

Hospital loses one, might gain two more soon

A midlevel provider at the the Decatur County Hospital and the Decatur Health Systems Family Practice Clinic is leaving Oberlin, but the hospital has made an offer to a doctor who may move here and help look for a replacement.

Administrator Charlie Myers confirmed Friday that physician assistant Sean Conroy, who has worked at the clinic for just over a year, is taking a job in LaCrosse to be closer to his fiancée in Hays. His last day at the clinic will be Friday.

"We will get a replacement," Mr. Myers said. "I have been waiting to see if I get a positive response from a physician we have made an offer to. I imagine I'll hear by next week. Assuming that happens, I would want him to be a part of the interview process for midlevels.

"It's not by any means a done deal, but I feel confident we can work out an arrangement to get this doctor here.

"We're sorry to see Sean go. It's a decision made

on his personal life, and you can't fault a person for wanting to be close to his fiancée, so we wish him the best."

Meanwhile, a new recruiter and fund raiser has joined the hospital's staff.

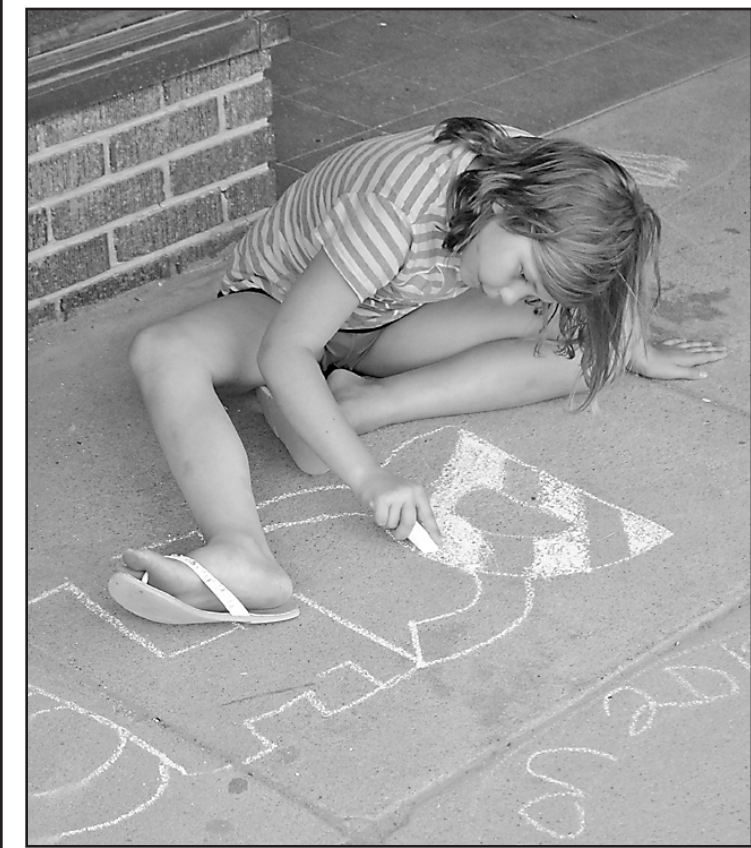
Amy Anderson, daughter of Dr. Jay Anderson of Oberlin and Mary Anderson of Osborne, is a 1979 Decatur Community High graduate and started work on Monday, Sept. 17. She holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Fort

Hays University, and comes here from Oklahoma City, where she worked for 20 years for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and as director of operations for the INTEGRIS Neuromuscular Center.

Miss Anderson is a sister of Jill Reichert of Dresden, Jane Anderson, a traveling nurse and Steve Anderson of Topeka, the state budget director.



Sean Conroy



Elementary kids take over the sidewalk

OBERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S ELF Program, short for Extended Learning Family, swarmed downtown on last Wednesday, sidewalk chalking to their hearts' desire.



Emma Anderson (above) worked on her school spirit, while Dawson Kempt outlined Gracie Tate (right). Sage Lohofener (left) made an American flag. — Herald staff photos by Stephanie DeCamp



School program gets help

The Oberlin School Board voted to authorize up to \$5,000 to repair the side baskets and backboards at the Decatur Community High School gym so two basketball teams can practice at the same time.

Terry Ream, the girls basketball coach, told the board at a meeting Sept. 10 that changes in when the junior high girls and boys play basketball will affect how practices are scheduled.

Both the junior high girls and boys will play before Christmas break, Ream said. At the end of the year, the boys will stop playing, but the girls will continue. Boys can switch to wrestling then. In the past, the boys played only before the Christmas break and the girls after.

Four teams practice every day, but the district has only three gyms. In the past, he said, the high school boys and girls teams have traded, using the junior high and high school gyms, while one junior high team went to the grade school.

He said the coaches would like for the girls or boys junior high and high school teams to practice in the senior high gym. Then the other high school team would use the junior high gym, while the fourth team went to the grade school.

The two teams in the high school gym would practice using the side baskets and backboards, he said, with each using half the court.

The problem is that the cables holding the baskets on the sides of the high school gym probably need to be replaced, Mr. Ream said, and so do the backboards.

He said he had been on the Internet and priced backboards, which he showed to the board.

School board approves class field trips

The Oberlin School Board approved 10 field trips for the school year.

