

# School Board chooses leaders to start new year

By KIMBERLY DAVIS

The Oberlin School Board held a quick 45-minute meeting last Monday night to approve all of the yearly items, including election of board leaders for the next year.

Board Members Dewayne Jackson and Jeannie Martin agreed to keep their positions as president and vice president.

The board agreed instead of having a new-employees dinner to recognize the new teachers at the annual Chamber of Commerce back-to-school picnic in City Park.

Superintendent Kelly Glodt said the district still doesn't know for sure about the budget. Hopefully by the end of the week, he said, the state Supreme Court will have made a decision.

He said it should take the state Department of Education a minimum of two days to get information to the districts.

Before he will be able to do the budget, said Mr. Glodt, he will have to attend a workshop about the changes in both the budget and state financial software.

In other business, the board approved:

- Vickie Lippelmann as clerk of the board, Carla Depperschmidt as deputy clerk and the Kansas Association of School Boards legal assistance program as the board attorneys.

- The form of the agenda for regular meetings, including a consent agenda and annotated, which is what the board uses now.

- First National Bank to be the district's depository, including the activity accounts.

- The superintendent and clerk can invest idle funds according to board policy.

- Mrs. Lippelmann as the district representative for the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System.

- Superintendent Glodt as representative for the food service program, freedom of information officer, hearing officer for free and reduced-meal prices, and coordinator for the title programs along with counselors Sheila Jansonius and Nita Lavielle.

- Principal Duane Dorshorst as representative for federal education programs.

- *The Oberlin Herald* as the official newspaper.

- A 1,116 hour calendar, which is the same as last year.

- Mr. Dorshorst and Principal Charles Haag as truancy officers.

- A mileage rate at 32 cents per mile.

- Nine out-of-district transportations, which means the district can come in and pick up the kids. Those kids are Denise Bailey, Deanna Sumner, Rebecca Hartsough, Kenneth McVay to Norton and Delores Juenemann, Sheila Ritter, Tammy Shaw, Brent Phillips and Stephanie Ritter to Golden Plains.

- Secretaries destroying records at the high school for the 2000-2001 school year and financial records from 1995-2000 at the grade school.

- The regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month.

- Board member Monte Moore as the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center representative and board member Kurt Vollertsen as alternate.

- The board president and vice president to the bid committee.

- Board member Barb Olson and Mr. Moore to the policy review committee.

- Mrs. Olson as the governmental relations contact.

- Rescinded all actions by the board and approved policies for the new year.

- Mr. Haag to be in charge of gate receipts and activity funds.



## Take a melon break

ROLAND MAY enjoyed a piece of watermelon at the annual summer baseball play-off watermelon feed last Wednesday at the Oberlin ball field. Kelden Breth (right) took a bite of melon in between games.

—Herald staff photos by Jim Merriott



# County discusses security buttons

The Decatur County commissioners talked with a salesman about putting in security call buttons at the courthouse at their meeting last Tuesday, but didn't make any decisions.

Chris Romanelli, with Secure Tech Systems out of Texas, called the commissioners to see if they had made a decision about the buttons. He had already sent in a bid for around \$5,000 for four buttons.

The buttons would be wired into the radio system so that the sheriff's officers could hear the call whether they were in the building or not. Basically, the call would say the judge needs help in the courtroom or something like that.

County Attorney Steve Hirsch asked if the system would need a separate computer. Mr. Romanelli said the bid includes the stand-alone system.

Does it interface with the radio system, said Mr. Hirsch. There is a radio unit included, said Mr. Romanelli. The company provides an external antenna and that interfaces with the radios.

The security buttons can be tailor

made to the county's need, he said. Basically it is a five watt radio, said Mr. Hirsch, that the company can hook up at any courthouse.

Commissioner Patricia Glenn said they would study it more and get back to the salesman.

After receiving Mr. Romanelli's bid, the commissioners received a bid from Centurion out of Texas for around \$5,000.

After hanging up the phone with Mr. Romanelli, Mrs. Glenn asked if the commissioners should contact Judge Bill Elliott, who supposedly is asking for this system.

What does the county have now? asked Commissioner Ralph Unger. The treasurer's office and the court clerk have buttons, said Sheriff Ken Badsy. Magistrate Judge John Bremer has one he carries with him.

Mr. Hirsch said his office used to have one, but a truck hit the wire, knocking it down, and the system hasn't worked since then.

On court days, said Mrs. Glenn, is there an officer handy? Normally there is an officer upstairs on those days, said Sheriff Badsy. The commissioners didn't make a decision.

# Women's defense class Tuesday

The Decatur County Farm Bureau will sponsor a women's self-defense class at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the meeting room upstairs in The Gateway.

This will be the second year the bureau has held the class, taught by Kansas High Patrol training officers

out of Salina. The troopers will teach basic self-defense, personal safety, scenario training and hands-on examples. The class is free; rides will be pro-

vided for women in town who don't like to drive at night.

Anyone interested in attending should call Dianne Bremer at the Farm Bureau at 475-2238.

# Man faces charges for battery

A 25-year-old Oberlin man ended up in the Decatur County Jail last week, facing charges of aggravated battery, after calling police to complain about an intruder at his apartment.

Police said the man hit a worker with a child's baseball bat.

