

The Decatur County commissioners approved the register of deeds purchasing a new Sharp fax machine for \$629 at their meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Register of Deeds Judy Gaumer said the old machine died last week. She said last year, the office took in \$702 for copies and faxes. That money can be used to purchase the new machine, she said.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman said with the weather being so nice, the crew had been out pulling the gravel in from the sides of the road. The crew will also be fixing any damage to the roads from the winter months.

Mr. Unger said that a mail carrier has asked if the road by the

Wendelins and Dennis Euhus in Logan Township could be graveled. Mr. Stallman said it wouldn't be too hard to do. He and Darroll Banzet, who is on the crew, have been looking at other roads that need to be graveled.

Mr. Stallman said the township road meeting will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday. Letters will go out to the township officers.

Recently, he said, he bought steel for \$738, and the commissioners approved the purchase at the meeting.

Mr. Stallman said he had hired Lynn Rippe and he will start full time at the beginning of March.

Noxious Weed Director Gaylen Huntley said a survey showed that

the county has some salt cedar, a kind of tree that can be as much trouble as some weeds. He said the trees can suck up 200 gallons of water a day. The trees then shed needles full of salt and nothing will grow under them.

Mr. Huntley said he talked with the fair board about spraying along the catch fence at the race track. Last year, he said, he sprayed two acres for them at a cost of \$100 an acre for the chemical. He asked if he could send them the bill for the chemical, which the commissioners agreed that would be fair.

Mr. Huntley said he is upgrading the equipment in his office, including a soft water system to replace the old one and possibly a shower. He

said the old shower is rusting out. The purchases could cost around \$300.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard Mr. Huntley has received a few applications and a few phone calls about his ad for a part-time worker. He said he will let the ad run for a few more weeks.
- Agreed that County Clerk Marilyn Horn could purchase a laptop computer for her office.
- Received a call back on the roof at the Golden Age Center. The company said it would cost around \$62,500. Mrs. Horn asked the contractor what the price on just the steel would be with the county doing the work. She hasn't heard back.

## Sheriff deals with three accidents

The Decatur County sheriff's office worked three one-car accidents in February, including one rollover, one en route to an ambulance call and one car-deer accident.

Around 1:15 a.m. on Feb. 21, Jessie Bryant, 19, was driving a 1994 Ford Probe when he lost control. Mr. Bryant was traveling south of Jennings High School on a township road when he rolled his vehicle.

The car had extensive damage, said Sheriff Ken Badsky. He said the call came into dispatch at 1:22 a.m.,

but there was no officer available until later that morning.

There was no ticket given.

Brenda Arnold, 52, was driving her 1991 Chevy Cavalier to the scene of an ambulance call on Tuesday, Feb. 17, when she lost control and ended up in a ditch.

Sheriff Badsky said Mrs. Arnold is a first responder in the Norcatur area, so when the call came in that the ambulance was needed, she took off for the house. She was five and a half miles north of U.S. 36 on the

Lyle Road when she lost control and ended up in the ditch.

There was damage to the right side of the rear of the car. There were no injuries and no ticket was given.

Around 7:20 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 27, Lavonne Baker, 66, was driving her 1998 Buick Century east on County Road 348 when a deer jumped out of the south ditch.

There was damage to the front end of the car. There were no injuries. No ticket was given.

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, the office

received a call about a fight at the Red Crown Lounge on U.S. 83. Undersheriff Michael French said the fight was between Gerald Stein, 39, and John Milnes, 72.

Around 11 p.m., he said, the two were playing cards, when according to witnesses, Mr. Stein made a smart remark. Mr. Milnes pulled a knife on Mr. Stein and then hit him in the head three times with his fist. Mr. Milnes was asked to leave the bar.

Charges have been referred to the county attorney's office.

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