

## Voters will decide school district lines

By KIMBERLY DAVIS

The Oberlin School Board will let voters decide at the general election in November whether board members will be elected at-large or continue to be chosen from six districts with one at-large seat.

The board discussed changing its make-up to all at-large members at its meeting on Monday, Sept. 11.

If the make-up stays as it is now, said Superintendent Kelly Glodt, the board will have to rezone the districts because each one

### School Countdown

At its meeting on Monday, Sept. 11, the Oberlin School Board:

- Heard that since the district has fewer students this year and a lower full-time equivalency count, it might get less state aid next year. Story to come.

- Decided to let voters decide at the November general election if the members should continue to be elected from districts or go to all at-large positions. Story at left.

is supposed to be within 5 percent of the others in the number of eligible voters. Superintendent Kelly Glodt said the districts, drawn in the early 90's, aren't close enough

today.

The board talked quite a bit about going to all at-large members, he said, which means members could live anywhere in the district and everyone could vote for all the members. At present, people get to vote only for two members, the at-large seat and one district director, depending on where they live.

The board then decided, said Mr. Glodt, that they should ask the voters what to do.

The issue came up because of a state law

which requires the population of the districts to be within 5 percent of each other.

A lot of school districts across the state have had all at-large members for years, said Mr. Glodt. Others will have the same question on the November ballot, including Golden Plains and Colby.

If the district goes to all at-large members, he said, then during the spring election next year when there are four members up, the primary will narrow the field to no more (See SCHOOL on Page 8A)



### Shoot held at park

AT A BLACK POWDER SHOOT at Sappa Park on Saturday, Janet Anthony (above) loaded her gun before taking a shot at a target during the chilly day. That evening, Tom Ewing (right) helped serve dinner out of several black pots. The Beaver Creek Muzzleloaders hold the shoot every fall, with people traveling from across Kansas and Nebraska to take part in the weekend activities.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis



## Old ways will be shown at the fairgrounds

By KIMBERLY DAVIS

Threshing wheat, shelling corn and cutting logs with an old sawmill operated by a tractor are some of the activities planned for the 26th annual Mini Sappa Antique Thresher and Engine Show Saturday, Oct. 7 and Sunday, Oct. 8.

The events start at 9 a.m. at the Decatur County Fairgrounds, with a parade of all sorts of vehicles at 4 p.m. Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Admission to the event will be \$3 for adults and 50 cents for kids each day. Camping hookups cost \$3 per day or \$5 for both days.

Running the antique equipment is a tradition carried forth so people will know the old ways, said Penny Fringer, president of the Antique Engine and Thresher Club, which organizes the event. It is also a way for people to show off their collections, she said.

Before farmers had combines, for instance, they cut wheat and hauled it to the thresher. The "combine" included reaping and threshing in one efficient machine, leaving the farmer with clean wheat.

Mrs. Fringer said the group will thresh wheat each day as long as people want to come watch. She also said that if anyone has wood they want cut into boards, they can bring it in.

Her cousin, Troy Marshall, of Norcat, is a woodcrafter, she said, and they usually cut some wood for him. The wood has to cure for a year, she added. Mr. Marshall learned woodworking when he was in the service in Germany, said Mrs. Fringer.

A quilt show allows women to show off their prize covers. Last year, Mrs. Fringer said, they had 97 (See SHOW on Page 8A)

## High speed chase ends in accident

An Oberlin man wanted in Colorado led police on a chase which reached speeds of 130 mph Saturday between Oberlin and Dresden, where a pile-up wrecked two police cruisers and the man's pickup.

No one was hurt, but the driver wound up in jail on a parole violation warrant out of Colorado.

Oberlin Police Chief Wade Lockhart said Officer Troy Haas stopped a Ford pickup on U.S. 83 inside the city limits around 10:18 p.m. Saturday because the vehicle had an altered temporary tag.

"After the initial contact, the driver was asked to exit the vehicle," the chief said in a statement.

