

## Getting a little flu insurance



**AFTER VOTING** on Tuesday, Dan Nedland received a flu shot from county Health Administrator Marilyn Gamblin in the vestibule at The Gateway.  
— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

## College games cause problems for contestants

With no high school games in the contest this week, contestants had a tough time in the Pigskin Pick 'em contest. No one came close to getting all eight or even seven correct.

However, Jacob Gee of Oberlin and Wilbur Reichert of Dresden both were able to pick six of the eight.

Neither of them thought that KU would beat Colorado, the tie-breaker game. With the Jayhawks scoring 35 of their 52 points in the fourth quarter to beat the Buffaloes 52-45, that seemed like a good bet. Jacob, however, came closest to the actual score, so he wins the \$15 first prize and Mr. Reichert wins the \$10 second prize.

Seven people picked five winners but Charissa Huff of Lebanon, Neb., came the closest to the tie-breaker score.

Others picking five correctly were Kenny Gee, Zach May, Linda Hollowell, Ivis Hanson and Kel Grafel, Oberlin, and Cheri Kastens, Herndon.

Coming in with half correct answers, or four out of eight, were Justin Gee, Jim Hollowell, Charley

Keller, Kelly Brown and Travis Raile, Oberlin.

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 at 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 were:

- Missouri Southern over Fort Hays State, 41-31.
- K-State over Texas, 39-14.
- Texas Tech over Missouri, 24-17.
- Nebraska over Iowa State, 31-30 in overtime.
- Texas A&M over Oklahoma, 33-19.
- Oklahoma State over Baylor, 55-28.
- Washburn over Emporia State, 42-0.
- Pittsburg State over Truman State, 17-14.

## Cell phone tower on city-owned property moves forward

The Oberlin City Council decided Thursday to move ahead with the process of allowing a cell phone company to put up a 270-to-280-foot tower on city land on the southeast side of town.

Interim City Administrator Karen Larson said she talked with a representative of Verizon Wireless this week, then went to the proposed site with Willard Perrin and David Sporn from the water department.

She said it's south of Victoria Avenue,

east of the co-op, on the way to the former waste water treatment plant.

The land is in the city limits, she said, and it's zoned A for agricultural, which doesn't allow for a telephone tower. The zoning would need to be changed and there would need to be a variance for the height of the tower.

Verizon, said Mrs. Larson, is willing to pay the city \$400 a month rent for five years. If the city is still OK with the tower, the

company will increase that by 15 percent. The firm bought the former Alltel system, which formerly served the area.

While that farm ground is on a one-year lease, she said, that's up at the beginning of January, and this corner is not farmed. There used to be a pile of concrete on the corner, said Mr. Perrin, but that has been cleaned up.

Mrs. Larson said the Verizon representative said that the city didn't need to worry

about the tower falling into power lines or anything, because if it does fall, the tower is designed to collapse into itself. She said the company will put a chain-link fence around the tower.

Mayor Joe Stanley said it will take a little bit of time to sort out the request because it needs to go to the planning commission.

Also, said City Attorney Steve Hirsch, the city might need to notify everyone who lives within a certain distance of the location.

The council needs to decide if the tower is something it wants to pursue, said Mayor Stanley.

Councilman Rob McFee said he thought it was a good idea. Verizon is going to pay \$400 a month and pay taxes on what's built.

The council approved moving forward with the process.

## Forms available for Angel Tree kids

It might be hard to believe, but Christmas is right around the corner, only 45 days away, and it's time for the Oberlin Jaycees' annual Angel Tree program, which provides some Christmas joy for families who can't afford much.

Forms to sign up children 17 or younger are available at Oberlin businesses. The forms can then be returned to organizer Abby Hissong.

The form asks for a wish list of items the kids need or desire. The idea, said Mrs. Hissong, is to help make Christmas a little brighter for kids in Decatur County. The idea is to fill the clothing needs first, and then do the special requests if possible.

While the form that the parents or others who know each child fill out asks their name and age, she said, the shopper doesn't get that information.

The forms have to be turned in by Tuesday, Nov. 30. The information will be re-written

onto smaller forms — without the names — for shoppers to pick up.

Those cards will be hung on a Christmas tree in Rocking R. People who want to shop for someone can stop in the store to pick up a form.

Presents need to be taken to Rocking R by Wednesday, Dec. 15. Parents of the recipient kids will pick them up at the store between 4:30 and 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 20.

