

Oberlin man wins Pigskin contest with eight picks

With eight correct picks, an Oberlin man won this week's final Pigskin Pick-em contest of the season.

Mike Dempewolf picked eight of the nine winners correctly. He will receive \$15 in scrip money.

Two of the games were thrown out because of an error. The ad last week said Iowa State played both Colorado and the University of Kansas. The KU game actually is this week.

Following Mr. Dempewolf, four people tied with seven right for second place. Travis Raile was the closest to the tie breaker points, only 11 off, which secured him second place. He won \$10 in scrip money.

Both Gary Anderson and Valisha Castle picked seven of the winners and tied with 14 points off from the tie breaker score. In a coin toss, Mr. Anderson won third place, \$5 in scrip.

Five people picked six of the winners, two picked five and two picked four.

This was the last week for Pigskin

Pick-em, and next week the person who picked the most correct games for the season will be announced. That person will win a trophy and \$50 in scrip money.

This week's games were:
 • Custom Trophy and Engraving — Air Force over New Mexico, 42-24.

• Home Planning Center — Purdue over Indiana, 41-14.

• Ward Drug Store — Kansas State over Missouri, 36-28.

• Raye's Grocery — Navy over Temple, 36-17.

• Fredrickson Insurance Agency — Texas Tech over Oklahoma, 23-21.

• R&M Service Center — Ohio State over Michigan, 25-21.

• Prairie Petals — Iowa over Minnesota, 52-28.

• Wagner Chevrolet — Colorado State over University of Las Vegas, 31-17.

• The Oberlin Herald — Army over Arkansas State, 38-10.

• Tie breaker — Northwestern over Illinois, 38-21.

Board decides against changing property tax levy

The Oberlin School Board decided last week to keep the capital outlay levy at 4 mills for the next five years.

Every five years, the board approves a resolution to either keep the property tax levy for capital outlay the same or change it.

Superintendent Kelly Glodt said the current resolution is up at the end of the year. He said he would love to recommend an increase for upcoming projects, but didn't think it was the right time, since an increase would mean more taxes for the district.

If the district comes up with a major issue, something that has to be done and the money isn't there, said Mr. Glodt, they will have to do a bond issue.

"For taxpayers," he said, "the right thing to do is keep it at 4 mills."

The capital outlay fund can only be used for buildings and repairs, things like new windows at the school, or heater replacement, but it can't be used to pay for salaries or health insurance.

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Alliance offers discount on dues

The Oberlin Business Alliance will give members 10 percent off if they pay 2006 dues before the end of the year.

Members decided to offer the discount at their meeting Wednesday, Nov. 2 at the LandMark Inn. Dues for the alliance are \$75 for a business and \$25 for an individual. To be a member of the alliance the person must be a member of the chamber. Chamber dues are \$125 for a business and \$50 for an individual.

