

Pick-'Em contest begins

Pigskin Pick-'Em, a game in which football fans can win prizes for picking the winners of college and high school games, starts this week in *The Oberlin Herald*.

The contest, sponsored by area merchants, is easy to enter by filling out the form in today's paper, also available at a participating business, and returning it to the newspaper office, or coming to *The Herald* to fill one out.

Fans are asked to bring their entries to *The Herald* office each week by 5 p.m. on Friday. Mailed in entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. on Friday and arrive at the office in the Saturday mail. *The Herald's* address is 170 S. Penn Ave., Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

Official entry blanks must be used; no reproductions.

The contest will run during the season for high school and college football. Each week, contestants will have a chance to pick winners and the score of a tie-breaker game. The following week, winners will be announced in the paper.

Each week, \$30 in scrip will be given away. First place will win \$15, second \$10 and third \$5. The scrip is spendable only at participating merchants.

The person who selects the most correct games during the 12-week contest will win \$50 in scrip and a trophy.

Here is how it works: find the games listed in the sponsors' ads, which will run in the paper each week. Pick the team you think will win each game and write the winners on the entry blank beside the corresponding sponsors' names. Then pick the score of the tie-breaker game.

You are only allowed to enter once per week but entry blanks for every member of the family are available at the sponsors' places of business. An entry blank will also be printed in the paper each week.

Participating businesses include Custom Trophy, Golt Home Planning Center, Ward Drug Store, Raye's Grocery, Fredrickson Insurance, Farm Credit of Western Kansas, the LandMark Inn, R&M Service Center, Prairie Petals, Wagner Chevrolet and *The Oberlin Herald*.



AT THE JENNINGS FIREMEN'S FUNDAY on Saturday, County Clerk Marilyn Horn drove her "twister" in the parade while Commissioner Patricia Glenn rode along and tossed candy out for the kids.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Parade honors Jennings School

People of all ages lined up along Main Street in Jennings on Saturday afternoon, waiting for the parade to start at the annual Firemen's FunDay.

This year the parade honored the Jennings Schools, which will only have a grade school this year with the closing of the high school.

Fire Chief Kerry Green said the volunteer department holds the FunDay every year to raise money for the department to buy equipment. He said he isn't sure what they will purchase this year, but they do have some money saved up. Normally, said Chief Green, the department purchases a good-sized item. The last one was an air compressor for \$7,000 to \$8,000.

Usually the crew is able to bring in around \$6,000 to \$7,000 at one FunDay. After they pay for food and other expenses, they clear around \$3,000 each year.

It sure helps out the firemen, he said. It is also nice

Jennings firemen called to fire in field

After a long day at the annual Firemen's FunDay, the Jennings fire crew was called about 11 p.m. Saturday to a field fire around five miles east of town.

Fire Chief Kerry Green said FunDay was still going on and

some of the firefighters at the station went out, while others stayed at the dance.

The fire, he said, was started by lightning and was put out by the rain before the crew got to the field.

to get the people of Jennings together for the day.

Chief Green said this year's event went well. The humidity was a little high, which ran some of the people off in the afternoon, he said, but they came back for the supper and auction that night.

The Jennings fire crew is made up of about 16 men and women volunteers. About half of them are on the ambulance crew, too, the chief said.

"That is a pretty large fire department for a town this size," said Chief Green.

Wall shows children's 'Pride' pledge

Getting their hands sticky with red, blue, yellow or green paint, kids at Oberlin Elementary School signed the wall last Wednesday promising they would do their best to work on their "pride" this year.

Students used the paint to put their hand prints on the freshly painted white wall north of the school, then wrote their names beside their prints

Pride, which stands for politeness, respect, integrity, discipline and excellence, is what the students have agreed to strive for the last five years at the grade school.

Their prints on the wall are a daily reminder, said Principal Duane Dorshorst, for the students to do all the things they are supposed to do. As the year goes by, they'll be re-

warded for good citizenship and character development.

When an adult sees a student demonstrating pride, the kid gets a card. The card is placed in a jar in the office. At the end of the week, two cards are drawn and those students get a prize from a participating business, including Raye's Grocery, Addleman Drug Store, Ward Drug

Store, Custom Trophy and Engraving, Stanley Hardware and the LandMark Inn.

Mr. Dorshorst said the winners names are shown on the school's channel 2 on Oberlin cable.

He said it varies each week how many pride cards are in the jar, but it is normally around 50.

