

* School board asks to see prices for projects

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 but somewhere down the hall.
 The lights in the grade school classrooms and bathrooms and the lights in the high school auditorium need to be replaced, said Mr. Glodt.
 The television lab at the high school needs to be updated. Mr. Haag said there are certain criteria the district must meet for state aid and to do so, the television lab needs some work.
 The boiler and the hot water heater at the high school need to be replaced, said Mr.

Glodt.
 There is \$500,000 in capital outlay and the district will get another \$180,000 this year. It just depends on what the board wants to do and how low, said Mr. Glodt, the board wants to get on capital outlay.
 Several of the items would go to bid and that will take some time.
 How close is the district getting to being in violation on the television lab? asked board president Dewayne Jackson.
 Mr. Haag said it needs to be done soon.
 Mr. Glodt said he thought the lab would

cost around \$20,000.
 Mr. Jackson wanted to know if it would be possible or practical to defer a year of computers and use that money for the lab.
 The district has paid all of the leases for the teacher laptops., Mr. Glodt said, and those should be good for a while.
 Board member Barb Olson said she thought they needed to look at the safety issues first including the grade school playground and the outlets at the junior high. She said she also thought it is important to do the television lab.

Board member Delayne May asked about the boiler and hot water heater and was told that if those fail the district doesn't have anywhere to take the students for the up to two weeks it would take to get replacements.
 Mr. Glodt said he can get bids for the boiler and hot water heater.
 Mrs. May said it's important to her to get the track, boiler, television lab and junior high electrical work done.
 Mr. Glodt said last year the district was able to use supplemental general funds to

help pay for projects. He said he isn't sure if they will be able to do that again, however.
 Another item that needs to be fixed is the sound system in the gym.
 Every year at graduation people say it is a beautiful ceremony; too bad they can't hear it, he said.
 Mrs. Olson said the auditorium has the same problem but Mr. Haag said some of that is placement of microphones and speakers.
 Mr. Glodt said he would get prices for the projects.

* Group plans second meeting

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 views.
 "You never know what that exposure might turn in to," he said.
 Some people need to just be asked. That doesn't just mean adults, but ask young people to get involved too, he said. Working with youngsters on leadership is important. People need to learn to volunteer young, he said, it helps connect them to their community, and later in life it might mean the difference between them moving home to raise their family or not.
 There are 10 communities doing this project with Terry Woodbury, with Kansas Communities LLC. Some have been involved for two years and others are just getting started.
 Decatur County started the project last April.
 At the conference in Hutchinson, participants got to sit town and talk about what they were doing. In general, said Mr. Shields, everyone is working on the same basic items. By talking to people from elsewhere, he

said, everyone got new ideas or found out things that hadn't worked.
 Mr. Woodbury has started a chat room on his website, Mr. Shields said. The address is www.kscomm.net.
 Decatur Tomorrow is an ongoing process. There isn't an end date, Mr. Shields said. The idea is for the community to get together yearly and come up with new goals or projects or new ideas for the current ones.
 Right now, said Mr. Shields, there are five action teams in Decatur County, each with two co-conveners and volunteers.
 Those five teams are working on are use of Sappa Park, inter-generational opportunities, volunteer networking, marketing and use of existing facilities, he said. Each meets monthly.
 Mr. Shields said each of the teams will have information for the upcoming community forum. Anyone who wants to volunteer for any team can contact him at 475-3450 or anyone involved with Decatur Tomorrow.

* Winner spends money locally

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 The second ticket drawn was No. 991642, which was handed out at Raye's Grocery. Again the number was written on a few long sheets of white paper and the number was repeated. No one claimed it.
 A third ticket was drawn out of the trash can. It was No. 610045, which was given at Ampride. Again it was written on the paper and called again.
 From behind the gazebo came Kevin Cooper, with the winning ticket in hand.
 That ticket meant Mr. Cooper was \$1,500 richer. He said he thought he would spend the money on a new toilet, paint and dishwasher for his house. Mr. Cooper changed his mind and instead of getting a dishwasher he bought a stove instead.
 He said he had about 100 tickets, most of which he received at Ampride.
 Mr. Cooper purchased the stove

from R&M Service Center and paint and a toilet from Stanley Hardware.
 He said he would spend some of the money on his mother and father.
 As of Monday, he had \$375 of the scrip money left, but that was before he decided to give the Teens for Christ group \$100 for snacks or other items that could be purchased at participating merchants.
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Businesses to close for Christmas

Most Oberlin stores and businesses plan to be closed for Christmas Eve Sunday, but some will be open for a few hours. Oberlin Mercantile will be open until 4 p.m. and Rocking R will be open until 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.
 With all the town's restaurants shut down, you may need to cook dinner at home on Monday. Shop early, because Raye's Grocery will close at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve. However, next week, the store will remain open until 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve. The grocery will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day, but open regular hours on Tuesday.
 The Oberlin Herald will go to press a day late the next two weeks for Christmas and New Year's. The office will be closed all day Monday, Dec. 25, and Monday, Jan. 1. Deadlines for The Country Advocate will be noon Friday, as usual. Other ad deadlines will be noon on Tuesday.
 Mail will be delivered in town on Saturday, Dec. 23, and Dec. 30. The post office will be closed all day Christmas Day and New Year's Day, and there will be no mail service those days.
 Federal, state, city and county offices, as well as all financial institutions, will be closed on both Mondays.
 Crossroads Express and Ampride convenience stores will be open regular hours on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

D & M Sinclair will close at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve, be closed on Christmas Day and open Dec. 26. They will be open regular hours on New Year's Eve, closed New Year's Day and reopen Tuesday, Jan. 2.
 A&W Root Beer will close at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve, be closed Christmas Day and open on Dec. 26. The restaurant will be open New Year's Eve and closed New Year's Day.
 The Frontier Restaurant will close after the noon meal on Christmas Eve and be closed Christmas Day. They will be open regular hours on New Year's Eve Sunday and be closed New Year's Day.
 The Corner Cafe will be open regular hours on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve Sundays and closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.
 Pizza Hut will close at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve, be closed Christmas Day and open on Tuesday, Dec. 26.
 The LandMark Inn's Teller Room will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday for lunch with the Oberlin Mercantile open until 4 p.m. on Sunday. Both will be closed Christmas Day.
 The Oberlin Library will close at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve and reopen next Wednesday. The library will close at 1 p.m. on New Year's Eve and reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3.
 There will be no cattle sale at Oberlin Livestock Auction on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

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