

Firemen put out flames



FIREMEN PUT OUT a car fire at Frank Black's house on East Ash Street last Wednesday morning. The call came in that a car inside Mr. Black's garage was one fire. — Photo by Sarah Fredrickson

Wheat at Lenora ends harvest contest

Wheat fields are turning golden brown as the weather heats up, the summer's first load of wheat was delivered to the Decatur Co-op Association elevator in Lenora at 3:52 p.m. Friday.

That brought an early end to the Oberlin merchants' annual Harvest Countdown contest, with entry boxed picked up and entries checked that afternoon.

Winners were Dashiell Brown for first with a guess of 3:23 p.m. that day for first of \$50 in scrip, second went to Glen Strevey who guessed 1:45 p.m. that day winning \$35 in scrip and third went to Art Shelton with a guess of 1:10 p.m. winning \$15.

Jones Bricker brought the first load in from south of Lenora. It's moisture was 13.5 percent, test weight at 61.7 pounds per bushel at 180 bushels.

The annual contest gives anyone 18 or older the chance to make an educated guess on the minute, hour and day that the first load of wheat will arrive at a participating Decatur County elevator, including the Decatur Co-op in Oberlin, Kanona, Jennings, Herndon, Danbury, Neb., Ludell, Lenora and Edmond, and Hansen Mueller Grain in Oberlin or Cedar Bluffs.

The contest is put together by *The Oberlin Herald*. Sponsors include Fredrickson Insurance Agency, Hometown Family Radio, KFNF, Decatur Title and Abstract, Decatur Co-op, Ward Drug Store, Stanley Hardware and Hansen Mueller.

All prizes are in scrip money which can be spent at sponsoring businesses. No change will be given.

Businesses to close Monday for holiday

The United States will celebrate its 234th birthday on Sunday, and many area businesses have changed their work schedule for the Fourth of July holiday.

Most Oberlin businesses, including banks and financial institutions, will be closed on Monday in observance of the holiday. Some will be open to serve the holiday trade.

Service Stations: All gas stations and convenience stores will be open regular business hours on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Monday 7 a.m.

Ampride, Sinclair and Crossroads Express.

Restaurants: On Sunday, the Frontier Restaurant will close at noon, then be open regular hours on Monday. A & W, Pizza Hut, and Subway will be open Sunday and Monday. The ReLoad will be open on Monday. The LandMark Inn, however, will be closed Sunday and Monday.

Grocery: Raye's Grocery will be open regular hours, Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Monday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Government Offices: The Decatur County Courthouse and Health Department, U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center and Conservation District office, the Golden Age Senior Center, Decatur County Museum and Oberlin City offices will all be closed on Monday. The Decatur County landfill will be open until noon on Saturday and closed Monday.

The Oberlin, Jennings and Norcatour post offices will be closed on Monday, and there will be no mail delivery.

The Oberlin Herald office will be closed Monday, so the newspaper will be published a day late. It will be on the newstands on Wednesday and most area subscribers will receive it on Thursday. Deadline for advertising and news will be at noon on Tuesday.

The deadline for ads in *The Country Advocate* will remain at noon on Friday.

Building has asbestos

The Oberlin City Council learned that there is asbestos in the old filling station in front of the Oberlin Inn motel on U.S. 36.

Connie Grafel, marketing director with the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp., said at the meeting June 17 that asbestos had been found in the duct work and the flooring. There are three possible bidders for removal, she said. So far one bid has been returned.

It looks like the project will cost under \$4,000, said Ms. Grafel, although she didn't say how much the one bid was.

Once the asbestos is taken out, she said, then the building can be demolished and the debris hauled to the county landfill.

Ms. Grafel asked about an agreement for the old "port of entry" land along U.S. 83 that the city said the new motel owners could have.

The new owners, she said, have done a lot of work on the motel.

No action was taken on a written agreement, however.

State investigating possible child abuse

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation is looking into a possible child abuse case in Oberlin.

Associate Director Wiley Kerr said Oberlin's police chief requested help on the case last week.

A call reporting an injured child came in from the Parkview Apartments on Saturday, June 19, he said.

Mr. Kerr said he's not sure when the investigation will be over. While the case is being investigated, the bureau won't release any other details.

Police Chief Wade Lockhart, who said he called the bureau, said he couldn't say anything about the case.

Tax valuation may rise

Early numbers show that the Decatur County's tax valuation could go up this year, mainly because of one good-sized oil lease.

Appraiser Alan Hale told county commissioners at their meeting June 15 that it's pretty early, but it looks like the valuation could go up.

The oil valuation, he said, will probably help the county regain what it lost last year. Mr. Hale said he had to guess on the state-assessed utilities, but the increase could be \$2.5 or \$3 million.

The county could possibly gain back half of the \$7.4 million lost last year. A lot of that possible increase, said Mr. Hale, depends on one oil property. The county has learned not build a budget based on oil numbers, County Attorney Steve Hirsch noted.

Defibrillator training set

The Decatur County ambulance director says she plans to show business people on Main Street how to operate an automatic external defibrillator, since the county now has two of the life-saving devices downtown.

Director Linda Manning said there's a machine in the courthouse and one in Ward Drug. The defibrillators are pretty simple to use, she said.

The machine in Ward Drug Store sits by the cashier's counter at the front of the store. It was donated by Susan (Betts) McMonagle.

Each machine has a graphic on it to show where to place the patches on someone's chest, then when to hit the button to shock the patient and when to do cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Decatur County Courthouse will be closed Monday, July 5

Decatur County Landfill will be open Saturday, July 3 until noon

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Dr. Martin J. Rubinowitz, Oncology will not be here in July and there will be no mamograms!				1 MRI'S	2 Cardiac Rehab	3
4	5 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	6 Brandi Ihrig Dietician	7 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	8 MRI's	9 Cardiac Rehab	10
11	12 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	13	14 Dr. Frankum Surgery Bone Density Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	15 Dr. Saba Orthopedics	16 Cardiac Rehab	17
18	19 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	20	21 Dr. Curtis Cardiology Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	22 Dr. Reeves Podiatry	23 Dr. Reeves Podiatry	24
25	26 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	27 Dr. Miller Cardiology Nuclear Stress Test	28 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	29 MRI'S	30 Cardiac Rehab	31

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 SUNDAY JULY 4 *****

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