

# Pick-em winners tie for first

Two people picked all 11 winners for this week's Pigskin Pick-em contest.

Both Owen Wilson and Amanda Grafel chose the 11 winners, but Mr. Wilson was much closer to the score of the tiebreaker game between Russell and Phillipsburg.

Mr. Wilson was only 29 points off the actual score while Mrs. Grafel was 39 off.

Mr. Wilson took first place to get \$15 in scrip money and Mrs. Grafel second for \$10.

Four people tied for third place with 10 games correct: Colleen Gee, Randy Wilson, Mark Winger and Diana Solko. Guessing only 20 points off of the tiebreaker score, Mrs. Gee won third place to get \$5 in scrip.

Eight people guessed nine of the winners, 11 guessed eight winners and four guessed seven.

Last week's games were:

- Custom Trophy — Hoxie over Hill City, 68-6.
- Home Planning Center — Oberlin over Stockton, 55-0.
- Ward Drug Store — Oakley over Quinter, 44-14.
- Raye's Grocery — Cheylin over Golden Plains, 32-30.
- Fredrickson Insurance Agency — Norton over Thomas More-Marian of Hays, 21-0.
- Farm Credit of Western Kansas — St. Francis over Syracuse, 47-7.
- LandMark Inn — Atwood over Leoti, 28-0.
- R&M Service Center — Oklahoma over University of Kansas, 19-3.
- Prairie Petals — Nebraska over Baylor, 23-14.
- Wagner Chevrolet — McCook over Sidney, 37-6.
- The Oberlin Herald — Texas Tech over Kansas State, 59-20.
- Tiebreaker — Phillipsburg over Russell, 47-13.

# New child care opens

Happy Home Daycare will open in Oberlin on Monday, Oct. 31, providing parents with another option for child care.

Rod and Marcella Mathill will run the center at their home at 101 S. East Avenue. Mrs. Mathill said they just received a license from the state. She will be the manager, although her husband will be home three days a week.

Both currently work at Sappa Valley Youth Ranch. She said her husband will continue to work at the ranch, but she felt that God was calling her to their home to open up the daycare and be with her children.

The Mathills have two kids Jessica, 14 and Nickalax, 12, who are both home schooled.

Mrs. Mathill said she loves children and caring for them. This will be her second daycare operation, as she ran one for over a year when the family lived in Wyoming.

The center will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. She said she felt there was a need for child care on Saturdays. Happy Home Daycare is licensed for 10 kids, depending on the ages.

Mrs. Mathill is certified in cardio pulmonary resuscitation and first aid and has two years of early childhood education classes from a vocational-technical school in Pennsylvania. Call the Mathills at (785) 475-8939.

# Annual hunt to be held

It's time to get teams together for the 26th annual Oberlin scavenger hunt to be held on Saturday.

Anyone interested in the hunt should meet at 7 p.m. at the band shell in City Park.

The hunt costs \$5 per person, which includes admission to the dance at the American Legion fol-



ON SATURDAY Fern Anderson (above) rocked for 10 hours to raise money for Hurricane Katrina Relief at the Good Samaritan Center rockathon. Edla Olson (below) played the piano to entertain the rockers and was also one of the rockers.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

# Center rocks to raise money

Six women at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center started rocking at 8 a.m. Saturday, and with the exception of a few breaks, kept rocking for 10 hours to raise money for the Salvation Army for Hurricane Katrina relief.

Edla Olson, Eva Bryan, Fern Anderson, Jeanette Conway, Lucy Schissler and Ruth Laidig were the main rockers, with Dorothy Pryor and Doris Miller serving as relief rockers.

The women kept their chairs moving as kids and adults entertained them. Entertainers including Nathan Smith with a magic show, Angie Wilson, piano; Anita Hirsch, vocal and guitar; Mert McEvoy, vocal and guitar; Barbara Dehlinger, poetry; Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler, vocalist; Kelsey and Kaylee May, gymnasts; Nolan Henningson and Serena Stacy, vocal and



dance; Cassidy Shields, vocal; Mrs. Olson, piano, and Myrna Jones, organ; Lois Carlson, harmonica; and Joe Hirsch, reading.

At the end of the rockathon, sisters Amy Carman and Angie Fortin

performed praise and worship songs.

The women raised \$965 through pledges and donations. All of it will go to the Salvation Army fund.

# County will pay for flu shots

The Decatur County commissioners agreed to pay for employee flu shots again this year.

