

One lucky person to win \$50

Guessing when the first load of wheat comes in to an Oberlin area elevator could win one lucky person \$50.

The annual Harvest Countdown contest, made possible by sponsoring businesses and *The Oberlin Herald*, started last week with boxes going out to businesses around the area.

Here's how it works: Go to one of the sponsoring businesses. Write down the hour, minute and day the

first load of dry 2007 crop wheat will come in to one of the participating elevators. (The wheat load has to have a moisture content of 14 percent or less.)

Winners have to be 18 or older and can't have won the contest in the last five years or brought in the first load of wheat in that time. Relatives and newspaper employees are not eligible to win, nor are relatives of the person bringing in the first load.

The entrant who guesses closest

to the first load wins \$50 in scrip money, with second place taking \$35 and third \$15.

The last day to register is Friday, June 22, or when the first load comes into one of the elevators, including Decatur Co-op in Oberlin, Jennings, Kanona, Herndon, Ludell, Danbury or Edmond, Hansen-Mueller Elevator in Oberlin or Cedar Bluffs, Norcat Grain or Hi-Plains Co-op in Dresden or Selden.

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Ambulance calls down from last year

The Decatur County commissioners found out ambulance calls are down a little compared to last year at their meeting last Tuesday.

Director Linda Manning showed how many calls the ambulance crew in the county has worked in the last seven years. So far this year, she said, they've had 87. In 2006 the crew had 322 calls, in 2005, 334; in 2004, 287; in 2003, 305; in 2002, 313; in 2001, 216; and in 2000, 236.

Ms. Manning said she counts the calls a little differently than the former director, counting only when the ambulance actually goes out. She said if she takes the emergency response vehicle out to help someone she doesn't count that as a call.

County Attorney Steve Hirsch asked about the respirator masks that the crew needs. She said she was going to order a kit to help her fit the masks to the crew, but the hospital has a machine to do that.

Is someone at the hospital trained to use the machine, said Mr. Hirsch. Ms. Manning said she thought so and would check.

In 2006, she said, the ambulance service received \$82,246 and billed \$119,040. So far in 2007, she said, they billed \$40,635.

Tim Stallman, road and bridge supervisor, said the crew is busy spot blading the roads. He lost another employee in the department, but is hiring a new one.

Commissioner Ralph Unger said he is still working on electrical needs for the horse arena. He said Dennis Thomas, with Prairie Land Electric Co-op, said he would do some research about the service at the fair-ground and see what needs to be done.

In other business, the commis-

County Roundup

At their meeting last Tuesday, the Decatur County commissioners:

- Gave nine groups \$300 each from a history book fund. Story on Page 3A.
- Found out ambulance calls are down a little compared to last year. Story at left.
- Discussed paid time off for employees, but didn't make a decision. Story to come.

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- Discussed that they need to get a certificate of insurance for the race planned for Monday. They had one from Rick Salem, but the contract for the race was signed with the Oberlin Speedway committee and the county. Either Mr. Salem needs to be the promoter and sign the contract, said Commissioner Stan McEvoy or Oberlin Speedway needs to be added to his certificate of insurance.

• The fair foundation met, minus Jean Hale, treasurer, who wasn't able to be at the meeting. Mr. Unger and Greg Long, fair board president, approved the final payments for the livestock building, \$10,596, and new porkburger stand, \$1,425. The men decided to cash in certificates of deposit to make the payments.

- Received a request from the Decatur Conservation Board for \$16,000 for next year's budget. Normally the request is for \$10,000, but the state increased their match to \$16,000.

Missouri road head to talk to U.S. 36 group

The annual meeting of the U.S. Highway 36 Association in Mankato this month will feature a talk by the head of Missouri's state highway and transportation programs.

Tickets for luncheon meeting are available for \$15 at *The Oberlin Herald* office. The meeting starts with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 21, at the Buffalo Roam Steakhouse in Mankato.

On Friday, things kick off at 8 a.m. with coffee and donuts. At 9 a.m., Wayne Dunn, Mankato Chamber of Commerce president, will welcome everyone to the annual event.

After lunch, Pete Rahn, director of the Missouri Department of Transportation, will talk. Mr. Rahn is also the vice-president of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. He is chairman of the organization's standing committee on highway traffic safety, serves on the executive commit-

tee of the transportation research board and the task force on accelerating innovation in the highway industry.

Steve Haynes, president of the U.S. 36 association and co-owner of Nor'West Newspapers, will be master of ceremonies. On the agenda are reports from the Kansas, Missouri and Illinois departments of transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and Kansas legislators.

The association promotes commerce along the road, which connects Indianapolis with Denver, Boulder and Estes Park, Colo. It backs highway improvements and tries to improve the condition of the road, which serves 13 counties along the northern tier of Kansas.

One of its goals is to extend the four-lane portion of the highway west from Wathena. Missouri has committed to widening the route to four lanes across the state within a decade, Mr. Haynes noted.

Early morning fire totals parked camper

A fire early Monday morning totaled a camper parked in a lot on Commercial and Elk.

Matt Farr, fireman, said the camper which belonged to Kim Kathka caught fire around 4:15 a.m. The

firefighters were at the scene for about two hours. He said he has no idea what started the fire.

The fire department called in the fire marshal out of Garden City to investigate.

Business Alliance looking for chairperson

The Oberlin Business Alliance needs a chairperson for the third quarter in July, August and September, members heard at a meeting last Wednesday at the LandMark Inn.

No one volunteered for the job, so any alliance member who wants to fill the spot should call the Chamber of Commerce office at 475-3441.

