

County waits to decide

Full-time work on hold for now

Decatur County commissioners decided to put off a decision on a full-time emergency medical technician until more surveys are received from the volunteers.

Ambulance Director Patrick Pomeroy talked with the commissioners at the meeting last Tuesday morning about the shortage of people for the service in Oberlin. He

County Roundup

At their meeting Tuesday morning, the Decatur County commissioners:

- Decided to wait for more surveys from volunteers on the county ambulance service before making a decision about hiring a full-time emergency medical responder. Story above.
- Agreed to a bid of \$3,219 from the Carpet Center for carpet in the health department. Story to come.
- Heard the roof at the Good Samaritan Center, repaired this year, has three leaks. Story on Page 7A.

said he handed out surveys to the volunteers to see how they felt about hiring a full-time person and the answers pretty much echoed his thoughts.

He said he sent out 28 surveys and got two back from Oberlin volunteers and around six from the Jennings crew. On Monday he said he had received about five or six from Oberlin with a total of about 15 returned.

In December, said Mr. Pomeroy, there are two open shifts. He said he is planning a first responder class to start on Feb. 2. Michael French will be tested on Saturday, so when those results come back, he will be able to take calls.

Commissioner Doyle Brown said he believes there is a certain amount of burnout with this type of volunteering. In Jennings, the young people have taken hold of the service and are doing a good job.

It seems that there are some volunteers, he said, who get involved and stay 10 or 15 years and then there are others who serve for a year or two and just decide not to get re-certified.

County Clerk Marilyn Horn asked if Mr. Pomeroy had contacted the young nurses who work in town. Mr. Pomeroy said he has talked with several people who seem interested, but then when the class rolls around, they don't sign up.

Mr. Brown said it takes two paychecks in a family to make it these days and that may be why there aren't as many people able to volunteer.

This is a statewide problem, said Commissioner Ralph Unger, who serves on the state emergency medical services board.

Commissioner Patricia Glenn asked if there was a time limit to get the surveys back in. Mr. Pomeroy said he hadn't thought of that.

He asked if the commissioners were ready to make a decision on the position today.

Mrs. Glenn said it looked like most of the volunteers surveyed were interested in hiring a full-time person, although one asked if that would mean there would be fewer volunteers.

Mr. Unger said he thought they should wait and see if more of the surveys come back.

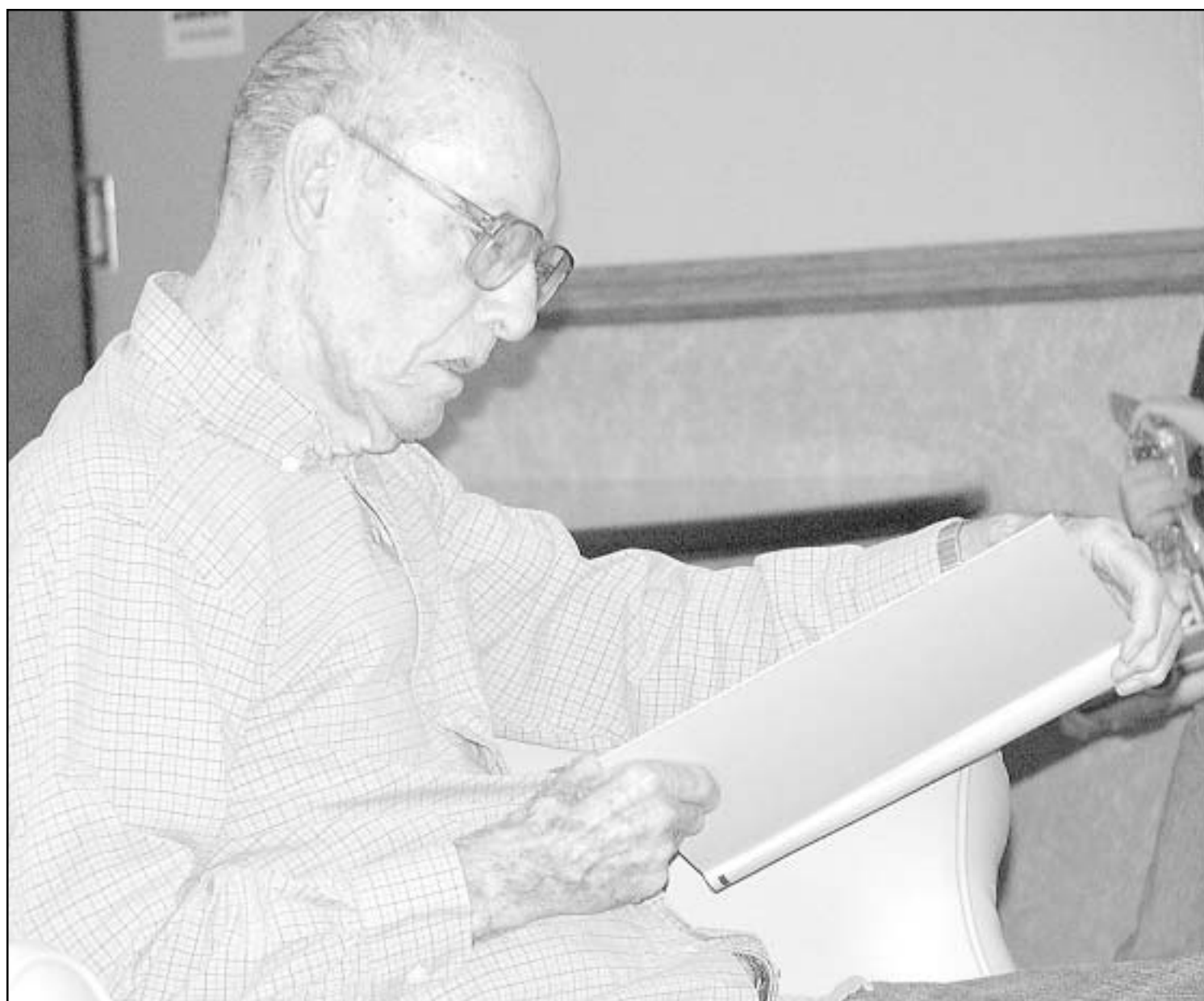
In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard that Mr. Pomeroy had talked with Hospital Administrator Lynn Doeden about the hospital paying the ambulance service for patient transfers. They worked it out to a figure of \$6,500 for the back bills. Mr. Brown said he thought she might like a written agreement. The commissioners suggested Mr. Pomeroy talk with County Attorney Steve Hirsch.

