

Giveaway starts for Christmas

It's time to start collecting tickets for a chance to win the big \$1,000 Grand Prize in the Oberlin merchants' annual "Christmas on Us" giveaway.

The Oberlin Herald has teamed up with Oberlin businesses to offer the contest, which promotes shopping here in Decatur County, again this year.

This year's sponsors include the LandMark Inn, Stanley Hardware, Raye's Grocery, Ward Drug Store, the Carpet Center, the Dresser, Home Planning Center, the Bank, R&M Service Center and Dale's Fish 'N' Fun.

For every \$10 shoppers spend at sponsoring businesses between today and Friday, Dec. 16, they will receive one ticket. People can also get one ticket a week from the newspaper office or from the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce.

No purchase is required to win any prize. Tickets are limited to 250 for any single purchase.

The Grand Prize drawing is sched-

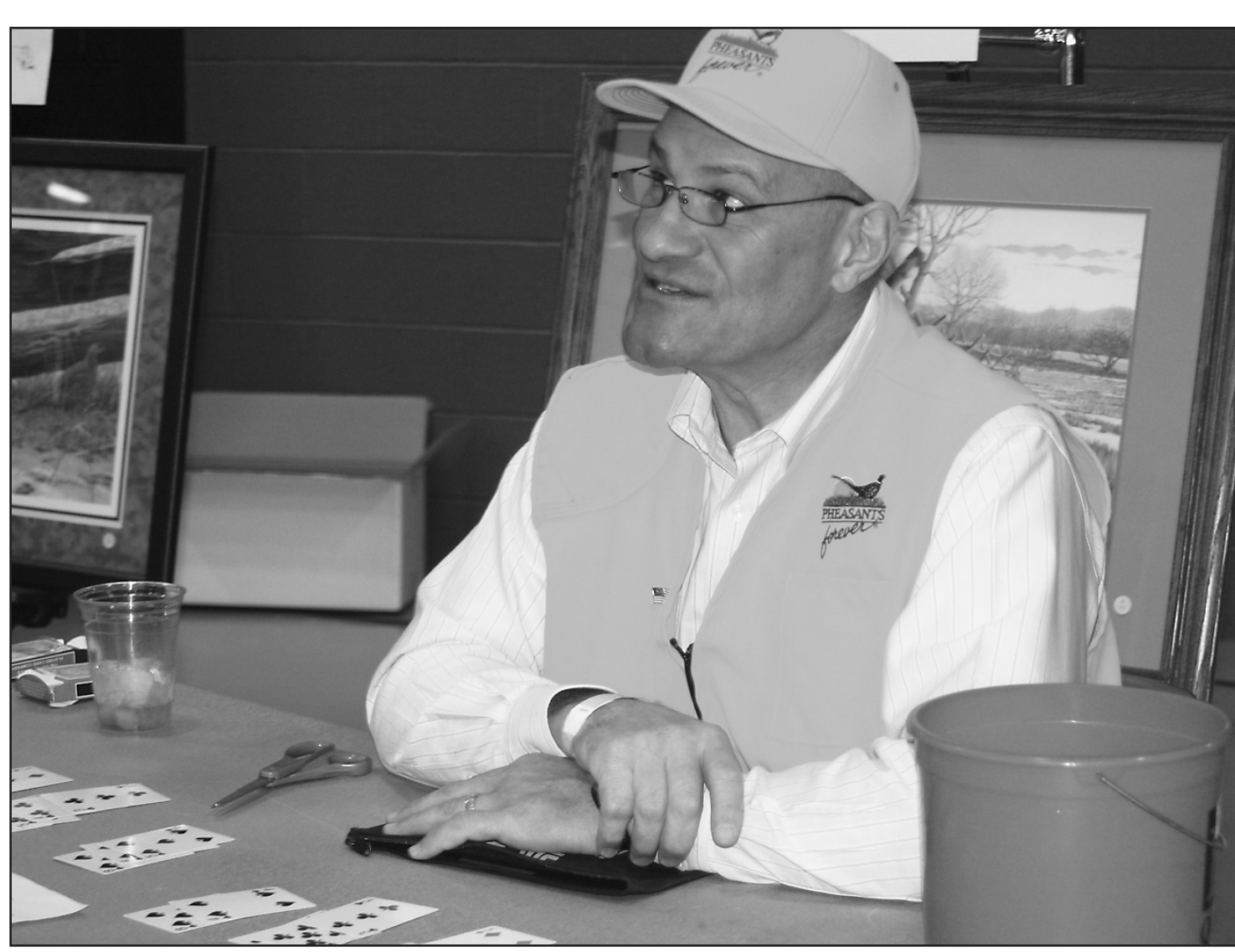
uled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at the gazebo in Centennial Park, unless the weather is bad. Then it will be moved indoors.

