



**AT THE BOWLING ALLEY** Lonnie McEvoy (above) helped pull the pin setter up on the lane. Several volunteers (bottom) moved the six refurbished pin setters to the end of the lanes. — Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

## Pin setters moved

### Volunteers work on alley

The lanes are in, the pin setters are up and a manager is hired for the new bowling alley on Main Street.

Last week volunteers moved the six large metal pin setters into place in the bowling alley. For months volunteers have worked Tuesday nights at Sappa Valley Construction cleaning the machines from the former bowling alley.

Greg Lohofener, with the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp., said there will be one more work night on the pin setters.

Earlier in the project to build the new alley Decatur Community High School classes were challenged to give \$150 towards sets of bowling pins.

Classes that gave include 1938, 1944, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1953, 1956, 1961, 1962, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1979, 1985, 1999, 2002 and 2013.

New shoes for the alley are also in, said Mr. Lohofener.

The corporation hired Douglas Huscher as the manager and Dave Guthrie as assistant manager. Mr. Huscher, said Mr. Lohofener, is supposed to start at the alley this week.

Workers with Jayhawk Bowling have been working non-stop on getting the flooring for the lanes built, lights up and the lanes in.

The six lanes are elevated off the floor, said Mr. Lohofener. There will be stairs and a ramp for people to use.

He said they are hoping the new alley will be open at the end of the



month.

So far volunteers and the economic development corporation have raised \$170,933 for the project. Mr. Lohofener said the goal is \$180,000 give or take.

That still leaves just under \$10,000 needed for completion.

People wanting to make a donation can do so by contacting him at 475-3322 or Connie Grafel, marketing director, at 475-2901.



## New governor already restructuring

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Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback wasted little time fulfilling his transition promises to consolidate state agencies.

In the past week he's been in office, Brownback has issued three orders to restructure agencies, and more are likely to come. In his State of the State address, Brownback outlined a plan to eliminate eight state agencies, all part of the plan to reduce the state budget deficit.

One of the bigger changes is a rename and partial repurpose for one of the state's larger agencies. If the legislature approves Executive Reorganization Order No. 36, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks will be renamed the Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism.

The order moves the Division of Travel and Tourism from the commerce department to wildlife and parks. Brownback described the move as creating an economic opportunity, combining the efforts

of two agencies that have the same goal: bringing more people into the state to view the natural and man-made tourist attractions.

Order 34 gets rid of the Kansas Parole Board, merging it with the department of corrections. The department will now have a "Prisoner Review Board," made up of three department employees appointed by the secretary of corrections. According to the order, the new board has all the same powers as the old one. Brownback said the move would save \$496,000.

Order 35 transfers the Commission on Disability Concerns from the Department of Commerce to the office of the governor. The commission provides information to families dealing with disabilities, whether at work, school or home. It also makes policy recommendations on laws and programs that affect people with disabilities.

Unless the legislature votes them down within 60 days, all three orders will go into effect July 1. Two of the orders are now before the full legislature.

## Primary election set for mayor

Voters in Oberlin will narrow the field to two candidates for the mayor's position in a primary election the first day of March.

Four people have thrown their names in the hat for the mayor's spot. Joe Stanley currently serves as mayor, but decided not to run for re-election.

Those who have filed include Judy Scott, Bobbie Jo Johnson, Rhonda May and Bill Riedel.

Voters will cast their ballots to narrow the field to two candidates on Tuesday, March 1. The top two vote getters will then advance to the general election on Tuesday April 5.

The last day to register to vote in the primary election is Monday, Feb. 14.

The Oberlin City Council has two seats up for election. Those are currently held by Rhonda May and Ray Ward. Ms. May filed for the mayor's seat and Mr. Ward didn't file.

Those who are seeking the spots are Janice Guthrie, James Miesner,

Nolan Johnson, Tim Bowen and Rusty Addleman.

The Oberlin School Board has four spots open, all at-large. All of the incumbents re-filed including Dan Nedland, Dan Grafel, Monte Moore and Jerry Chambers.

For the two seats open on the Twin Creeks Extension District, Peggy Pratt and Cathy Anthony filed. Mrs. Pratt currently serves on the board.

In Norcat, the three incumbents have filed for the open council spots, including Wava Reames, Jerry Hill and Jim Plotts.

In Dresden, all of the incumbents have filed including Mayor Scott Taylor for the mayor's spot and Council members Erma Jean Spesser and Margaret Rhodes for council.

County Clerk Colleen Geihlsler, who serves at the election officer, said no one filed for the three open seats on the Jennings City Council. Those are held by Rick Foster, Pat Hall and Stann Hartzog.

## Board approves continuing local tax for improvements

The Oberlin School Board approved a resolution to allow them to continue to raise tax money for the district's capital outlay fund.

Money raised in local taxes for capital outlay is used for building improvements, equipment, including computers and other items for technology, said Superintendent Duane Dorshorst.

Capital outlay money, he said, was used to put in the new lights and sound system in the Decatur Community High School Auditorium this school year. While some of that project was done with memorial money, the biggest part was paid out of capital outlay.

Five years ago, said Mr. Dorshorst, the board approved the two resolutions allowing the district to raise six mills in property tax. Each mill, said Mr. Dorshorst,

raises about \$32,000 a year, which is \$192,000.

While in the recent past the board has chosen to collect the full six mills, that doesn't mean that is how it will stay, said Mr. Dorshorst. The resolution allows the district to collect up to six mills.

Over the past 10 years the board has worked at saving money in capital outlay so that the district can do bigger projects like the auditorium.

The resolution was printed in last week's edition of The Oberlin Herald and in today's edition.

