

Superintendent resigns after five years

By KIMBERLY DAVIS

Superintendent Kelly Glodt turned in his letter of resignation at the Oberlin School Board Monday night so the district's looking for a new chief.

Mr. Glodt accepted the job of superintendent in Pierre, S.D., to start next school year. His last day here will be June 30.

The board hired Mr. Glodt five years ago to replace Superintendent Duane Steele. School Board President Dewayne Jack-

son said when the Oberlin board hired Mr. Glodt it thought it might be long term.

However, the new job is an excellent opportunity with bigger challenges. Mr. Glodt will certainly rise to the challenge, he said.

He added that the board appreciates all that Mr. Glodt's done for the district.

Mr. Glodt said that he will continue to move the Oberlin School District forward as long as he's here.

After 55 minutes of closed sessions for

non-elected personnel and the short discussion, the board accepted the resignation.

The decision to move, said Mr. Glodt, has nothing to do with the Oberlin district. He said he and the family absolutely love Oberlin, but this is an opportunity to move closer to his and his wife Sue's family.

Their parents will only be 50 miles away from them in Pierre, Mr. Glodt added, and they both have other relatives in South Dakota.

Mr. Glodt said it hasn't been decided if Sue and the couple's daughter Heather will move next year or not.

Heather will be a senior and moving would be hard.

The Glodts started their careers in Garden City. He taught for six years and then became a principal for eight years. The couple then moved to Oberlin.

"Pierre," said Mr. Glodt, "is the only district in South Dakota that I would have ap-

plied for."

He said he wanted to go to a larger school district and the district in South Dakota has about 2,650 students.

Mr. Glodt said he didn't apply for any other jobs.

Mr. Glodt said it will be emotional when they leave Oberlin.

Hopefully, he said, he can establish a long-term relationship in the Pierre School District.

Citizens get chance to vote Tuesday, April 3

It's almost time to decide who will serve on the Oberlin, Jennings, Norcat and Dresden city councils and the Oberlin School Board and whether chickens should be allowed in Oberlin if the homeowner doesn't have an acre of land.

Voters will decide the candidates and the chicken issue on Tuesday, April 3. Decatur County Clerk Marilyn Horn, who also serves as the county election officer, said there will be polling places in Oberlin, Norcat, Dresden and Jennings.

Mrs. Horn said voters might notice a difference in the ballots. In the past, she said, she has tried to scramble the candidates' names so different ones show up in the top spot. Studies show that the person with the name on the top line gets more votes, she said.

However, now the county has to send the information away to get the ballots made and it costs more money to have variations.

Therefore, Mrs. Horn said, the names on the ballots will be in alphabetical order.

In November voters decided that all positions on the Oberlin school board will be at-large, which means

that all district voters get to vote on all candidates.

The last chance to register to vote in April is 9 p.m. Monday. Advance voting starts on Friday.

Those on the ballot include:

- Monte Moore, Barbara Olson, Brad Long, Daniel Nedland and Dan Grafel for the Oberlin school board. Both Mr. Moore and Mrs. Olson are incumbents. The board has four seats to fill.

- Joe Stanley for Oberlin mayor. Mr. Stanley serves on the city council.

- Melinda Enfield, Ray Ward and Rhonda May for the Oberlin council. Both Mr. Ward and Ms. May are incumbents. The council has two seats to fill.

- Bill Gawith and Rick Foster for the Jennings City Council. The council has three seats to fill.

- Scott Taylor and Krystal Hollars, who is a write-in, for Dresden mayor.

- Erma Jean Spreser and Margaret Rhodes for the Dresden council, with two seats to fill.

The Norcat City Council has three seats to fill although no one filed. Both Jim Plotts and Mark Bailey will run as write-ins.

Good Samaritan celebrates 50 years with all-day party

The Decatur County Good Samaritan Center will celebrate 50 years of service Thursday with a ribbon cutting in the afternoon and a program that evening.

The ribbon cutting, at 2 p.m., will reveal a new adult day room for Alzheimer's patients. Activities Director Lisa Stacy said everyone is invited for the ribbon cutting and the open house from 2 to 4 p.m.

At 5:30 p.m., residents and invited guests will sit down for a banquet prepared by the center's kitchen staff. Music will be provided by McCook musicians Alesia Hock on the cello and flute and Cheryl Christner on the harp.

At 7 p.m. Oberlin Mayor Ken Shobe, Decatur County Commissioner Ralph Unger and Good Samaritan Society Regional Director Randy Fitzgerald will speak. Everyone is invited.

"We believe our mission is a calling from God to care for these special people who can no longer care for themselves," said center Administrator Janice Shobe. "I see this as an opportunity to take a step into the past, and a leap into the future. We can look back with pride and fond memories at the last 50 years, while looking forward to new innovations in the care of the elderly."

