

Setting the forms



AT THE OBERLIN CEMETERY, Ken Brackhahn (left) and James Knifley set up the foundation for the new wall on the west side in preparation for the brick layers scheduled to arrive this week. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Losses stump contest players

St. Francis' victory over Ellis and Texas' defeat of Nebraska caused consternation not only in Ellis and Nebraska, but also among Pigskin Pick'em contestants.

No one got all nine games right and everyone picked either the Cornhuskers or the Railroaders to win, in most cases, both.

However, three contestants were able to come up with seven out of eight correct, although they all bet on the Railroaders over the Indians.

Gary Anderson, Oberlin, was closest to the tie-breaker score, as Quinter downed Hoxie 22-20 in an overtime nail biter. He wins \$15 in scrip money.

Charissa Huff, Lebanon, Neb., was right behind him, and she will win \$10 in scrip.

Coming in third with seven right was Linda Hollowell, Oberlin. She wins \$5 in scrip.

Quite a few people came up with six out of eight: Amanda Adams, Danbury; Shirley Simpson, Zach May, Kelly Brown, Ivis Hanson, Travis Raile, Norm Wendelin, Charley Keller, Owen Wilson and Jacob Gee, Oberlin; and Cheri Kastens, Herndon.

Figuring out five out of eight were John Sater, Wilbur Reichert, Rusty Adleman, Warren Bainter, Tom Martin and Kenny Gee, all of Oberlin.

Kel Grafel, Oberlin, guessed four out of eight.

All eligible scores will be entered on a spread sheet. At the end of the 12-week contest, the contestant picking the most correct games will receive \$50 in scrip and a trophy.

The money won in the contest can be spent only with the sponsors: Ward Drug Store, the LandMark Inn, Fredrickson Insurance Agency, Decatur Co-op and Ampride, Creative Collision, Farm Bureau Financial Services and *The Oberlin Herald*.

Other scores of this week's games:

- Baylor over Colorado, 31-25.
- Oakley over Oberlin, 56-8.
- St. Francis over Ellis, 22-6.
- Texas over Nebraska, 20-13.
- Rawlins County over Wichita County, 36-14.
- Nebraska at Omaha over Fort Hays State, 41-29.
- Norton over Goodland, 40-9.
- Concordia over Colby, 48-25.

Teams roll in for cornhusking contest

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Crisp but sunny days were just what the doctor ordered for the state and national cornhusking contests in Oakley this weekend.

"It was a little breezy Saturday," said organizer Warren Park, "but Sunday was perfect."

For the state competition Saturday, teams from all over Kansas came to Oakley. Mr. Park said 71 people got their hands on the corn. Lloyd Swart, an Oakley farmer who was volunteering as a contest judge, said fewer teams come from eastern Kansas, where less corn is grown, but one particularly large group came from Atchison County.

Many of the Kansas huskers competed in the nationals Sunday. Others came from Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Missouri and Indiana. Mr.

Park said 110 people registered Sunday, adding that he was pleased with the attendance, which he said was higher than last year.

The contest moves around each year among the participating states.

It was in Oakley in 2004. The town was also the first site of the modern contest when the sport was reorganized in 1971. Last year, it was in Roseville, Ill.

The object is to see how much corn a person can remove from the husk and pick in a given time: 10, 20 or 30 minutes. Huskers are separated by age and gender.

Each husker goes down a row of standing corn, picking each ear they come across and tossing them into a cart. The cart, pulled by horses, mules or a tractor, follows alongside and a has a backboard so the pickers can toss the corn in as fast as they can. Mr. Swart said a good picker

can husk 30 ears a minute, while some of the champions can husk 60 ears per minute.

Contest organizers had prepared six paths through a field west of town with 11 rows for both left- and right-handed huskers. Once a row was picked, the stalks were removed so the next competitor would have a row of unpicked corn. The field, next to the Buffalo Bill statue just west of Oakley, belongs to Gary and Raelene Keller.