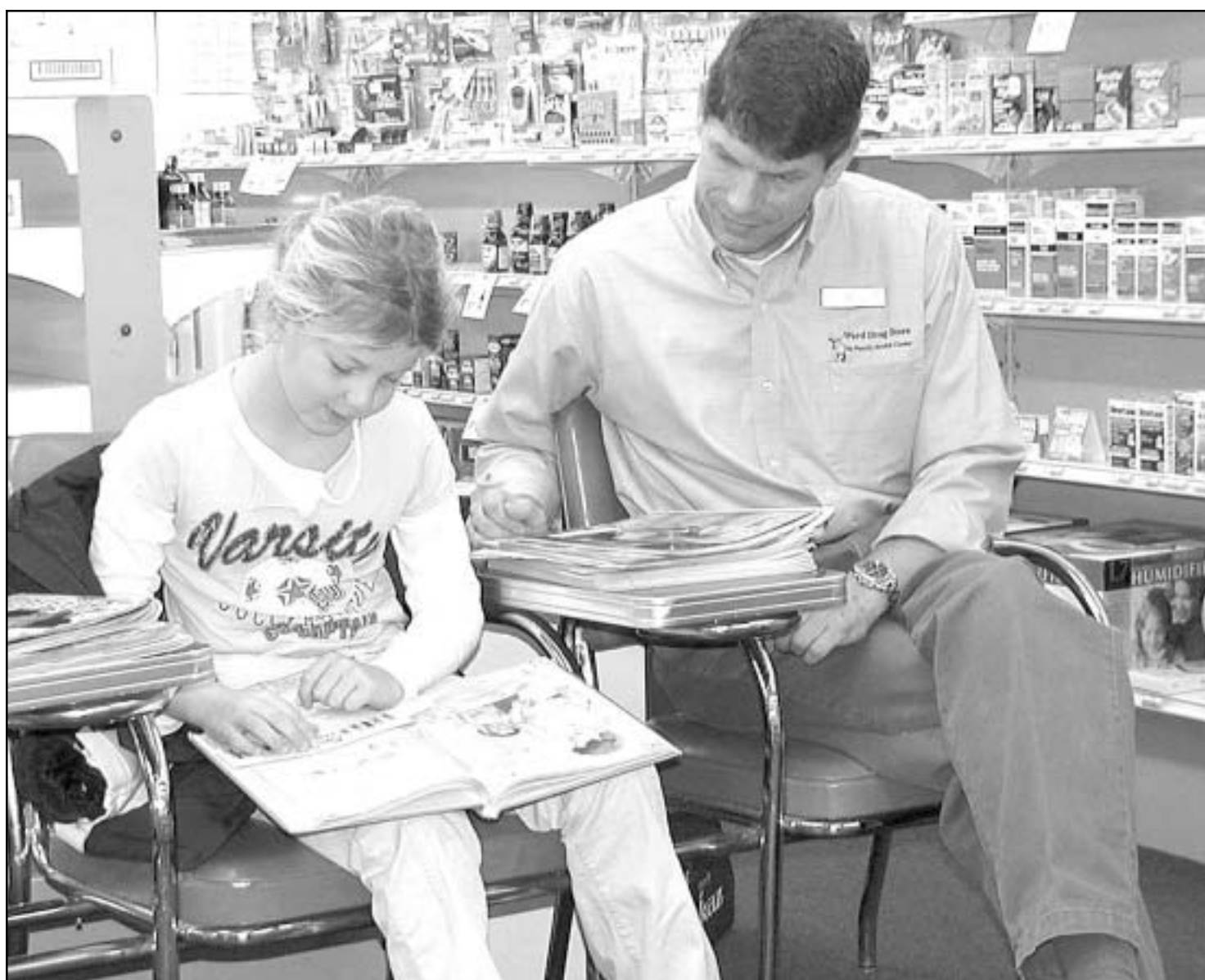
Glenna Nichols, Chamber of Commerce manager, said the Chamber is also giving 10 percent off to members who pay by the end of the year. New garland which the alliance purchased to decorate canopy posts downtown is in, members learned. Kurt Vollertsen, owner of Ward Drug Store, said the garland cost around \$2,000, and the

alliance has \$1,787 available for the purchase. Rusty Addleman, owner of Addleman Drug Store, said he would make up the difference.

Mr. Vollertsen said anyone who wants to make a donation should contact Mr. Addleman.

The group agreed not to advertise with KSNK television station again this year, partly because they didn't feel the station offered much of a discount.

Reading downtown



AT WARD DRUG STORE, Kariah Castle read to Kurt Vollertsen on Friday for Children's Book Week. Third graders read to business people downtown as part of the

week. That afternoon, the students had a party to celebrate reading 1,004 hours for the week. Each received a bag of popcorn and juice from Support Our Schools.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Radiator traps will save school money

The Oberlin School Board approved the purchase of new radiator traps to help cut down on energy costs at the monthly meeting last Monday night.

Superintendent Kelly Glodt said there are 50 to 60 radiator traps in both schools, and each one will cost \$60 to \$80 to replace. That's around \$4,000 to replace all of them. The board approved letting Kenny Black, director of plant facilities, use his discretion with replacing the traps. Mr. Glodt suggested letting him replace 25 and then see what else he needs.

Mr. Glodt said they are installing programmable thermostats at the grade school in another effort to curb heating costs.

The district, he said, benefited from the warmer weather last month. They locked in 50 percent of the schools' natural gas load for winter usage at 35 percent more than last year. Mr. Glodt said if the price goes down enough, they might lock in another 25 percent.

At the beginning of the meeting, the board approved hiring Ron Jansonius as the technology coordi-

School Roundup

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

• Approved the purchase of new radiator traps to help cut down on energy costs for the winter. Story at left.

• Decided to leave the property tax levy for capital outlay at 4 mills for another five years instead of raising it. Story at left.

• Talked about a policy when teams qualify for state competition and when school should be called off. Story on Page 8A.

