

Sophomore plans to travel to Europe

An Oberlin sophomore plans to spend 21 days as a People to People Student Ambassador for 21 days this summer in Europe.

Nakita Bose leaves June 27 for the trip in which she will have the opportunity to visit England, Ireland, Wales, France, Belgium and Netherlands.

Miss Bose said her cousin nominated her for the program and then she filled out the application and went through the interview. She is the only one from Northwest Kansas going on the trip, she said. Brooklyn O'Hare was a student ambassador with the organization last year.

The student ambassadors, said Kala Bose, Nakita's mom, might possibly get to meet members of parliament and they will do service projects while they are there.

Each of the ambassadors, said Miss Bose, has to raise \$7,000 for the trip. She said she needs to raise around \$5,000 more.

The family plans to hold a beef sopapilla dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday in the cafeteria at the high school. The dinner will be served for a donation. The family will also do a silent auction and have a few games.

"I've always wanted to go somewhere other than the United States," said Miss Bose. "This is the first opportunity, so I took it."

By taking part in the program, she will receive a semester credit in history. Miss Bose is in band, jazz band, Spanish, Kayettes, National Honor Society, volleyball and Girl Scouts.



ON MAIN STREET, Kevin Brown unloaded material needed on Thursday morning to build the new movie theater, bowling alley and senior center.

—Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Grandma chosen as 'Mother of Year'

Each year the Oberlin Business Alliance invites students at Oberlin Elementary School to nominate their mom for Mother of the Year.

This year, 31 students wrote why they thought their mom should win. A committee from the alliance read all of the letters and selected one winner.

This year's winner is Dolores Koerperich, who was nominated by her grandson Jacob Koerperich. Mrs. Koerperich won a \$50 gift certificate to the LandMark Inn from

the alliance.

The following is Jacob's nomination:

"My Grandma Dolores Koerperich is always nice. She keeps things going on the farm. She is always helping me on things I need help on. I'm glad she's here, I don't know what I would do without her."

All of the nominations, along with the "Father of the Year" nominations will be run in a special section in *The Oberlin Herald*, on Wednesday, June 17.

Sound system will be replaced

A new sound system for under the canopies downtown should be installed by alumni weekend.

Kurt Vollertsen, owner of Ward Drug Store, told members of the Oberlin Business Alliance at the meeting last Wednesday that they still need to raise some money for the project.

He said the project will cost just under \$5,000 and the group still needs around \$2,500, with \$500 coming from the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce, Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. and the Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

The project, said Mr. Vollertsen, will include replacing the speakers and the wireless system. The CD

player, which is inside the chamber office, is in good shape and won't be replaced.

The system will allow room for expansion so that speakers could at some time be put up in Centennial Park, at the museum and at City Park. That's not included in the \$5,000.

Anyone who wants to make a donation can do so through the chamber office through the Decatur Area Development fund, which means the donation will be tax-exempt.

The alliance members agreed to give \$1,000 towards the project.

In other business, the members:

- Discussed doing a burger fry from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, May 22, in the drive thru next to the chamber office.

- Approved providing a trophy for the upcoming car show of the museum.

- Talked about holding a street dance the night of the cruise-in, but are not going to hold one then.

- Approved a \$50 gift certificate to the LandMark Inn for the "Mother of the Year" contest and a \$50 one to Stanley Hardware for "Father of the Year."

Hospital plans walk at park

The Decatur County Hospital invites everyone to Sappa Park to take part in the community walk.

The walk will run between 4 and 7 p.m. with people able to use the trails and then have a hot dog and drink afterwards provided by the ambulance service.

Deb Klima, who works at the hospital and organizes the walk, said she will have a 30-minute fitness walk at 5:30 p.m. for those who want to get their heart rates up a little. Anyone interested can meet at the shelter house.

The idea of the community walk, she said, is not only to promote Sappa Park and the trails, but also to get family and friends exercising together and benefiting from it. The walk is also part of the celebration for Hospital and Nursing Home week.

Tax exemption granted for building

The Oberlin-Decatur County Area Economic Development Corp. received a letter stating the group is tax exempt for the movie theater, bowling alley and senior center project.

Greg Lohofener, with the corporation, told the Decatur County commissioners at the meeting last Tuesday that he had just received a letter stating that the group would get sales tax exemption. That will save on the overall project because of the exemption.

Mr. Lohofener thanked the county attorney for the information on the possibility of sales tax exemption.

There are some bills that need to be paid and contracts for things like sprinklers and other items that need to be signed now that the corporation knows they are tax exempt, said Mr. Lohofener.

He said the building would start being delivered that week. Parts of the building were delivered last Wednesday.

Dorothy Moore and Helen Gee, he said, went to Denver recently to buy needed equipment for the senior center. Dave Barber, with the U. S. Department Agriculture Rural Development, will be in town to meet with him at The Bank to talk about the guaranteed loan.

Mr. Lohofener said he's also been talking with Amy Griffey, with Pioneer Country Development, about a community development block grant for the project.

