

Winners get \$50 in contest

Two people claimed their instant prizes in the first week of the Oberlin merchants' Christmas on Us promotion.

With 6 to 8 numbers in the Christmas on Us ads last week, two people matched them with their tickets and came in to claim prizes.

The first one in to claim his \$50 in scrip money was Jerry Miller. He said he received the ticket, No. 268002, from Dale's Fish 'N' Fun when he bought a rifle. Mr. Miller said he would probably use the money on gas for his vehicle.

Elaine Bryan was the second in to claim her prize. She said she got her ticket, No. 596490, at Ward's Drug Store. Mrs. Bryan said she would probably use the \$50 in scrip money at Raye's Grocery Store on food.

The other numbers last week were 821126 from Ampride, 831741 from Raye's Grocery, 250822 from Raye's Grocery, 285098 from Southwest Implement, 050010 from Rocking R and 263197 from Stellar Sales.

There are more chances to win instantly by looking for ticket numbers in the ads in Section C and matching them to your ticket and bringing that to the office by 5 p.m. Friday. Each instant winner must provide the winning ticket and agree to be photographed.

The instant money can be spent at sponsors including Ward Drug Store, Stellar Sales, the Carpet Center, Rocking R, Ampride, R&M Service Center, Dale's Fish 'N' Fun, Raye's Grocery, Southwest Implement, Ray Jewelry, the Dresser, Prairie Petals, Nex-Tech Wireless, the LandMark Inn, Stanley Hardware, Home Planning Center, Addleman Drug Store, Culligan Water Conditioning Co., the Sons of the American Legion (tickets available at the American Legion Hall) and *The Oberlin Herald*.

Instant prizes not claimed at the end of the promotion will be given away before the drawing for first and grand prizes on Saturday, Dec. 15.

The only way to win the big prizes is to be present at the drawing, which will take place at Centennial Park. An alternate location in case of bad weather will be announced later.

After the drawing, the Oberlin Business Alliance will sponsor a soup lunch downtown before the merchants' drawing at 2 p.m.

Anyone 18 and older can pick up the tickets at sponsoring businesses. For every \$10 spent at a participating business, a shopper will receive one ticket.

People can also pick up one ticket a week at the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce office or at the newspaper without making a purchase. No purchase is necessary to win. Shoppers can only receive 250 tickets for any one transaction. All winners of the "Christmas on Us" promotion agree to be interviewed by *The Herald* and have their picture taken, and must provide their tax information.

Employees of *The Oberlin Herald* and their immediate family are not eligible to win. Employees of sponsors aren't allowed to get tickets at their place of business.

Remember, if a business person forgets to give a ticket, you should remind them. If this happens, you are entitled to one extra ticket.



AT THE CRAFT SHOW Saturday, Sharon Slabaugh (above) showed off some of her items from Watkins. Kem Bryan (below) spent the afternoon knitting at her booth. — Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

Booths attract shoppers

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Ornaments, baby blankets, jewelry, Christmas decorations and more filled tables at 77 booths for the 22nd annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show in Oberlin Saturday.

Ella Betts, with the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission, which sponsors the show at The Gateway, said they had 700 to 800 people come through. The crowd was great, she said, and the cold seemed to not really affect how many people came in. The traffic flow was good all day, she said, and the vendors seemed to be happy.

Some years, said Ms. Betts, they have had as many as 900 people come through the doors.

Throughout the day, organizers gave out door prizes donated by the vendors. People got to sign up for a ticket when they entered the show.

LeAnn Frick of McCook said she has been selling crafts at the show for the last 10 years. It seems like a popular show, she said, and always has good attendance.

The crowd was good this year, said Mrs. Frick, despite light snowfall the day before. It seems there were more people in the



afternoon, she said, after things warmed up a little.

Each year, she said, she tries to come up with new items to sell, as well as keeping some of the favorites from past year.

Normally, said Mrs. Frick, she sells a lot of weather stations, glass blocks with lights and the welcome bears.

Also at the fair this year, besides homemade wares, were booths manned by people who have home-based businesses selling jewelry, baskets and more. One of those was Abby Hissong, who sells for Uppercase Living, a direct sales business.

Mrs. Hissong said the line includes high-quality vinyl lettering. They can custom make any wording in a multitude of colors.

She said she also has pre-made items and had several on display. People can order premade items, she said, in any color they want.

