of Fine Spirits, to see if the council would consider an ordinance allowing the sale of alcohol on Sundays. Mr. Shike said in the last legislative session, lawmakers left it up to cities and counties to decide if alcohol could be sold on Sunday.

He said the item will be put on the agenda for the council to discuss.

Mr. Shike said the council will talk about an apprenticeship program for the electric department so the employees can be certified.

Two days left to register for \$1,000 prize

Only two days are left to win \$1,000 in scrip money to be spent at participating Oberlin merchants in the second annual \$1,000 Shopping Spree sponsored by The Oberlin Herald.

The last time to register is at 5 p.m. on Friday, when the cans will be picked up and all the entries will be put into a big tub. You can enter as

many times as you like by visiting any sponsoring merchant before then.

The winner will be announced at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the gazebo in Centennial Park.

You must be present to win. If the winner is not present, another name will be drawn.

The winner has from Monday

until Friday, Aug. 26, to spend the \$1,000 at participating merchants. The winner has to agree to have their picture taken while shopping and notify the newspaper when and how they will spend the money.

You must be 18 years or older to enter. Employees of the newspaper or their immediate family are not eligible.

Participating businesses are Ward Drug Store, Raye's Grocery, Addleman Drug Store, The LandMark Inn, Dale's Fish 'N' Fun, Hansen's Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, Countryside Veterinary Clinic, Prairie Petals, Stanley Hardware, R&M Service Center, Rocking R, the Dresser and Culligan Water Conditioning.

Hospital tourney and dinner to be on Saturday

The Decatur County Hospital will hold its fifth annual golf tournament, dinner and auction on Saturday.

The four-person scramble will start at 9 a.m. at the Oberlin Coun-

try Club. Twenty-seven teams had signed up by Monday, with four people on each team. Each team paid \$200, which includes lunch, dinner and the tournament. Administrator Lynn Doeden said the tour-

namment is full.

At 6 p.m. that evening, dinner will be served at The Gateway. The dinner alone costs \$25 per person. On the menu are prime rib, salad, a potato bar, mixed vegetables and des-

sert. There will also be a silent auction.

Tickets can be purchased at the hospital.

Reservations need to be made by noon today.

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