

Fair board wants greater say in advertising

The Decatur County Fair Board discussed advertising for next year's fair in August with the manager of the Oberlin radio station last Wednesday.

When there is grandstand entertainment, said board member Ken Badsky, they really want it promoted.

Maybe the radio station and board can work a little closer so the board has more input in the advertising, said Sonya Gillespie, president.

Most fairs, said Bryan Loker, have a spokesperson and then he goes through them to make decisions about the advertising.

It is difficult to call every member of the board, but he said he will be willing to do that if he needs to. Or, said Mr. Loker, he could call the president and then one other person on the board.

He said they could get the ads done in advance and then have a meeting and play them for the board, but if someone wants something changed, then they would have to have another meeting to hear the ads again.

Mr. Loker said the ads start in the middle of July for the fair in August.

Mrs. Gillespie said the board puts all its

eggs in one basket on the advertising, so they would like to work closer with him.

Mr. Loker said the radio station spends a lot of time and effort on the fair, especially with the McClain's Kid's Ranch Rodeo, which basically came off the advertising price.

Mrs. Gillespie said the board wants to hear the ads and just have a bigger part in it. Mr. Badsky said he thinks the personal ads work well.

Tell KFNF what it is that the fair board wants, said Mr. Loker, and they will do it. He said he thought the ranch rodeo went

well, with about 22 kids there. Mr. Loker said he thinks the radio station will do it again although they want to move the starting time back some so parents can be off work in time.

Mr. Badsky said the board wants to move all grandstand events back to 8 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. to help with attendance.

In other business, the board:

- Discussed a request from a couple of people to hold a flea market at the fairgrounds. Mrs. Gillespie said the board would need to know a time and what would be used. Commissioner Patricia Glenn

asked if the board would charge a fee for something like that. The board didn't think so unless they used one of the buildings. Mr. Badsky said a flea market could use the new livestock building, too, once it is put in.

- Discussed that they still need three new members. Mr. Badsky said he gave an application to someone to fill out, but the county clerk's office hasn't received it yet.
- Agreed that the next meeting will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the extension office.

Porkburger hut will be replaced

The Decatur County Fair Board asked for bids for a new building for the porkburger stand at the fairgrounds during a meeting last Wednesday.

Kevin Brown, owner of Sappa Valley Construction, said he had done some preliminary sketches but didn't have any prices for the building.

The board talked to Paul Tally, with the Oberlin Jaycees, about the building at the September meeting. They asked Mr. Brown to talk with the Jaycees about what they want.

Mr. Tally said he and some of the members walked around the current building recently. He said they like the setup but would like the new building to be wider and bigger. Mr. Tally said they would like a solid building that can be locked up with an awning on the front porch. In the front, they would like a roll-up door that they can open up to sell from. They would also like a door to enter on the west side and a windshield on

the side where the garage is.

Fair board member Greg Long said it would be nice to have better ventilation to suck the smoke out from the grill.

The old building is 10 feet by 13 feet, said Mr. Tally. Everything fits, but it is crowded. Some of the lights can be salvaged, he added, but some don't work.

What is the cost on something like this? asked board President Sonya Gillespie.

Mr. Brown said he won't know the cost until he has a final plan. He said he hates to speculate, since the price could be different when they get a final plan.

He said they could use the existing concrete under the building and fill in around the edges. They also can use some of the lights and items that work in the building now to cut down on the price.

The next step, said Mr. Brown, is to get an estimate, which he said he would work on.

Oberlin students meet state test goals

The Oberlin School Board and grade school principal discussed the annual progress and state assessment reports from last year at a meeting last Monday.

Superintendent Kelly Glodt said the students in every grade met the requirements set for the state assessments. With the tests, he said, the district has more information than they have ever had about an individual student.

Mr. Glodt said the results were sent back differently this year so when the district got the scores, they show how the class did as before and how every individual student did.

Those individual scores went to the teachers so they know where each student might need some extra help and in what areas a student excels, said Mr. Glodt.

Last year for the first time, all students from grades 3 to 8 took the tests.

Mr. Glodt said Jerry Lohofener, with the Shriners, came in and talked to the board about two opportunities

for students. He said the Shriners would like to take the football players and coaches next year to the Shrine Bowl, a high school all-star game. The organization will pay all of the expenses, he said, but they will need to use a district bus.