Around 8:30 a.m. last Wednesday, said Police Chief Wade Lockhart, he responded to a call of

an intruder at the Parkview Apartments. He said he was told that a man had entered the apartment and the renter felt threatened by a weapon, so the renter took a small bat to the alleged intruder.

Chief Lockhart said after interviewing some witnesses, he found that the renter, Random D. Hines 25, actually came out of his apartment with a child's baseball bat and at-

tacked Dale Brookreson, 30, Mill Springs, Mo., who is working on the apartments.

Mr. Hines was arrested for aggravated battery and taken to the Decatur County Jail.

His first appearance was on Friday, and bond was set at \$7,500. Mr. Hines bonded out later that day. His preliminary hearing is set for Monday.

### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of CITY OF JENNINGS will meet on the 3rd day of August, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at Jennings City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information is available at Jennings City Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

### BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2007 Expenditures and Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2007 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	2005		2006		Proposed Budget 2007		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	31,209	17.949	28,000	20.445	39,200	9,531	25.607
Library	2,488	4.803	2,498	4.909	2,500	1,737	4.667
Employee Benefits	2,809	2.490	3,005	3.124	5,500	1,840	4.943
Bond & Interest	6,291	16.227	6,325	13.505	16,331	2,604	6.996
Special Highway	6,000		2,000		22,628		
Water	12,759		13,000		37,240		
Sewer	2,060		3,500		13,080		
Com. Bldg Renovation			500		2,015		
Municipal Equip Reserve					780		
Capital Improvements	3,000				2,031		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>66,616</b>	<b>41.469</b>	<b>58,828</b>	<b>41.983</b>	<b>141,305</b>	<b>15,712</b>	<b>42.213</b>
Less: Transfers							
Net Expenditure	66,616		58,828		141,305		
Total Tax Levied	15,006		15,198				
Assessed Valuation	361,857		362,003		372,206		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2004		2005		2006		
G.O. Bonds	34,500		30,400		26,000		
Revenue Bonds					0		
Other					0		
Lease Purchase Principal					0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,500</b>		<b>30,400</b>		<b>26,000</b>		

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills  
M. Sue Long, City Clerk

# Sheriff's deputy leaving

Sheriff's Deputy Michael French has handed in his resignation and plans to move to Trego County for a new job.

Deputy French has worked with the sheriff's office for almost three years, said Sheriff Ken Badsy.

Sheriff Ken Badsy told Decatur County commissioners at their meeting last Tuesday about the resignation, saying that Deputy French's last day will be Monday, July 31.

With Undersheriff Randy McHugh overseas serving in the National Guard, Sheriff Badsy had just hired two part-time deputies. He said he has asked Deputy Jay Tate to take the full-time position instead of the part-time one, and he has accepted.

Deputy Tate is already working part-time, but will start full-time on Tuesday, Aug. 1. Although Deputy Tate has worked in law enforcement, said Sheriff Badsy, it has only been part-time in the past so he does need some more training.

Sheriff Badsy said he has been trying to replace the sheriff's vehicles every few years. The 1994 Chevy Caprice has 155,000 miles on it, he said, and he would like to replace it.

He said he is looking at a Dodge Charger with a Hemi engine for around \$22,500. There wasn't any action taken.

The Chevy Caprice, he said, could then be sold online.

Deputy Patti Skubal is planning to go to school in August, said Sheriff Badsy, to learn how to do purchasing through the Kansas Highway Patrol.

# Cookoff planned for party

The Oberlin Business Alliance will hold its first Smokin' on the Bricks barbecue contest in downtown Oberlin during the annual Beach Party on Friday, July 28.

Anyone who wants to register can call the Chamber of Commerce office at 475-3441, R&M Service Center at 475-2177 or Gary Walter at 475-3495.

All of the entries will be judged and prizes will be awarded in each class, with a plaque and \$100 in scrip money for the overall champion.

Chicken will be judged at 7:30 p.m., pork at 7:40 p.m., beef brisket at 7:50 p.m., ribs at 8 p.m. and "open class," which means everything else, at 8:10 p.m.

Rules say that all of the cooking has to be done between Goltz Home Planning and Fidele Electric on Main Street that day, using wood, pellets, charcoal or gas grills. Fires must be in a grill; no open pits or holes are allowed. Each contestant has to supply their own meat, but there is no entry fee.

For a full list of rules, stop by the Chamber office at the corner of Penn and Commercial.

## DECATUR COUNTY ELECTION

### NEWS for the PRIMARY ELECTION - AUGUST 1, 2006

New for 2006 Primary Election Voting — Ballots are to be marked with Blue Ink. Pens with blue ink will be available to mark the voting ballot. Black pencils will not be an option. Advanced ballots are in and have been mailed to those who have applied. You may vote in the Office of the County Clerk until 5 pm on July 31st, 2006. You are encouraged to request an absentee ballot by phone or mail or in person. All requests must be in the Election Office by Wednesday the 26th of July and each requester should take into consideration, the ballot is to be in the Election Office by 7 pm on Election Day. New Voter Registration Cards are being mailed to all County registrants as a Confirmation Mailing mandated by Election Laws. It is not necessary to show them when you go to Vote.

**VOTING MACHINE for ADVANCE VOTING in COUNTY CLERK OFFICE**  
**Public Testing for Voting Day AutoMARK to be on Thursday the 27th @ 5 pm.**  
 According to KSA 25-1324