



HOLDING EASTBOUND TRAFFIC, Tom Skubal of Oberlin (above) was one of the state highway maintenance workers guiding drivers around a resurfacing project on U.S. 36 in Oberlin on Monday. The crew used radios to coordinate

traffic as a milling machine (below) stripped two inches of old asphalt off the four-lane roadway. The crew got a late start as mechanics didn't get the machine going until about 2 p.m.

— Herald staff photos by Steve Haynes

Repaving job starts on U.S. 36 in town

A paving contractor started work Monday on a project to mill and overlay U.S. 36 from Penn Avenue to the Hansen Mueller elevator just east of town.

Work on the 3,000-foot job includes milling off two inches of old pavement and a two-inch overlay of new asphalt, said Jeff Stewart, district engineer for Kansas Department of Transportation in Norton.

Some farmers have questioned why the work is being done during the heaviest part of corn harvest. Mr. Stewart said the timing was hard to determine, since the work had to be done after the contractor was done with a 20-mile stretch of U.S. 83 south of town.

He said the repaving should only take about three days, finishing



today if rains hold off. The department talked with Hansen Mueller about putting the job off, he said, but because the paving season is almost over, that might have meant a delay

of a year or more. Everyone agreed the road should be fixed.

"The delays are going to be relatively short," he said. "They just finished south of town and this was

the last thing they're going to do."

"We will begin milling on Monday, and hopefully paving by Tuesday and Wednesday if the weather cooperates" said Joe Capo, area maintenance superintendent for the department in Atwood.

State workers using radios were controlling traffic through a one-lane zone through the work area Monday.

Kristen Brands, regional spokesman for the department in Norton, said people should expect delays of 15 minutes or less, but the average Monday seemed to be just a couple of minutes.

The contractor, Venture Corp. of Great Bend, will do the milling and asphalt work at an estimated cost of \$89,973, Mrs. Brands said.

Asphalt will come from a plant Venture has set up near Dresden, which will be shutting down for the winter. State maintenance workers are providing the traffic control.

Council adopts standard traffic and offense codes

The Oberlin City Council adopted the 2011 version of the Kansas Standard Traffic Ordinance and Public Offense Code at the beginning of the month.

At a meeting on Oct. 6, the council passed two resolutions adopting the current versions of the codes, something the city does each year.

City Attorney Steve Hirsch said the council doesn't have to approve either code, but it's a good idea to keep those ordinances up to date.

The council approved both resolutions, although Councilman Rob McFee voted against approving the public offense code.

Councilman Rusty Addleman asked about the Connections program that Jan Ackerman, the city's code enforcement officer, started to get houses linked with new owners.

Mr. Addleman suggested coming up with a list of homes to advertise during the pheasant season, when a lot of visitors will be in town.

In other business, the council:

- Heard the police department has received two resumes for the open police officer position.
- Heard Mayor Riedel praise the city crew for work they have been doing. Mrs. Larson, he said, has

done a good job keeping a handle on the budget. While there has been talk about buying a new front-end loader for years, city Foreman Dan Castle and Mrs. Larson arranged to have the current loader repaired for around \$11,000. That should give the city a little more time.

Sexton Jeremy Tally with the help of a volunteer, Gary Zdrov, repaired some of the headstones at the cemetery. Mr. Tally said a monument company gave them some adhesive and they used some cement, too. He said city employee Logan Fortin helped as well.

It seems everyone in the city is making a concerted effort to save money, the mayor said. He added that a scholarship has been found to help pay for some needed schooling for City Clerk Sandy Rush.

- Approved a franchise renewal agreement with Eagle Communications for five years, keeping the city's franchise fee at 3 percent of cable billings.
- Heard a thanks from Bernard Goetze for his work the city did in the alley behind his house. He had talked to the council earlier in the year about drainage problems with water running through his yard.

City OKs 2010 audit

The Oberlin City Council approved the 2010 audit after taking a few weeks to look it over.

During the meeting Thursday, Oct. 6, the council approved the audit, giving the OK for it to be filed with the state.

At the Thursday, Sept. 15, meeting Brian Thompson from Mapes and Miller, a Norton accounting firm, presented the audit report. Councilman Rusty Addleman asked if the council could have time to look it over before giving its approval.

The report says it appears that the city exceeded the budget in the community growth fund, Mr. Addleman noted.

The auditors aren't lawyers, said Steve Zdrov, the administrative assistant in the city office, who

once worked for Mapes and Miller, so they can't say that it is or isn't a violation. Mr. Zdrov said the auditors can say that it appears there is a violation.

"I can say that it is a violation," added City Attorney Steve Hirsch.

"We exceeded the (budget in the) community growth fund?" asked Mr. Addleman. "Why?"

It was probably the wall for the new area at the cemetery, said Mr. Zdrov. While the city had the money, it probably didn't have the budget authority to spend it.

The city could have republished the budget, said Mr. Hirsch. The cemetery wall was built in 2010. There was some job turnovers then, including the treasurer. The council approved the audit with the noted violation.

Everyone got at least one game right

Everyone got at least one right this week in the eighth round of *The Oberlin Herald's* Pigskin Pickem contest.

In last week's *Oberlin Herald* ad, the contest listed Colorado versus Washington. Since Washington had already played and beaten Colorado 52-24 the week before, everyone got that one right.

Even with the gimme game, only one contestant came up with all seven winners. Wilber Reichert of Dresden won the \$15 first prize.

The tie breaker was brought into play, as eight people came up with six out of seven right.

Norm Wendelin, Oberlin, took second, and Kelly Brown, Oberlin, came in third as they came closest to the real score of the Colorado game: Oregon skinned the Buffaloes 45-2.

Others coming up with six out of seven correct were John Sater, Tom Martin, Ivis Hanson, Dewaine Stapp and Kenny Gee, Oberlin, and Cheri Kastens, Herndon.

Coming up with five out of six were Wade Juenemann, Jordan Davenport, Ryan Leitner, Rusty Addleman, Owen Wilson, Gary Anderson, Kel Grafel and Jim Hollowell, Oberlin, and Vernon Ketterl, Herndon.

Jacob Gee came up with four out of seven.

All eligible scores are entered on a spread sheet. At the end of the 10-week contest, the contestant picking the most correct games will receive

a trophy.

The scrip money won in the contest can be spent only at the sponsors: Ward Drug Store, the Land-Mark Inn, Fredrickson Insurance Agency, Decatur Co-op, Creative Collision and *The Oberlin Herald*.

Other scores of this week's games were:

- Kansas State over KU, 59-21.
- Ellis over Oberlin, 41-0.
- St. Francis over Leoti, 66-26.
- Clay Center over Colby, 32-7.
- Oakley over Atwood, 50-0.
- Washington over Colorado, still 52-24.
- Thomas More Prep over Norton, 20-19.

Craft show spaces open

Vendors can sign up now for space at the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Craft Show next month at The Gateway.

The annual show is planned for Saturday, Nov. 26. Booths cost \$25.

Anyone interested in having a space at the show should call the Chamber office between 1 and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at (785) 475-3441.

Annual Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, October 29, 6:15 p.m. at the Oberlin City Park Band Shell

Items to bring:
\$5 and canned good per person, flashlight, envelope, pen, paper, snack food, unopened eyebrow pencil, shaving razor and a digital camera.

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