The trips include taking Kerrie Wahlmeier's third grade to Castle Rock and to Colby; Diana Steinmetz and Jeni Henningson's kindergarten to McCook; April Farr's fifth grade to the Shrine Circus; Kathy Tacha and Kimberly Witt's second grade class to Atwood; Judy Elwood and Sherri Ruf's fourth grade to the Hansen Museum, McCook greenhouse, Colby's conservation day and the Decatur County Feed Yard; Carol Brown's Spanish class to McCook and Kearney; Josh Williby's industrial arts class to Fort Hays State University; Sarah Bricker's band class to a Kansas State University clinic; Susan Nelson's

vocal students on a spring trip; and J.D. Johnson's eighth graders to Topeka.

Superintendent Duane Dorshorst said Mr. Johnson would like to make the eighth-grade Topeka trip an annual event. On the trip, the students get to go to the state capital, historical museum and the Eisenhower Museum in Abilene.

Board member Abby Hissong suggested at the meeting Sept. 11 that the eighth graders might want to work at the concession stands to help raise some money for the trip and have some ownership in it.

Board president Monte Moore asked about the price variable on the band trip, that was estimated to cost from \$130 to \$970. Mr. Dorshorst said the

amount depends on whether the students need two vans or a bus. Principal Ben Jimenez said it sounds like they will probably need a bus.

Mr. Dorshorst said Cindy Sattler had made a request for her first graders to go to an apple orchard in McCook, but the trip had been canceled.

In other business, the board:

- Received \$210 from Marj Law in memory of her husband, Phil Law.
- Approved board goals for the year.
- Talked briefly about updates that the policy committee will look at and then bring back to the board.

Pick'em contest has a winner and a tie-breaker

Only one person came up with all eight winners correct in this week's Pigskin Pick'em football contest.

Tyler Bruggeman, of Oberlin, picked eight winners and, even though he picked Oberlin to beat Norton, the tie breaker didn't count for him. He wins the first prize, \$15 scrip-money, this week.

The tie breaker did count for the two contestants, however.

Megan Carter, of Jennings, came closest to the correct score of the tie-breaker game, Norton, 35, and Oberlin, 2. She gets the \$10 second

prize. Third-place winner Kelly Brown, also of Oberlin, gets \$5.

Getting six right were Reece Grafel, Ryan Leitner and Sarah Smith, of Oberlin; Anna Carter, Jennings; and Wilbur Reichert, Dresden.

Coming in with five correct were Linda Hollowell, Rusty Addleman, Alex Heeger, Jim Hollowell, Justin Gee, Gary Anderson and Jordan Davenport, of Oberlin, and Clayton Carter, of Jennings.

All eligible scores are entered on a spread sheet. At the end of the

contest, the contestant picking the most correct games will receive a trophy and \$50 in scrip money.

Winnings can be spent only at the game's sponsors: Ward Drug Store, the LandMark Inn, Fredrickson Insurance Agency, Decatur Co-op, Hanson Mueller, Creative Collision and *The Oberlin Herald*. Scores of this week's games:

- Northern Illinois over KU, 30-23.
- Holcomb over Goodland, 28-0.
- Kansas State over Oklahoma,

24-19.

- Nebraska over Idaho State, 73-7.

- Rawlins County over Quinter, 14-12

- Colby over Hugoton, 21-0.

- Hoxie over Dighton, 1-0 forfeit due to injury.

- Wray, Colo., over St. Francis, 26-18.

- Norton over Oberlin, 35-2 in the tiebreaker.

Barbecue team ready for next year's contest

A story in the Sept. 12 issue of *The Oberlin Herald* about the "Up in Smoke" barbecue contest failed to mention some important winners.

Chris Paul and Chauncey Stegemeyer of the Butcher Block team won the People's Choice award for their "mystery meat" entry.

"The People's Choice was over the mystery meat," said Mr. Paul, on break from his job as a butcher at Raye's Grocery. "That was bacon. We did briskets, pork butt, ribs, frog legs and a breakfast sandwich with the bacon, onions, green peppers and scrambled eggs."

Mr. Paul said they were surprised to win an award, since it was the team's first year competing, but the



Stegemeyer



Chris Paul

event's fifth year going. They received an apron that is now framed in the meat department at Raye's.

"This was our first, and it was a good time," Mr. Paul said. "We're already signed up for next year."

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School board to use new evaluation forms

The Oberlin School Board appointed three members to serve on a committee to create a teacher evaluation "tool," or form, for the principals to use.

Principal Ben Jimenez said at a meeting Sept. 10 he had attended a seminar where they talked about new state requirements for evaluation tools. He said the district needs to have one by the end of this year, test it next fall and have it done and in use by the 2014-2015 school year.

The state, said Mr. Jimenez, wants to measure student achievement in a way that ties to the teachers' evaluations. The evaluation tool, he added, should be used as an affirmation of good teaching.

The district, said Superintendent Duane Dorshorst, does have a teacher evaluation tool now, but it won't meet the state requirements. The new tool has to include student improvement information.

Mr. Dorshorst said untenured teachers are evaluated every year for the first four years. Tenured teachers are evaluated every third year.

Anytime the district changes the form, Mr. Dorshorst said, it has to be sent into the state for approval.

Board members Jerry Chambers, Dan Grafel and Dan Neland will serve on the committee.

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