

Playing in the band



AT THE GAME Friday night against Colby, the Decatur Community High School pep band helped cheer on the Red Devils. — Herald photo by Susan May

Banquet reservations needed today

Reservations to attend the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce's Farmers and Ranchers Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday need to be in by today.

Anyone who wants to attend the free dinner should call the Chamber

office at 475-3441, said Chamber Manager Carolyn Hackney

The meal will include beef and pork cooked by Robert Groneweg, with the rest of the menu prepared and served by The Gateway staff. Entertainment will be Craig Lar-

son, from Scottsbluff, Neb., a storyteller and broadcast journalist.

Ms. Hackney said the sponsors plan to give door prizes. The evening isn't open just to farmers and ranchers, Ms. Hackney said; everyone is invited.

Golden Plains Unified School District No. 316 HONOR ROLL

2nd Quarter Superintendent

Grade 12
Michelle Becker
Isaac Broeckelman
Jonathan Broeckelman
Shaun Gilbert

Grade 11
Randi Cressler
Lucas Phillips
Devinn Ritter
Avery Spresser

Grade 10
None

Grade 9
Angela Ritter

Grade 8
Jordan Christensen
Macayla Easton
Kylie Jones
Leea Juenemann
Hailee Spresser

Grade 7
Chance Uehlin

Grade 6
None

2nd Quarter Principal

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Jenna Bruggeman
Jeremy Hunter
Jessica Luna
Jarrett Marker
Karly Miller
Drake Moss
Dylan Moss
Michael Roehl
Corey Shaw
Jordan Spresser
Aisha Walter
Megan Zodrow

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McKayla Albertson
Laura Clapp
Aaron Emigh
Susana Galvan
Brandy Gilbert
Marissa Mosier
Jacy Moss
Tate Preston
Yajaira Ramirez
Melissa Ritter
Rilee Spresser

Grade 10
Hannah Antholz
Viridiana Beltran
Cole Christensen
Trey Schwarz
Ethan Walter

Grade 9
Jose Bermudez
Andrew Luna

Griselda Monge
Camron Spresser
Morgan Walz

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Jacob Antholz
Emmy-Marie Fringer
Tiffani Hapke
Chance Hoeting
Payton Ramsey
Tristan Schwarz
Grant Spresser
Zachary Spresser

Grade 7
Rebecca Bange
Ana Bermudez
Joseph Koerperich
Rachael Ritter
Taylor Todd
Brooke Wark

Grade 6
KeAnn Jacobs
Kami Miller
Tayler Petersen
Madison Walz
Kade Wessel
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Congratulations from the following businesses

Dave's Auto Supply
120 N. Williams — Rexford
785-687-3235

McCarty Dairy
2231 County Rd 31 — Rexford

Koerperich Bookbinders
104 N. Kansas Ave. — Selden
785-386-4392

The Oberlin Herald
170 S. Penn Ave — Oberlin
785-475-2206

Gateway to get brighter light

The Oberlin City Council approved some new lighting for The Gateway on Thursday and talked with a heating and cooling professional about controlling the temperature in the lobby of the building.

During a previous meeting, Thursday, Jan. 21, the council received estimates from Amstar Electric for lights on the west and back (north) sides of the building. The council had questions about the cost of those lights, however, and put off a decision.

The estimate for a new light outside the west door was for \$600, with the parts and materials at \$350 and labor at \$250, said Amstar owner Brad Larson.

The light in that spot now, said Mr. Larson, doesn't come on when it gets too cold.

Councilman Ray Ward said his question at the last meeting was the size and kind of light specified (a 150-watt metal halide vapor light) was really needed there. Mr. Larson said he thought they needed a 100- to 150-watt light in that spot.

Mr. Larson said he charges \$50 an hour for labor, and the estimate includes five hours of labor.

Councilman Ward said estimates usually include what the labor is per hour and should be within 10 percent of the actual cost. The estimate should say how many hours it's going to take, he said.

