

Chamber to honor farmers, ranchers with special evening

The Decatur County Chamber of Commerce plans to honor farmers and ranchers with a dinner and entertainment on Saturday, March 11, county commissioners learned last Tuesday.

The group decided to try something new this year by holding a Farmer/Rancher Day, with a humorous speaker, dinner and a band, said Kem Bryan, a Chamber board member.

The board is working on raising money for the event so there won't be any cost to the farmers or ranchers, she said.

Mrs. Bryan said she is one of the people helping organize the event. Besides raising money to pay for the meal at \$6.30 per person, the group is asking for door prizes.

She said she has been going to public agencies, including the Oberlin School Board and Oberlin City Council, asking for financial support.

She told the commissioners the city is giving two free family passes to the swimming pool as door prizes. The school board is giving a few activity passes and some Red Devils license plates.

Mrs. Bryan said the Chamber won't keep any of the money raised;

it will all go for the event.

The Pioneer Seed Co. has given \$500 and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is giving some money, too. Mrs. Bryan said they have applications out for grant money, but they haven't heard back on them yet.

Even the band will be paid for through donations. As it turns out, said Mrs. Bryan, she talked with Rich Grafel of D&S Grain before his death about the band. A few weeks after talking to him, she said, he called her and wanted to pay for it.

"We have had a lot of support," she said.

So far, she added, they have had only one no.

The event, which will run from 6 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, at The Gateway, is open to everyone, she said, although it is geared toward farmers and ranchers. Since they're not selling tickets, the Chamber has come up with an idea to get a head count for food.

They are asking people who will go to the event to stop by the office and get their tickets or call 475-3441 to reserve them.

After some discussion, the commissioners decided the county would donate four history books, valued at \$200, for door prizes.



Students receive books

OBERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL third graders got dictionaries Monday afternoon from the Oberlin Rotary Club. Each of the 34 students received their own Scholastic Children's Dictionary, with their name put in it by the club. Troy Juenemann (above left), Kaine Fredrickson and Ganon Henningson looked at Kaine's dictionary. Rotarians Lee Gilliam (right) and Gary Shike read names to hand out the books.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis



School buildings to receive new roofs

By **KIMBERLY DAVIS**

The Oberlin School Board is moving ahead with repairs to the roofs of the district's buildings, with a company coming in this week to make a recommendation to the insurance company.

Superintendent Kelly Glodt said Wray Roofing of Newton will be here today to look at the roofs and get a recommendation off to the insurance company. The insurance carrier, he said, wants the district to replace the roof at Oberlin Elementary School first, both on the main building and the kindergarten.

There aren't any leaks at the grade school, said Mr. Glodt, but there are at the high school. Hopefully, he said, the insurance company will see that the parts at the high school that leak need to be fixed first.

Is the insurance company looking at replacing insulation, too? asked Board Member Dewayne Jackson. Mr. Glodt said they are.

The board discussed drawing up a new district technology plan. Mr. Glodt said the plan is renewed and updated every three years and has to be sent to the state. Ron Jansonius, the technology director, will be talking with teachers and administrators about what they want and then will present the plan to the board at the February meeting.

The district, said Mr. Glodt, is at the end of its five-year accreditation with North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement. In April, he said, they will have the final visit from the accrediting team, and he would like board members and students to be involved.

Charles Haag, principal of the high school, said Elmer Zadow's wife, Delores and their son would be at the Oberlin Invitational Wrestling Tournament Saturday to present a scrapbook Mr. Zadow kept on the wrestlers. Mr. Haag said he thought the book would be displayed at the

School Roundup

At a board meeting last Monday, the Oberlin School Board:

- Gave the superintendent and head custodian permission to hire a part-time custodian to work as needed. Story below, at right.
- Discussed moving ahead with repairs to the roofs on the district buildings. Story at left.
- Decided the high school will not have class on Friday, Feb. 17, for the regional wrestling tournament, although the grade school will be open. Story to come.

school.

They also are going to retire the hat he wore to all the meets. Mr. Haag said it might be on display, too, but he wasn't sure.

The district will set new goals to meet for a new five-year cycle and be monitored by the accreditation team.