Medicare program today

A presentation on the new Medicare prescription drug coverage will be offered in Oberlin at 10 a.m. today (Wednesday) at the Oberlin Housing Authority (Sappa Valley Manor), and 11:30 a.m. at Golden

Age Center.

Presenting the information will be Glenna Clingsmith, senior health insurance counseling coordinator for the Northwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging.

Veteran speaks to Rotary

Staff Sgt. Randy McHugh, who recently completed a tour of duty in Kuwait and Iraq, spoke at the Aug. 23 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club. He and his wife Kristin were introduced by Jay Anderson.

Sgt. McHugh worked at the Theater Distribution Center, from

which convoys of trucks distributed equipment and supplies from Kuwait to Iraq. He shared photos of Saddam's palace and displayed items from his tour of duty.

Other guests were David Morris, Ann Anderson, Kay Brown and Chad Evans.

Lairy's Barbershop is now closed. Lairy has retired.



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Former Oberlin teacher observes 100th birthday

By MARY LOU OLSON

Lula Thieler, who taught at Oberlin Elementary School for 19 years, will turn 100 on Thursday.

Though many centenarians would have opted for a comfortable rocking chair years ago, Mrs. Thieler remains active every day at Fairview Estates in Colby, where she moved three years ago from her home in Rexford.

She wrote the Rexford news for *The Oberlin Herald* and other area papers for many years. After making the move to Colby at age 97, she decided she could keep working by writing news of residents at the assisted living complex for the Colby Free-Press.

Through her writing, she said, she knows all 34 residents at Fairview and most are willing to share their news.

Mrs. Thieler was born Sept. 1, 1905, on a farm four miles southwest of Rexford, but grew up in the Hawkeye area southwest of Oberlin, where her grandfather, Henry Claar, homesteaded in 1879. Later the home was turned into the Halfway House, a rest stop for the stage-coaches which traveled between Colby and Oberlin.

She attended Dible School (District 48) and her 1923 class was the first to graduate at Rexford High after it became a four-year school.

"I attended summer school at Fort Hays State Normal School, then taught my first term at Nicol School, north of Gem, for \$90 a month," she said.

Later, after receiving her teaching certificate, she moved to Clearwater and it was there that she met her future husband, Thurman Daniel, a mechanic. They were married in 1928.

"After the Crash of 1929, however, he lost his job," she said. "My father offered us a half section to farm north of Rexford, plus a cow, hog, chickens and a place to live, so we made the move."

"During the 'Dirty '30s,' several women in the community decided to start a club, which we named 'The Hard Times Club.' However, it was later changed to the Worthwhile Club."

After the unexpected death of her husband in 1948, Mrs. Thieler said, Lillian Shimmick, Decatur County superintendent of schools, helped her renew her certificate so she



Young Lula



Lula at 100

could teach again.

She said that later she and Earl Thieler, a neighbor who was a widower, began dating and were married on April 7, 1950. They moved to Oberlin after she was hired as an elementary teacher and purchased the Dairy King, which they operated for several years.

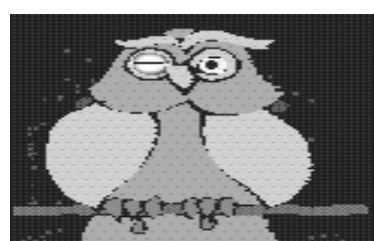
After their retirement, they moved to Rexford, where both were active members of the Red Barn Gang band. They spent many years traveling and visited all 50 states. She said that their visit to the last state was a cruise to Alaska, a gift from their kids.

Their blended family includes: Betty Carswell, Darlene Barnett, Walter and Jay Daniel, JoAnn Miller and Marjorie Paddock.

Over the years, Mrs. Thieler has farmed, taught school, reared a family, graduated from college at age 59, and she still thoroughly enjoys life.

She said that her philosophy over the years has always been, "Blossom where God plants you."

Her family will honor her with a birthday dinner on Sunday and those who would like to send cards may address them to 1630 Sewell Ave. (B-3), Colby, Kan., 67701.



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NOTICE

The sewer lines North of Commercial Street and West of Marks Avenue will be cleaned between Tuesday, September 6 through Friday, September 9.

The city will hang out bright orange reminders on the doors in the area that will be cleaned.

Residents should cover all floor drains with plastic and a weight. All toilets should be covered with plastic and close the lid.

If there is any unpleasant odor, the city suggests running water into each drain to refill the traps.



Decatur County Offices & Landfill will be closed Monday, September 5

Landfill normal operation is Saturday, September 3
Due to the Labor Day weekend, it will be Saturday, September 10

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