

Board to protest contest

The Oberlin School Board asked the superintendent to write a letter to the Kansas State High School Activities Association to protest the organization canceling the regional music contest for this year.

The contest was scheduled to be held here on Saturday, March 28, but was canceled by the association because of weather, although it ended up being just cold in Oberlin.

Member Dan Nedland said he thought the board should send a protest to the association. If it had been another activity, he said, they wouldn't have canceled a regional meet or it would have been rescheduled. Member Jerry Chambers said at the least, the association needs a better backup plan.

In another activity, said Mr. Nedland, the school would have never been told that they could just send half their kids to state without regional judging. That changed to an average of how many kids were sent in the past three years, plus three, he noted, but that was after some complaints from schools.

He said the regional music festival should have been rescheduled. As it ended up, he noted, the schools out here held their own contest.

Principal Charlie Haag asked if the band and music teachers Sarah Bricker and Susan Nelson could take a look at the letter before it was sent.

Part of the problem with rescheduling, he said, was that other regionals are held at junior colleges and they can only have the facilities for one day.

Member Monte Moore said it was important to thank the staff and people who helped hold a makeup contest here, since the kids had put in so much work to get ready for the regional.

It would be nice if the association could have some kind of backup plan, said member Barbara Olson. She suggested that be included in the letter.

The board agreed to have Dr. Cullen write the letter and have the music teachers and principal look at it.

All decked out



AT THE GATEWAY on Friday, Amanda Grafel posed in a dress from the Dresser during the store's spring fashion show. Around 30 women and one gentleman attended the show to see the latest fashions from the cooperative store. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Concert in Colby

The Colorado Children's Chorale, along with some area students, will provide the final concert of the season for the Western Plains Arts Association at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Colby High School auditorium and at 2 p.m. for area school children.

The appearance is partly financed by a grant through the Thomas County Community Foundation from the Colby Police Special Law Enforcement Fund. Admission will be by Western Plains season ticket or at the door, \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

As part of its education program, the group will give a workshop for fourth graders at 1 p.m., and students will get a chance to perform that evening. The 2 p.m. concert will be for students from area schools.

Webkinz party to be on May 2

Kids 14 and younger can enter the Oberlin Webkinz coloring contest at the beginning of May.

The contest, sponsored by the LandMark Inn; Carolyn Burtis, owner of RJ Metcalf Real Estate; and *The Oberlin Herald*, will be held during a Webkinz birthday party Saturday, May 2, at the LandMark.

Inside today's newspaper are two pictures for kids to color. Kids up to age 8 will have the chance to color "Ms. Birdy," while those 8 to 14 can color "Chef Gazpacho." The pictures are also available at the sponsoring businesses.

There will be prizes given in both age groups, with first prize a \$25 gift certificate for a Webkinz, second a free retired animal and third a Li'l Webkinz.

Everyone who enters the coloring contest will get a free pack of trading cards, said Gary Anderson, owner of the LandMark.

All coloring sheets need to be turned in at the LandMark by 2 p.m. that Saturday. Winners will be announced at 2:30 p.m. at the birthday party.

Birthday cake will be served and kids can play games to win prizes.

Candidate stops in Oberlin

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With the prosperity of rural Kansas in mind, Rob Wasinger says, he is seeking the seat as U.S. representative in the 69-county 1st Congressional District.

Mr. Wasinger said he's a fourth-generation Kansan. He worked for Gov. Bill Graves, for Rep. Jerry Moran when he was in the state Senate, and then for 12 years in Washington for Sen. Sam Brownback.

The prosperity of rural Kansas is important, he said. It's important to look at the health of hospitals, schools, community banks and what's affecting wheat farmers.

In Washington, he said, it's important to spend time talking to the taxpayers back in the district, the voters, not necessarily the lobbyists.

Mr. Wasinger said he's interested in economic growth and saving rural Kansas towns. Kids need to have the opportunity to come back home.

