



AT THE AMERICAN LEGION, Bert Cool (above), vice president of the Oberlin Mavericks, dealt cards Saturday night during the group's Texas Hold-Em Tournament.

Marvin Matchett (below) got ready to look at his card. — Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

Tourney raises money

Over 30 Texas Hold-em players showed up Saturday night to support the Oberlin Country Club by playing in a tournament sponsored by the Oberlin Mavericks. The tournament, which started at 7 p.m., brought 33 people in to play for a cash purse and raise money for the golf course. Larry Mack, president of the group, said the tournament had gone well. He said they were amazed by the turnout, this being the first poker event. People were asked to pay a \$30 donation to enter the event, which got them a bag of chips. Part of the money went to the Country Club and the rest was given in prizes, Mr. Mack said. In the end, he added, the Oberlin Mavericks had \$550 to give to the Country Club. Winners were Roy Beedy from Colby, who took first place and won \$250; Julee Beedy, second, \$150; and Roger May of Oberlin, third, \$100. Mr. Mack said the Mavericks owe thanks to Jim Barrett with



the American Legion, Ron Cooper, the Eagles Lodge in Norton, who sent several members over to play, and sponsors, including Ward Drug Store, Addleman Drug Store and Dale's Fish 'N' Fun. Donated gift certificates were given out to the six players who made it to the final table, he said

"Also a special thanks to *The Oberlin Herald* and Steve Haynes," said Mr. Mack. "We appreciate what you guys did." Mr. Mack said in the future, the group is talking about starting tournaments for an ongoing scholarship fund, and possibly for Pheasants Forever, the Sunflower

Cinema and Sappa Park. Some people have talked about donating money to help people who can't afford to pay be able to play, he said. The next tournament, said Mr. Mack, will probably be in May.

Grade school kids collecting milk jugs to mark Earth Day

Just in time for Earth Month, the students and staff at Oberlin Elementary School are collecting plastic milk and juice jugs to recycle. The school started collecting the jugs at the beginning of April, said Principal Duane Dorshorst. He said he thought they would help Sarah Fredrickson with the county recycling program by asking people to bring the plastic bottles to the school. Teachers built a "corral" southwest of the school for the kids to put the plastic bottles in. Mr. Dorshorst

said teachers are collecting the lids inside to have a count of how many bottles are brought in. He said they plan to help Mrs. Fredrickson squash the bottles down and then figure how much area it took for the jugs. Then Mrs. Fredrickson will take the jugs to Colby, where they will be baled, then brought back to the school for the kids to see, said Mr. Dorshorst. The idea is to not only promote recycling but to do something for Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22, he said.

Fire burns 80 acres outside of Jennings

A pasture fire Monday afternoon kept volunteers from Oberlin, Norcat and Jennings busy for more than three hours. Kerry Green, Jennings fire chief, said a call came in around 12:30 p.m. that there was a fire three miles east of Jennings and half a mile south on Chuck Griffith's land. Mr. Griffith had a controlled burn going on the field, which is Conservation Reserve ground, and it got away from him.

In all, said Chief Green, the fire probably burned about 80 acres. With the wind, the fact that there had been a fire in that field in the past and that one of the trucks in Jennings was down for repair, he said, he decided to call in crews from Oberlin and Norcat. Chief Green said he has the parts for the truck and now needs to just get it back together. The crews were back at the station around 4 p.m.

students of the week



Calculus Class 2008: Front, from left: Jessica Bremer, Rebecca Helm and Nicole Wessel. Back: Chenaniah Langness and Gage Reichert.

Name: Jessica Bremer. **Parents:** John and Dianne Bremer. **Grade:** 12 **Age:** 18
Student Comment: I am honored to be selected. The past four years have been a lot of hard work and a lot of fun.
Activities involved in at school: TACT, National Honor Society, Kayettes, Drama Club, Speech, Science Club, Scholars Bowl, STUCO, DCHS Singers, DCHS Musical.

Name: Nicole Wessel. **Parents:** Bill and Carol Wessel. **Grade:** 12 **Age:** 18
Student Comment: My years at Oberlin have been packed full of fun.
Activities involved in at school: Volleyball, basketball, track, National Honor Society, TACT, Drama Club, Kayettes, Spanish Club, Science Club.

