



EARLY FRIDAY MORNING, Zach May (above) rode the bus to his first day of junior high. Jay Tate (below), holding

his daughter, Grace, 3, watched his older kids, Dakota and Molly, get on the bus. — Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

* Kids ride bus as school starts

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in the weight room. He said he was able to attend three basketball camps and looked forward to playing the game this year.
Saeger said he is out for football, but he isn't sure if he wants to take part in track this spring. (His dad, Keith, Roma's husband, is the head track coach.)
On the academic side, he said, he has math, science, English, American history, physical education, computer and life skills.
At the back of the bus was Saeger's sister, Sydney Grafel, a freshman, who said she was looking forward to the first day because it meant they were one day closer to

school being out again.
She said she is taking Spanish, algebra, English, general science and choir this year.
This will be her first year as a high school cheerleader. Sydney said she is going to play volleyball and take part in track and cheer over the winter.
The bus, with just about every seat full, pulled into the back of the grade school first, letting off four kids. Mrs. Grafel asked everyone if they were getting a ride that afternoon; some were and others were walking to a day care center.
At the high school, the three older ones got off, ready to start a new year.



* Winner spends money here

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the street at Addleman Drug to look. She said they planned to purchase four \$25 gift certificates at each of the drug stores for family members.
At the LandMark, Mrs. Horn bought a \$50 gift certificate to spend later.
Although not purchased yet, she said, they planned to get gift certificates at Dale's Fish 'N' Fun for their sons Douglas and Darren and son-in-law Wes Wilson. At Flowers by Lee and Prairie Petals, she had decided to do the same for their daughter Cynthia and daughter-in-law Diana Wilson.
Any money left, said Mrs. Horn, will go to Raye's to pick up some

things.
Mrs. Horn said she was having fun making purchases and looking around.
Hers was the second name drawn for the money. Brenda Fought's name was drawn first, but she apparently wasn't at the picnic.
New this year to the Shopping Spree were gifts which each of the sponsors donated to be given away at the picnic.
Winners included:
• Norm Wendelin, golf balls from Dale's.
• Tim L. Davis, a stadium seat from Addleman's.
• Linda Hollowell, a bird feeder from Prairie Petals.

- Laurie Milnes, a candle from Flowers by Lee.
 - Amanda Grafel, a lantern from Stanley Hardware.
 - Tina Lahe, candy from Ward Drug.
 - Charlie Godwin, a laser level from Raye's.
 - Beth Harmon, water from Culligan.
 - Jo Mason, dog food from Countryside Vet.
 - Jamie Geishler, a frog figurine from the LandMark.
 - Sherri Ruf, spices from R&M.
- Thirty-eight names were drawn for the prizes for people who were not present at the picnic.

County talks about insurance

The Decatur County commissioners decided to ask the Amusement Authority to shut down the train for an hour during the fair and write the group a letter about insurance.
Commissioner Stan McEvoy said he thought they needed to talk with Ward Votapka, with the authority, about shutting the train down during the dedication of the new livestock building.
The commissioners agreed and

the train was shut down during the ceremony.
Commissioner Ralph Unger said he thought maybe the county should send the authority a letter about having insurance, because if a ride was destroyed, the county insurance doesn't cover it.
The commissioners have invited members of the authority to their meetings to discuss the issue, but no one has showed up.
Are you still going to try to meet

with the members? asked County Attorney Steve Hirsch. Mr. McEvoy said the commissioners have tried.
Mr. Unger said he thought the group should know that the county doesn't cover the rides, even though they are on county property. The county can't cover the rides because the county doesn't own them, he said.
The commissioners asked Mr. Hirsch to write a letter, which he did.

Water use stays below trigger level

Oberlin water use stayed below the 700,000 gallon a day trigger last week, although temperatures stayed hot.
The city is still on water restrictions, which means that people with odd-numbered addresses can water only on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, while those with even-num-

bered addresses can water on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.
Hours are midnight to 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight on the proper days.
No outdoor water use is allowed on Mondays.
Last week, the city pumped:
• 634,700 gallons on Monday,

Aug. 13.
• 676,700 gallons on Tuesday, Aug. 14.
• 656,400 gallons last Wednesday.
• 637,400 gallons on Thursday.
• 666,200 gallons on Friday.
• 671,000 gallons on Saturday.
• 499,900 gallons on Sunday.

Pulmonologist to visit McCook

A pulmonologist from Hastings, Neb., has begun monthly specialty clinics at Community Hospital in McCook.
Dr. Kalpesh D. Ganatra specializes in pulmonology and sleep studies, as well as critical care as an intensivist at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital.
He will see patients at the Community Hospital Medical Special-

ists Center the first Friday of each month. Call his Hastings clinic at (402) 460-5787 for an appointment.
Dr. Ganatra, a native of India, spent six years in residency and fellowship programs in the United States.
He completed his undergraduate work, receiving a degree in sciences, and continued on to obtain his medical degree in India. He had his

own medical clinic in India prior to entering an internal medicine residency program in Pennsylvania.
He became board certified in internal medicine in 2002. Subsequently, he completed a three-year fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Fletcher Allen Healthcare at the University of Vermont in Burlington.

* Carts could bring guests downtown

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He said talking to guests at the park, many said they would use a golf cart to come downtown. He said they told him they would go downtown Oberlin more if a cart was available.
Mr. Godwin said he learned that a city ordinance allows people to drive electric golf carts on any highway or road with a speed limit of 40 mph or under, which covers about every block in the city limits.
Drivers must have license and the carts have to have working lights and turn signals, he said. The carts also need tags and insurance.
Mr. Godwin said one city put in golf-cart lanes, but that is expensive. He said City Attorney Steve Hirsch sent letters to the police department and sheriff's office to let them know that golf carts are allowed on the roads.
If the carts are electric and fall under city ordinance which is the same as state statute then they are OK, said Mr. Hirsch.
Mr. Godwin said he thought the bureau, in its advertising, might

want to say that Oberlin is a golf-friendly town. He said he thinks people will stay longer at the park if they can downtown easier.
Why not buy an old car instead? asked Mayor Joe Stanley, member. Mr. Godwin said he has offered people the use of his truck, but they're reluctant to borrow a car because of insurance and other issues. They are interested in using a golf cart, though, he said.
Gary Anderson, owner of the LandMark Inn and a member of the bureau board, said he thought it was a great idea.
Museum Curator Sharleen Wurm, another board member, said the park sends a lot of people to the museum, which she appreciates.
Mr. Godwin said the park is gaining about 24 percent a year in people staying. They have advertised in all the main travel publications, he said, but a lot of people only buy a book every three years.
Mr. Anderson said he thought everyone at the meeting was in favor of the idea and he was glad Mr. Godwin brought it up.

Ambulance service to offer training

The Decatur County ambulance service has openings for volunteers, with emergency medical technician classes starting in the middle of September.
Anyone can volunteer to work on the ambulance, including high school students, said Director Linda Manning, as long as they will be 18 by the end of the six-month course next spring.
The class will start at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18, at the ambulance barn in Oberlin, south of the Decatur County Hospital. Classes, taught by Aden Schilling of Norton, will be from 6 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

All students must pass the National Registry test before working for the service, Ms. Manning said. The test includes a practical and written section.
Anyone interested in taking the class should call the director at (785) 475-8126 or at 475-4453. Volunteers agree to be on call and are paid \$15 per run for work on the ambulance in town and more for transports out of town, she said.
If someone works for the service for a year, the county will pay for their classes. Otherwise, the student will get a bill for the full amount, \$650.

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