

# O. E. S EXPRESS

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## Hurricane hits Florida coast

**By JAMIE SODERLUND**  
It all started in September 11, 1926. The great Miami Hurricane was first spotted as a tropical wave 1,000 miles east of the Lesser Antilles September 11th. The Hurricane strengthened as it moved north of Puerto Rico on the 15th. Winds were reported to 150 mph as it passed over Turks Islands on the 16th. As a result Hurricane warnings were not issued until midnight on September 18th. The Category four

Hurricane's eye moved directly over Miami Beach and downtown Miami during the morning hour September 18th. The cyclone produced the highest sustained winds ever recorded in the United States. The town Moore Haven was completely flooded. Hundreds of people in Moore Haven were killed by the surge, which left behind floodwaters in the town for weeks afterward. The Hurricane weakened as it moved in land over Louisiana later

on the 21st. The great Hurricane of 1926 ended the economic boom in South Florida and would be a \$90 billion disaster. Hurricane season is coming up. Forecasters say this will be a bad year for Hurricanes. Hopefully none will be as bad as the one that had happened in 1926. More than 800 people were missing, 373 deaths, 6,381 injured. If you want to find more information go to [www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/history.shtml#miam26](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/history.shtml#miam26).

## Students taking state tests

**By BRIAUNA FAHRENBRUCH**  
O.E.S. students in the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grade have been taking state assessments for the last 2 weeks. Third through sixth grade has taken three reading assessments and three math assessments. Next, we will take ITBS tests. After we take all of our tests the Shriners will take the fifth grade to the Shrine Circus in Salina for our field trip.

## New girl joins fifth grade

**By JOSLYN WADE**  
This week, in Mr. Thornton's class, we got a new student her name is Briauna. She is really nice. She has long hair it is really pretty. Briauna's favorite food is pizza. Her favorite dessert is chocolate ice cream, yum! She has three sisters, their names are Mckenzie, Esperanza, and Modesta. Briauna's favorite sport is volleyball!

## Did you know that...?

**By NICK ASHLEY**  
More steel in the United States is used to make bottle caps than to manufacture automobile bodies. No piece of normal-size paper can be folded in half more than 7 times. The first product to have a bar code scanned was Wrigley's gum. Earth is the only planet that is not named after a Pagan God. A Boeing 747's wingspan is longer than the Wright Brother's first flight. Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.

Every day 20 banks are robbed. Over 10,000 birds die a year from smashing into windows. The fear of vegetables is called lachanophobia! Men are 6 times more likely to be struck by lightning than women! The opposite sides of a dice cube always add up to seven! The world's oldest piece of gum is 9,000 years old! There are more plastic flamingos than real ones in the U.S.! For more strange facts go to [www.strangefacts.com](http://www.strangefacts.com)

**By LARA ZODROW**  
570 gallons would be needed to paint the white house. The white house has 35 bathrooms, 3 elevators, 132 rooms, and 412 doors in it. The white house has a movie theater, swimming pool, bowling lane, jogging track, and a tennis court. There are 293 steps to the top of the leaning tower of Pisa. Lightning strikes the Empire State Building about 7 times a year. The cost to build the Empire State building was \$40,948,900. The great pyramid used to be as white as snow because in a bright limestone that has worn off over the years. The Statue of Liberty's first name was Paris, France. With winds of 50 miles per hour the Statue of Liberty sways three inches and the torch sways 5 inches. The Buckingham Palace has over six hundred rooms.

**By CALEB KOERPERICH**  
The King-of-hearts is the only king card without a moustache on a standard playing card. A.K.A the suicide king! The Mona Lisa painting has no eyebrows!

## Puzzler

**By HANNAH MAY**

**Across**  
5. clothes you would wear for Easter  
7. a sweet treat you get to eat on Easter

**Down**  
1. who you spend time with on Easter  
2. a place you go on Easter to learn about Jesus  
3. a hairy mammal that delivers Easter Eggs  
4. He rose on Easter Day  
5. little kids trying to find eggs  
6. flowers that bloom around Easter

## Man elected to school board

**By ALEXIS HISSONG and KATLYN KLIMA**  
Monte Moore has recently been reelected for the local school board. This is his second term on the Oberlin school board. He wanted to get on the school board because he wanted to get involved in the school and find a way to help out. The biggest change he has seen since he went to school was computers in the classroom. If Monte couldn't be a farmer he would be a chef. Monte enjoys farming/ranching and has



Mr. Moore for 2 years and Fort Hays State University for 2 years. In his spare time Mr. Moore likes

been farming/ranching for almost 30 years. Mr. Moore went to grade school and high school here at Oberlin. He went to college at Colby Community College for 2 years and Fort Hays State University for 2 years. In his spare time Mr. Moore likes to golf with his son Gabe. His favorite book is the Bible and his favorite colors are red and black (Because he raises black angus cattle) He has two dogs one of which is Bella, a dachshund poodle mix, and many cats. Monte has two children who are both currently going to college. Allie, Monte's daughter is currently a junior at Kansas State University, and Gabe, Monte's son is currently a freshman at Colby Community College.

