

Two guess right on all eight games in football contest

Two people guessed all eight teams correctly in the Pigskin Pick'em Contest this week, so the tie-breaker was used to determine first and second places.

Having guessed 16 points off the tie-breaker score, Todd Ketterl won first place and \$15 in scrip. Kimberly Solko, 34 points off the tie-breaker, received second place and \$10 in scrip. Both are from Oberlin.

Amanda Adams of Danbury, Neb., was the only one to guess seven teams right, winning third place and \$5 in scrip.

Six people guessing six teams right were Gary Anderson, Ivis Hanson, Travis Raile and Valisha Raile, Oberlin; Cheri Kastens, Herndon; and Mary Kinser, Jennings.

Three people got five right: Ron Solko, Mabel Zimmerman and Owen Wilson, all of Oberlin. Norm Wendelin picked four.

Contest rules are on Page 8A 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 scores:

- Texas over Kansas, 35-7.
- Baker over Avila, 43-9.
- Benedictine over Central Methodist, 32-14.
- Southwestern over Bethany, 12-7.
- McPherson over Bethel, 28-23.
- Friends over St. Mary's, 57-22.
- Wesleyan over Tabor, 63-34.
- Nebraska over K-State, 56-28.
- Tie-breaker: Smith Center over LaCrosse, 32-14.

* District survey may be done by all

(Continued from Page 1A) said has to be done by the end of December.

Board members agreed that was a good idea.

Who all gets to fill it out? he asked.

Member Dan Nedland said maybe the students shouldn't fill out a survey, which would limit the number needing to be compiled, but certainly all of the staff.

Maybe a number of students should do it, said Member Barb Olson. It would be a good learning experience.

What about patrons, people who pay taxes and who elected the board? asked Mr. Nedland.

Member Jerry Chambers said he didn't see a problem with the public having the opportunity to fill out the survey.

The board decided to make the surveys available in the district office for anyone to pick up. The board members said they would make the

surveys out if needed.

The surveys will be available in the office at the high school for students who want to fill them out.

All of the surveys and the superintendent evaluation that the board members will fill out have to be turned in by Monday, Dec. 8, said Mr. Jackson.

The board will then hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 17, to discuss the superintendent's evaluation.

The board once again tabled a decision on administrator salaries. The administrator contracts will be an action item during the Dec. 17 special meeting, however.

The board held seven five-minute closed sessions and one 10-minute session without Dr. Cullen to discuss nonelected personnel. The board then held one 10-minute closed session with the superintendent.

There was no action taken afterward.

Business alliance plans light parade

Oberlin Business Alliance members are getting ready for the holiday season, starting with the annual Parade of Lights on Friday, Nov. 28, in downtown Oberlin.

The theme this year, suggested by students in the fourth grade at Oberlin Elementary Schools, is "Believe in the Spirit of Christmas."

Gary Walter, with The Bank, who is organizing the parade, said at a meeting last Wednesday at The Gateway that entries will stage at the Decatur Co-op at 6 p.m. and the parade will start at 6:30 p.m., traveling north up Main Street.

Mr. Walter asked if they should send out postcards or something to the clubs and businesses who participated in the museum parade to ask them to participate in this one. Although many said it was a good idea, no decision was made.

He suggested generating some flyers. Anyone who wants to participate can call Mr. Walter at 475-3817 or the Chamber of Commerce at 475-3441.

After the parade, Santa will be on the first floor of the courthouse, talking with kids and handing out candy donated by the Oberlin Lions Club.

Jack Benton, with the Lions Club, said they will not be holding their annual soup supper that night.

The alliance members discussed their Christmas giveaway, which will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 20, after *The Oberlin Herald's* Christmas on Us Giveaway and a soup lunch sponsored by the alliance.

The lunch will go from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center.

Santa will return that day to hear Christmas wishes, although it wasn't said where he will be.

