

Banks, offices, most businesses to close for holiday

Most Oberlin stores and businesses plan to be closed for New Year's Day.

The Frontier Restaurant will be open regular hours on New Year's Eve, then be open from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on New Year's Day, serving breakfast. Pizza Hut will be open regular hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

The LandMark Inn's Teller Room will be open New Year's Eve and closed New Year's Day.

Raye's Grocery will remain open until 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve and be closed New Year's Day.

Crossroads Express and Ampride convenience stores will be open regular hours on both days. D&M Sinclair and A&W Restaurant will be open New Year's Eve and closed

New Year's Day.

The Oberlin Herald office will be closed New Year's Day. Deadline for ads in The Country Advocate will be noon on Friday as usual. The Herald will go to press on its regular schedule next Monday, so deadlines for news and advertising will be the usual noon on Monday.

Mail will be delivered in town today, but the post office will be closed all day New Year's Day, and there will be no mail delivery.

Federal, state, city and county offices, as well as all banks and financial institutions, will be closed on New Year's Day.

The Oberlin Library will close at 3 p.m. today for New Year's Eve and be closed New Year's Day. It will reopen on Friday.

Alliance gives away \$1,225 in scrip cash

The Oberlin Business Alliance gave away \$1,225 in Santa Bucks in the merchants' annual drawing just before Christmas.

On Saturday, Dec. 20, 10 adults won small wrapped packages containing either a certificate for \$25 in Santa Bucks or \$1,000 in Santa Bucks. Santa Bucks are scrip money that can only be spent at member businesses of the alliance or the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce.

The alliance used tickets handed out in The Oberlin Herald's Christmas on Us giveaway in November and December for the drawing.

The 10 people holding tickets that matched the ones drawn from the

bin were Mike Helm, Linda Weber, Kristin McHugh, Sarah Murray, Bob Berkheimer, Sharon Black, Nancy Lockhart, Anita Montgomery, Dan Lippelmann and Derek Chambers. Mr. Chambers got the box with the \$1,000.

A child's drawing for 12 movie passes to Sunflower Cinema was won by Aspen Gallentine, 9.

Before the alliance drawing, the group held a soup lunch at the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center downtown. The lunch raised \$212, with \$187 left after expenses, said Chamber Manager Tina Watson. The money will go to the Golden Age Center, Sunflower Cinema and bowling alley.

Subscribers get bonus

Today's issue of The Oberlin Herald is an extra one for subscribers, since 2008 has 53 Wednesdays instead of the usual 52.

People who subscribe to the paper pay for 52 weeks, but get 53 because the extra Wednesday produces an extra paper.

There's two ways to look at today's paper, said Managing Editor Kimberly Davis: either subscribers are getting a free paper or each newspaper they got throughout the year was just a little bit less expensive.

Girl mails gift to Santa Claus

To most of us, Christmas is a time of giving, a reason to buy or make someone a gift, and that's exactly what one Oberlin girl did.

Haylee Hileman, 9, made a gift for Santa Claus and placed it in Santa's big mailbox downtown. The gift was forwarded to him by way of The Oberlin Herald.

Haylee wrapped Santa's gift in a long jewelry box, wrapped in red construction paper with her school picture attached to one end.

Inside was a flat cloth Santa on a chain that the old boy could wear as a necklace or use as a long key chain or some kind of decoration. Haylee also gave Santa two small colored rocks.

The gift was sent on to Santa with the letters Oberlin children put in his mailbox downtown. Copies of those letters appeared in the "Letters to Santa" section in the paper this month.

student of the week



Name: Wade Juene-mann
Parents: Gary and Jennifer Juene-mann
Grade: 11
Age: 17
We've nominated this student because: I am very lucky to have Wade as a student. Wade is always friendly. He greets you with a smile. It's a good way to start your class. He is also just as friendly with his classmates. He loves to joke around with them. When it's time to work,

he's ready to get going and get it done. Wade is a pleasure to have as a student.

Student Comment: I think it is nice to be nominated as Student of the Week. It makes me feel good.

Activities involved in at school: I am going out for track in the spring.

My choice of movies, books, and games: I like the movie "Dumb & Dumber", the Percy Jackson books, and I like to play video games and basketball.

After I leave Decatur Community High School I intend to ...: I will probably look for a job or get some vocational training.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be ...: living on my own and I will have a job.

Favorite Quote: "Never argue with a teacher." (Mrs. Barth)

Where there's smoke



ONE FOR THE BOOKS? Firemen made ready about 8 p.m. Saturday night to go into Trent Townsend's basement house at 718 E. Maple St. When the hose team reached the burned area, though, they found the fire had put itself out. Chief Bill Cathcart said the blaze apparently started in

wiring for a space heater in the bathroom, set a hamper on fire and moved up the wall into the ceiling, where it melted a plastic water pipe. That doused the flames, leaving smoke damage and a half a foot of water on the floor.

— Herald staff photo by Steve Haynes

First 2009 baby born here to win prizes

With the year nearly over, Oberlin merchants are getting a basketful of gifts ready for the first baby born at the Decatur County Hospital in 2009.

Each year, businesses team up with The Oberlin Herald to gather gifts for the parents of the first child

born at the hospital here.

To receive the gifts, the parents must contact the newspaper and agree to be interviewed. All must be claimed within 60 days.

Gifts for the first miss or mister of 2009 include a \$10 gift certificate from the Dresser, a case of baby

food from Raye's Grocery Store, a \$10 gift card from Stanley Hardware, a \$20 gift certificate from Carol Morford with Mary Kay, a \$25 gift certificate from Addleman Drug Store, dinner for two from Pizza Hut, a gift from Fredrickson Insurance Agency, a \$10 gift certi-

cate from Ward Drug Store, and a year's subscription to The Herald.

In 2008, Brylee Annette Minnick, the daughter of Karlie Black and Nathan Minnick, was the first baby born at the hospital. She arrived at 4:23 p.m. Jan. 22 and weighed in at 7 pounds, 14.4 ounces.

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