



AT THE GRADE SCHOOL, county health Administrator Marilyn Gamblin gave a dose of H1N1 flu mist to Tony Kuhlman on Friday before classes began. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Parents need to turn in forms for Angel Tree

Time is running out to get children on the Oberlin Jaycees' Angel Tree for Christmas.

The tree, set up in Rocking R, provides a way to match kids' needs with people willing to shop for them for Christmas. The child's name isn't on the paper ornament hung on the tree, just their age, gender and what they need or want.

The forms that parents or guardians need to fill out are available at Raye's Grocery, Oberlin Elementary School and the banks in town, said Abby Hissong, who has helped organize the Angel Tree for years. The state Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services mailed some out to clients.

Last year, said Mrs. Hissong, they had 60 kids participate in the Angel Tree, but so far there are only 27 this year.

She said they would like to have the forms turned in by today to Fredrickson Insurance or to Britton and Amber Scott, who are helping out with the tree and will take it over next year. The last day the forms can be turned in, said Mrs. Hissong, is Friday, Dec. 4.

The Angel Tree program is available for kids up to age 17.

The person shopping for the child, said Mrs. Hissong, never knows that child's name. When the form the parent fills out is turned in, the child is assigned a number. That number is how the second form, which hangs on the tree, is identified.

Anyone can then stop by Rocking R and get a form off the tree. The wrapped presents are then due back to Rocking R by Wednesday, Dec. 16. Parents can then pick up the gifts at the store on Monday or Tuesday, Dec. 21 and 22.

From donations, said Mrs. Hissong, kids will also receive a movie pass to the new theater and a bag of fruit bought and sacked by the FFA chapter at Decatur Community High School.

Students receive swine flu mist at school

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Nearly three dozen grade school students received the H1N1 "flu mist" vaccination Friday morning at the Oberlin Elementary School.

Marilyn Gamblin, county health administrator, said workers gave 35 flu mist doses to students 9 and younger.

Ms. Gamblin said she worked with school nurse Johanna Mason to get the consent forms out for parents to sign. The forms, said Ms. Gamblin, went out to parents with kids in the grade school, junior high and high school during parent teacher-conferences in October. Students at the grade school who were 9 and

younger and had the forms back got the mist. There was no charge for the flu mist, said Ms. Gamblin. It was paid for by the government and the health department applied for and received a grant to cover her time.

She said they plan to go back to the grade school and do the older students, then will head to the junior high and high school.

It will help, said Ms. Gamblin, if the students have their parents sign the consent form and turn it in.

Friday morning, Mrs. Mason helped round up the kids and then explained to some of them how the mist works. Leanna Bryan, who works for the health department, filled out paperwork that Ms. Gamblin will need to sign and Connie Miller handed out stickers to the kids.

Ms. Gamblin said she has some flu mist in the office for kids 6 months to 3 years, some for those 4 and up and some for youths 18 and up. Those doses come pre-measured, she said.

The department wants pregnant women to come in to get the vaccine, she said, as well as people who live in a home with kids 6 months and under, since they can't get a vaccine. It's also important for health workers and day-care providers.

The department has given 99 H1N1 vaccines this year. Ms. Gamblin said they also provided 53 doses for the staff at the hospital.

Local merchants sponsor giveaway

The Oberlin merchants' annual "Christmas on Us" contest is in full swing, with red tickets available at sponsoring businesses.

Shoppers can collect the red tickets for a chance to win the \$1,000 grand prize and 15 \$50 instant prizes. All of the prizes will be paid in scrip which has to be spent at the sponsoring businesses by the end of March.

This year's sponsors are Ward Drug Store, Stellar Sales, the Carpet Center, the Bank, Dale's Fish 'n' Fun, the LandMark Inn, Raye's Grocery, Stanley Hardware, Home Planning Center, the Dresser, Ultimate Fertilizer, Ampride and *The Oberlin Herald*.

For every \$10 shoppers spend at sponsoring businesses between today and Friday, Dec. 18, they will receive one red ticket. People can also get one ticket a week from the newspaper office or from the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce. No purchase is required to win any prize.