There is a 40-day petition period. If a petition is carried and 10 percent of the registered school district voters sign it, the decision will go to a vote.

Currently the district has \$897,044 in the fund.

## Jury finds father not guilty of abuse

An 12-person jury found an Oberlin man not guilty last week on charges of aggravated battery and child abuse.

The trial started on Tuesday with jury selection and ended on Thursday when that jury found Sidney Robert Lampman, not guilty on both counts.

Mr. Lampman was arrested for aggravated battery which is to feloniously and intentionally cause bodily harm to a baby, his son, who was five months at the time. The

other charge, child abuse, was for feloniously and intentionally shaking a child resulting in bodily harm.

The incident happened around June 19.

The trial, which was overseen by District Judge Bill Elliott, gave both the defense and prosecution a chance to argue the case, question witnesses and get the information to the jury.

After almost five hours of deliberation, the jury gave the not-guilty verdict on both charges.

## Hero nominations accepted until Monday

The Oberlin Herald has five nominations for the upcoming "Hometown Hero" section in February.

The paper plans to take people's recommendations and interview the "heroes" for a section which will be printed in the newspaper. All nominations have to be turned into The Herald office by Monday.

Anyone who wants to nominate someone can mail a letter to Kimberly Davis at 170 S. Penn Avenue Oberlin, Kan. 67749 or e-mail the nomination to k.davis@nwkans.com.

Nominations, said Mrs. Davis,

have to include the person's name, the nominator's name and the reason for the nomination. If a picture is available, that can be sent or emailed to Mrs. Davis.

As of Monday only five people have been nominated as "Heroes."

The staff will try to write about each of the nominated "Heroes," Mrs. Davis said. A hero can be anyone, she said.

"Use your imagination," said Mrs. Davis.



# Council signs up for information on electricity

With the city's power-supply contract with Sunflower Electric up this year, the Oberlin City Council signed up for services through the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency to help the city get the best price possible on power.

The energy agency will be doing studies on energy supply and prices, said City Administrator Karen Larson. The city can sign the agreement with the agency for \$2,500 which means information on power options for Oberlin.

If the city chooses not to do this, said Mayor Joe Stanley, in October when Sunflower offers the city a contract, they'll probably have to take it because there won't be any options.

Signing the agreement, he said, will allow the city to get information from the studies about electricity. The city can choose to sign with Sunflower Electric or with another supplier, he said.

The council approved the agreement for \$2,500.

Mrs. Larson said she received a bridge-inspection report from Pence Engineering for bridges inside the city limits. For years, she said, the city has paid for the bridge over Sappa Creek on South Penn Avenue to be inspected.

The bridge's retaining wall is falling apart. Mrs. Larson said she called county Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman to see if there was any money from the state to fix the problem. A representative with the state Department of Transportation said that structure had never been considered a city bridge.

Basically, she said, that means fixing the bridge will be done at the city's expense, since it's inside city limits.

The county has Husker Steel coming in to do some bridges, said Mrs. Larson. The city could have that company give it some options. She added that they could also ask Oberlin Concrete to look at it.

In other business, the council:  
 • Heard that Mrs. Larson had brought forms for anyone who is interested in filing for council or the mayor's seat in city elections this spring. There are two council slots up for election along with the mayor's job.

• Approved a standard lease for anyone wanting to rent land at the airport, including for the hangars. It's good to have something consistent, something clear and with the same charges for everyone, said Councilwoman Rhonda May.

## Covered in ice



**DURING THE LAST** winter blast the trees at Sappa Park area stayed covered for well over a day, until the sun came out them up. — Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

## Scholar bowl crowned Northwest Kansas League champs

By the DECATUR DICTATOR STAFF

The Decatur Community High Scholars Bowl Team was crowned the 2011 Northwest Kansas League champions after winning all four

rounds at the league meet Jan. 17. The meet, re-scheduled from Jan. 10, took place in Oberlin.

In round 1, Oberlin defeated Quinter 45-30. Then the Red Devils beat Rawlins County 40-0 in

round 2. Hoxie was Oberlin's next opponent, and DCHS beat the Indians 80-20. For its final round, the team beat Oakley 70-30.

Overall, Oberlin beat their op-

ponents 235-80. Competing for Oberlin were Jacob Helm, Nolan Henningson, Joe Hirsch, Laysha Medina and Elizabeth Nedland. Their coach is Marlene Moxter.

## School board votes to pay for trip

The Oberlin School Board agreed last week to cover the transportation expenses and hotel rooms for the teacher and bus driver taking 15 students to the Kansas State University band clinic.

Teacher Sarah Bricker said the 15 student accepted included Amanda Marshall, Nakita Bose, Hannah May, Sierra Lohofener, Caleb Koerperich, Joe Hirsch, Lizzy Nedland, Samantha Anderson, Nick Ashley, Nolan Henningson, Baron Green, Ben Glading, Katie Glading, Bret Ashley, and Tim Larson. The clinic was held over the weekend. She asked the board at the meeting last Monday if the district would help with some of the expenses, and the members agreed.

Mrs. Bricker said the clinic will included 600 students from schools all over Kansas. The students are responsible for their expenses, but they have applied for a grant to help with registration, she said.

Seven high school band students went to Salina recently, she said, to audition for the district honor band. Five of the students made it and another was selected as first alternate. Those students are Katie Glading, trombone; Jacob Helm, clarinet; Darbi Rouse, oboe; Samantha Anderson, horn and Lizzy Nedland, horn. Matt Glading, baritone, was also selected as a first alternate.

It's very exciting, she said.

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