

Business alliance plans beach party July 26 on Penn

Oberlin Business Alliance members talked about the second annual Beach Party on Main Street, set for Saturday, July 26, at their meeting last Wednesday at the LandMark Inn.

Sign-up sheets for a sand volleyball tournament are out. The group will take the first 16 teams that sign up. Each team needs to be made up of two boys and two girls. Games will be best two out of three, rally to 10 or done at the end of a 30-minute time limit.

Games will start at 10 a.m. on the sand on the street in front of the old Duckwall's building. The last game, said Joe Stanley, owner of Stanley Hardware, will be scheduled for 6:30 p.m. After that the sand will be open to everyone.

It costs \$50 for a team to enter the tournament. The money will provide each member a T-shirt and meal ticket. Winners will receive trophies.

That night, the band The Decades, will play on Main Street from 8 to 10 p.m., said Mr. Stanley. He asked for extra money for the committee to buy extra T-shirts to sell and to pay for trophies. The group approved \$200 for the expenses.

Karen Metcalf, with the Dresser, said possibly businesses or clubs could sponsor some kinds of games downtown for kids. Some ideas included a water balloon launcher, hula hoop contest or karaoke contest.

Mr. Stanley said they are going to bring in bleachers from the ball field

for anyone who wants to watch the tournament.

Kurt Vollertsen, with Ward Drug, said he has contacted the Booster Club and Oberlin Jaycees about selling food. He said they also called the swim team about bringing its sno cone machine.

Mr. Stanley said Pepsi will still donate prizes or products for the event.

The sand will be put out Friday evening and then clean-up will be Sunday morning. Mr. Stanley said to express thanks to Wayne Hackney with Oberlin Concrete, who donates all the man hours and gas money for spreading the sand.

KFNF Radio will be broadcasting live on Main from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration deadline for the tournament is Tuesday, July 15.

That same morning, the alliance will have an auction at 10 a.m. in the drive-through of the old bank building on South Penn. Anyone can donate items, although the group doesn't want clothes or appliances. Money raised will go to the Christmas fund.

In other business, the alliance members:

- Heard there is a fifth Wednesday at the end of the month, so businesses need to get their registration boxes out so someone can win \$50 in scrip money.

- Heard there had been \$2,595 raised so far for fireworks, with the Fourth of July display costing \$2,400. The group also has to pay for some from last year.

County looks for cheapest heat

At their meeting last Tuesday, Decatur County commissioners met with Karen Befort from Oneok Gas to talk about the county's options for the next year.

The county has a contract with MidWest Gas until September. At a recent meeting, they talked with Jeff Younger of that firm about a renewal but decided to wait on signing any kind of contract.

She said when she worked figures up the night before, she could lock the county in at \$6.22, but this morning the price dropped to \$6.15

Mrs. Befort said the company uses the Panhandle Eastern pipeline, which has been cheaper about every month last year than what the county was paying.

If she was a customer, she said, she would be locking a price in soon, instead of waiting. She said she thought prices would stay in the \$5 to \$6 range and then go up once it gets cooler.

The commissioners didn't make any decisions.

The group talked briefly about an interlocal agreement with Trego County for the WaKeeney Juvenile Facility.

The agreement sets the charge for holding an offender at \$145 a day and gets rid of the board which now runs the facility. Instead there will be an annual meeting with each

county represented and those representatives will be the governing board.

County Attorney Steve Hirsch said he didn't see any problem with the agreement, but suggested that they talk with other commissioners before signing anything.

The commissioners talked with Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman, who said he has had some annual inspectors out, including Carl Eyman with Kansas Counties Association Multi-Line Pools. Mr. Eyman said the free-standing tanks of compressed gas should be chained in place so they can't be knocked over and that the eyewash at the highway building needs to be repaired. He also said the chain saws need covers.

A representative from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment said the landfill building needed exit signs above doors. Mr. Stallman said. There also needs to be a load-bearing sign and the slopes need more berms or terraces to stop erosion.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Decided not to meet Tuesday, July 8.

- Approved having the courthouse restrooms open for the Oberlin Business Alliance Beach Party on Saturday, July 26.

Police arrest man on drug warrant

The Oberlin Police Department arrested a 29-year-old man Saturday on a drug warrant issued out of Hays after he was spotted near some ammonia tanks near town.

Rick Grecian was taken into custody on a warrant with three counts dealing with manufacture and possession of methamphetamine.

Police Chief Wade Lockhart said an officer noticed a car Saturday night hanging out around an anhydrous plant north of Oberlin. The car was pulled over and a check done on the occupants. Mr. Grecian came up with a warrant. He was taken to the Decatur County Jail.

The police received a call around 10 p.m. Saturday night that a 15-year-old youth was missing from Sappa Valley Youth Ranch. The young man wasn't taken into custody by officers until 1:37 p.m. Sunday, when he was found on between Cass and Neill Avenues. The youth was taken to the juvenile facility in WaKeeney.

Last Tuesday, Tori L. Bollinger, 37, Oberlin, was driving a 1982 Ford Bronco into the parking lot at High Plains Veterinary Service and ran into the open door of a 2003 Chevy Trailblazer belonging to Beverly Garrett.

Chief Lockhart said it didn't look like there were any tickets given since it was on private property.

Last Friday, James Straggins, 55, from California, was northbound on U.S. 83 on a 2000 Harley Davidson motorcycle when he said he fell asleep.

The bike hit the curb, flipped and threw Mr. Straggins from it. His only injury was a cut on his finger. The accident took place at 4:27 p.m. near the turnoff to Hall Street.

On Saturday, June 23, a 17-year-old resident at the Sappa Valley Youth Ranch reported that a 14-year-old from the ranch hit him in the face. The battery case was handed over to the city attorney.

Jewelry store gets facelift



MONDAY MORNING, Marlin Marintzer worked on replacing the wooden sign above Ray Jewelry that was damaged this year during a storm.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Brandt

Medicare paperwork headache for county

County Countdown

At their meeting last Tuesday, Decatur County commissioners:

- Heard that the county noxious weed director can no longer certify "weed free forage" because the state Department of Agriculture decided to take over that pro-

gram. Story on Page 5.

- Talked with the ambulance director about Medicare paperwork. Story at left.

- Talked with a representative from Oneok Gas about the options the county has to buy natural gas next year. Story at left.

At an earlier meeting, Mr. Pomeroy said he is staying on top of bills and getting them in the system to get paid. County Attorney Steve Hirsch said he needs to remember that if someone dies they only have four months to get the work done. Although the paperwork is filed with Medicare a claim also needs to be filed.

Mr. Pomeroy said he would like

to get everyone a new shirt and pair of trauma pants. The volunteers haven't received uniforms in a while.

Where are you on the budget, said Mr. Unger. Mr. Pomeroy said he believed that there is \$43,000 cash.

County Clerk Marilyn Horn checked the budget and said that there is around \$41,000 but bills still have to come out. There is \$3,400 in

the memorial fund, she said, and that has been used for shirts in the past.

Mr. Pomeroy said he thought the pants would cost around \$500 and \$1,000. He said he would like to see the uniforms be worn on standbys and transfers.

The commissioners agreed that it was OK as long as the money is there.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard that Mr. Pomeroy wanted to buy a projector. With the health department and county attorney both having projectors the commissioners said he should see if could share, which County Attorney Steve Hirsch didn't have a problem with.

- Talked about the advertising for the shared staff between the ambulance department and sheriff's office. Mr. Pomeroy said he set a limit of \$150 for advertising and it should cover everything.

The Biggest House in Town Garage Sale!!
Saturday, July 19
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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