Up until the Grand Prize drawing, numbers will be drawn each week and placed in the sponsors' ads in The Herald. Those numbers match tickets already issued by merchants. Bring your winning ticket into the newspaper office before 5 p.m. Friday of that week and claim a \$50 instant prize.

All of the prizes are paid in scrip that can be used at sponsoring businesses only. Merchants are not required to give change.

Employees of sponsoring businesses are not eligible to get tickets at the place of their employment. Employees of the newspaper and their immediate family aren't eligible to win any prize.

Winners must be present and have the ticket with them at the time of the drawing. All winners agree to be photographed and interviewed by the newspaper.



Business group plans to give money

The Oberlin Business Alliance plans to give "instant money" prizes to people shopping at Oberlin businesses after the annual Parade of Lights later this month and on women's and men's shopping nights in December.

At the group's monthly meeting Wednesday, Nov. 2, members decided to try a new promotion for the holiday season. People will have a chance to win \$25 in Santa Bucks in each participating alliance business after the parade on Friday, Nov. 25; during women's shopping night on Thursday, Dec. 15, or men's shopping night on Thursday, Dec. 22.

In each of the businesses, a paper turkey will be hung for the November date or a Christmas tree for the December dates. Whoever finds the decorations can turn them in for the prize.

The evening of the light parade, the orange turkeys need to be turned in to The Oberlin Herald office to claim \$25 in Santa Bucks. On the

other two nights, the trees can be turned in to the Chamber office.

People can only win once in an evening, the group decided. The Santa Bucks have to be spent by the end of the year and only with alliance members.

The members talked about raising money for banners and Christmas decorations, although nothing was set. The members decided to hold off on buying any new banners for the Christmas season this year and instead hang the winter flags it already owns.

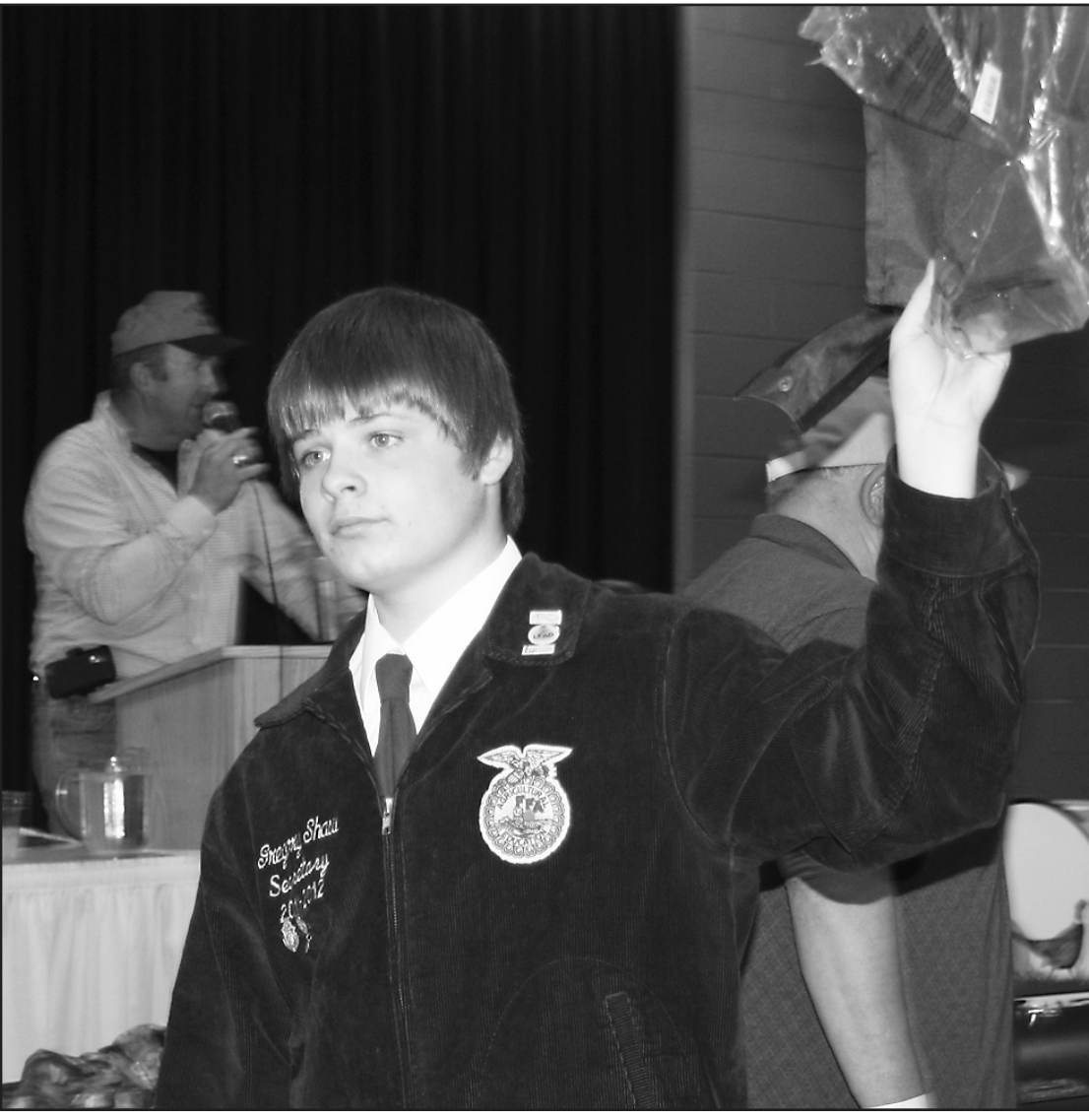
Banners cost around \$50 apiece, with a new set around \$500 to \$600, reported Cynthia Haynes, co-owner of The Oberlin Herald, after she called Kurt Vollertsen, owner of Ward Drug Store.

