

# Winner to get \$1,000

## Merchants to give prize away at picnic

There's less than a week left to enter to win \$1,000 in scrip money to be spent at a week-long shopping spree at participating Oberlin businesses.

Entry forms that have been out for weeks for the Oberlin Merchants' Annual \$1,000 Shopping Spree will be picked up Tuesday.

The winner will be drawn the following evening, next Wednesday, during the Back-to-School Picnic in City Park. The picnic starts at 6:30 p.m.

The lucky shopper has to be present to win. Staff from The Oberlin Herald will draw names until a winner is found.

That person will have until Wednesday, Aug. 31, to spend the scrip in participating stores.

The shopper also agrees to notify The Herald so a photographer can go with them to shop.

Anyone 18 or older can enter without making a purchase. Just fill out the entry form at participating businesses and drop it in the box.

You can sign up as many times as you want at any or all of the sponsors.

Sponsors for this year's Shopping Spree include Dale's Fish 'N' Fun, Culligan Water, Ward Drug Store, Stanley Hardware, R&M Service Center and *The Oberlin Herald*.

The scrip is good for merchandise only, and only at sponsoring businesses. No change will be given.

# Dishes needed for picnic

People who come to the annual Back-to-School Picnic next Wednesday need to bring a covered dish to share.

Carolyn Hackney, Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce manager, said it would be nice if people would call the Chamber office at 475-3441 to let them know they are coming to the dinner, but reservations aren't required.

Each person needs to bring their own table service and a dish to share with others, she said.

The Chamber, Oberlin Business Alliance and school district will provide barbecue beef, buns, water and iced tea.

During the picnic, which starts at 6:30 p.m., The Oberlin Herald staff will give away \$1,000 in scrip in the Oberlin Merchant's annual Big \$1,000 Shopping Spree. People have until Tuesday to enter at any sponsoring store.

The Chamber will also be drawing for a \$200 gift certificate to Raye's Grocery. The board members have been selling chances for the gift certificate for weeks. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.



# Students play music

**DRUMSTICKS IN HER HANDS**, Bethany Mason (above) played the sides of a large homemade drum, made from a five-gallon bucket with thick, black plastic pulled tight across the top, during the Music Circus on Thursday at the Good Samaritan Center. The two-hour event, put on by Oberlin School District music teachers, gave kids a chance to play homemade instruments made from plastic tubes, and to dance and to sing. Tod Mastin (right) played a hand drum, made from of an empty plastic coffee can.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis



# Veterinarian starts new post at business here

Dr. William Terry has joined Dr. Mark Olson and Dr. Travis Hissong as a third veterinarian at Countryside Veterinary Clinic of Oberlin and Hoxie.

Dr. Terry and his wife, Elizabeth, grew up in Moutton, Ala., in northwestern Alabama. They graduated from Lawrence County High School in 2002, then both went to Auburn University, the state land-grant institution for Alabama. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in animal science and she earned a Bachelor of Science in elementary education in 2006.

They were married in 2007, and Mrs. Terry taught first grade for five years in Lafayette, Ala., while her husband attended the Auburn School of Veterinary Medicine. Mrs. Terry obtained a master's degree in school library media in 2009.

Dr. Terry said he is interested in small-animal medicine and large animal reproduction and preventative medicine. He said his wife enjoys playing the piano, cooking and reading. She will be working for the Northwest Kansas Educational Services Center this year in early childhood education.

The couple is living in Oberlin, but he will work at both the Oberlin and Hoxie clinics. Countryside started in 1987 in Oberlin and the Hoxie location was added in 2009. Dr. Olson and his wife, Barbara, and family live in Hoxie and Dr. Hissong and his wife, Abby, and family live in Oberlin and all three will be working at both practices.

Dr. Olson and Dr. Hissong said they welcome Dr. Terry and look forward to having him involved in the day-to-day professional work of the mixed-animal practice.



Dr. Terry

# Couple notices fire at highway shop, stop to call 9-1-1

A couple driving by on U.S. 36 noticed something wasn't right about the Creative Dimensions cabinet plant east of town last Tuesday, stopped to check and called the fire department.

