

Options explored for well

School looks into best use for water

The Oberlin School Board has some decisions to make about how to use an irrigation well on land the district bought east of the high school.

Groundskeeper Jerry Fidele talked to the board at its meeting Monday, Feb. 10, saying that they could connect the well an abandoned city water line nearby. The board will need to put a T off the water line so the well can be used to water the practice field and other areas that belong to the district near the high school.

Mr. Fidele said a water wheel and irrigation pipe can be connected to the old city water pipe. The board will need to decide whether it wants to install an underground sprinkler system on any of the grounds, he said.

The city might donate a 20-horsepower electric motor to the schools for the well, Mr. Fidele said. A concrete pad would be needed to be put the motor on, along with a transformer bank for electricity.

Another option is to use the engine that is on the irrigation well already, though it will be worked a lot harder than in the past. The irrigation engine uses propane and is probably fairly efficient, he said.

The board will need to lay a new line from the city main as a backup in case there are any problems, he said.

Mr. Fidele said the well will produce about 4.5 million gallons of water a year, and the district will still have to use some city water for the grounds. He said it takes about a million gallons to flood the newly purchased land east of the high school.

The district will be using less city water than in the past, he said, so it will save money.

Mr. Fidele suggested the district purchasing a side roller sprinkler system which could be bought in town.

He said the district can start using the propane engine and then look into the other one.

Mr. Wasson said he would like to get the cost on a used sprinkler system and also bids on putting in an underground system.

The board will also have to decide what areas of grass are a priority, said Mr. Fidele. Board Member Barb Olson said she thinks the front lawns are the priority.

What about planting a lower-maintenance grass, asked Mr. Wasson, like buffalo grass? It isn't as pretty and the seed is more expensive, he said, but it takes less mowing and watering.

Mr. Fidele recommended that the old practice field south of the stands be planted to grass and the district will be able to get water on the area.

Council to meet

The Oberlin City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday in the Morgan Theater at The Gateway, a change of pace because the usual meeting room had been booked by a paying customer.

City Administrator Gary Shike said the council will hear a report on health insurance for employees from a committee which met Thursday to discuss possibilities. Mr. Shike said the group is trying to get a firm quote from Fortis Health Insurance before making any decisions.

The council will make appointments to the airport committee and decided on whether to sign a resolution to keep judges in each county. District Judge John Bremer provided the resolution for the council.

The council has a joint meeting with the Decatur County commissioners tentatively scheduled for after the regular meeting in room 3.

Both meetings are open to the public.



WITH SAW IN HAND, Wayne Goltl (above) cut boards Saturday to be used in a wheelchair ramp. Knights of Columbus members Marlin Marintzer and Gary Bruggeman (below) worked to attach a board. —Staff photos by Kimberly Brandt

Knights of Columbus give up day to build wheelchair ramp

With a trailer full of wood, members of the Oberlin Knights of Columbus showed up at the yellow house on South Beaver Avenue ready to work.

On the day's agenda was building a wheelchair ramp so Donald Meints could use the front door. The front door had several steep steps down to the driveway. With Mr. Meints in a wheelchair, the ramp will allow him to maneuver the area on his own.

Marlin Marintzer said the idea for the ramp came up when a Knights member heard that Don and Charlotte Meints needed a ramp on their house. He took it to the group, and it became a Knights project.

Mr. Marintzer, Gary Bruggeman, Jerry Schuetz and Wayne

Goltl worked on the project Saturday morning and Marlin's wife, Dana, also helped.

Mr. Marintzer said he didn't think the men would get the project done that day.

He said his father-in-law, Mr. Goltl, has been in the contracting business for years, and although he isn't a member of the group, he was there to help.

The organization is a men's service group affiliated with the Roman Catholic church.

Annual projects the group does include the Widows' Christmas, Santa Claus for the kids, an Easter Egg hunt and selling Tootsie Rolls to raise money for disabled kids.

The group meets monthly, Mr. Marintzer said, and is one of two in Decatur County. The other council is in Leoville.



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Sale Location: Danbury City Hall, Danbury, Nebraska

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LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS:

Tract I - The Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4), Section Twenty-eight (28), Township One (1) North, Range Twenty-seven (27), West of the 6th P.M., Red Willow County, Nebraska.

Tract II - The Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4), Section Ten (10), Township One (1) North, Range Twenty-seven (27), West of the 6th P.M., Red Willow County, Nebraska, less a tract of land in the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) containing 8.4 acres, more or less, which has been surveyed out.

Tract III - The Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4), Section Ten (10), Township One (1) North, Range Twenty-seven (27), West of the 6th P.M. Red Willow County, Nebraska.

Tract IV - The Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4), Section Nine (9), Township One (1) North, Range Twenty-seven (27), West of the 6th P.M. Red Willow County, Nebraska

TERMS:

10% down day of sale, balance at closing with certified funds.

CLOSING:

On or before April 18, 2003.

POSSESSION:

At closing on open land; after wheat harvest 2003, with Buyers receiving 1/3 of planted wheat. Buyers will pay 1/3 fertilizer on planted wheat.

MINERALS:

Seller's interest going to Buyers.

FSA INFORMATION

Buyers will receive 1/3 2003 wheat payments, and 100% 2003 Feed Grain payments.

TRACT	Crop land acres	Planted wheat	Yield
TRACT I	145.5	59 acres	38
	P.F.C. wheat acres - 74.1		50
	Oat acres - 9.0		57
TRACT II	93.3	41.5 acres	38
	P.F.C. wheat acres - 44.7		55
	Oat acres - 0.7		57
TRACT III	122.8	46.8 acres	36
	P.F.C. wheat acres - 64.5		57
	Grain Sorghum acres - 32.7		36
TRACT IV	72.0	24.6 acres	36
	P.F.C. wheat acres - 37.8		57
	Grain Sorghum acres - 19.1		

These farms are not signed into 2003 FSA programs. The Buyers may choose the option they prefer.

2002 TAXES

TRACT I	\$919.50	TRACT III	\$795.60
TRACT II	\$1049.00	TRACT IV	\$669.68

TITLE

Title insurance will be issued with Buyers and Sellers sharing in costs equally. Buyers pay for mortgage policy.

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