

Familiar names come up during Pigskin contest

Some familiar names came up this week among the winners of *The Oberlin Herald's* Pigskin Pick-em contest.

First-place winner Lucas Bailey, Norcat, is a newcomer, though. He will get \$15 in scrip money for guessing 10 out of 11 correct.

Second place went to Connie Grafel, Oberlin, who won third place last month.

Third-place finisher Gary Anderson, Oberlin, took first the first week of the game.

Both Ms. Grafel and Mr. Anderson guessed 10 out of 11 correct but both were further from the score of the tie breaker than the first-place winner. Ms. Grafel gets \$10 and Mr. Anderson \$5.

Other good guessers, who got 10 of 11 right but still further off the tie breaker than the winners, were Owen Wilson and Helen Gee, Oberlin; Shayla Bailey, Norcat; and Billy McCoy, Danbury.

Guessing nine correct were Kade Brown, Mabel Zimmerman and Kimberly Solko, Oberlin; Mark Bailey and Gail Bailey, Norcat; and Jeanne Tuma, Colby.

Coming up with eight right were Amanda Grafel, Jim Hollowell, Kenny Gee and Colleen Gee, Oberlin; Vernon Ketterl, Herndon; Brock Baxter, Smith Center; Cody Jacobs, Dresden; Rodney Solko, McCook; and Denise Bailey, Norcat.

Choosing seven right were Diana

Solko, Nikki and Don Relaford, Jacob Gee, Ivis Hanson, Todd Ketterl, Valisha Raile and Travis Raile, all of Oberlin.

First-place winners each week will get \$15; second place, \$10; and third \$5 in scrip spendable only at contest sponsors — Fidele Electric and Woodcrafting, Golt Home Planning, Ward Drug Store, Raye's Grocery, Fredrickson Insurance Agency, Farm Credit of Western Kansas, the LandMark Inn, R&M Service Center, Prairie Petals, Wagner Chevrolet and *The Herald*.

Winners must pick up their prizes at the newspaper office during the contest period and spend the money before Dec. 31.

This week's contest is on Page 4B.

Winners of last week's games were:

- Atwood over Hoxie, 34-14.
- Oberlin over Colby, 20-6.
- Texas A&M over KU, 21-18.
- Norton over Stockton, 41-0.
- Nebraska over Iowa State, 28-14.
- Oakley over Goodland, 35-12.
- St. Francis over Quinter, 49-13.
- K-State over Oklahoma State, 31-27.
- Wallace County over Golden Plains, 54-6.
- McCook over Lexington, 48-14.
- SW Baptist over Fort Hays, 39-21.

In the tie breaker, Baylor beat the Colorado Buffaloes, 34-31.

Finding the big one



AT THE PUMPKIN PATCH, Dani Rouse leaned on a large squash. Dani was one of the kindergartners who went to the patch at Common Scents, just outside of McCook, last Tuesday. The students got to learn how pumpkins grow, walk around the patch, jump in the hay and play in a maze.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Weed crew busy spraying roadsides

The Decatur County noxious weed crew is busy spraying roadsides, at least until it freezes.

Director Gaylen Huntley said at the commissioner meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 28 musk thistle season is here, and he has a cost-share program for landowners. The county will buy the chemical for \$70 a gallon and then charge just over \$60, he said. He said he hopes to do a lot of spraying by plane to help save wear on the trucks.

Mr. Huntley said he plans to go to school in Hays this week so he can get four hours of roadside spraying training he needs.

The commissioners authorized him to order 100 gallons of Tordon, which will cost around \$7,000.

Sheriff Ken Badsky gave the commissioners a new contract for Red Willow County, Neb., using this jail. County Attorney Steve Hirsch said everything in the contract seemed to be the same as last

year. The commissioners approved it.

The county road and bridge crew has mowed all of the roads and started to work on the township roads, said Supervisor Tim Stallman. He said they also will be getting the ruts out of the roads and pulling the gravel in.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard that the 1994 Caprice sheriff's car was totaled in an accident on Saturday, Sept. 23, while Deputy Barry Richards was driving it. Sheriff Badsky gave the accident report and billing to the commissioners so it can be faxed to the county's insurance carrier.
- Approved a \$1,881,090 million budget for 2007 after a hearing. No one appeared to talk about the budget.
- Held a 10-minute closed session to discuss personnel. No action was taken.

Colby plans party for New Year's Eve

For the second year, plans are underway for the Rappin' and Rockin' New Year's Eve party Sunday, Dec. 31, in Colby.

"We had such a good time last year and we felt like God was telling us to do it again," said Judy Epp of J&R Marketing.

Last year, about 700 middle school, high school and college-aged students attended the all-night party.

This year's event will be much like last year, Mrs. Epp said. A volunteer committee is organizing things.

Kicking off the end of 2006 will be a concert by the Christian band Three Chords Wonder from Denver and Christian rap artist John Reuben at the Colby Community Building at 9 p.m.

After the music and pizza, kids will be bused across town for activities at Colby Community College, Heartland Christian School and Colby school buildings including basketball, dodge ball,

bowling and a movie.

Participants can stay in the Colby Community Building for video games and breakout sessions where they can talk about issues that relate to them.

"This is such an important night for kids," Mrs. Epp said. "We want to have our area kids have a good time on a fun night of the year — free from drugs and alcohol."

