Ramell Taylor is the newest reporter for The Oberlin Herald. Joining the staff last Wednesday, he is just starting his journalism career after graduating

Though he is a native of Detroit, Mr. Taylor said his "home away from home" has been here in Kansas for more than four years. He first moved to the state in 2008 to

attend Fort Scott Community College. Along with academic and athletic hon-

He left Kansas to attend Southern Utah



R. Taylor

He says he's used to the peaceful atmosphere small towns such as Oberlin have to offer. After growing up in a big town like Detroit, Mr. Taylor said, he ors, Mr. Taylor received his Associate of Science has come to appreciate being in an environment that is safe and "not too congested."

elor's degree in communications while

Taylor returned to Fort Scott, then he

minoring in journalism in 2012.

moved to Oberlin shortly after.

Some of the hobbies that he enjoys include of Oberlin to the best of his abilities.

University in Cedar City, where he fitness, writing and video editing. Mr. Taylor had played basketball. He graduated with an emphasis on broadcasting while obtaining his academic honors, receiving a bachcommunication degree.

He came from a single-parent home of five boys. He is the middle child, which Mr. Taylor After finishing up his bachelor's, Mr. said had its advantages.

"I had the opportunity to watch my older brothers grow up before me," he said. "I saw a lot of their foolish mistakes, not to mention my mother was constantly telling me 'not to be like your older brothers.'

He's excited to be in Oberlin, Mr. Taylor said, and he hopes that the people will embrace him, as he hopes to help serve *The Herald* and the people

Weishapl, custodians.

food service.

school secretary.

Shannon Barber, Shanna Long,

· Lisa Fortin, library aide at both

• Carla Depperschmidt, grade

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Board hires two teachers, retains staff

The Oberlin School Board hired two new teachers at its May meeting and accepted the resignation of one.

Superintendent Duane Dorshorst said the board hired Brandon Gehring, who was teaching in Logan and coaching girls basketball, track and football. He will teach physical education at the grade school and

The board also hired Elizabeth Edmonds, who will teach English at the high school. She had been

The Oberlin School Board ap-

proved an updated English cur-

riculum at the high school to meet

revised Kansas College and Career

Superintendent Duane Dorshorst

focused. The old standards didn't updated last year.

Library has reading program

said the standards have been re-

By RAMELL TAYLOR

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Monday was the first day of the

Oberlin City Library's Summer

Reading Program. Children from preschool to high school can sched-

ule individual reading sessions any

time throughout the library's regular

Library Director Carol Smith

says the open schedule allows kids

to work around summer activities

and encourages them to work at

Perks for children participating

in the program include prize draw-

their own pace.

Ready Standards.

high school. teaching in Topeka.

tant senior high wrestling coach; and Linda Weber, head cook at the high school. After a five-minute closed ses-

sion, with no action, the board approved re-employment for staff, or nonprofessional, positions:

Juenemann, who was teaching

English; Caleb Howland as assis-

• Vickie Lippelmann, board

include as much writing or speaking

May 13, the board also approved

math and family and consumer

science, or home economics, text-

books. The math curriculum was

ings, as well as treats after reading

"The goal is for each child to

Smith said. "This way, the program

She added that preschool students

"This works very well when you

have more than one kid in the same

Anyone who would like to enroll

a child in the program or has ques-

tions can call the library at (785)

can have someone in the household

is flexible for any age group."

assignments, she said.

read to them.

475-2412

household," she said.

During the meeting on Monday.

and listening skills.

• Pam Simonsson, secretary/

Mr. Dorshorst said the board treasurer. accepted the resignations of Dana

- Ron Jansonius, technology coordinator.
- Terry Ream, outdoor maintenance supervisor.
- Brian Simonsson, transportation
- Kenny Black, facilities/plant
- supervisor. • Johanna Mason, school nurse.
- Judy Marietta and Melissa
- Dreher, high school secretaries.
- Marilyn Mack, Carolyn Shirley, Charissa Huff, John Otis and Kim ley and Chris Hardy, bus drivers.

Curriculum changed to meet state standards In other business, the board:

> • Tabled a request for the firefighters' wives to use the high school stadium for a Fourth of July laser light show until the group can provide proof of insurance, Mr. Dorshorst said.

• Heard that capital outlay projects for the summer include new doors for the music wing at the high

school and for the west side of the high school near the cafeteria, finish tiling in the high school cafeteria. continued upgrading for the lighting at the grade school, remodeling an upstairs computer lab at the high school and putting in a separation curtain between the high school gym and wrestling area to help with heating costs in the winter.

Patriotic paint contest begins

A popular promotion will return read 15 books or 1,000 pages," Ms. for the second year, organizers say. Paint Oberlin Patriotic will begin the week of Flag Day, Friday, June 14, running throughout fair week in August.

> Residents can participate by decorating their homes, businesses, and other properties in patriotic

This year, the event will be cosponsored by the Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Decatur Area Chamber of Com-

A \$100 gift certificate will be awarded to the best decorated home, business, and non profit organization (churches, government, buildings, clubs, etc.).

The displays will be judged sometime before the Fourth of July. Anyone who would like to sign up their property to be judged or request information should contact the Decatur Area Chamber of Commerce at (785) 475-3441.

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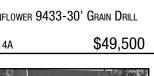
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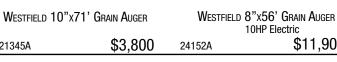
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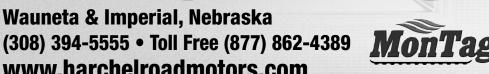
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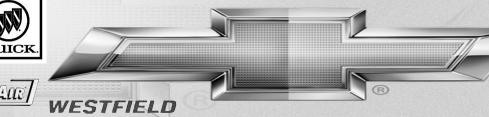
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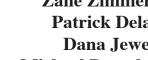




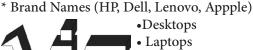








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