The county has paid for the shots in the past, saying that it is cheaper to pay the \$22 per person cost instead of risking an employee getting sick. Health Administrator Marilyn Gamblin said it costs the county around \$400.

The northwest Kansas bioterrorism regional group, said Ms. Gamblin at the meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 4, purchased some trailers and

stocked them with supplies in case there is a bioterrorism attack. At first, Decatur and Norton counties were going to share the trailer, she said, but there was enough money to buy a trailer for each county.

It is a single axle trailer; some of the supplies will come from the region and some from county bioterrorism money.

Ms. Gamblin said Tim Stallman, road and bridge supervisor, thought there was room for it in the old county shop. The trailer will be kept

locked, but Ms. Gamblin said there won't be any drugs or medicines stored in it.

The trailer will be titled to the county but should not cost the county any money. It is in Norton now and has to be brought here sometime.

The commissioners signed a resolution to make Dr. Richard May the medical advisor for the county and Ms. Gamblin the county health officer.

# Man steps down as director, will still dispatch

Bert Cool stepped down as county emergency preparedness director last Tuesday, and commissioners are starting to look for someone to fill the job.

Mr. Cool has served as the director for 19 years and 10 years in dispatch. He will continue to work part-time in dispatch.

A former Kansas City police detective, he came to Oberlin in 1985 as undersheriff. Mr. Cool retired from that position in 1991, but stayed on as a deputy and dispatcher.

The Decatur County commissioners, Health Administrator Marilyn Horn and Mr. Cool held a 20-minute closed session for non-elected personnel last Tuesday, after which the decision for Mr. Cool to step down was announced.

He said he will remain the director until a new one can be hired.

The commissioners agreed to advertise for the position. Applications, said County Clerk Marilyn Horn, need to be turned into her office by 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31. Some counties, said Ms.

# County Roundup

At the meeting last Tuesday, the Decatur County commissioners:

- Learned that they need to hire that a new emergency preparedness director since Bert Cool has decided to step down. Story at left.
- Agreed to write a letter in support of the Oberlin-Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce holding a Farmer's Appreciation Day next March. Story below.

Gamblin, share a director, which is an idea the commissioners could consider.

She said she has scheduled a meeting for the revitalized emergency planning committee at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, at The Gateway. She said she will send letters out to people who should be on the committee.

# Commissioners support Farmers Appreciation Day

The Decatur County commissioners agreed Tuesday to write a letter in support of the Oberlin-Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce holding a Farmers Appreciation Day in March.

Kem Bryan, with the Chamber, talked with the commissioners at their meeting last Tuesday about the event. The Chamber, said Mrs. Bryan, is trying to get grants to help pay for the event and they are mailing out letters to organizations asking for support.

The appreciation day will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on a day next March.

Commissioner Ralph Unger and County Clerk Marilyn Horn wrote a letter in support for the event.

Mrs. Horn said she talked with Gaylen Huntley, noxious weed director, and Tim Stallman, road and bridge supervisor, about flooding by the old county shop and recycling trailer. The men drew a map of how

the water flows into the areas when it rains. Basically, she said, the water gets to that area and then it doesn't have a way to drain since the ditch which lets the water flow to the south to the creek has been filled in for farming.

Mrs. Horn said since the city owns that farm ground now, maybe the drainage could be opened back up.

Commissioner Unger suggested that Mr. Stallman talk with City Administrator Gary Shike about it.

With the recent rains, said Mrs. Horn, she got a call from Dorothy Moore to let the county know the roof at the Golden Age Center's roof is leaking. In the past it has leaked because snow or ice has gotten into the cracks and crevices and then melted, she said. This time it was just rain.

Mrs. Horn said she is trying to find some grant money for the roof.

# Council meets Thursday

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

The meeting is open to the public

and will be aired on local cable access channel 7. As of Monday there was nothing on the council's agenda.

# student of the week



**Name:** Jennifer Shaw  
**Parents:** Richard and Anna Shaw  
**Grade:** 12  
**Age:** 17

**We've nominated this student because:** she takes pride in her work. Jennifer uses every minute of her class time wisely and has the desire to learn.

**Student Comment:** I will always remember the good

times I have shared with my friends here at Decatur Community High School. They've been great!

**Activities involved in at school:** cheerleading and Kayettes.

**My choice of movies, books and games:** comedies and dramas.

**After I leave Decatur Community High School I intend to:** Attend a four year university, hopefully Baker School of Nursing, and become a nurse.

**And 10 years from now, I think I'll be:** a registered nurse with a husband and children.

**Favorite Quote:** "A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step."

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