Mr. Larson said it is just an estimate and he wanted to allow time

City plans special meeting

The Oberlin City Council agreed Thursday to put off any decisions on proposed operating changes at The Gateway, deciding instead to have a special meeting on Monday.

Mayor Joe Stanley suggested having the special meeting to discuss the projects and proposed

policies for the building.

He said he thought having a work session would be a good idea instead of trying to pack too much into one regular meeting.

The council was to meet at 7 p.m. Monday, downstairs in the civic center.

in case he had to patch off or something happened that he wasn't planning on.

Outside the north door, said Mr. Larson, the estimate is for \$675, with parts and materials for a similar light at \$375 and labor at \$300.

Looking at the area again, he said, he's not sure that the city doesn't want two lights there.

Councilman Rob McFee said he thought the light on the west side needed to be put in and suggested having Mr. Larson investigate whether the north side needs one or two and come back with a little better estimate.

Mr. McFee made a motion to approve the west light with the understanding that the \$600 is just an estimate and the price could be lower. Mr. Ward seconded the motion and the council approved the project.

Chad Brincy, with CB Heating and Air Conditioning of Colby,

talked to the council about the lower lobby being cooler in the winter and the upstairs being much hotter, apparently because heat rises in the two-story open space.

Mr. Brincy said he wondered if a "mini-split" heating unit downstairs would help solve the problem. It has a condenser that sits outside, he said, and it's a high-efficiency unit that doesn't use much power. Maybe it could provide heat for the downstairs and then the unit upstairs could be turned down.

The council also talked about ceiling fans and other ideas to circulate the heat in the downstairs lobby, so it doesn't all just go upstairs.

Kathy Brainard, Gateway manager, said there's also a problem with one of the units in the arena.

The council asked Mr. Brincy to take a look while he's here replacing filters and come up with some ideas that might work for the lobby area and the arena.

Council takes bid on circle drive

The Oberlin City Council accepted a \$50,310 bid for a circle drive at the main entrance on the south side of The Gateway on Thursday.

The council received three bids for the project, which the members have been discussing for months.

The highest bid came from Cement Products of North Platte for \$92,556, then the middle bid from McCook Contracting for \$72,908 and the lowest from JL Construction of McCook for \$50,310.

WDA Design of McCook which

did the drawings for the project, reported no bids from Baxter Concrete Company of Wauneta, Neb., BSB Construction of Curtis, Neb., Gerih Concrete Construction of McCook and Nelson Concrete of Oberlin.

Greg Wolford, with the design firm, said JL estimated two to three weeks from start to finish on the project.

If it doesn't rain, added Mayor Joe Stanley.

The council discussed a window where there was a month with noth-

ing big scheduled at the civic center. They agreed they didn't want that area torn up for alumni weekend over Memorial Day.

Mr. Wolford said JL doesn't want to start the project until the frost is out of the ground.

The bid has June 30 as the completion date, noted Councilwoman Marcia Lohofener.

The council accepted the bid, with the understanding that work won't start until after the banquet.

Heart sales to help area patients

Oberlin businesses are teaming up with the Decatur County Helping Hands for Healthcare, selling paper hearts for the Valentine's season to be displayed wherever they're bought.

People can buy the \$1 hearts at the Re-Load, Crossroads Express, Ampride, Raye's Grocery and Pizza Hut. People buying the hearts can

write their names on them and then each one will be displayed in the business where it was purchased.

All of the money raised will go to help Decatur County people with medical expenses.

Last year, said member Chris Dempewolf, the organization was able to help six families.

Anyone needing help with medi-

cal expenses can pick up an application at the Decatur County Hospital, the Oberlin Clinic or the Norcatur city office.

Those applying have to show proof of residency, said Mrs. Dempewolf. Money will not be given directly to the applicant, but can be used to pay bills and expenses.