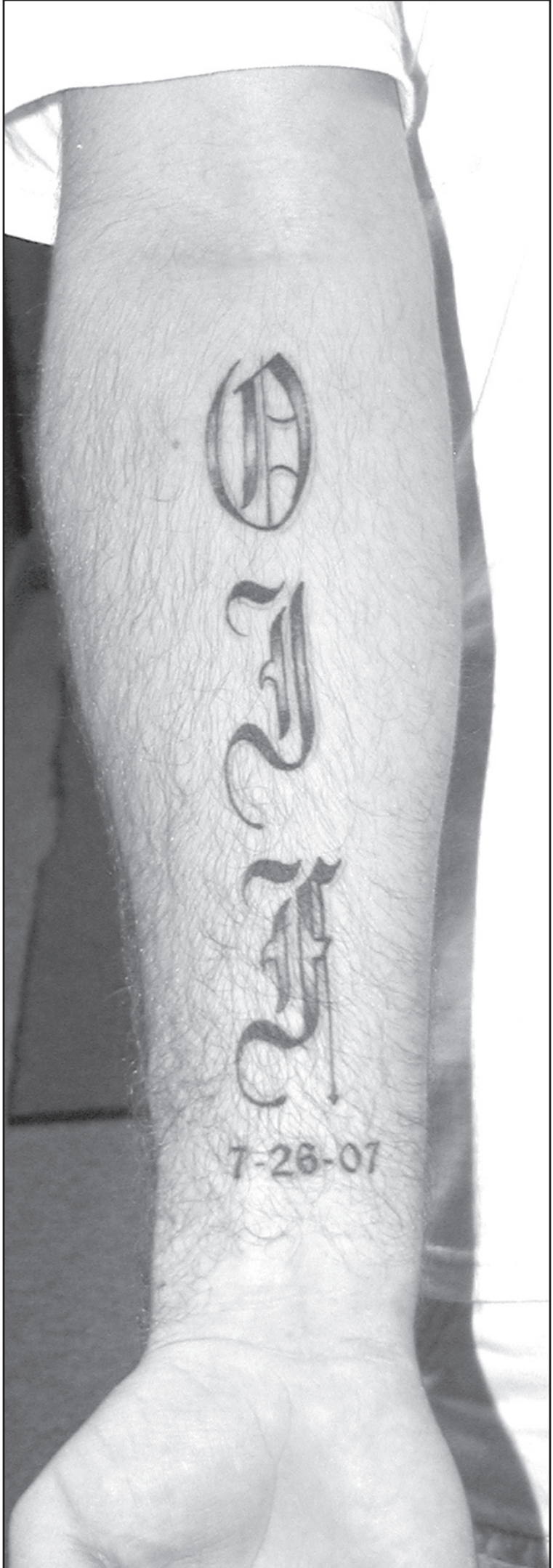
The alliance will use the tickets from *The Oberlin Herald's* drawing for its drawing. That means that if someone doesn't win the Christmas on Us giveaway, they still have a chance at scrip money from the alliance.

Kids will have a chance to sign up with Santa to win tickets to Sunflower Cinema again this year.

Kem Bryan, Chamber board chair, said the Chamber is handling the Santa Bucks in house this year, saving around \$300 to \$400. She said they would like to find something like a stamp that would make an impression on them, so that people can't reproduce them.

In other business, the alliance members:

- Heard that Tina Watson, who works at Stanley Hardware, has been hired to be the new secretary for the Chamber.
- Discussed the spook parade on Halloween. Kurt Vollertsen, owner of Ward Drug Store, said it looked like there was a record crowd downtown, with lots of people staying around for a while.
- Talked about the Longest Tail Feather contest, which normally happens at this time of the year, but didn't this year, since there wasn't any advertising or discussion about it prior to the opening of pheasant season.
- Talked about buying a \$50 gift certificate for LaMoine Wolfram for helping with the bulbs for the Christmas decorations.
- Watched a new promotional DVD for Decatur County.



"OIF" PERMANENTLY DISPLAYED on Canaan Bishop's right forearm stands for Operation Iraqi Freedom with the date he deployed, July 26, 2007.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

* Iraq war veteran displays his record

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he said. While he missed home, he said, he was able to keep in touch via e-mail and an occasional phone call.

After 15 months overseas and a short time on leave at home, he will return to Fort Bragg. His enlistment will be up on July 5, 2010. After that, he said, he doesn't know what he will do. He might re-enlist, or

maybe not. Right now, however, he's enjoying what he's doing and just glad to be home.

While in Oberlin, he said, he's gotten a hold of most of his old classmates who are still around, but said he'd enjoy hearing from others. He can be reached at canaan.g.bishop@us.army.mil.

* Food drive helps provision pantry

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On the 19th, members of Teens for Christ rolled 10 shopping carts filled with food from the store up Penn Avenue to the church on N. Griffith.

At the same time, a loaded pickup took most of the 2,136 items collected to the food bank.