Fire Chief Bill Cathcart said the fire was reported around 6:30 p.m. at the shop and office east of town.

The fire started with an electrical short in a power cord in the wood-finishing area of the shop, he said, and was confined to that area.

Chief Cathcart said Ken Carter and his wife were driving by the business when she noticed that something didn't look right. They stopped and found the building was on fire.

The employees, said Chief Cathcart, had left around 5 p.m. A clock on the wall, across the room from where the fire started, melted down and stopped at 5:50 p.m., so the fire had gotten pretty hot in that short time.

Heavy smoke damage was found throughout the shop area and offices, he said, with a lot of heat damage in the shop.

Chief Cathcart said he thought damages would total at least \$2,000. Four trucks and 13 firefighters from the Oberlin city and rural fire departments fought the blaze until around 8 p.m.

Owner Lee Gilliam and his wife Jane were at the business the next day as an electrician worked to restore power.

They and relatives were cleaning up. He said Creative Dimensions is still in business and so is Wad-

dell and Reed, which his wife runs out of the same building. He said they spent the weekend getting her office back up and running at 100 percent.

Mr. Gilliam said they are still cleaning up and are taking the opportunity to improve some of the lighting and other things.

The staff is working, he said, and most of the equipment, including a computer-driven cutting machine, was on the opposite side of the building. It suffered only minor damage, including some melted hoses.

While the cleanup may cause some delays, he said, the firm's shop will continue operating. He and Jane both expressed amazement at the number of people who stopped by or called offering to help.

On Saturday, July 23, firefighters put out a wheat stubble fire in one of Brad Long's fields east of town that appeared to be arson.

Chief Cathcart said he thought the field fire had been set. He said he found as many as seven different ignition spots, based on the burn pattern.

It had rained the night before, he said, so the stubble didn't burn as fast as possibly the person who set it wanted, the chief said.

Linda Hunt of Norcarat noticed the smoke and reported the fire. She was driving home around 8 p.m. that night.

Chief Cathcart said they haven't had any similar field fires, where it looks as if someone had set them.

# Chamber asks county for money

The Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce president asked the Decatur County commissioners last Tuesday for \$3,000 from the county budget to help with operating expenses.

President Ken Shobe said he talked with the commissioners about a year ago, asking for money to help the Chamber. The commissioners didn't give any last year, however.

Mr. Shobe said the Chamber had around \$6,300 in a savings account at the beginning of the year and had spent about \$1,800. The agency got a grant for \$2,500, which helped, he said.

He said the Chamber had cut back on some expenses, including time for the director to be in the office, also cutting her salary.

Mr. Shobe said they are asking for \$3,000 each from the county and the city.

Beginning next year, he said, unless the Chamber gets a lot of new members, it will have very little to run on.

"We are burning out on ideas as far as fund raising," he said.

He noted that Chamber board members are selling tickets to win a \$200 gift certificate to Raye's Grocery. All of the commissioners and the county clerk bought a few chances to win the certificate.

The commissioners asked how much the Chamber charges for dues. For an individual, he said, it costs \$50 for the year. It's \$125 for a business or corporate farm and \$25 for a civic club.

Mr. Shobe said the Chamber doesn't want to raise the dues, because the group has already lost some members.

The Chamber does try to do events throughout the county, he said, and the group gets \$500 a

quarter from the Oberlin Business Alliance to help run the office.

There was some talk about combining the two organizations, said Mr. Shobe. Commissioner Stan McEvoy said he wondered if combining the groups would actually hurt the Chamber, since it gets quarterly money from the alliance.

One of the biggest things the Chamber provides, said Mr. Shobe, is the tax-free Decatur Area Development Fund account.

The Chamber is important to the community, he said, adding that he would hate to see it close.

He said the group has around \$4,800 in savings, but based on what's been used each year, the Chamber could come up short by next year.

The commissioners didn't make a decision on the budget request.

Stan & Tamara McEvoy of

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