For example, she had glass Christmas balls with things like "hope" or "love" in vinyl lettering, plus mirrors and other decorations with sayings on them. Mrs. Hissong said she has been active in the business for about three months. It is more designed for home parties, she said, but it also works for craft shows too.

Snow drapes area in white for first time

The first snow of the season dropped around four inches over Decatur County starting at mid-morning on Friday.

Flakes fell through the evening hours. With little wind, there weren't a lot of drifts, but the snow left lawns and roads covered.

With a high of 36 on Friday and Saturday and low of 8 degrees both nights, the snow seemed to stay around for a couple of days. By Saturday afternoon, the sun came out and melted most of what was left on the streets. By Monday, most of the snow was gone from yards, too.

The National Weather Service forecast shows a small chance of precipitation again today.

City Administrator Gary Shike said the city crew went out Friday and sanded some streets before the Parade of Lights downtown.

The sand was covered up pretty quickly, he said, as it was still snowing.

Mr. Shike said the crew didn't plow any streets. Generally speaking, he said, the city doesn't plow the streets when there is less than four inches of snow, depending on what the forecasts says will happen.

The forecast on Friday didn't show any more snow, he said, and the chances were it would melt, so the crew didn't plow anything. It seems to melt faster when it isn't piled up, he said.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman said the county crew did clear off the airport runway in case there were any emergency flights, but didn't plow any of the roads.

With that amount of snow, he said, it isn't efficient to plow.

The Kansas Department of Transportation did have crews out plowing and treating the state highways Friday night. Crews went out around 3 or 4 p.m. and the night crew stayed out cleaning up the roads, one official said.

Farmer flown out with injury to arm

A Decatur County man was flown to a Kearney, Neb., hospital Saturday after his arm got stuck in the power takeoff on his tractor.

Ron Montgomery's right arm got caught in the power takeoff on his family's farm eight miles north of Jennings about 2:30 p.m. Saturday, officials said.

Bill Cathcart, Decatur County fire chief, said the rescue crew was called to the scene. They decided to cut the shaft off of the tractor and leave it attached to the arm. He said Mr. Montgomery was loaded into the ambulance that way.

Police Chief Wade Lockhart said Officer Troy Haas took Dr. Richard May from the hospital to meet the ambulance on the road on its way in from the accident scene.

Chief Cathcart said as far as he knows, they left the power take off shaft attached to his arm when he was taken by helicopter to the Nebraska hospital.

A call to the family was not answered. Officials at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney said Mr. Montgomery was in fair condition on Monday.

Traer man wins trophy for best football choices

Todd Ketterl of Traer will take home the trophy and grand prize money this year for *The Oberlin Herald's* annual Pigskin Pick-Em contest.

Mr. Ketterl picked 95 of the possible 132 winners over the 12 weeks of the contest, which gives people a chance to pick the winners of selected high school, college and pro games each week.

The first-place winner each week got \$15 in scrip money, second place got \$10 and third \$5.

Closely behind the grand-prize winner was Ivis Hanson of Oberlin who chose 93 of the possible 132

winners. Mr. Hanson won the grand prize last year.

Mr. Ketterl will get \$50 in scrip money and a trophy for his victory. All prize money in the contest has to be picked up by Friday, Dec. 28, and spent by the end of the year.

This year's sponsors of the Pigskin Pick-Em contest included Home Planning Center, Farm Credit of Western Kansas, The Country Advocate, Fredrickson Insurance Agency, Wagner, Raye's Grocery, Prairie Petals, the LandMark Inn, Ward Drug Store and *The Oberlin Herald*.

Bullying in spotlight

Parents of students in grade and high school are invited to a meeting from 7 to 8 p.m. Monday at the high school about bullying prevention training Oberlin students, staff and teachers will get this year.

The staff and teachers will go through training on Monday with Bill Biermann from the Southwest Plains Educational Service Center

called "All Hands In: Preventing Bullying Behavior."

The following day, all students will have training on the subject.

Students will not have school on Monday and there will be no late start on Monday, Dec. 10, as was scheduled. School will start at the regular time on that day, said Principal Charlie Haag.

Group to sing in St. Francis

C.C. Turner Music Ministries will present music, messages, memories and much more at 7 p.m. on Sunday at the First Christian Church, 118 E. Webster, in St. Francis.

The free program by the brother/sister team will include fun, good cheer, sleigh bells and moments

designed to life your spirits and focus on the birth of Jesus.



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