Tickets are limited to 250 in any single purchase.

Each week, the tickets will be collected from the participating businesses and placed in a large container. Several tickets will be drawn each week for instant prizes. Those numbers will be printed in the merchants' individual "Christmas on Us" ads each week. Bring the matching ticket into the newspaper office that week before 5 p.m. Friday and claim your \$50 instant prize.

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.

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

Winners must be present and have the ticket with them at the time of the drawing. All winners agree to be photographed and interviewed by the newspaper.

Pro games trip up Pick-em contestants

Pro football games were the downfall for contestants in the next-to-the-last week of the Pigskin Pick-em contest.

No one believed that the Kansas City Chiefs, who had not been doing well at all, would beat the Super Bowl Champion Pittsburgh Steelers. But, they did by 27-24 in overtime on Sunday.

The other gotcha game of the week was Texas Tech over Oklahoma. Most contestants thought that mighty Oklahoma could take the southern team. The Red Raiders beat the Sooners 41-13.

Not even the most blue of Jayhawks fans believed that Kansas could beat Texas, however, and they were right. The Longhorns proved

that KU is indeed a basketball school by beating them 51-20.

No one got every game, or even six of seven, right. Eight contestants came up with five out of seven, so the tiebreaker of Kansas State versus Nebraska came into play. The Big Red downed western Kansas' favorite team 17-3 in the battle for the Big 12 North title.

Linda Hollowell, Oberlin, came up with five correct answers and was 10 points off the score of the tie-breaker to win first place and collect \$15 in scrip.

Gary Anderson, Oberlin, despite thinking that K-State could edge the Huskers, came in 15 points off for second place and \$10 in scrip

Valisha Raile, Oberlin, was 24

points off and took third place and \$5 in scrip.

Amanda Adams, Ivis Hanson, Kelly Brown and Jerry Schuetz, Oberlin; Cheri Kastens, Herndon; and someone who forgot to put their name and address on the form, all got five out of seven right.

Coming up with four out of seven were Mabel Zimmerman, Owen Wilson, Jim Hollowell and Travis Raile, Oberlin, and Steve Vontz, McCook.

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*.

This will be the last week for the contest. The official Pigskin Pickem entry blank with the football games for this week is in today's 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. No copies will be accepted.

Other scores of this week's games were:

- Texas A&M over Baylor, 38-3.
- Missouri over Iowa State, 34-24.
- Oklahoma State over Colorado, 31-28.
- San Diego Chargers over the Denver Broncos, 32-3.

Too few members show up for council meeting

The Oberlin City Council didn't have enough members to hold a meeting Thursday, so the members who did show up listened to one public comment and left.

There were 10 people in the audience, some to hear a scheduled presentation about The Gateway, plus Chris Miller with Miller and Associates, the city's engineers, Foreman Dan Castle and Eugene Wurm, who had some information for the council.

Mayor Joe Stanley said council members Bill Reidel and Rhonda

May had called and said they wouldn't be at the meeting. Councilman Rob McFee also wasn't present.

Administrator Austin Gilley said he had tried to contact Mr. McFee but wasn't able to get in touch with him.

"It looks like we aren't going to have a meeting," said Mayor Stanley.

He said the council could take any public comment in an unofficial capacity.

Mr. Wurm was the only one to


take the mayor up on his offer. Mr. Wurm handed out a letter about a drainage problem he had talked with Mr. Gilley and Mr. Castle about.

The letter suggests the city build up a mound in the alley east from Elk between Hall and Mill to divert storm water. A long-term solution would be moving the storm drain at the intersection of Mill and Elk, said Mr. Wurm.


He said the house he owns at 601 W. Mill continues to have drainage issues, mainly because of the storm water coming down Mill Street.

Mr. Gilley said when he first talked to Mr. Wurm, he asked the foreman to look at the area, which he did. He said he asked Mr. Wurm to put the information in writing. Mr. Gilley didn't want to put Mr. Castle, who looked at the area, on the spot during the meeting, but the city is happy to look into the problem.

The next scheduled council meeting will be next week, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3.



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