Name: Chenaniah Langness. **Parents:** Richard and Kimberly Langness. **Grade:** 12 **Age:** 18
Student Comment: These past two years have been some of my best years of my life.
Activities involved in at school: National Honor Society, FFA, TACT, Drama Club, Cross Country, Track, Scholar Bowl, Physics Club, Speech, DCHS Singers, All-school play, Musical.

Name: Gage Reichert. **Parents:** Wilbur and Jill Reichert. **Grade:** 12 **Age:** 18
Student Comment: Calculus is crazy fun.
Activities involved in at school: National Honor Society, Wrestling, Cross Country, D-Club, Weight Club, STUCO.

Name: Rebecca Helm. **Parents:** Michael and Debra Helm. **Grade:** 12 **Age:** 18
Student Comment: Mrs. Scott makes calculus worthwhile.
Activities involved in at school: Cross Country, National Honor Society, Kayettes, TACT, Speech, Drama Club, STUCO, Scholar Bowl.

Commissioners agree to help rewire fairground

By CYNTHIA HAYNES
 c.haynes@nwkansas.com
 Decatur County will put up \$7,000, one-third the money needed to rewire the county fairground, while the Amusement Authority and Fair Board will each pick up a third of the \$21,000 bid. The county has been looking at making the fairground safer by moving the wiring underground and adding trailer hookups, commissioners said at their meeting Tuesday, March 18, but most bids they have received over the last year have been way too high. However, when Mark Bailey of Norcat submitted an estimate of \$21,000, the commissioners decided it was reasonable. "We probably won't get a better bid," said Commissioner Doyle

Brown. Commissioner Stan McEvoy said that he'd like to see the project done before the fair, which will take place the first full week of August. The bid does not include lighting for the horse arena, however, and the commissioners agreed that heavier wiring would be needed for that area. The commissioners decided to ask Mr. Bailey for a bid on extending the service from Wheat Ridge Terrace Apartments across to the horse arena and perhaps the new livestock building. Lighting at the grandstand is also not in the proposal, but commissioners decided to hold off on that area for now. In other business, the commissioners:
 • Hired Joe Dreher, Decatur Com-

munity High activities director, to run the county's recreation program again this summer. This is his sixth year, and he will receive \$1,000 a month for five months for the job.
 • Agreed that a circus could use the fairground as long as it pays the same rent as other for-profit groups.
 • Learned from Fire Chief Bill Cathcart that the county's truck in Norcat has a transmission problem and a pump had gone out on the rural pumper in Oberlin. The Decatur Co-op has rigged a pump until parts, which will cost \$2,800,

can be obtained to fix the Oberlin truck, he said.
 • Heard from Noxious Weed Control Director Gaylen Huntley that he has spent \$5,000 for 20 gallons of chemical for musk thistle and may need to get more. Mr. Huntley said that his department has been spraying bare ground at the fairground and the county shops. Soon, he said, his crews will be doing roadside ditches.
 • Decided to not meet next week as there are five Tuesdays in April and Commissioner Brown will be gone.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Please take notice that the Annual Meeting of The Decatur Cooperative Association will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, the 24th day of April, 2008, at the Gateway Center, in Oberlin, Kansas. The purpose of the Annual Meeting will include reports of management and officers, financial audit report, election of directors, and such other business as may properly come before the membership; and to consider the following resolution recommended by the board of directors: To adopt a resolution amending Article VII, Section 2 of the Articles of Incorporation to correctly authorize the board of directors to suspend the right to vote of patrons who are no longer producers of agricultural products or who are otherwise ineligible for membership; to delete Bylaw Article I Section 4 of the Bylaws as redundant; and to authorize reasonable volume and other discounts by repealing the requirement that all members receive "uniform" treatment Article VI; as started on the attached resolutions.

Rod Bryan
 Board President

Arriving soon, a variety of flowers, vegetable plants, potting soil, peat moss and mulch.

Fidele Electric & Woodcrafting
 169 S. Penn—Oberlin— 785-475-3024

**Internet tonight!
 Call 475-2206!**

WARD DRUG STORE
 Kurt Vollertsen
 142 S. Penn, Oberlin - 785-475-2285 1-800-698-5757