

Games outfox guessers

After last week's excellent choices, this week the teams that weren't supposed to win did, causing a lot of low scores among entrants in the weekly Pigskin Pickem contest.

Cheri Kastens, Herndon, was the only entrant to believe that Colorado could beat Texas A&M. Since the Buffaloes edged the Aggies 35-34 on Saturday and Ms. Kastens guessed six out of seven games correctly, she is our first-place winner and will receive \$15 in scrip to spend at participating businesses.

The next-highest scorers were Mabel Zimmerman and Owen Wilson, both of Oberlin. They each guessed four out of seven. Both missed the Colorado-Texas A&M game as well as Baylor's win over Missouri and Nebraska's defeat of Oklahoma.

Using the tie-breaker, the Univer-

sity of Kansas-Kansas State game, which the Wildcats won 17-10, Mrs. Zimmerman came the closest to the exact score. She was eight points off and will take the second-place prize of \$10 in scrip. Mr. Wilson will get third and \$5 in scrip.

Guessing three out of seven this week were Amanda Adams, Danbury; Norm Wendelin, Linda Hollowell, Jim Hollowell, Kelly Brown and Ivis Hanson, Oberlin; Dale Blake, Danbury; and Steve Vontz, McCook.

This week, there were no high school games as the teams started district play and many of the matchups weren't known early enough to make the contest.

The money won in the contest can be spent only at the sponsors: Ward Drug Store, the LandMark Inn, Fredrickson Insurance Agency,

Stellar Auto Sales, Farm Bureau Financial Services, D&M Sinclair and *The Oberlin Herald*.

Each week, the official Pigskin Pickem entry blank with the football games for that week will be in the paper. Other entry blanks are available at sponsoring businesses. Only entries from the paper or from the sponsoring businesses are eligible to enter the contest.

Other scores of this week's games:

- Oklahoma State over Iowa State, 34-8.
- Alabama over LSU, 24-15.
- Baylor over Missouri, 40-32.
- Nebraska over Oklahoma 10-3.
- Fort Hays State over Missouri Southern, 48-32.
- Arizona over Washington State, 48-7.

Council to look at energy

The Oberlin City Council will hold its first meeting of the month at 7 p.m. Thursday at The Gateway.

City Administrator Austin Gilley said a worker from Trane Commercial Systems will be at the meeting to talk about an electricity-saving "green" program for the city. Trane is a heating and air conditioning company out of Lenexa.

He said he has bids for the solar mixers for the wastewater treatment plant for the council to discuss and pick.

The council will need to decide if the city is going to give the employees Santa Bucks as a Christmas bonus again, said Mr. Gilley. The scrip, issued by the chamber, can only be spent in Oberlin.

At the last meeting on Thursday, Oct. 15, the council talked about a possible code of conduct for the council. That may come up again.

Mr. Gilley said there are several items he will report on, including a budget update, an update on water treatment, the process for performance evaluations for the employees and recent vandalism at Sappa Park, where someone tore up the grass in front of the shelter house and at the first campground.

The meeting, in the upstairs meeting room, is open to the public.

Christmas on Us ready for shoppers

Rolls of red and green tickets will go out to businesses next week for shoppers to pick up for a chance to win \$1,200 Grand Prize in the Oberlin merchants' annual Christmas on Us contest.

For every \$10 shoppers spend at the sponsoring businesses between next Wednesday and Friday, Dec. 18, they can receive one ticket. Tickets are limited to 250 in a single purchase.

The Grand Prize drawing is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at the gazebo in Centennial Park, unless the weather is bad. Then it will be moved inside, to a place yet to be determined.

During the drawing a second place prize of \$300 will be given away too.

Up until the Grand Prize drawing, numbers will be drawn each

week and placed in the sponsors' ads in *The Oberlin Herald* each week. Those numbers match ticket numbers that have already been given away. Bring that ticket into the newspaper office before 5 p.m. Friday of that week and claim a \$50 instant prize.

All of the prizes are paid in scrip money that can be used at sponsoring businesses only.

Employees of any of the sponsoring businesses are not eligible to get tickets at the place of their employment. Employees of the newspaper and their immediate family members aren't eligible to win.

Winners must be present and have the ticket at the time of the drawing. All winners agree to be photographed and interviewed by *The Oberlin Herald*.

Feed helps pay for new center

The Decatur Tomorrow Steering Committee gave nearly \$2,500 to help finish the new recreation center in downtown Oberlin after a burger feed at the center.

The group made \$2,478, said Gary Anderson, co-convenor of the committee, to help finish the center, which houses the Golden Age Center, Sunflower Cinema and,

eventually, a new bowling alley.

Decatur Tomorrow held the dinner and tours of the building on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

Mr. Anderson said Raye's Grocery donated part of the food for the meal and the Oberlin Jaycees volunteered their grill and time to cook the burgers.

Radios causing county problems

The Decatur County commissioners talked with the road and bridge supervisor last Tuesday about problems the road department is having with radios.

Supervisor Tim Stallman said he would like to get Nex-Tech in to look at the tower because they are getting noise on the radios, like a constant squeal. There is a splice in the coaxial cable on the tower to the repeater, Mr. Stallman said, and it possibly needs to be checked.

He said he would get the hourly price for service.

The road crew, he said, is working

on grading in the county and plans to hit a few township roads, too. They are getting gravel out on some spots as well. Mr. Stallman said they plan to put the snow fences.