In other business, the board:

- Heard Duane Dorshorst, grade school principal, will most likely be the president-elect for the Kansas Elementary School Principals next year.
- Accepted a gift of \$504 from the Knights of Columbus to be split between both schools for special education.
- Congratulated six scholar bowl students and Teacher Marlene Moxter, who had just returned from the Northwest Kansas League tournament with the first-place trophy in hand.
- Decided to hold a calendar committee meeting at 4 p.m. on Jan. 18 at the district office.
- Approved the termination of Tiffany Hurst as a cook, for no reason.

Schools to hire part-time custodial helper

The Oberlin School Board gave the superintendent and head custodian permission to hire someone to help the custodial staff as needed at a meeting last Monday night.

Superintendent Kelly Glodt said Kenny Black, plant facilities director, said the crew is having a heck of a time keeping up with work at the high school. There is a bus driver who would do a great job, said Mr. Glodt, helping out at the building. He could be brought in on an hourly basis during tough weeks, for ex-

ample on tournament weeks.

Mr. Black, said Mr. Glodt, would love to have a full-time custodian, which would put that department back to the number they had before budget cuts. Mr. Glodt said he can't see recommending that.

He said he can see where an extra person would be good like during regional wrestling, for instance.

Could it be a seasonal position? asked Board Member Barb Olson.

It could be, said Mr. Glodt. It could be just as needed.

The times would vary with the events and with the weather, then, said Mrs. Olson. For example, if there was a snow storm, they might need extra help.

Board Member Monte Moore suggested giving the idea a trial for

a month, then the board can look at the situation at the February meeting.

The board approved the idea.

Mr. Glodt said the person will be someone who is already working for the district, and not to expect an ad for the job to show up in the paper.

Licensing rules change

Decatur County will no longer offer renewals or changes on commercial driver's licenses because of a change in federal law, says county treasurer Jean Hale.

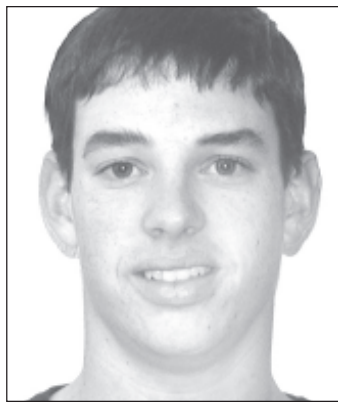
At the beginning of January, she said, new regulations went into effect which don't allow for the licenses to be done at the county level.

In order to get a commercial driv-

ers license or make changes to a current one, the driver has to visit a state drivers license office. The only kind of licenses that can renewed or changed at the county office are Class A and B licenses, which are not considered commercial drivers licenses.

The closest state offices are in Colby and Phillipsburg.

student of the week



Name: Kegan Macfee
Parents: Don and Deb Macfee
Grade: 12
Age: 18

We've nominated this student because: He is a hard worker, always helpful and very kind and courteous.

Student Comment: I am very honored to be nominated for this.

Activities involved in

at school: National Honor Society and FFA.

My choice of movies, books and games: Exciting movies, short books and games I can win.

After I leave Decatur Community High School I intend to: Attend Kansas State University college of agriculture.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: Twenty-eight and living a successful life somewhere other than Oberlin.

Favorite Quote: To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift.

Firemen make pizza

Friday is the last day to order pizzas made by the Norcatur firemen for delivery on Sunday, Jan. 29.

The 12-inch pizzas come with any combination of toppings, including beef, sausage, pepperoni, Canadian bacon, cheese, mushrooms, green peppers, onion, black olives and sauerkraut.

To order a pizza, contact any of the firemen, including Chief Carl Lyon, Rex Knapp, Darren Wentz, Doug Dempewolf, Galen Wentz, Jeff Roe, Scott Hartzog, Pat O'Hare, Troy Wentz, Mark Bailey, Gail Bailey or Ted Hartsough.

All of the pizzas will be sold for a donation. The firemen ask that people ordering say whether they want the pizzas delivered hot or frozen.

All money raised will go to help update fire fighting and safety equipment, they said.



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