## Students enjoy evening carnival

**By ASHLEY WITT**  
On Tuesday April 3rd the OES carnival was held at the grade school gym. The carnival lasted from 5:30 to 8:30. At the carnival there were games, and concessions. The games

were the cake walk, ring toss, poster archery, paratrooper landing, treasure dig, tattoos, at the races, duck pond, bucket toss, tic-tac-toe, bingo, and brain quest, The concessions were hot dogs, sloppy joes, popcorn,

cotton candy, cookies, brownies, pop and water. The carnival was a huge success for S.O.S. The S.O.S baskets that grades Preschool through 6th grade donated were raffled off at the end of the night.

## Sports items

### Basketball tourney held

**By KENNEDY FORTIN**  
Last Saturday in Atwood there was a 3 on 3 basketball tournament that started at 8 a.m. (approximately) 1st through 8th grade boys and girls played in the tournament. Teams had to check in 30 minutes before their first game. The team that got first got t-shirts and medals. Second place winners got medals too. Admission for a player and driver was \$1.00.

### Royals play first game

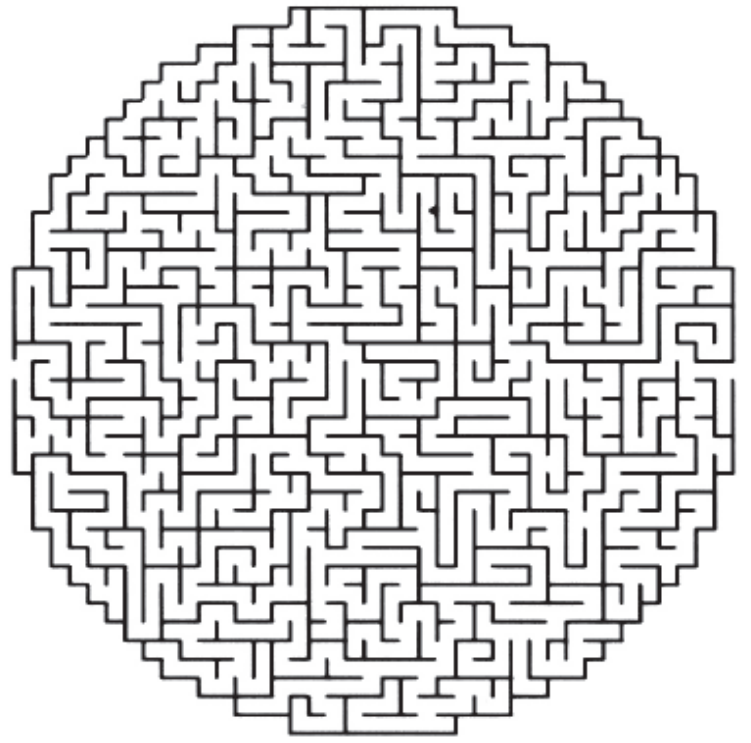
**By KYLE BRETHER**  
K.C. Royals played Wednesday vs. the Boston Red Sox. The starting line up for the Royals was at catcher Larue, at Pitcher Perez, 3rd base Gordon, shortstop Pena, 2nd base Grudzielanek, 1st base, Gload, Then in the out field was Dejesus, Brown, Teahen. The result of the game was Red Sox 7 Royals 1. The Royals won their first game of the year.

### Lifting set for Marion

**By DANIEL SKIBBE**  
The State Weightlifting Competition is in Marion, Kansas this year. It's a Class 3A state meet so any 3A state school is welcome. Boys and girls are both welcome. Any weight class is welcome. The competition is based on Bench Press, Clean, and Squat. If you like weight lifting you should go watch!

## Sierra's Easter Egg Hunt

By SIERRA LOHOEFENER



## English can get you in trouble

**By HALEY SCHIESSLER**  
There was a man that came into the U.S. from Mexico. He was trying to learn some English. He passed a family on the street and heard. "Because she stole my lollypop, because she stole my lollypop." He walked farther down the street and heard "Well I didn't do it!" Then he walked past a TV store and heard

"Plug it in, Plug it in." Then he walked into this little green house with a white door. There was a recent shooting there. The police arrived and said, "I'm sorry sir but we're going to have to take you downtown." They took him to the police station and asked him "Why did you kill this man?" He said, "Because he stole my lol-

lypop, because he stole my lollypop." The police asked him again "Sir why did you shoot this man?" He said, "Well I didn't do it." The officer said "I'm sorry sir but we're going to have to put you in the electric chair." The man said "Plug it in, Plug it in."

## Race car driver killed

**By RHIANNON MEITL**  
On March 23, 2007 Eric Medlin a drag racer died in a horrible crash. He was only 33 years old when he died and that's too young to die. His teammate John Force is one of the greatest drag racers ever. The team was really sad and they pray for him and they will try to win in his name.

## Practice bike safety

- By JUSTIN GEE**
- Wear a helmet.
  - Wear kneepads.
  - Walk your bike across the street.
  - Ride on the right side of the road.
  - Always follow the signs.
  - Wear elbow pads.
  - Use hand signals.

## Optical Illusions

**By MERCEDESE GEISHLER**

Turn up side down what do you see?