Dispatcher Jeanne Pachner talked with the commissioners about the paperwork to buy a new recorder. A grant would cover \$9,523 of the \$19,839 purchase, she said, leaving \$10,316 for the county to cover.

The commissioners approved the recorder.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved buying a replacement

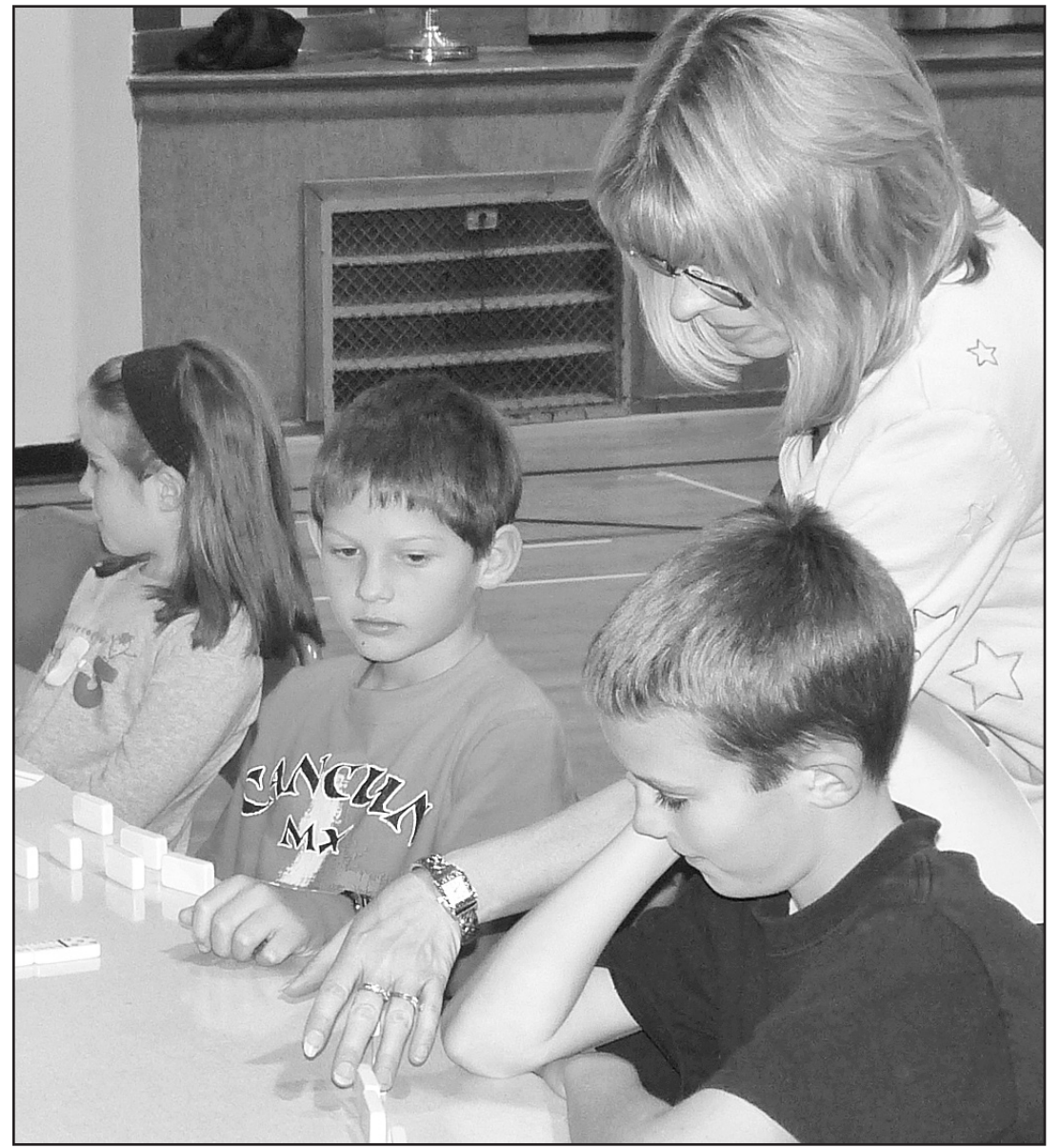
filter for the reverse osmosis water filtering system at the building the Golden Age Center uses at 217 N. Penn Ave.

• Gave the OK to have a county float in the upcoming Parade of Lights.

• Heard that painter Steve Stacy was on the third floor working on the wall and painting project.

• Received certificates for Eldon Huntley, Bernie Goetze and former County Clerk Marilyn Horn, who finished their training to drive the transportation bus.

Math students see spots



AT MATH NIGHT last Tuesday at the Oberlin Elementary School, Isabel Grafel (left), Luke Koerperich and Gatlin Hissong played dominoes while Abby Hissong watched over their shoulders.

— Photo by Carol Dixon

Veterans, friends to parade today

Don't forget the Veteran's Day parade today, with a program scheduled for 11 a.m. at the Centennial Park gazebo.

Veterans who want to take part in the parade are asked to meet at the

Good Samaritan Center at 10:30 a.m. They can walk if they want, but the Oberlin American Legion Post will provide a trailer for those who want to ride, said Col. Gary Allen.

After a program at the gazebo,

they will walk down Main Street from the center and disperse at Hall Street.

Before the parade, veterans are invited to a Veteran's Day program at 10 a.m. at the grade school.

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