• Approved a bid of \$280 to pour a 25x12 foot pad outside the ambulance station.

Internet tonight!

475-2206



Residents sing carols before eating cake

AT THE GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER Thursday afternoon, Leo Mooty (above) and fellow residents had a Christmas carol sing-along led by Dennis Brown (right). They sang most of the classics, then finished with birthday cake. Ann Leitner (below) worked on the stringer for the Christmas tree while other residents sang.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Brandt



Chamber hosts home light contest

It's that time again.

Time to get out the fake Santa, reindeer, candy canes and lights and decorate not the inside, but the outside of the house, to try to win the Decatur County Chamber of Commerce home lighting contest.

Winners will receive \$75 off their Oberlin city electric bill for first place, \$50 for second and \$25 for third.

Chamber Manager Glenva Nic-

hols said anyone inside the city limits can enter and anything goes. The judging will be next week, Monday to Friday, Dec. 19. The judges will be out each night between 5:30 and 10 p.m., so leave the lights on.

Anyone who wants their yard judged or who sees an outstanding yard to be entered should call the Chamber office at 475-3441 before Monday. Winners from last year are not eligible.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2003 • 2 P.M.

LOCATION: Oberlin American Legion
 114 S Rodehaver Ave., Oberlin, KS

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Tract 1: The Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Thirty-six (36) in Township Two (2) South, Range Thirty-one (31), West of the 6th P.M., Rawlins County, Kansas

Tract 2: North-One-half (N1/2) of Section Twenty-four (24) in Township Two (2) South, Range Thirty-one (31) and all acreage in the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section Nineteen (19), Township Two (2) South, Range Thirty (30), West of the 6th P.M., Decatur County, Kansas, located West of the Township Road, being approximately 1.2 acres, less a tract of land in the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section Twenty-four (24), Township Two (2) South, Range Thirty one (31), West of the 6th P.M., Rawlins County, Kansas, located East of the Township Road, being approximately twenty-one (2) acres.

TERMS: 20% down day of sale, balance at closing, with certified funds, on or before January 20, 2004.

MINERALS: 1/2 going to buyers.

TAXES: Seller pays 2003 and prior years.

Tract 1 2002 taxes - \$347.47

Tract 2 2002 taxes - \$653.54

POSSESSION: Day of closing. 100% of planted wheat going to Buyers. 100% of 2004 FSA payments going to Buyers. Buyers pay for any fertilizer applied to 2004 wheat.

EVIDENCE OF TITLE: Title insurance will be issued with Sellers and Buyers sharing the costs equally. Mortgage policy will be paid by the Buyers. Fees for closing will be shared equally between Sellers and Buyers.

FSA INFORMATION:

Tract 1: 156.0 Acres	95.3 Acres Cropland	60.7 Acres Grassland
Base Acres - Wheat - 42.0	Yield - 32	
Milo - 23.4	Yield - 46	

Tract 2: 303 Acres	170.0 Acres Cropland	131.0 Acres Grassland
Base Acres - Wheat - 75.8	Yield - 32	
Milo - 42.3	Yield - 46	

ANNOUNCEMENTS DAY OF SALE TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER PRINTED MATERIAL.

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