Three volunteers go with each husker as they make their way down the row: a timer, a gleaner who checks for dropped ears or those left on the stalk and a driver for the cart. Dropped or missed ears are counted against the husker's score, but he or she can go back and pick them up. Oakley High FFA students volunteered as gleaners.

When the husker's time was

up, they'd ride the cart back to the judging area, where their corn was collected into a steel drum and weighed. Any pieces of husk left on the corn ears counted against the overall weight, Mr. Swart said.

The town held several other activities to go along with the contest. A corn cookoff brought visitors to Oakley's Center Avenue on Friday. Cooks prepared corn dishes in the businesses for people to sample, and a panel of VIPs gave out awards in Oakley Chamber of Commerce gift certificates.

Saturday featured a crafting show at the 4-H building and Farmers Indoor Arena and an awards banquet and dance sponsored by the Oakley Area Pride Committee.

Dennis Schiel, who is creating a mural of Kansas for the state Capitol, was there to show off his work. Schiel has mostly finished the section covering northwest Kansas, which includes Oakley's Buffalo Bill statue and Colby's courthouse. Mr. Park said the artist might add corn husking to the painting.

Tire options discussed

The Decatur County commissioners talked with the road and bridge supervisor about options on tires which could save the county some money.

Supervisor Tim Stallman asked for approval to buy front tires for the 1979 2390 Case tractor, which could cost anywhere from \$350 to \$490 each. Commissioner Ralph Unger said he put a different size on his tractor and the tires seemed to work fine and were cheaper.

Mr. Unger said he uses airplane tires on his lawn mowers. Mr. Stall-

man said he would look into it.

The commissioners talked with Custodian Bob Berls about the recent city utility bill. They said the county's water and sewer bill seemed high this month. Last month, the sewer bill was \$151 and this month it was \$701. The water last month was \$58 and this month \$287.

Mr. Berls said it might be better to put a separate meter on the sprinkler system, which should not count for the sewer bill. The county is going to get a price on a meter.

The commissioners approved transferring \$3,311 from the special park and recreation fund to the general fund. They also approved paying \$995 for postage.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Held a 15-minute closed session for non-elected personnel. There was no action taken.
- Signed a memo saying that employees can't be on Facebook, Twitter or other computer social networking sites or game sites during work.

Council OK's new lineman hire

The Oberlin City Council approved a new hire for the electric department at its meeting Thursday, Oct. 7.

Logan Fortin has been hired as an apprentice lineman, starting at \$13 an hour. Interim City Administrator Karen Larson said it takes four years on the Kansas Municipalities Energy Agency apprenticeship program, which Mr. Fortin will be part of, to become a journeyman lineman.

Mrs. Larson said she had heard of a young man who may be interested in learning how to run the sound equipment in Morgan Theater. Jack Benton is the only person who really knows how to run it now, she said.

The council agreed that it would be a good idea to train someone else on the equipment. They approved paying \$10 an hour.

Councilman Rob McFee, who was sitting in as mayor, said a

constituent talked to him about the road past the recreational vehicle park in the southwest part of town, which they said is a city street, but is treated like minimum maintenance. The dirt road is known as Victoria Street.

The woman asked if the city has the equipment to maintain it, why the job doesn't get done.

In other business, the council:

- Held closed-door sessions for 30 and 15 minutes for non-elected personnel with the council, city attorney and interim administrator present. There was no action taken.
- Held two 30-minute closed sessions for attorney-client privilege. There was no action taken.
- Heard a thanks from Mrs. Larson to everyone who participated in the city's 125th Anniversary events and the parade.
- Heard that a Western Sprinkler

crew was at the airport putting in the power line for the Automated Weather Observation System.

• Heard that the self-fuel station at the airport is in. Mrs. Larson said she and Jan Elliott have had training on the pump and program.

• Heard that bridge information has been given to Penco Engineering. Mrs. Larson said the five bridges in the city haven't been inspected for the past two years.

• Heard that Willard Perrin and David Sporn, with the water department, recently went to Hays for a U.S. Department of Agriculture training session. The government required that someone from the city go because of the water-system loan. Mrs. Larson thanked the men for attending.

