

Oberlin man picks eight teams correctly to win

No tie-breaker was needed for first place in this week's Pigskin Pic'em Contest, as Norm Wendelin of Oberlin, was the only person to pick all eight games correctly, winning himself first place and \$15 in scrip.

A tie-breaker was needed to determine second and third places, since eight people guessed seven teams right. Kimberly Solko of Oberlin was off the tie-breaker by 11 points, winning herself second place and \$10. Travis Raile guessed 36 points off the tie-breaker and won third place and \$5 scrip.

The others guessing seven correct teams were Amanda Adams, Danbury; Steve Vontz, McCook; Mabel Zimmerman, Gary Anderson and Ivis Hanson, Oberlin; and Mary Kinser, Jennings.

Picking six teams right were Todd Ketterl and Owen Wilson, Oberlin, and Cody Jacobs, Dresden.

Choosing five correct teams were Valisha Raile, Jim Hollowell, Colleen Gee and Jacob Gee, Oberlin, and Cheri Kastens of Herndon.

Two people chose four right: Justin Gee and Ron Solko, both of

Oberlin. Rodney Solko of McCook picked three winners correctly.

Contest rules are on Page 7A of today's paper, along with an entry form. Forms also are available at the sponsoring businesses, Wagner Chevrolet, Buick, Pontiac, and Cadillac of McCook, Farm Credit of Western Kansas, Ward Drug Store, Raye's Grocery, the LandMark Inn, Home Planning Center, Fredrickson Insurance Agency, Farm Bureau Financial Services and *The Oberlin Herald* and the *Country Advocate*.

Only official entry blanks will be accepted, no copies.

This week's winners were:

- Oklahoma over the University of Kansas, 45-31.
- Oberlin over Hoxie, 14-12.
- Atwood over Leota, 50-0.
- St. Francis over Syracuse, 62-21.
- Nebraska over Iowa State, 35-7.
- Concordia over Colby, 22-14.
- Scott City over Goodland, 28-0.
- McCook over Holdrege, 47-0.
- Tie-breaker: Colorado over Kansas State, 14-13.

Oberlin woman to manage Gateway

The Oberlin City Council has approved the hiring of an Oberlin woman as the new manager at The Gateway.

At the Wednesday, Oct. 8, meeting, Mayor Joe Stanley said he and Councilwoman Marcia Lohofener had interviewed Kathy Brainard about the job. She's anxious to get started, said Mayor Stanley, and she will do a good job.

As acting city administrator, said Mayor Stanley, he has hired Ms. Brainard for the position at \$14.50

an hour. The council needed to approve the hiring and wage, which it did. The manager's position includes watching over maintenance for the building and the grounds, she will have employees who work under her and she will oversee the kitchen, although she won't actually be the main chef.

The position has been open for the past six and a half months, since the death of longtime manager Kent Ploussard.

Schools look to cut \$100,000 to \$150,000

Superintendent Pat Cullen told Oberlin School Board members at a meeting last Monday that they need to start looking at ways to cut \$100,000 to \$150,000 from next year's budget, just in case the district has less money to spend.

With the drop of over 20 students in enrollment this year, he said, the three-year average used to figure the budget will fall. He said the board needs to look at ways to cut anywhere from \$100,000 to \$150,000 out of the budget for the 2009-2010 school year.

The board needs to figure out where to get that money, said Dr. Cullen. It's better to be proactive

than reactive, he said.

The 2010 commission created by the state Legislature, he said, has recommended to keep the current school funding law for three more years, with increases to the base the state pays each year.

There has been no decision on that from the legislators, he added, but for now, the board needs to figure out where cuts can be made.

Dr. Cullen said he also wants the board to know that Board Clerk Vickie Lippelmann does an excellent job handling the financial information.

There was no further discussion on the issue.



ON U.S. 36 EAST OF TOWN on Monday, crews worked an accident (above) before lunch when a woman ran into the back of an oil truck stop at the railroad crossing. A long line

of trucks (below) waited west of the accident while Sheriff's Deputy Jay Tate walked along the centerline.
— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

Accident backs up highway

Traffic stopped for over an hour Monday morning along U.S. 36 after a young woman hit the back end of a crude oil tanker stopped at a railroad crossing about 14 miles east of Oberlin.

Sheriff's Deputy Jay Tate said the accident was reported around 11:02 a.m. He said David Stephen, 30, Hill City, stopped a 1986 Freightliner at the railroad crossing as required by law with flammable loads. He works for National Cooperative Refinery out of Great Bend, which collects oil from wells and hauls it to a pipeline.

Anytime a hazardous material like oil is being hauled, said Deputy Tate, the driver is required to stop at rail crossings.

The deputy said Bethany Weishapl, 22, of Oberlin, driving a 1995 Oldsmobile Cutlass, ran into the back of the truck. Miss Weishapl was taken to the



Decatur County Hospital by ambulance.

Monday night the nurse at Decatur County Hospital said she couldn't release any information

on Miss Weishapl. Deputy Tate said Mr. Stephen was not hurt. Miss Weishapl's vehicle was towed by ASC Towing, he said, but

it's probably totaled. On Monday afternoon, Deputy Tate said, he was still working on the paperwork.

Man complains about fast drivers

An Oberlin man talked with the council about speeders on Road 1S, the Sappa Creek Road, which runs west from U.S. 83 at the southwest edge of town.

At the meeting Wednesday, Oct. 8, Ward Mills said he lives near the road, and feels that nine out of 10 people drive well over the speed limit. The road, which is graveled, borders the city. Mr. Mills said he has been told that the road is half owned by the city and half by the county.

People travel that road at 70 mph, he said, when the speed limit is 30. He said he has complained before, but nothing has been done about it.

"If you don't want to do anything about it," said Mr. Mills, "I will go to the state."

Maybe there needs to be a sign on the road, suggested Councilwoman Rhonda May.

She said it sure seems like a county road. If the speed limit isn't

posted, wouldn't you assume it is 55 miles an hour, like all other county roads? she asked.

It sounds like there needs to be a sign for people who are driving west, leaving town, to show that the speed limit is 30 mph, said Councilman Jay Anderson, and then ask the police chief to enforce it.

(There are three speed signs on the road already, two eastbound and one westbound about a block west of the highway. All show the speed limit at 30 mph. There also is a "reduced speed ahead" sign coming into town.)

Chief Wade Lockhart said he can watch the road, but can't sit on all day.

Mayor Joe Stanley said they would make sure the road is properly signed and will ask the officers to go by the road a couple more times a day.

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