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Food, prizes enjoyed

CORN CAN BE TOUGH when you're 9, but Caitlin Shields (above) was making the most of her cream can dinner during the annual Farmers and Ranchers Appreciation Dinner on Saturday. Meanwhile Chamber of Commerce directors Pam Wilson and Brian Loker (right) picked out door prize winners.

— Photos by Cynthia Haynes



Grade school students put out own paper

By KIMBERLY DAVIS

With a pen and paper in hand they head into the office, sit down and look at the interviewee.

Most fifth-graders haven't interviewed anyone before especially school administrators. But, as part of the *O.E.S. Express* newspaper staff, Oberlin's fifth graders are quickly learning how to ask questions and write down the answers.

They turn the answers into a story to be printed in the weekly grade school paper.

O.E.S. Express is part of the fifth-grade language arts class under the direction of teacher Tim Thornton. Every fifth grader plays a part in the newspaper staff.

Mr. Thornton said the newspaper started about seven weeks ago. Each Friday the paper is printed on the school copier and handed out.

Poem celebrates shopping

By HANNAH MAY

Shopping is a lot of fun,
Everyone should know.
If you have never been there
Maybe you should go!
Shopping isn't for everyone,
I already know,
Some people won't just go,
go, go!

Have
Fun
Shopping!

Kimberly Davis, managing editor of *The Oberlin Herald*, said the Her-

ald will start printing the grade school newspaper in the paper once a month.

This week the youngsters' contributions are on Page 5B.

Mr. Thornton said he has wanted to start the paper since the beginning of the school year, but wasn't sure how to fit in into the curriculum. He said he wanted to make sure it aligned with state standards.

The newspaper, he said, is a great way for students to get excited about writing and learn about the skills.

"The paper enables the students to write at their own individual skill level," he said, "while encouraging them to get better."

He assigns students to do news, sports, advice or entertainment. Although he gives the students a list of story ideas in those categories they rarely use them, he said, instead they come up with their

own.

"I think about things I enjoy," said Ashley Edgerton, "or I look around my house, school or sit outside and watch to get story ideas."

She said she sometimes asks someone else for ideas or interviews somebody she knows.

O.E.S. Express, said Mr. Thornton, is a great way for students to have a chance to express themselves.

"As a teacher," he said, "I, of course, concentrate on teaching the curriculum, but I also want to enable the students to excel at other disciplines they are talented in, but they aren't tested in."

The paper allows them to use their sense of humor when they write comics or stories for entertainment.

The students are allowed to do (See STUDENTS on Page 5A)

City crew ready to de-limb Oberlin

Soon the front yards of Oberlin will no longer be decorated with downed tree limbs.

Next week the Oberlin City crew plans to pick up the limbs, knocked down by storms at the end of last year, that homeowners leave on the curbs in the front of their houses.

The crew plans to pick up limbs on the curb from Penn Avenue to the east side of the city, including the east side of the street starting on Monday.

The crew plans to get the limbs from Penn Avenue to the west side (See CITY on Page 5A)

Working Women

A salute to the contributions made by women in business.



Special honors women workers

The Oberlin Herald's Working Women special section is inside today's newspaper.

The section includes stories about the Decatur Professional Women's organization, a woman who works at the grade school, an elected official, a nurse practitioner and a funeral director.

* Students learn to write for grade school paper

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video game or movie revues or they can write about their favorite subject in school, clubs or sports.

Baron Green said he comes up with story ideas by writing about his own experiences or things that he already knows.

As the teacher and the editor of the paper Mr. Thornton said, he helps the students set up interviews and checks their work. He said he doesn't change their wording though because he wants it to be a fifth-grade newspaper not a fifth-grade teacher's newspaper.

He said he does make suggestions, but doesn't write for them.