• Talked about the future of the district and whether the schools could consolidate into one building, but decided that couldn't happen without new construction or fewer classes. Story on Page 1A.

• Received scores for standardized tests students took last year. Story to come.

• Approved the transfer of territory from the Jennings School District. Story on Page 8A.

the high school and less formal. It was almost unanimous to go more formal, he said.

The district pays for the new inductees and their parents, he said, which costs around \$1,000. The board approved the change.

In other business, the board:

• Approved purchasing four speed bumps for \$800 for the high school parking lot.

• Approved purchasing 13 tables for the high school cafeteria for \$10,130 from Decker Equipment out of Michigan.

• Approved the handbook for the school at Sappa Valley Youth Ranch.

• Agreed to pay for teacher Maria Campo to take part in the Spanish Club trip to Mexico. The cost is around \$1,200.

• Approved Kimberly Witt to go from part-time to full-time teacher at the youth ranch.

nator. Mr. Glodt said, so far, he is doing a good job. Mr. Jansonius, he said, has all the technical skills needed for the job, although he may need some training on the Power School program. His wife, Sheila Jansonius, is the counselor/title 1 teacher at the grade school.

The board decided to go back to the way the district used to hold the National Honor Society banquet this year, which is more formal and is held at The Gateway. Mr. Glodt said sponsor Candy Dejmala asked the kids if they wanted to go back to a more formal banquet or keep it at

student of the week



Name: Christa Hardy
Parents: James and Chris Hardy
Grade: 12
Age: 18

We've nominated this student because: Christa is very positive, upbeat and full of life. No problem is too hard for her to tackle. She is a very compassionate and motivated young lady. She willingly helps all and strives to achieve in all things. Christa has been involved in Volleyball, Basketball and Track,

throughout her high school years.

Student Comment: I like school because I get to see all of my friends and help some of the younger students with things they don't understand.

Activities involved in at school: Volleyball, football manager, track, D-Club and weight club.

My choice of movies, books and games: Movies would be action and sports. Books include drama and mysteries and games would be card and board games.

After I leave Decatur Community High School I intend to: Go to college for physical therapy or athletic training.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: Happily married and be very successful.

Favorite Quote: "Live everyday as if it was your last because someday it will be."

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21 Year Reunion



BILL GOSCHA visits with past employer, Ken Pittam, the man who got Bill started in doing the 'Carpet and Floor Covering' trade.

In 1963, Bill Goscha left Oberlin and moved to Salina, Kan., for a short time. Then he moved to Sidney, Neb., where he worked in the construction trade until fall. At that time, he was hired by Ken Pittam, owner of "Sidney Flooring & Supply," where Ken sent Bill to an Armstrong Linoleum School in Denver, Colo.

After working for a short time at "Sidney Flooring and Supply," Ken taught Bill the carpet installation trade. Bill has worked in the Floor Covering trade ever since, combining that with construction and painting for the last 42 years.

Ken Pittam retired in 1984 and moved, along with his family, to Phoenix, Ariz. As time has passed, Ken and Bill haven't had any direct contact with each other, for the last 21 years. Bill and his brother, Mike, from Sidney, Neb., drove to Phoenix and spent the biggest part of a week there, where Bill and Ken and his family had a very, very happy reunion, talking about old times. On Wednesday evening, Nov. 9, Ken and his wife Lorraine, had a big barbecue for Bill and Mike and all of Ken's family.

Bill says he'll always be grateful for the fine start in the floor covering trade that Ken helped him get started in.

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Woman escapes accident

An Oberlin woman escaped serious injury Tuesday morning when she lost control of the truck she was driving near Bird City and it rolled one and a half times, coming to rest on its top.

Ella Betts, 76, who works for *The Oberlin Herald*, was on her way to St. Francis and then on to Goodland to pick up the paper when she lost control of the 1996 Chevrolet truck because of icy roads and high winds. Mrs. Betts had her seat belt on and stayed in the vehicle as it rolled, reported Trooper Terry Reiger of the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Mrs. Betts said she ran into black ice. She said she has a lot of respect for seatbelts; it saved her.

She was taken to the Rawlins County Health Center, but released later that day.

Mrs. Betts was driving west on U.S. 36 about one and a half miles west of the Cheyenne/Rawlins County line when the accident happened.

Trooper Reiger worked the accident, but was unavailable for comment.