The project, overall, is short

several hundred thousand dollars, he said. It's close to \$300,000, although the money to finish the senior center is there.

Are there lots of overruns? asked Commissioner Stan McEvoy. There has been some, said Mr. Lohofener. The \$300,000 mark might be a little high, he said, because that was before the sales tax exemption.

Commissioner Ralph Unger said he appreciates Mr. Lohofener being diligent in keeping the commissioners informed.

Girl wins second for her story

An Oberlin third grader received a second place trophy and a bag full of goodies for taking second place in the Reading Rainbow story competition for her age group.

On Thursday, Genna Randel was surprised with the news that she won second in the state. Leona Breeden, with Smokey Hills Public Television, handed out certificates to all of the third graders, thanking them for writing stories. She saved Genna's for the last since she placed second, out of the 73 entered.

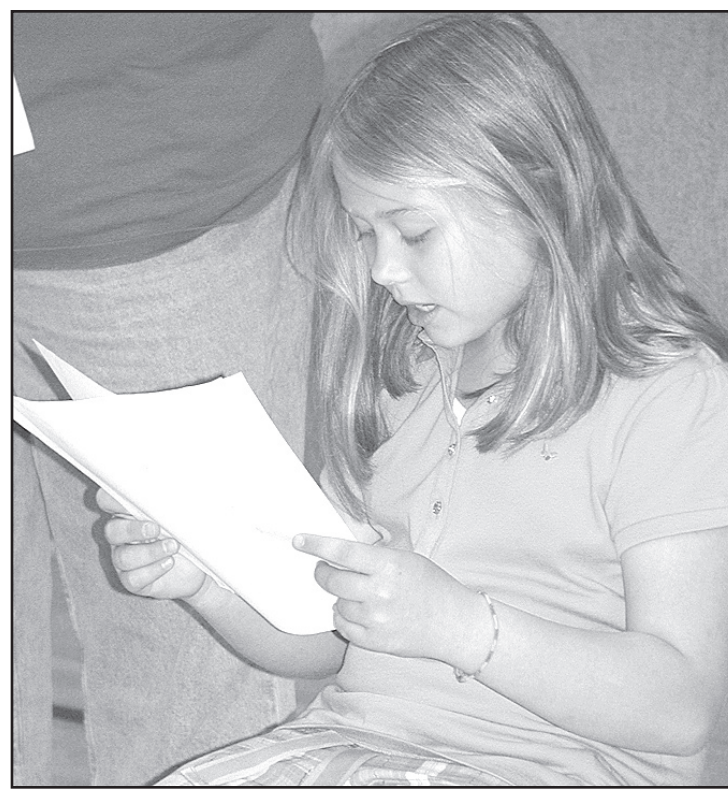
The first place winner, said Ms. Breeden, goes to school in Grinnell. She said the judges liked the story because it had a beginning, middle and end. There was a problem that had to be solved and it's about friendship.

Before the end of the program Genna read her winning story to her class and family.

"Bowling Adventure"
By Genna Randel

One day a dog and a monkey met in an ice cream shop. They talked to each other and became friends. They were talking about what they wanted to do for fun. Swington the monkey said that he liked to go swinging in the trees. Cash the dog said that he would rather go bowling. Swington had never been bowling before, but he was willing to try.

When they got to the bowling



AT THE GRADE SCHOOL Genna Randel read her story to her class, parents and family members. Genna won second place in the Reading Rainbow story contest for the third grade.

—Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

alley, Cash showed Swington how to bowl. Swington's fingers kept slipping out of the bowling ball. He kept making gutter balls.

He decided to try a smaller ball. When he did, his fingers got stuck in the bowling ball. When it finally

came off, it flew down the alley and made a strike. After that, Swington loved bowling!

When they were done bowling, they went back to the ice cream shop. They had so much fun bowling they decided to go back.

Kansas governor sworn in

Kansas welcomed its new governor, former Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson.

Parkinson, 52, a lawyer, businessman and former state legislator from Johnson County, will be taking over for Kathleen Sebelius, who was confirmed that day by the United States Senate as secretary of health and human services. Sebelius takes charge of the department in the midst of a swine flu outbreak.

Parkinson is a native of Wichita and a graduate of Wichita State University and the University of Kansas School of Law.

He practiced law in Johnson County and developed several assisted-living facilities. He was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives in 1990 and elected chairman of the Kansas Republican Party in 2001. He switched parties when Sebelius named him as her running mate before the 2006 election.

Parkinson will remain governor until after the 2010 general election. Though he would be eligible, he has said he will not run for re-election.

Going Out of Business Liquidation Sale

It is with much regret and remorse to announce the closing of Addleman Drug Store after 103 years of service to the community. It has been a pleasure and honor to service our faithful and loyal customers all these years and hope you will continue to let us provide your prescription needs until we close Saturday, May 30th.

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and the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce welcome C&H Power Powerline to the business community

The Chamber Board welcomed several staff members, who are employed by C&H Power Powerline. Their office is located on North Highway 83 and they are rebuilding utility lines and poles in the area.

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