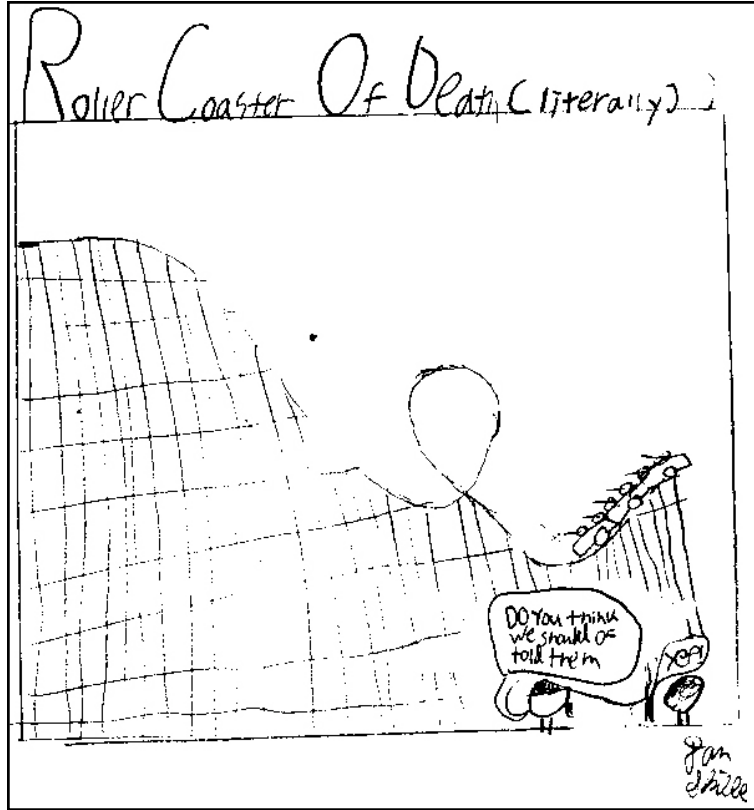
"I have been asked about some of the mistakes that are printed in the paper," he said. "The students need to make mistakes in order to learn what to do differently. If I fixed all of the mistakes then we wouldn't have anything to go back and compare to and look at how much we're improving as writers."

He said they use the old papers for class to see if the students have followed the conventional rules and if the sentences have a good flow.

"Writing," he said, "is important for every age group. It's the only way a lot of people can express themselves."

Lara Zodrow said she enjoys writing because she likes to be creative and have fun with her mind. Her classmate Kyle Breth said he likes writing for the *O.E.S. Express* because it will help him become a better writer.

Mr. Thornton said it was hard at the beginning of year to get the stu-



A cartoon by Dan Skibbe

dents settled down to write anything because they were timid about spelling errors. Once they learned they could go back and fix problems they became much more creative writers.

"I get some really crazy stories sometimes," he said, "or comics that aren't all that funny to me, but the main thing is that they used their imaginations and really put thought into what they were writing."

Justin Gee said he likes writing for the paper because he's learned things he didn't know before and people learn things from the *O.E.S.*

Express. Konner Fortin said he likes writing because he enjoys people's reactions when they read his articles.

"These students have so many God-given talents that makes all of them diverse," said Mr. Thornton. "They won't all go to college, but they all will use the talents God gave them in one way or another. A big part of my job is not just to teach curriculum, but also to nurture my student's personalities and help them develop into individuals."

* City plans to remove limbs

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of the city, including the west side of Penn, starting Monday, March 26.

Jason Ketterl, vocational agriculture teacher at Decatur Community High School, volunteered to help with the project by cutting up limbs and getting them to the front yard for

people who can't.

Mr. Ketterl will organize volunteers from the FFA members, the National Honor Society and adults.

The city office will serve as the contact point, so anyone who needs help getting the limbs to the curb should call City Clerk Deanna Castle at 475-2217.

City Administrator Gary Shike said landowners are responsible for any hanging limbs that need to come down, unless the limb is over a power line. Mr. Shike said anyone with limbs on power lines should call the city, instead of trying to get them down by themselves.

Home, garden show set to go

As the weather heats up and the snow melts, it feels more and more like spring every day, which for some means redecorating houses, planting a garden and spending more time outside.

For many people, this means supplies are needed to cook out, play outdoors or repaint the house. And it is also time for the annual Decatur County Chamber of Commerce and

KFNF Home and Garden Show at The Gateway.

The show kicks off at 9 a.m. Saturday and goes until 5 p.m. Festivities will resume Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chamber Manager Glenva Nichols said she has 24 booths signed up for the show. Those include booths for cosmetics, the Last Indian Raid Museum, games, coins,

four-wheelers, motorcycles, grills, furnaces, dishwashers, plastic containers, the cable company and many more. Mrs. Nichols said the volunteer emergency medical technicians plan to have the county's new ambulance on display.

The Gateway staff will cook and sell lunch. Mrs. Nichols said admission to the show is free.

Honor Roll

Welcome and thanks to these recent subscribers to *The Oberlin Herald*:

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Getting ready for barn



ON SATURDAY Michael Wasson used survey equipment at the Decatur County Fairground to start the leveling work for the new arena and livestock building purchased through the Decatur County Fair Foundation. Mr. Wasson and Clay Anderson, who also helped with the leveling, spearheaded the fundraising for the building.

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Also accepting applications for swimming pool manager. Swimming pool manager must have current Water Safety Instructor Certificate and must have completed American Heart Association CPR and Basic First Aid. Experience as pool manager or assistant manager would be helpful.

Application forms can be pickup at the **City Office, #1 Morgan Drive, Oberlin, KS 67749**