Anyone who wants to enter a float in the light parade can pick up an entry form at the Chamber office or the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. office. The theme this year is "Wrap Up A

Banquet draws hunters

AT THE PHEASANTS FOREVER Banquet on Friday night, Gary Walter (above) helped sell chances to win one of the many giveaways. Greg Shaw (right) held up an item during the live auction. Almost 400 people were served at the dinner, held at The Gateway the night before pheasant season opened.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis



Parade needs entries

This year's holiday Parade of Lights is only a week away, and organizers say they could use more entries.

This year's theme, "Wrap Up a Merry Christmas," came from students at Oberlin Elementary School.

The parade will start at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 25. Staging will be in the parking lot of the Decatur Co-op and the parade will move north

up Main Street.

Santa Claus will make his first appearance in town during the parade, then meet with kids at the Golden Age Center after it's over.

It doesn't cost anything to enter into the parade. Entry forms can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce office in the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Center or from Gary Walter at the Bank.

Riders wanted at Legion

An organizational meeting for the Oberlin American Legion Riders will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday at the post hall.

Anyone interested in joining or finding out more about the group can attend the meeting, organizers say.

Council cancels its meeting

The regularly scheduled Oberlin City Council meeting set for Thursday has been canceled.

The council normally meets twice a month, on the first and third Thursdays. The council met on Thursday,

Nov. 3 and had a work session last Thursday.

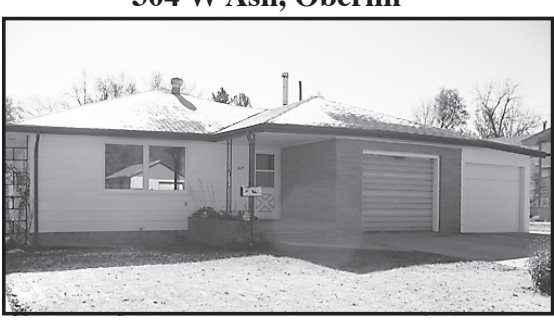
The next scheduled council meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1.

Open House

Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Door prizes provided by Metcalf Real Estate

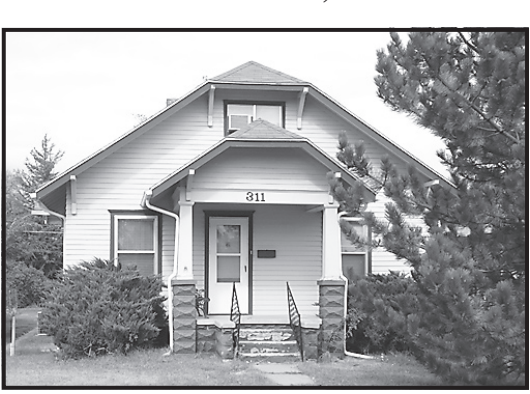
304 W Ash, Oberlin



This new listing has everything that a growing family is looking for! Home features three bedrooms and one bathroom on the main floor. Large living room, dining room, and kitchen complete the floor plan. Two car attached garage and a spacious backyard. Downstairs has a very large family room, two bedrooms, and one more bathroom.

\$73,000

311 W Commercial, Oberlin



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