Coordinators of this year's scavenger hunt donated money for the Angel Tree, Mrs. Hissong said. That money was used to buy fruit from the Decatur Community High FFA chapter. That way, each child will receive a bag of fruit as well as the gifts.

Any group or organization that wants to help could give money for movie passes for kids 6 and up, she said.

For questions, call Mrs. Hissong at 475-2696.

## Editor promoted to assistant publisher

Kimberly Davis, a reporter and editor for *The Oberlin Herald* for the last decade, has been named assistant publisher of the 131-year-old weekly newspaper.

Mrs. Davis will supervise the staff of seven who produce the newspaper, working under owners Steve and Cynthia Haynes. Long-time staff members include Mary Lou Olson, society editor, who first joined the paper in 1951, and Pat Cozad, office manager, with 18 years.

"In her 10 years on the job, Kim has grown and learned as she's matured," Mr. Haynes said. "She has become an active member of the community and adopted Oberlin



Kim Davis

as her home. And for the past two or three years, she has taken on more and more responsibility."

The Hayneses own Nor'West Newspapers, which publishes community papers in Oberlin, St. Francis, Bird City, Goodland, Colby and Norton, plus two regional publications, *The Country Advocate* and the *Norton Monday Extra*. Mrs. Haynes is chief financial officer for the group, and Mr. Haynes, in addition to supervising the other papers, has been acting as publisher of the *Colby Free Press*.

"While Oberlin is our home," Mr. Haynes said, "we both need

more time for other duties. We have a regional operation that, with about 50 employees, is one of the largest private businesses based in Oberlin."

Mrs. Davis graduated from the University of Colorado in May 2000 with a bachelor's degree in journalism and an emphasis in political science. She started as a reporter at *The Herald* the next month.

She and Tim Davis, now the advertising representative at the paper, married in July 2004. They have two daughters and one granddaughter who live in Colorado, and twin 7-year-old foster daughters here.

"I have truly enjoyed working at *The Oberlin Herald* and getting to know the Oberlin community over the past 10 years," she said. "In that time, my husband and I have come

to call Oberlin home. I look forward to the future and what might be possible here."

Mrs. Davis was a volunteer and committee member for the former Seeds of Hope Telethon for several years, a member of the United Explorers for two and the Oberlin Jaycees for three. Today, she's a co-convenor of the Sappa Park Committee under Decatur Tomorrow and vice president of the Decatur Professional Women.

She says she loves photography, growing things, canning, walking at Sappa Park, friends, spending time with her family and scrapbooking, to name a few of her interests.

"I have always wanted to run in a 5K and hope to accomplish that goal in the next few years," she said.

## Work to begin on bowling alley; cash still short

Construction on the inside of the new bowling alley on Main Street will most likely start next month, though money is still needed to pay for a scoring system.

Although the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. is stilling raising money for the electronic scoring system, Greg Lohofener said, there is enough to pay for the remaining construction

and work can start. Mr. Lohofener and Kevin Brown, owner of Sappa Valley Construction, held a conference call with Jayhawk Bowling of Lawrence recently and set the start date as the second week in December.

The bowling alley drive has raised more than \$100,000 of its \$150,000 goal. Hopefully, said Mr. Lohofener, the additional \$50,000

can be raised soon so the electronic scoring can be ordered.

It will take five weeks from that time to when the system will be in, he said. Depending on donations, the bowling alley could be done early in the new year.

As of Monday the group has raised \$101,450, said Mr. Lohofener. That includes a grant for \$500 from Midwest Energy. He said

backers are waiting to hear about one more grant application.

Mr. Lohofener encourages anyone who wants to donate money not to hesitate. For information or questions about the project, call him at 475-3322; Connie Grafel, marketing director for the development group, at 475-2901; or ask any member of the corporation's board.

## Holiday meal needs helpers

With Thanksgiving just two weeks away, volunteers are needed to make goodies for the annual community dinner.

The meal will start at noon on Thursday, Nov. 25, at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Organizers need people to make pies and salads, said Teresa Diederich. Any money given, after expenses are paid, will be donated to the Decatur County Food Pantry.

Everyone is invited to the traditional meal.

To make reservations for the meal, or to order a home-delivered meal call Mrs. Diederich at 475-3525.

Organizers, she said, are looking for someone to deliver meals to shut-ins. That person will need to be at the church around 11:30 a.m. Mrs. Diederich said the job takes around an hour.

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