



**AT THE DECATUR CO-OP** elevator in Oberlin, General Manager Karol Evans (above) worked a new machine to get a sample of grain from the first truck in town last Wednesday as a boy watched. Mr. Evans (below) then escorted the truck to the elevator, where it was dumped.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

## \* Rain stops harvest

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In the area, farmers had started to cut at Norcat, with the Norcat elevator taking in 2,000 bushels with a moisture content of 10 to 12 percent and test weights from 59 to 61 pounds per bushel.

In Atwood, the elevators took in 12,000 bushels with a moisture content of 9 to 15 percent and test weights from 56 to 60 pounds per bushel.

In Hoxie, elevators reported 9,000 bushels with moisture content from 9 to 11 percent and test weights from 57 to 59 pounds per bushel.



## First truckload of wheat ends contest

The first wheat truck pulled into the Decatur Co-op elevator in Ludell at 12:45 p.m. last Wednesday, putting three people from Decatur County in the money for the Oberlin merchants' Harvest Countdown contest.

With hot, dry weather, John and Patsy Pettera were able to cut wheat and get it into the Ludell elevator last Wednesday. Although there were others cutting in the county that day,

the Petteras were the first to bring a load in. The wheat had a moisture content of 12.7 percent.

Boxes were quickly collected from area businesses after the call came into *The Oberlin Herald* that the first truck had rolled in.

The guesses were sorted, counted and narrowed down to first, second and third place. There were 188 entries in all.

Winners included Jill Reichert of

Dresden, first, with a guess of 1:05 p.m. that day. She will receive \$50 in scrip money. Second went to Lance Basgall of Herndon with a guess of 1:06 p.m. for \$35.

Third-place prizes went to Tim Stallman with a guess of 12:15 p.m. and Di Solko, who guessed 1:26 p.m.

All of the prizes were given in scrip that must be spent by the end of August. It is good at any of the

sponsoring businesses.

Sponsors include the LandMark Inn, Pizza Hut, Decatur Co-op, Gorman Tarps, Hirsch and Pratt, Addleman Drug Store, the Dresser, Home Planning Center, Farm Credit of Western Kansas, Ward Drug Store, Stanley Hardware, Hansen-Mueller Grain, Decatur County Title and Abstract, Raye's Grocery, Fredrickson Insurance Agency, KFNF Radio and *The Herald*.

## \* Relay for Life survives heavy storm

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McEvoy and Kent Ploussard picked out music to be played since the Singers couldn't make it. Ralph Shaw told his story of surviving cancer and the names on the luminaries were read.

By midnight, the relay was over. Normally it goes to 7 a.m. on Satur-

day, but it seems like the relay always brings rain, said Mrs. Dempewolf.

One year, she said, the rain prompted the committee to move things downtown, under the canopies. Although that was discussed this year, the group decided on The Gateway. That was good, she said,

because they would have also been rained out downtown.

Mrs. Dempewolf said the committee appreciated The Gateway staff for letting them use the facility at such short notice and for all of their hard work. The committee included Mrs. Dempewolf, Rhonda May, co-chair, Charles and Betsy Haag, Regina Stanley, Ralph Unger, Lynn Doeden, Linda Hunt, Carla Depperschmidt, Byron and Jean Hale, Sharon Black, Sharee and M.J. Dempewolf, Tiffanie Farr, Melinda Grafel and Leanna Bryan. The total received for the Relay for Life will be printed when final figures are completed.

## Trash-hauling prices will increase here

Oberlin residents will see an increase in trash-hauling prices on their July bills, since the city's contractor has raised his rates.

Bill Cathcart, who owns the trash company, asked for an almost 18 percent increase in both the family and single bills.

He said there hasn't been a rate hike in the last seven years, so basically this one is less than 2.5 percent per year.

The proposed increases were to go from \$11.88 to \$14 for a family and from \$5.94 to \$7 for a single person.

The business price will increase 18 percent, which is basically what it is for everyone else, said Mr. Cathcart.

The Oberlin City council approved the increase Thursday, June 8.

The council declared a 1998 Ford

Crown Victoria that was formerly a patrol car, surplus property at the meeting and then sold it. They received three bids, from Ellen Horn of \$3,200, from Stan McEvoy for \$426 and from Wade Lockhart for \$250.

The council approved the high bid.

The council decided not to go with an option for a tougher fence around the waste water treatment

plant. The council decided that they didn't need a 70-year fence, since the lighter gauge is a 40-year fence and \$2,000 less.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a \$500 request from the Northwest Kansas Family Shelter for next year's budget. The request was the same as this year.
- Appointed Gene Gallentine and Phil Fraker to three-year terms on the airport advisory committee.

## Council to discuss water analysis report

The Oberlin City Council will discuss a water analysis report on its municipal water from a McCook engineering firm, Miller and Associates, when it meets Thursday evening.

City Administrator Gary Shike

said the city had to do an analysis on city water to get a permit for the new well from the state.

The state knows that the city has had some issues with arsenic and radium, he said, so they want to see a plan from Oberlin.

Thaniel Monaco, engineer with Miller and Associates, will be at the meeting to present the report. The report not only shows what's in the water, Mr. Shike said, but different treatment options.

Mr. Shike said a member from the

pool committee will be at the meeting to talk with the council.

The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at The Gateway. It will not be aired on the local access cable channel since it is the second meeting of the month.

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