Epp said about 40 students from Baptist Bible College of Springfield, Mo., will help run the events as they did last year.

Only 1,000 tickets will be available, from the His Shop and the Farmers and Merchants Bank's Dillons branch in Colby and churches in northwest Kansas, eastern Colorado and southwest Nebraska.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. Dec. 31, and the event will wrap up at 7 a.m. Monday, Jan. 1.

For information, call J&R at (785) 443-1994.

County asks sheriff to get bids

The Decatur County commissioners asked the sheriff to get bids for a new vehicle to replace a 1994 Caprice patrol car wrecked during a high speed chase from Oberlin to Dresden on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Sheriff Ken Badsky said the county's insurance company will pay \$3,944 less the \$500 deductible for the car. He asked if he could get a bid on a used car from the Kansas Highway Patrol, instead of going through the bidding process.

The commissioners agreed, though, that the sheriff should go

through the normal county bidding process.

Sheriff Badsky said he wants to get the bids by the end of the month or beginning of November.

The sheriff talked with the commissioners about medical bills for one of the prisoners. He said he has been talking with a company in Tennessee to help with pricing information for the medical bills. The Tennessee company has sent a program on disk, but he hasn't been able to use it yet. He said he questions whether the bills should have a little

more of a discount.

Commissioner Doyle Brown and Sheriff Badsky said they would talk with Hospital Administrator Lynn Doeden to see if some kind of an agreement can be reached.

Ambulance Director Linda Manning said she ordered new tires from Oberlin Tire that the commissioners approved at a recent meeting.

The commissioners approved a resolution that would allow a tax sale for any property that has been delinquent for three years. There are 17 properties on the list.

Group wants wreath sponsors

The Oberlin Business Alliance is looking for businesses, families, groups and individuals who want to adopt a Christmas wreath for \$40, which will help repair the decorations.

The wreaths decorate poles along U.S. 83 through town each holiday season. Many are as much as 10 years old and need some work, including new red bows. The old bows are fading to pink, with many damaged or torn.

Last year during the blizzard after Thanksgiving, the wreaths and bows were damaged. Each bow will cost \$20 to replace, said Glenva Nichols, Chamber of Commerce manager, and each wreath has two bows.

Anyone who wants to adopt a wreath for \$40 should call her at the Chamber office, 475-3441. The money will be used to buy two ribbons for each wreath that was damaged.

At a meeting last Wednesday at the LandMark Inn, members voted on a theme for the light parade to be held on Friday, Nov. 24 and the Christmas season from a list submitted by classes at Oberlin Elementary

School.

The group decided on the theme "Moving and Grooving to the Christmas Beat on Hot Little Christmas Feet," created by the fifth grade class taught by Jeri Buchholz.

The alliance will provide a lunch of pork burgers and more next week as the students' reward.

The alliance briefly discussed the annual Spook Parade, which will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 31. The children will start at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center at 4 p.m. and then work their way down Main Street before doubling back to trick or treat from individuals and merchants along Main.

Grant hearing planned

The Decatur County commissioners discussed looking for a grant to replace the Golden Age Center at their meeting last Tuesday.

County Clerk Marilyn Horn said notice for a hearing on the grant will be published in *The Oberlin Herald*. The new building would be just south of the present structure, if they can acquire that land.

Mrs. Horn said seniors at the center, headed by Director Dorothy Moore, have been working with Amy Griffey, with the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission, on a \$400,000 grant. The paperwork has been finished. The roof and north wall of the present center are beyond repair, said Mrs. Horn, so the grant is for a new building.

Commissioner Ralph Unger asked if the grant would include demolition of the old building, but Mrs. Horn said it won't. The current center shares a wall with Sunflower Cinema, she said.

Part of the grant would help buy the lot south of the present center from Southwest Implement.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman said he has also been working with Mrs. Griffey about a grant to replace several bridges.

Commissioner Patricia Glenn asked about the parking lot at the Good Samaritan Center. Mr. Stallman said he has to do some dirt work, get the rock in and get it dumped.

He said he has hired two people for the department, Don Relaford and Dan Spencer.

Telethon wants applicants

Organizations, clubs and committees in Decatur County have until Friday, Nov. 10, to send a letter to the Seeds of Hope Telethon Committee requesting money from the upcoming 2007 event.

Around 30 letters were sent to organizations that have been past recipients. Any group that doesn't receive a letter can request money by sending a letter to the committee at Box 305, Oberlin, Kan. 67749, giving a brief outline of the needs of the organization and what the group plans to do with the money.

Each group receiving money will need to provide someone to be interviewed the day of the telethon and one volunteer to answer phones for an hour. The groups will also need to provide a pie or other snack food for the concession stand Saturday, Feb. 3, at The Gateway.

The committee, said Kimberly Davis, who helps organize talent, has decided to raise the goal this year from \$10,000 to \$12,000, and they will need everyone's help. Mrs. Davis said she and Kristi Smith are starting to look for talent, so anyone who wants to perform should call them at 475-3510 or Mrs. Davis at work at 475-2206.



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and the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce welcome Corner Cafe to the business community

The Chamber Board welcomed Elton and Sonya Gillespie, who recently opened the Corner Cafe at the intersection of U.S. Highways 36 and 83 in the north side of the Ampride building. They also distribute E & M Meats from the same location.

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