Last year, the store collected 2,637 items by the end of December. This is about 20 to 30 percent of what the pantry needs in a year, Mr. Stanley said.

In a story in the Oct. 15 edition of *The Oberlin Herald*, Melanie Anderson, who runs the pantry, said they needed toilet paper and paper towels; personal hygiene items like

toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner and deodorant; and cleaning items. She said that the needs can change quickly, but canned fruits and vegetables are always in demand.

Ms. Anderson said that use of the pantry is up this year. Anyone needing help can come to the United Church basement between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, she said.

In the meantime, watch for the tote sign in the window at Stanley's Hardware announcing the number of items that have been donated. Donate whatever you can spare, making sure it's in date, unopened and in good condition.

Emergency director quits to work for city

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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Patti Skubal has resigned from both her job as Decatur County emergency management director and as a sheriff's deputy as of Friday to take an office job with the City of Oberlin.

The commissioners accepted her resignation at their meeting last Tuesday, but they had known of her intentions since Friday, Nov. 7, when she told them of her plans during their ballot-canvassing meeting.

Mrs. Skubal said that she had enjoyed her time with the county but felt that the job as city treasurer was a step up for her.

The commissioners said they would advertise her position but might contact Sheridan County Emergency Management Director Jacque Boultinghouse of Selden to see if she could help Decatur County until a new director is hired.

The commissioners also:

- Met with the Register of Deeds-elect Kari Ketterl and heard that the present register, Judy Gaumer, has hired her full time so that she can get training in what she will need to do after she is sworn in in January.
- Told commissioner-elect Gene Gallentine, who attended the meeting, that state law requires him to resign from his position as clerk of Garfield Township and his place on the county hospital board before he takes office on Monday, Jan. 12.

• Signed a resolution ordering County Attorney Steve Hirsch to start the process required for the annual sale of properties.

• Heard from County Clerk Marilyn Horn that she is sending out letters asking what day would be good for a coin toss to determine the election winners in two township contests which ended in ties. The four who had ties in the general election were George Ruzicka and Ron McDougal for trustee of Center Township, and Linda Schroer and Greg Ritter in Dresden Township treasurer.

• Agreed to continue health insurance for Chief Dispatcher Jeanne Pachner and dispatcher Beverly Reiter, both of whom are retiring and then being rehired by the county after a month. Ms. Pachner will take off January and Mrs. Reiter, December. The month of retirement is a requirement for collecting their Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) benefits.

• Discussed changes in county radio frequencies that will be required in the future and how to purchase only that equipment which is absolutely needed, since the new radios required by the changes could be quite expensive.

• Set the next meeting for Tuesday, Nov. 25, as the commissioners and county clerk are attending the Kansas Association of Counties meeting in Wichita this week.

* Volunteers needed to put on telethon

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dropped their cable service in favor of satellite television, which gives a broader range of channels and choices.

Mr. Benton said that he had talked to management at KFNF Radio some time ago about turning the event into a "radioathon," but it had been too expensive.

However, the ownership and management of the radio station has changed since then, he noted.

Over the 14 years of the program, Mr. Benton said, the telethon has made donations to 235 recipients for an average of \$578 each.

This year's recipients included

Teens for Christ, the Decatur County Museum, the City of Jennings, the City of Norcat, Kansas for Life, the Oberlin Area Concert Band, Oberlin Lions Club, the Salvation Army, Relay for Life, the Decatur County Ministerial Association, Tripple Creek Riders, Decatur Professional Women, Oberlin Girl Scouts, Creative Movements gymnastics, Awana Club, the Golden Age Center, the Decatur County Fair Board, the Decatur County Summer Recreation Program and Frogs Day Camp.

Anyone interested in helping with the effort should call Mr. Benton at 475-3174 or Mr. Duncan at 3259.

* Land sold at auction to Colorado couple

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son said.

Reached in Colorado, Mr. Mahaffy said that he and his wife haven't made any plans for the property yet but will probably rent it out.

The money from the land will be given to the hospital and the city as soon as bills are paid, said Certified Public Accountant Warren Bainter, who is handling the estate. Besides the land, the couple had certificates of deposit and

personal property, he added.

Mr. Bainter said he gave both the City Council and the hospital board \$500,000 each the middle of September, when the certificates of deposit were liquidated. The personal property was sold just last month and, he said, but he didn't know how much will be left after the bills are paid. However, he said, he figures each beneficiary will receive more a \$1 million from the estate.

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