The group talked about having the annual Beach Party at the end of July. Joe Stanley, owner of Stanley Hardware, who has headed up the project for a few years, said he won't be able to this year. He said last year, no one showed up the morning after the party on Main Street to help clean up.

There were over 80 people at the party, he noted.

Gary Walter, with The Bank, said a few years ago the alliance held the beach party in August. No one volunteered to head up the project, however.

For the first time last year, the alliance held a barbecue contest

downtown the night of the beach party. The group didn't decide whether to hold that event again or not.

Rusty Adleman, owner of Adleman Drug Store, said he talked with the man they order fireworks from. The bill this year will be \$2,500 and the fireworks have been ordered, he said. The show will be set off after dusk on July 4.

Mr. Adleman said donations will be accepted to help pay for the show.

Connie Grafel, economic development director, said she would help with the back-to-school picnic in City Park for August.

Mr. Adleman said with a volunteer for that and the fireworks ordered, maybe the group should disband until September. There was no action taken.

The alliance meets the first Wednesday of each month at the LandMark.

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DO YOU WANT TO BE SAVED?

Only one time, in the entire Bible, is the question asked. "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). In the next verse (Acts 16:31) the question is answered, "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.**"

Remember:

Hell's Hot
Life's Short
Death's Sure
Eternity's Long
and, "There Ain't No Exits in Hell."

NO MAN KNOWS, HOW SOON IT IS TOO LATE

"Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain." Exodus 20:7

Any way that you use God's Name, the Lord's Name, Jesus' Name, other than in a Holy manner, is taking His Name in vain.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
John: 3:16

Acts 2:21 and Romans 10:13 indicate that, "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." In the next verse, Romans 10:14 it says, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?" Believing precedes calling upon The name of the Lord. Jesus Himself said in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**" God reaffirms this truth in 1 Timothy 2:5 saying "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." When someone says "repeat this prayer after me to be saved" it is making people feel like they have to "do" something to be saved, other than believing. If someone is asked to say a prayer to be saved, the person who says the prayer is still on his way to hell, after repeating the prayer, if he hasn't believed in his heart. Nowhere in the Bible is it found that a person has to pray a prayer to be saved. God does not hear a prayer unless you go to God in the name of Jesus Christ, The Only Mediator between God and man. Jesus Christ is not your Mediator unless he is your Lord and Savior. So according to God, the steps are, first, you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. By believing as Acts 16:31 indicates, you are saved! Acts 16:30,31 is the only time in the Bible where the question is asked, "what must I do to be saved?" God answering through Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." By being saved, Jesus Christ is your Lord, Savior, and Mediator between God and yourself. Now you can pray to God, because you have the Mediator, Jesus Christ.

I believe that when a person "prays" to God, without being saved, his prayer goes no higher than the ceiling, and God probably says, "Who do you think you are, to think that you can come to Me, without coming to Me in the only possible way that I have set out in My Word? For you come to Me, through My Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the One and Only Mediator between you and Me." You don't just pull Jesus Christ out of the air, and say today I want You to get me to God, be my go between for God! It doesn't work that way. Jesus Christ is either your Lord and Savior, making Him your Mediator, or, if Jesus Christ is not your Lord and Savior, He is not your Mediator. I believe it is very important to stress that you are saved by **believing only.** John 3:16, probably the most quoted verse in the Bible, says that, "whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Again, this passage clearly prescribes believing, not repeating a prayer. In John 3:4, Nicodemus asks Jesus, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" He was asking this in regard to Jesus' statement in John 3:3, that a man needs to be born again. Jesus' answer in John 3:5 and following is "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Nowhere does Jesus say, pray to be saved, it is always **believe.**

Years ago, I heard Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse say "I'm deeply offended when I hear a prayer that does not end with the idea that God must be approached only through the Name and the Being of the Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 1:13 says "In whom (Christ) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: In whom also after that ye **believed**, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Romans 10:9 tells us "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. "For with the heart man believeth (first) unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession (next) is made unto salvation." How many people have gone to hell or are going to hell by putting their trust in the ungodly "pray the sinners prayer" or "repeat this prayer after me", instead of believing John 3:36: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Luke 23:39-43 tells us "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. ⁴⁰ But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. ⁴² And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. ⁴³ And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." In these verses in Luke, we see that a man was saved by believing only. The malefactor did not, and was not instructed by Jesus, to pray, to receive salvation. He said unto Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. ⁴³ And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise." **You don't fool Jesus,** Jesus **knew** that this man **believed** in Him; that this man **believed** that this Jesus that he was talking with was the Lord, The Messiah, the Only Begotten Son of God, the Savior, and in believing, the man was saved. Now if you think that you have to pray first, repeat first, or anything first, before believing, why did Jesus tell him "today thou shalt be with Me in paradise?" OR if there is a need to do for anything to go along with believing, why didn't Jesus tell him what that was? Jesus doesn't make mistakes! God's Word is true. You don't (really you can't), add to or take away from God's Word, and it be true. Just leave His Word alone, and do what God said, **believe.** Psalm 119:89 "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." Revelations 22:18,19 ¹⁸ For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: ¹⁹ And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Take your Bible and check the references that we contained herein — nothing added to and nothing taken away, and when you hear "the plan of salvation" from anyone, get your Bible out and see if it is God speaking or "someone's" idea. I can't see "ten steps" to salvation, I can see only one step: **believe.** The malefactor on the cross had but one step, and he took it. You, I, we all have "one step," **believe.** Please take it and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation.

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