

# School gets OK on audit

By **KIMBERLY DAVIS**

The Oberlin School Board received a clean audit report without any violations at its meeting last Monday.

Superintendent Kelly Glodt said the district owes a clean report to the women who track its money, Vickie Lippelmann, board clerk; Pam Simonsson, superintendent's secretary; Carla Depperschmidt, grade school secretary; and Judy Marietta, high school secretary.

Mr. Glodt said the district was able to carry over balances from the 2006 budget to this year in accounts that are allowed to have carryover. The district is making a comeback, from just a few years ago when there wasn't any carryover.

No matter what, said Mr. Glodt, the district will always have to be careful with spending because of its declining enrollment.

He said the district probably will have to use its "reduction in force" policy because Sappa Valley Youth Ranch closed. Three full-time and two part-time teachers were assigned to the ranch.

By law, he said, teachers need to be told by May 1 if the district is not renewing their contracts based on the policy. Normally, said Mr. Glodt, the board tries to tell the teachers before that.

Mr. Glodt said they don't know for sure what will happen because some teachers might retire this year, although the board hasn't received any letters.

Mr. Glodt talked with the board about the roof at the high school, where snow and ice were causing a leak over the gym. Last Tuesday, Mr. Glodt, elementary Principal Duane Dorshorst; Terry Ream, outdoor maintenance supervisor; Brian Simonsson, transportation director; Ron Jansonius, technology coordinator; Kenny Black, plant facilities director; and elementary teacher Tim Thornton shoveled snow off the roof to help stop the leak.

Mr. Glodt said the district owes a big thanks to the city, county and Mick Barth for helping move the snow out of the parking lots and streets around the schools after the storm at the end of the year.

Both the city and the county helped plow the lanes outside the grade school, he said.

In other business, the board:

- Heard that the electrical work in the junior high is being done. Mr. Glodt said they are putting in new receptacles.

- Heard that the calendar committee had met and the teachers are voting on four choices.

- Heard that they and the teachers' union have to exchange letters soon about negotiations for the 2007-2008 school year. Mr. Glodt said he told the board members that if they have issues they want brought up in negotiations, to contact the negotiating team, board members Monte Moore or Jeannie Martin.

- Accepted a gift of \$1,000 from the Victor G. Bryan Memorial for new warmups for the wrestling team.
- Accepted a gift of \$924 from the Knights of Columbus for the special education department.

- Heard that the district is looking for a custodian to work mainly at the high school

- Handed out forms for the superintendent's evaluation for board members to fill out. The board will hold a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22, to discuss the evaluation.



# Roof buried in snow

**SCHOOL SUPER** Kelly Glodt (above) shoveled off the high school roof last week with the help of elementary Principal Duane Dorshorst and maintenance supervisor Terry Ream (below right). The men and other district staff had to get rid of the snow and ice over the high school gym because the roof was leaking.

— Photos by Dave Bergling



# Crop tips available at meeting

The Cover Your Acres winter crop conference will be next Tuesday and Wednesday at The Gateway, offering farmers a chance to learn about crop practices.

Anyone who wants to attend the conference can register by checking the ad on Page 8A of today's *Oberlin Herald*. Early registrations need to be in the mail by Thursday with a check of \$17 for one day or \$32 for both. Late registration will cost \$35.

The conference will start at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday. The event will go on all day, ending with hor d'oeuvres and a time to talk on Tuesday night. Lunch will also be served.

Programs will be repeated each day, including talks about fertilizer developments, crop yields and costs in no-till, flexible fallow farming, the 2007 farm bill, skip-row corn plantings and benefits of ammonium chloride.

Cover Your Acres is sponsored by Kansas State University Research and Extension and the Northwest Kansas Crop Residue Alliance. Other sponsors, who will have exhibits in the arena, include Hoxie Implement, Southwest Implement, Lang Diesel and the National Sunflower Association.

# Group planning session

The Decatur Tomorrow steering committee will hold its second "community conversation" from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school cafeteria.

Paul Shields, a committee member, said the group held the first conversation last April. Out of that came five areas for the committees to work on, Sappa Park, building a volunteer network, getting more out of existing facilities, intergenerational communication and marketing and economic development.

On Tuesday, said Mr. Shields, leaders from the five committees will talk about what their groups have done and what they want to do. After the review, he said, the crowd will break out into small groups.

This way, he said, people can get more information about the five areas.

Mr. Shields said the other part of the conversation will be finding out if there are other areas or goals that should be part of the county's strategic plan. They will also see if there are other people who want to volunteer to help with the existing groups or new groups.

Mr. Shields said a civic group will serve food for a donation so people can come straight from work. The meeting will be out before the band concert at the high school.

He said Terry Woodbury, with Kansas Communities LLC, which the group hired to help with Decatur Tomorrow, will be at the conversation to help out.

# Council to meet

The Oberlin City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday downstairs in The Gateway.

The meeting is open to the public, but will not be on the local accessible channel 7.

City Administrator Gary Shike said the council will hold a public hearing about a potential conflict of interest for the new waste water treatment plant because Bob Castle was hired as a subcontractor on the project. His wife Deanna is the city clerk.



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