There has been much discussion about SB 356 – on carnival rides –

from my district. It looks like the definition "homeowned amusement ride" will remain in the law. This would mean that

home-owned amusement rides

would not be subject to all of the in-

spection and training regulations. A new section might be added that would require home-owned amusement rides to file proof of insurance with the Kansas Department of Labor. It could include posting of the insurance certificate, too. Technical amendment changes would help with conformity to other

I joined Gov. Sam Brownback last Monday in Garden City when he signed into law bills that provide regulatory relief to irrigators and ensure that western Kansas towns can continue to thrive.

I have often said, "Irrigation is crucial to the health of western Kansas. Without changes that allow farmers to adapt to the recent drought, our communities will be facing a serious economic situa-

The first bill, SB 272, amends water law to provide Kansas farmers and ranchers with the flexibility they need to carefully manage their water resources and balance use in years where a lack of rainfall may require additional water.

Known as multi-year flex accounts, this legislation gives Kansas farmers the option to spread the amount of groundwater they pump over a five-year period, allowing them to fully protect their crops in dry conditions while holding the line on overall water use.



Letter from Topeka By Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer ralph.ostmeyer@senate.ks.gov

amend "use it or lose it" practices in Kansas.

Carnivals still on slate

Current law encourages the overuse of water, particularly of the Ogallala Aquifer. This amendment of Agriculture would approve all courage conservation in normal and wet years and protect our state's wa- such a district. ter supply for future generations.

Resources Committee. We are in Colby. I am pleased to join with reviewing another plan in committee. Senate Bill 310 would amend

The second bill, HB 2451, would water law regarding water-use control in Groundwater Management Districts and ensure that the chief engineer of the Division of Water Resources in the Department to state water law would instead en- recommendations related to water quality or water supply made by

Ihope to return to western Kansas I am chair of the Senate Natural and witness the signing of this bill the governor in emphasizing the importance of water in our state.

Honor Roll

Welcome and thanks to these recent subscribers to The Oberlin

Jennings: Carl Wahlmeier, Galen

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Norcatur: Arlene Hix, Patrick Shirley, Chris Bailey, Glen St-

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Oberlin: Rod Fringer, Reta Barratt, Gary Schuppener, KFNF Radio, Doris Gilbert, Hansen-Mueller, Oberlin City Library, Vivian Lewis, James Gamblin, Steve Horn, Laverne Rippe, Nila Hafner, Lonnie McEvoy, Molly Coleman, Billie Bryan, Dorothy Moore, Joni Marshall, Gary Walter, Herb Shirley, Karen and Delbert Bruning, Selden: John Geisinger, Dennis Rhonda May, Phyllis Screen, James Rogers, Jim Herl, Gary Hunziker, Miesner, Eunice Richards, Rich Shaw, Stacey Marcum, Walter May, Gisela Fisher, Randy Olson, Todd

and Sandy Ketterl.

THE OBERLIN HERALD —

Sports

Kids place at meet

Of 11 Oberlin kid wrestlers eligible to attend the subdistrict tournament in Goodland last weekend, all 11 made it into the finals and became eligible to attend the district meet Saturday in WaKeeney.

The team has four weigh-age class champions, four seconds, two thirds and a fourth.

Wrestling were:

Age 8 and under

• 61 pounds, Reece Grafel, first,

• 67, Corbin Wessel, fourth.

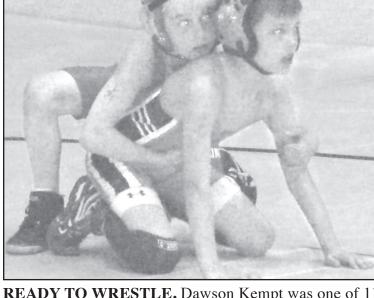
Age 10 and under

• 70, Dawson Kempt, first, and Colton Ketterl, second.

• 130, Reegon Witt, third.

and Alex Eskew, third.

• 88, Gavon Uehlin, first.



READY TO WRESTLE, Dawson Kempt was one of 11 Oberlin Kid Wrestlers at the subdistrict meet in Goodland on Saturday to win a trip to the district meet in WaKeeney this weekend - Herald photo by Fawn Eskew

Age 12 and under

• 80, Kel Grafel, second.

Age 14 and under

• 120. Jeff Juenemann, first.

• 145, Brycen Welsey, third. • 160, Dayton Kempt, second.



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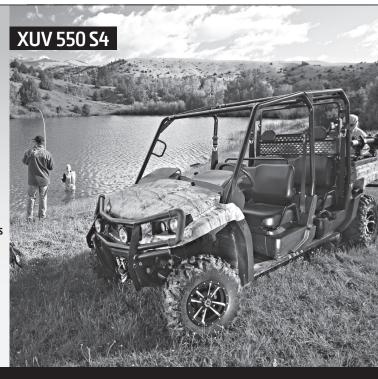
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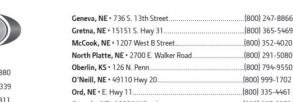


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