



**IN THE LIBRARY** at Oberlin Elementary School on Monday afternoon, Konnor Witt read a book he just checked out.

The students go to the library once a week to check out new books. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

# Coin toss picks Pigskin Pick-Em winner this week

A coin toss determined this week's Pigskin Pick-Em winner after two people picked nine of the winners and were both only 17 points off from the tie breaker score.

The winner was Norm Wendelin, who for first place received \$15 in scrip money. Kenny Gee got second place, taking home \$10 in scrip.

Mabel Zimmerman, who guessed eight of the 10 winners, won third place and \$5 in scrip.

Four other people picked eight of the winners, including Gary Anderson, Jacob Gee, Kimberly Solko and Owen Wilson.

Twelve people chose seven of the winners, Vernon Ketterl, Kari Ketterl, Todd Ketterl, Kelly Brown, Kade Brown, Kel Grafel, Zach May, Hannah May, Ron Solko, Diana Solko, Rodney Solko and Billy McCoy.

Both Justin Gee and Colleen Gee picked six of the winners. Two people, Ivis Hanson and Cheri Kastens, chose five of the winners. Jeff Reinert picked four and Betti Grout, three.

This was the last week for the Pigskin Pick-Em promotion. People can pick up this week's scrip money and past week's at *The Oberlin Herald*. Winners only have until Dec. 28 to pick up the scrip money and have to spend it by Dec. 31.

This week's games included:

- Boston College over Clemson 20 to 17.
- South Florida over Louisville 55 to 17.
- Kansas over Iowa State 45 to 7.
- Arkansas over Mississippi State 45 to 31.
- Missouri over Kansas State 49 to 32.
- Smith Center over St. Francis 44 to 6.
- Utah over New Mexico 35 to 17.
- Florida State over Maryland 24 to 16.
- Texas Tech over Oklahoma 34 to 27.
- West Virginia over Cincinnati 28 to 23.
- Indiana over Purdue 27 to 24 in the tie breaker.

## Kids learn to use library, do research

The Oberlin School Board learned a little about the libraries at both the grade and high school at the meeting last Monday night.

Linda Glaze, media specialist, said she works part-time in both of the libraries and when she isn't in one, aide Lisa Fortin serves in her place. This arrangement, said Mrs. Glaze, has been in place for the last four years. This way, she said, both libraries can be open every day, all day.

At the grade school, said Mrs. Glaze, she meets with each grade 20 to 30 minutes a week. The students read or are read to, they learn about the Dewey decimal system used to

file books and how to do research.

Each year, the library has a book fair with books from Scholastic, she said. If the fair brings in more than \$1,500, then the schools get 25 percent of the profit. If she spends that money on books, she said, the firm doubles it.

Mrs. Glaze said the book fair at the grade school did well and she got \$512 to spend.

She used some of that money for books, since she was able to double her money that way. Mrs. Glaze said she did get some vouchers to use later and also took some of the money in cash since some items can't be purchased through Scholastic.

Mrs. Glaze said the library teams up with the parents' group, Support Our Schools to host reading nights three times a semester.

At the high school, she said, she has flexible scheduling so the teachers can sign up their classes when they need to. Mrs. Glaze said she sees pretty much every class at least one time a year.

The library has 12 desktop computers and four mobile carts with laptops that teachers can check out for their class. There are also televisions, video recorders and disk players.

She said she carries nonfiction and fiction books, including most

of those on the English department's required reading list.

The libraries also have subscriptions to magazines and newspapers.

At the high school, said Mrs. Glaze, they made \$379 at the book fair, which was used to buy more books, vouchers and other items for the library.

## Offices close for holiday

Most Oberlin businesses, including city, county, federal and state offices and financial institutions, will be closed Thursday for Thanksgiving Day, so if you want to eat a meal away from home, you might want to join others for the community Thanksgiving Day dinner at noon at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Crossroads Express and Ampride will be open. Pizza Hut, Frontier Restaurant, LandMark Inn, A & W Restaurant, the ReLoad and D & M

Service plan to be closed, along with most stores and offices.

