

# Pyromaniacs atwork

**JONATHAN FICK'S** "PYROMUSICAL" filled the Oberlin softball fields Saturday. Fireworks lit up the sky 80 feet wide (above), choreographed to '50s and '60s beach music. Before the show, Mr. Fick (below, left) and Greg Vontz (right) took precautions to ensure the safety of everyone who came out.

> - Herald staff photos by Ramell Taylor



## \*City will enforce water restrictions here

(Continued from Page 1A) Deciding whether to go to water rationing is based on how consistent the heavy pumping is, he said. Hitting 700,000 gallons per day is the trigger for a Stage 2 water warning, and as of Monday, the city had used over 700,000 gallons a day for at least three days.

He said the water levels for the Wells No. 11 and 12 had dropped a Stage 3 water emergency, people six inches last week, two inches would be prohibited from using any less than the drop measured two outside water. weeks ago.

added, "but we always ask people was a long time ago." to conserve.'

Mr. Perrin said if the city reaches

"We've only been under a Stage 3 "It's normal for the well levels water emergency once when a well to drop when it doesn't rain," he was broken," Mr. Perrin said." That

# **\*Parade set for the morning** of the Fourth of July

(Continued from Page 1A) Avenue and through downtown.

Children can color the downtown red, white and blue in the Sidewalk Chalk Art segment and participate in bike races put together by the fire fighters.

The Decatur Professional Women will be selling root-beer floats and cherry limeades downtown in front of the old Addleman Drug Store. Donations will go to the group's scholarship fund.

The festival then will move to the city pool for the Oberlin Swim Club's open swim meet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded to the top swimmers.

The festival will continue at City

p.m., with the winner taking home a trophy and half of the total entry fees

The fire department will serve dinner at 6 p.m. in the park, offering hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, chips and watermelon for a donation.

The seventh-grade class from Decatur Community Junior High School will be selling pie and ice cream for dessert.

There will be kids' games and face painting afterward, with the high school cheerleaders selling cake pops and Decatur Tomorrow offering cotton candy, popcorn and drinks.

Park with a pie-eating contest at 6 directed by Neal Russell, will play at the band shell at 7 p.m.A guest artist will perform at 8 p.m., followed by "Dancing with the DJ" at 8:30 p.m. featuring DJ Full Throttle.

At9p.m., the Legion Riders color guard will present a flag ceremony in front of the grandstand. At 9:15 p.m., the Oberlin American Legion will have a Fourth of July presentation.

The high school cheerleaders will pump up the crowd by leading a celebration song, "Hokey Pokey" and chicken dance.

For information on all the activities, go to oberlinks.com/decaturcounty-4th-of-july-festival/.

The Oberlin Community Band,

## **\*Rules change for carrying guns**

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The Goodland commission voted to send the letter. The county commission did not vote on the issue. Commissioner Ken Klemm said he is in favor of the law and did not see any need to wait to implement it.

The law excludes school districts and allows universities, community colleges and technical colleges to get a waiver so they may continue

Northwest Kansas Technical Col- carry. lege President Dr. Ed Mills said the Kansas Board of Regents is going with this waiver, which means concealed weapons will continue colleges managed to find insurance to be prohibited on the Northwest Tech campus.

Dr. Mills said one problem for universities and colleges is that the sole provider of liabilities insurance for these institutions in Kansas has sent letters saying the insurance will banning concealed guns until 2017. be dropped if they allow concealed

"Colleges just can't operate without insurance," he said.

However, a group of community that would cover them under the new law.

Under state law, school boards, university presidents and college boards are allowed to designate employees who are allowed to carry concealed weapons.



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