



**BEFORE THE PARADE** at the Jennings Firemen's Fun Day on Saturday, Kade and Koi Wessel (above) of Hoxie tried their balance on the Jacob's ladder. Clint Krizek (below)

drove a truck from Norcatur in the parade. — Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

## \*Events last all day

(Continued from Page 1A) caricatures of the young people. Bill Heilman reported 30 participants from the Garden City, Norton, Oberlin, Selden, Hoxie, Lenora, Norcatur and Jennings areas in the Wobble Trap Shoot. Eric Fleckenstein, Jennings, won with a score of 23 out of 25. Kyle Edgett, Lenora, and Eric Fleckenstein and Mr. Heilman, both of Jennings, won of the Annie Oakley competition.

The \$700 profit from this event was donated to the Jennings Fire Department. Other activities included a cake walk, bingo, tours of the Czech Museum, garage and bake sales and an afghan raffle. The music of the Hoxie Old-Time Band was enjoyed by the crowd throughout the morning.

The parade, led by Jennings American Legion Post members, included more than 40 entries, including fire trucks, horses, mules, bicycles, floats, trucks, cars, tractors, dogs, and both children and adults.



The new queen for 2011 is Miss Vacura. Winners of girls and boys bikes given by the Jennings Fire and Emergency Medical Services departments were Haley McKenna, Selden, and Daschiell Brown, Quinter. Winners of the firemen's barrel competition were Matt Farr and Aaron Ploussard, Oberlin, first; Tanner Eskew and Clint Krizek, Jennings, second; and Eric and Jeremy Green, Jennings, third. The

Greens had held first place honors for the past 11 years. Tractor pull winners included: age 4 — Dashiell Brown, Trent Fenner, Will Bruggeman; 5 — Rylan Wildeman, Sidney Taylor, Hunter Kelley; 6 — Christopher Isbell, Jayla Rush, Madison DuBois; 7 — Calista Isbell, Millie Brown, Abby DuBois; 8 — Brandon Vacura, Jaren Rush, Chris Stoltz; 9 — Dylan Spreser, Chris Lowry, Judith Isbell; 10 — Ashley Vacura; 11 — Matt Vacura, Dawson Spreser; 12 — Kade and Koi Wessel. The evening was climaxed with a hog roast, an auction of items donated by area people and businesses and a street dance. Next year will be the 20th celebration of the event and the firemen are looking for ideas are to make it even more memorable. Ideas and suggestions may be given to Kerry Green, (785) 678-2647; Stann Hartzog, (785) 678-3020; or Marge Hartzog, (785) 678-3010.

## \*County budget in the works

(Continued from Page 1A) The proposed budget started with a total property tax levy of 70.145 mills. By the end of the meeting, it was at 72.988. This year, the levy is set at 67.212. Those numbers show an increase of anywhere from 2.933 to 5.776 mills, but, commissioners said nothing is set in stone. One thing that Mr. Mapes did say,

said Ms. Geihlsler, was that it's hard to cut the general fund one year and try to do it again a second year. Right, said Mr. McEvoy, because you use up the reserves. Ms. Geihlsler said they hope to get the budget figured out this week and get it printed in next week's *Oberlin Herald*, so that a budget hearing can be set.

## \*Thresher club to hold 30th show

(Continued from Page 1A) club, which now organizes the event, was formed. Although Mr. Martin now lives in England, he said he is still a member. The annual event just keeps getting bigger and better, he said. It started as a small get-together with fewer than 50 exhibits and turned into a major attraction, bringing in well over 2,000 people and hundreds of entries. Throughout both days, there will be demonstrations of equipment, a parade, a quilt show, vendors and homemade food. At 11 .m. Saturday will be a kids

pedal tractor pull. Anyone interested can meet at the grandstand. The kids will be put into age categories, 3-6 years-old, 7-9 and 10-11. That evening there will be a hog roast with roast pork sandwiches, traditional sides, tea and coffee for \$6 at 6 p.m. Admission and parking for the show are free. A church service is planned at 8 a.m. Sunday on site and the parade will start at 3 p.m. that afternoon. For information, check out the club's website at [www.minisappashow.com](http://www.minisappashow.com) or call (785) 626-3315 or (785) 322-5563.

## School board goals tabled for a month

The Oberlin School Board plans to look at district goals during its monthly meeting on Monday, Sept. 13, although it was included in the August agenda. Superintendent Duane Dorshorst suggested since the board didn't receive the goals until the Monday, Aug. 16 meeting that the members wait until September to discuss them. It's possible that some of the goals just need to be reworded or added to. Mr. Dorshorst said he would like to get the staff's ideas to see if the board needs to look at anything else. The board approved a milk bid from the Thompson Co. of Grand Island at 21 cents for white and 22 cents for chocolate for twice-a-week delivery at both schools. The other bids were from F&A Food Sales of Concordia at 20 cents for white and 19 for chocolate with once-a-week delivery and from Cash-Wa Distributing of Kearney at 21 cents for white or chocolate with twice-a-week delivery. Mr. Dorshorst suggested since the district used Cash-Wa last year and the bid from Thompson was similar, to go with Thompson this year. In other business, the board:

- Approved having buses use hard-surface roads only when weather makes the county roads unsafe.

- Approved transportation requests for Jamie Wentz and Paul Foth to Norton schools and Kim Easton to Rexford.
- Approved the staff handbook for the high school.
- Approved Nolan Wasson, who was selected to receive the Hill Scholarship, which is determined by a committee. The recipient is normally announced sometime in the summer.
- Had some discussion on the start dates of area schools, since most start after and end before or around the same time as Oberlin. Mr. Dorshorst said he gave the same information to the staff before school started.
- He added that Oberlin offers a quality education and provides the students with the skills they need. He said he applauds the district's teachers for stepping up and saying this is what they are going to continue to do.
- Held a 10-minute closed session for non-elected personnel with the board and superintendent and a five-minute closed session with the board only for non-elected personnel. There was no action taken after either session.
- Approved giving Mr. Dorshorst the same four days off as the teachers recently received and a cell phone upgrade.

## Two men wounded in accidental shooting

Two men ended up at the Decatur County Hospital recently after an accidental shooting. Brandon Gish, 26, of Marquette, Neb., refused treatment for a wound on his hand, but his cousin, Timothy J. Gish, 27, Oberlin, was treated for wounds on both of his thighs. Chief Lockhart said the men

were cleaning a .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol around 11:40 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21.

The men had removed the magazine, but there was a bullet in the chamber, the chief said. On this kind of gun, to remove the slide, the trigger has to be depressed, which is how the shooting happened. The men were at Timothy's house 606 N. Cass Avenue. The bullet grazed Brandon's hand and hit Timothy in both legs, the chief said.

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## Vintage baseball games set

Two vintage ball games are scheduled later this month to help celebrate Oberlin's 125th birthday. The first game will be the Hodge-man 9 from Jetmore against an Oberlin team at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, at the county baseball diamond in Oberlin. The second will feature

the Hodge-man 9 against a team from Nicodemus. The teams will use rules from the 1860s, when a heavier bat and softer ball were in use. Everyone is invited to the ball diamond for the games, which falls on Grandparents Day.

3rd Annual  
**"Up in Smoke"**  
*On the Black Water*  
**BBQ Cook-off**

Saturday, Sept. 11, 2010  
 Sappa Park Oberlin, KS

*There's still time to turn in your entries. Deadline for entries is Friday. Dinner for the public is at 5:30 p.m. with live entertainment. Bring your lawn chairs. There will also be the drawing for the Trager Grill.*

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