Also, the group wants to pick one class at the grade school and take them to the Shrine Circus. Mr. Glodt said it would be the same deal, the organization will pay all of the expense but would need to use a bus.

In other business, the board:

- Decided that member Dewayne Jackson will be the voting delegate for the Kansas Association of School Boards state convention in December.
- Heard the final numbers for enrollment in the district, with 219 students at the high school and 208 at the grade school. That means the full-time equivalency number is 409.5, 19.5 fewer than last year.
- Held a 20-minute closed session for negotiations. There was no action taken.

City to OK payment for treatment plant

The Oberlin City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday to discuss progress and approve a pay request for the waste water treatment plant being built south of town.

City Administrator Gary Shike said the \$136,286 request is the fourth from Midlands Construction, the general contractor.

Mr. Shike said the council also has a contract from Miller and As-

sociates, the engineering firm from McCook which the city uses, for a new water treatment plant.

Rick Pauls, from Pheasants Forever, will be at the meeting to talk about Sappa Park.

The meeting will not be aired on the local access cable channel 7, because it is the second meeting of the month.

Gas money goes to school

The Oberlin Elementary School received \$293 from the "Fuel Your School" campaign sponsored by Ampride and Cenex.

For any gas pumped in September, the station at the corner of U.S. 36 and U.S. 83, put aside money for the school. Principal Duane Dorshorst said he isn't sure how the money would be spent, but it has been used in the activity fund, which is used to buy things that students

need throughout the year.

Tammy Wasson, who works at the co-op, said they donated \$1 for every gift card purchased with a value of \$25 or more and half a cent for every gallon of gasoline sold.

Cenex came up with the promotion, she said, and Ampride signed up to help the school and to do something for the community. This is the first time the co-op has done a promotion like this, she said.



Grade school turns hillbilly for musical

Matthew Helm (above) stars as Pa in the musical "Hankering' Hillbillies," which fifth- and sixth-grade students of Oberlin Elementary School will present at 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday in the school gymnasium.

Director Jim Buchholz said the story takes place in the Ozarks hill country and centers on a couple with five daughters trying to find husbands.

The cast also includes Miki Dorshorst (right) as Ma; Cassidy Shields, Darbi Rouse, Sammy Meitl, Jordin Wasson and Keitra Fisher as daughters; and Zach May as a government agent.

Everyone is invited to the free program.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis



Three winners get nine out of 10 right in contest

Despite giving everyone a free game, no one guessed all the winners of this week's Pigskin Pickem contest.

The Wallace County-Golden Plains game was accidentally left in the paper from the week before, so everyone got that one free this week. Golden Plains played Northern Valley and Wallace County went up against Tri-Plains/Brewster.

Three people were able to guess nine of the remaining 10 games and the tie breaker came into play.

Mabel Zimmerman, Oberlin, took first place and will receive \$15 in scrip. Kimberly Solko, Oberlin, came in second and gets \$10. Mark Bailey, Norcat, came in third to claim \$5.

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Scoring eight points were Jim Hollowell, Kade Brown, Todd Ketterl, Norm Wendelin, Don Relaford, Kenny Gee, Jacob Gee and Diana Solko, Oberlin; Lucas Bailey and Gail Bailey, Norcat; and Billy McCoy, Danbury, Neb.

Seven points each went to Vernon Ketterl, Herndon; Travis Raile and Valisha Raile, Oberlin; Rodney Solko, McCook; Shayla Bailey, Norcat; and Betti Grout, Atwood.

First-place winners each week get \$15; second place, \$10; and third \$5 in scrip spendable only at contest sponsors — Fidele Electric and Woodcrafting, Goltl 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 Oberlin 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 5A.

Winners of last week's games:

- Atwood over Leoti, 60-16.
- Golden Plains over Northern Valley, 62-6.
- Oklahoma State over KU, 42-32.
- Phillipsburg over Oberlin, 47-12.
- Nebraska over K-State, 21-3.
- Colby over Hugoton, 27-6.
- Oakley over Quinter, 44-6.
- Norton over Beloit, 28-8.
- McCook over Cozad, 17-0.
- Trego Community over Hoxie, 26-0.

Group to get cash with pizzas

Kansans for Life of Decatur County will hold its only fund raiser of the year Sunday at the Oberlin Pizza Hut.

Members will wait tables from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The group will get the

tips left that day and a percentage of the sales.

The money will go to the Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home in Hays and to the county group, said Bill Duncan.

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