• Heard that Foreman Dan Castle is at lineman school.

Board approves policies for first reading

The Oberlin School Board approved a handful of policies on first reading at its regular monthly meeting last Monday.

Superintendent Duane Dorshorst went through the policies with the board, although there weren't any major changes.

Some of the changes were just for language, he said, including changing may to shall in some policies.

One update, he said, is that the policy allows buses can be used by others without having the board approval. For example, said Board President Monte Moore, if a 4-H club wants to use a bus, the transportation director could allow that.

In another, the word microfilm was taken out of the one policy.

At the November meeting, the board will look at the policies again

and approve them for final passage.

Each year, the district gets policies from Kansas Association of School Boards to read through and update if needed or decide if the district needs to add them to the board policies. The goal is to make the policy book available on the school website, said Mr. Dorshorst.

Rawlins County, KS Land Auction

(880 +/- Acres)

Sat., Nov. 6, 2010 - 10 a.m.

Sellers: Mariana Thomas and The Donald Dean Kogl Estate, Mariana Thomas, Executrix

SALE LOCATION: Herndon Senior Center, Herndon, Kansas.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
TRACT I: The Southwest Quarter (SW1/4); and the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW1/4NW1/4) all in Section Thirteen (13) and the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Fourteen (14), Township One (1) South, Range Thirty-one (31), West of the 6th P.M. Rawlins County, Kansas.
TRACT II: Part of the Northeast Quarter (Pt. NE1/4), Section Seven (7), Township Two (2) South, Range Thirty-one (31), West of the 6th P.M., Rawlins County, Kansas.
TRACT III: The East One-half (E1/2), Section Eleven (11) and the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4), Section Twelve (12), all in Township Two (2) South, Range Thirty-two (32), West of the 6th P.M., Rawlins County, Kansas.

MANNER OF SALE: The real estate will be sold in three separate tracts.
TERMS: 10% down day of sale, balance to be paid with certified funds on or before December 6, 2010. All funds will be held by an identified title and escrow company. Financing, if needed, should be arranged and approved prior to auction.
MINERALS: Buyers will receive 100% of Seller's interest in minerals non-participating in royalties.
POSSESSION: Tract I and Tract II, March 1, 2011. Tract III has an existing lease which expires April 30, 2013.
LEASE PAYMENTS ON TRACT III:
 244.5 Acres grassland @ \$12.00 per acre = \$2,934.00
 174.49 Acres cropland @ \$40.00 per acre = \$6,979.60
TAXES: Sellers pay 2010 & prior years. Buyer(s) pay 2011 & subsequent years.
 Tract I - \$165.17
 Tract II - \$ 47.08
 Tract III - \$710.88

INSPECTIONS: Potential bidders are responsible for their own inspections on the property.
EASEMENTS: This sale is subject to all right-of-ways and easements, recorded or not, either expressed or implied.
FSA INFORMATION: FSA acres may not be the same as deeded acres.

TRACT I:	Farmland	Cropland	Yields	CRP	Bases
	348.2	36.2	Wheat - 34	17.3	14.0
CRP expires 2015 @ \$37.00 per acre.					
TRACT II:	Farmland	Cropland	Yields	CRP	Bases
	46.4	38.3	Wheat - 32 Oats - 41 Sorghum - 45	13.6 0.7 10.4	
TRACT III:	Farmland	Cropland	Yields	CRP	Bases
	459.0	280.7	Wheat - 32 Oats - 41 Sorghum - 45	16.7 3.9 74.3	

CRP expires in 2012 @ \$28.00 per acre.
AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: This is very productive crop land and grassland. Tract I has a windmill, pond and a well with a pump jack. Tract II is very good first bottom land with the Beaver Creek running through it. It would make excellent hay ground and has an abundance of deer, turkey and pheasants. Tract III has very good crop land, grass and CRP. It is watered with a well with a pump jack and a solar pump on the well in the pasture.
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