It's important to give incentives for businesses to keep young people out here, the candidate said during a stop last Wednesday in Oberlin. Young people know it's a safe place to raise a family and a good place to live, but they don't have that

City issues

two permits

Two building permits were issued by the City of Oberlin in March, totaling just over \$1 million.

Dennis Shirley, 106 N. Antelope, in the Summit Addition, received a permit for a frame-and-steel structure on March 3.

Decatur County and the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. got a permit for a metal, brick and stucco structure at 220 N. Penn on March 9 for the new senior-recreation center.

opportunity because the jobs aren't available.

Every community is facing some kind of issue that limits economic growth, he said. That needs to be figured out and addressed so towns and cities can grow and thrive.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Wasinger met with a handful of people at the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center.

Mostly, they talked about the airport runway ex-

pansion project and its importance

for people and getting supplies here.

Mr. Wasinger grew up in Hays, then received a degree in economics from Harvard University. Immediately after graduating, he came back to Kansas to work.

He said he's always wanted to be in public service, and that's what being a congressman is about.

He and his wife Meghan live in Cottonwood Falls. The couple has nine children, ranging from 6 months to 14 years.

He said he's opened an office in Cottonwood Falls and one in Hays for his campaign.



R. Wasinger

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Symposium to honor native for legal career

The University of California School of Law at Berkeley will honor Oberlin native Philip P. Frickey with a symposium Friday to celebrate his scholarship and teaching at the distinguished school.

Professor Frickey, a nationally known expert on Indian laws, holds the Alexander F. and May T. Morrison chair at the school.

The school said papers presented at the event will focus on the three areas of Professor Frickey's scholarship: constitutional law, legislation and Indian law. Berkeley Law is establishing scholarship and fellowship funds in honor of Professor Frickey for students who want to study Indian or public law.

"Professor Frickey is one of the most prominent and frequently cited Indian law scholars in the county," said Dean Christopher Edley Jr. "He tackles the issues of constitutional rights and tribal justice with passion and piercing intellect."

"Phil is a constant mentor for students and practitioners alike, an unstinting enthusiast for the development of Indian law and a steadfast advocate for resolution of Indian trust litigation."

"Philip Frickey's commitment to the constitutional rights of the disenfranchised are the hallmarks of his career," said a fellow Professor, Dan Farber. "His civic involvement is exemplary."

Professor Frickey helped estab-

lish the Indian Law Program at the University of Kansas School of Law,

said Dean Gail Agrawal. Family and friends have established the Philip P. Frickey Indian Law Fund with the KU Endowment. Contributions are being accepted at KU Endowment, Attn.: Bill Lupton, Box 928, Lawrence, Kan., 66044-0928.

Professor Frickey is the son of the late Carl and Doreen Frickey. He graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1971, and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the KU in 1975. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Michigan School of Law in 1978, and clerked for Judge John Minor Wisdom of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit and for Justice Thurgood Marshall at the U.S. Supreme Court. Prior to joining the faculty at Berkeley in 2000, he taught at the University of Minnesota School of Law.

He will take administrative leave beginning in July, and is under treatment for an aggressive form of prostate cancer, said his brother, Chuck Frickey of Oberlin. Professor Frickey and his wife, Mary Ann, have a son, Alexander, and a daughter, Elizabeth.

Chuck Frickey said he and his wife Diane plan to attend the symposium.



Phil Frickey

Grammy winners coming to Gateway

A concert of the country-music group Shenandoah is scheduled for Friday, July 24, Gateway manager Kathy Brainard told members of the Oberlin Business Alliance last Wednesday.

Ms. Brainard said she e-mailed Toby Keith's agent about a concert, then received a response back about Shenandoah and set the concert up from there.

She said Shenandoah was named American Country Music Group of the Year in 1991 and won a Grammy award for "Amazing Grace," in 1996, along with other awards.

Some of the group's songs are "Two Dozen Roses" and "Next to You, Next to Me."

So far, the event is being handled by the city, as no sponsors have been set up, said Ms Brainard.

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