Raye's Grocery will be closed all day, as will *The Oberlin Herald*. Most, but not all, businesses will reopen on Friday. County and city offices also will be closed on Friday.

Banks will be closed Thursday but reopen on Friday, and the post office will deliver mail Friday and Saturday.

## County accepts draft of audit

**By KIMBERLY DAVIS**  
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The Decatur County commissioners accepted the draft of the 2006 audit at their meeting last Tuesday, showing little cash left in the general fund at the end of the year.

Steve Zodrow, the lead auditor with Mapes and Miller, said a new auditing standard requires him to deliver a discussion draft before the final report is printed. After the discussion draft is approved, said Mr. Zodrow, the final version can be printed and sent to the state.

Mr. Zodrow said eight new standards cover the 2007 audit, which will add 30 percent more to his time on each one. It's all documentation, he said.

With the commissioners and treasurer, he went through the draft, pointing out a few areas:

- The Good Samaritan memorial fund is up \$27,000 because of interest earned.
- The ambulance fund was down and went over the budgeted amount because the county bought a new ambulance. Mr. Zodrow said it could be fixed by showing that money came out of the ambulance equipment fund instead of the ambulance fund.
- It looks like the ambulance department is using the Quick Books computer program for bills, he said, but also using the old system too so they can run out reports. Mr.

### County Countdown

At their meeting last Tuesday, Decatur County commissioners:

- Approved a resolution allowing an investment banking firm to start selling \$650,000 in bonds to pay

Zodrow said they might need some more training.

- The cash increased in the county fair fund. It's nice to see that, said Mr. Zodrow, noting that this is the first time he can remember that happening.
- The health department could write a check to the county to zero out the infant car seat fund. The department doesn't have the project anymore, he said, but there is some money left in it.
- It looks like the expenditures were up \$65,000 in the general fund, with a lot of that being employee benefits.
- The county, he said, is doing very well as far as debt goes. The debt is minimal, with just the two bond issues for the hospital.
- The county general fund ended the year with an \$11,000 cash balance in it, said County Attorney Steve Hirsch, because of transfers.

Mr. Zodrow said he would like to see the county have at least enough money to cover a month's worth of

for the clinic addition at the Decatur County Hospital. Story to come.

- Approved the draft of the 2006 county audit. Story at left.

expenses in the general fund at the end of the year. A lot of counties don't like to go under \$100,000, he said.

Some of the items that are paid for out of county general, said Mr. Zodrow, could actually be paid for out of other funds.

There is also the option of borrowing money with "no-fund" warrants, he said. County Clerk Marilyn Horn said the county has done the no-fund warrants in the past.

The county is using up the reserves, said Mr. Zodrow. At some point, it is going to have to raise taxes or fees.

For instance, he said, is the county raising enough for use of the landfill? No, said Commissioner Ralph Unger.

Mrs. Horn said they want to keep people using the landfill instead of dumping the trash in ditches.

The county approved the draft with the change in the ambulance payment and the spelling of liability, which was incorrect.

## Angel Tree kids available to sponsor

The Angel Tree is up and decorated with lights and red slips of paper, each one connecting a potential donor to a child who could use a little extra Christmas cheer.

Each piece of red construction paper on the tree has a number linked to a child. In the lines underneath, Abby Hissong has written the child's clothing and shoe sizes, plus a short list of things the child needs and wants.

Mrs. Hissong has organized the Angel Tree, sponsored by the Oberlin Jaycees, for the last five years.

Parents can fill out a form with their child's sizes and wants and needs and turn those in to Mrs. Hissong. Each child is then assigned a number and the information is transferred to a red slip and hung on

the tree at Frederickson Insurance in downtown Oberlin.

People can come in and pick one of the kids, never knowing their name, or who the parents are.