Instead of getting out of the truck, however, the driver, Kevin Thomas Lantzy, 29, of Oberlin, took off southbound on U.S. 83.

The chief said Mr. Lantzy allegedly drove through a red traffic signal in a construction zone of the highway as he left Oberlin. He continued southbound at speeds exceeding 130 mph.

Chief Lockhart said Officer Haas called Deputy Barry Richards for help. At different times in the pursuit, the officers took turns being in the lead position.

"The vehicle proceeded through

the intersection at U.S. 83 and U.S. 383 and the intersection of K-23 and a county road without stopping," the statement said, noting that the driver ran two stop signs.

Mr. Lantzy turned onto K-23 eastbound and onto K-123 east and north to Dresden, where he tried to make a u-turn. Deputy Richards' car hit the truck on the drivers side, pushing it into Officer Haas' police car.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that Mr. Lantzy was fleeing from the Oberlin Police Department and Decatur County Sheriff's office when he lost control of the truck and it spun around trying to make a u-turn. The officers then ran into the truck, the patrol said.

Mr. Lantzy wasn't wearing a seatbelt, while both of the officers were. Mr. Lantzy was taken to the Decatur County Hospital to be checked out, then booked into the Decatur County Jail.

Monday morning, he made a first appearance in front of District Magistrate Judge John Bremer. He was being held on one count of being a fugitive from justice over a warrant issued by the Colorado Department of Corrections for parole violation. No bond was set.

## Homecoming set for this weekend

By HEATHER WILLIAMS

Oberlin students are gearing up for the big football game this Friday against Rawlins County High. It's Homecoming.

A parade of the football team, cheerleaders and student body will start from the high school at 6:30 p.m., a go west on Commercial Street to Pann Avenue, where there will be a pep rally. A bonfire will follow, after which students will work on their floats until 10 p.m.

Queen candidates are Whitney Ashley, Lauren Fortin, Sarah Murray, Emmie Pauls and Heather Williams.

The king candidates are Jobey Black, Kyle Glodt, Nolan May, Kurt

Olson, Garrit Peters and Breck Simonsson.

The queen and king will be announced at the Homecoming assembly at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the Decatur Community High School auditorium.

In previous years, the king was not announced until the dance, which followed the football game. The reason for the change is that the Homecoming dance this year will not be until Saturday night due to the Oberlin Invitational Volleyball tournament on Saturday.

Following Friday's Homecoming assembly will be the parade down Main Street at 2:30 p.m., featuring the 2006 king and queen.

## Museum plans anniversary day

The Last Indian Raid Museum is getting ready for its annual Mini Sappa celebration, marking the anniversary of the Last Indian Raid in Kansas, which starts at 7 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7 with a pancake feed. Museum Director Sharleen Wurm said the event started 48 years ago as an open house and celebration for the victims who survived the 1879 raid.

Admission to the museum is free for the day and the board plans fun activities for the whole family.

This year, the museum plans a craft fair in the courtyard. Twelve vendors signed up so far will be selling items including Pampered Chef, sweatshirts, baby blankets, sewing and crocheted items, jellies, leather, kids' books, jewelry-making supplies, metal lawn ornaments and blacksmith items. The Decatur County Health Department will be doing blood-pressure checks. Mrs. Wurm said they have calls in to other vendors.

The museum board will be serv-

ing both breakfast and lunch for a donation. Breakfast will be held from 7 to 9 a.m. in the Bohemian Hall. Mrs. Wurm said they will have pancakes and ham. Lunch will be brats, porkburgers, chips and a drink from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Other activities on the schedule include:

- A performance by the DCHS Singers in the hall from 8 to 9 a.m.
- A bake sale in the Land Office from 8 to 9:30 a.m.
- The craft fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Kids' pumpkin painting from 10:30 a.m. to noon.
- A laser shot computer hunting simulator owned by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- A musical recital by students of Cheryl Metcalf, Mary Henzel and Susan Nelson in the Bohemian Hall at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Wurm said this is a good day for people to come and enjoy the museum.