

Reading to friends



AT OBERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Last Wednesday, Jack Farr (left) read a story to Kole Breth and Rowdy Farr. The fourth graders wrote short books for their fellow students to read out loud to them. Students in the two grades have been reading buddies throughout the year.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Council gives cash for celebration

The Oberlin City Council approved a \$1,000 donation towards a celebration for the city's 125th anniversary on the Fourth of July at a meeting Thursday night.

Kem Bryan requested \$500 and closing Main Street for the celebration that day. Mrs. Bryan said Faith Lutheran Church and the Decatur County Ministerial Association are planning the events for that day.

Mrs. Bryan said event ideas have been brainstormed, but nothing is set.

She said they foresee it starting at 11 a.m. with a church service and ending with fireworks that evening. Part of the celebration, she said, would be held at City Park and then people would move downtown.

Mrs. Bryan said besides the \$500, she would like to see Penn Avenue from the highway south to Hall Street blocked off from 2 to 7 p.m.

The Fourth of July will most likely be during harvest, she said, and there will be activities for kids. Blocking off Main Street is just to avoid the risk of a kid running out in the middle of the street with loaded grain trucks coming into town.

There will be a high concentration

of children, said Mrs. Bryan.

If the city approved closing off the street, she added, it would be advertised so that harvest crews would know. They could still get to the Decatur Co-op to dump grain using Hall.

The council has already approved up to \$2,000 for a free barbecue during fair week, said Councilwoman Rhonda May.

This is a very small amount, said Mayor Joe Stanley, for them to ask for the city's celebration.

If there is anything left, said Mrs. Bryan, it would be passed to the next anniversary event.

Ms. May made a motion to give \$1,000 instead of \$500 for the event on the Fourth of July "to have a better party." The money will come from the Community Development fund.

Councilman Bill Riedel said his only concern is how many more groups are going to ask for money for events for the 125th Anniversary.

While the council approved the money, there was no decision about closing the street.

Bureau talks about tax rebate

The Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau board talked about the idea of a bed tax rebate for the new owners of the Oberlin Inn during its meeting last Thursday.

Connie Grafel, marketing director for the Oberlin-Decatur County Area Economic Development Corp., and a bureau board member, said Mayor Joe Stanley wants some kind of policy about the bed tax rebate proposed.

City Administrator Austin Gilley said City Attorney Steve Hirsch had told him the city will need a charter ordinance to authorize the rebate. A charter ordinance, said Mr. Gilley, would require an election.

It looks, from what the owners plan to borrow in revenue bonds, there's going to be a lot of "sweat eq-

uity" involved in renovating the old motel, which has been used to house utility line crews in recent years. Mr. Gilley said the new motel owners aren't asking for that much money, so they must be planning on doing a lot of the work themselves.

A charter ordinance, he said, would give the council the power to rebate the bed tax. A policy would set up how it will work.

The city's motel feasibility study, said Mr. Gilley, is finished. It's a pretty solid study done by Fletcher Simmons, he said, adding that there hasn't been much time to shop the study around. There's a copy in his office, he said.

The group talked about a plan for the bathrooms at Sappa Park. The area has been measured by archi-

fects from W Design Associates, said Gary Anderson, owner of the LandMark Inn.

Mr. Anderson said when they went to clean out the rooms in the shelter house that have been proposed for bathroom areas, they discovered the one on the parking lot side is twice as large as thought and might be able to house both men's and women's bathrooms.

In other business, the bureau members:

- Heard there was a small turnout for the kick-off for the 125th Anniversary events at the beginning of May.

- Heard that 125th Anniversary commemorative baseball bats are for sale for \$10 at the Last Indian Raid Museum and the Chamber.

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