Mrs. Hissong said she has received information for 27 kids and had nine left on the tree on Monday. The last day to turn in the forms is today, although she said she will take them until the end of the month.

All of the gifts have to be in her office by Friday, Dec. 14, and then parents can pick up the gifts starting on Monday, Dec. 17, she said.

Mrs. Hissong said she asked the state Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services to send the forms to people from their database, and she also put them out at Raye's Grocery and in area stores. She said

she also put the information on the sign at First National Bank and left forms at both Oberlin schools.

From time to time, she said, people come in and give her a name of someone to send a form to. The kids can be anywhere up to age 18.

Mrs. Hissong said she has noticed that several of the kids need new coats, but also a lot of them have asked for blankets and comforters, which she hasn't noticed in the past. It was also a lot colder last winter than it has been.

She said several groups and individuals have picked up information for the kids, while others have donated money. Mrs. Hissong said they will probably buy passes for Sunflower Cinema for all the kids again this year.

## 480+/- ACRES CROPLAND & GRASS AUCTION

**ABSOLUTE**

**TUES, DEC. 4, 2007 @ 10:30 AM, CST**

**SELLER: JAY KUMP**

**AUCTION LOCATION: CITY HALL, JENNINGS, KS**

**DECATUR COUNTY, KS**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS:**  
TRACT 1 - NE/4 OF 10-4-27  
TRACT 2 - SE/4 OF 10-4-27  
TRACT 3 - SW/4 OF 15-4-27

**LAND LOCATION:**  
From Jennings, Kansas, go 1 mile North, then 2 1/2 miles West Southeast corner of Tract 3. **Signs will be posted!**

**MANNER OF SALE:** This real estate will be offered as a "MULTI-PARCEL" auction in 3 individual tracts and in combinations of tracts. It will be sold in the manner that produces the highest aggregate bid. There will be OPEN BIDDING on all tracts and combinations of tracts during the auction as determined by the auction company. Auction procedure and increments of bidding are at the discretion of the auction company.

**TERMS:** 10% down day of sale, with the balance to be paid on or before January 3, 2008, or upon such terms as may be acceptable to the Seller. 10% down day of sale, with the balance to be paid on or before January 3, 2008, or upon such terms as may be acceptable to the Seller. Personal and corporate checks are acceptable for the down payment with the final payment to be made in certified funds. **Announcements made day of sale take precedence over printed material and previously made oral statements.**

**MINERAL RIGHTS:** All of the Sellers interest will transfer to the Buyer at closing.

TRACTS	TOTAL ACRES	CROPLAND ACRES	GRASS ACRES	WHEAT BASE/DCP YIELD	GRAIN SORG BASE/DCP YIELD	BARLEY BASE/DCP YIELD	2007 TAXES
1	160	159.4		82.0/34	34.2/50	2.6/40	Taxes are combined
2	160	121.9		61.3/34	25.6/50	1.9/40	\$1,071.80
3	160	87.3	71.2	43.4/34	18.1/50	1.3/40	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>368.6</b>	<b>71.2</b>				<b>338.84</b>

**CROPS:** Crops are subject to a cash lease with V8, Inc. thru January 15, 2009. Buyer(s) will receive the 2008 cash lease payments in the amount of \$32.00 per acre on the actual cropland acres.

**FSA INFORMATION:** FSA payments will be retained by the tenant under the current cash lease. See chart below for FSA information.

**POSSESSION:** Possession will be the date of closing, subject to the tenant's rights on the grassland acres through March 1, 2008, and subject to the tenant's rights on the cropland acres until after the 2009 wheat harvest.

**CLOSING:** Closing shall be on or before January 3, 2008.

**EVIDENCE OF TITLE:** Seller will provide title insurance to the Buyer(s) in the amount of the purchase price with the premium to be paid one-half by the Buyer(s) and one-half by the Seller.

**AGENCY:** Farm & Ranch Realty, Inc., its agents and representatives, are the Exclusive Agents of the Seller.

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