

Commissioners to buy computers

Decatur County commissioners purchased two Dell computers, one for the appraiser's office and another for the clerk's office, at their meeting last Tuesday.

County Clerk Marilyn Horn said the appraiser's office needs a new computer because they have had some problems using the maps from the Natural Resources Conservation office on compact disc.

The commissioners approved the purchase for \$999 apiece. The county will purchase the Dell computers through a state contract, so no local bids were taken.

The commissioners also talked about the foreign animal disease meeting. They agreed that it seemed they had heard the information before from Dave Cuthbertson, a livestock inspector for the Kansas Animal Health Department.

The commissioners added an addendum to a Commissioners association resolution. The resolution is to keep commissioners as the governing power of the Kansas Association of Counties.

There have been e-mails and calls from non-elected county employees who want to be part of the govern-

ing body or have a say. Last Thursday, the commissioners approved an addendum saying that the commissioners should stay in charge.

They adopted the resolution two weeks ago, but it doesn't have to be mailed until October. Since then, the state register of deeds, treasurer and county clerk associations have claimed that the resolution could give commissioner the ability to get rid of other elected officials.

The resolution has not yet been mailed in, so the commissioners added, "Due to some information that has been given the commissioners of Decatur County, this Addendum is to declare favorable support of this resolution to allow six members of the governing body of counties, the county commissioners of each county for the State of Kansas, on the Kansas Association of Counties board."

The commissioners ratified the purchase of two motors for the jail's air conditioner that went out last Thursday.

The board approved a resolution to transfer the summer recreation memorial money to the summer recreation fund.

Anyone can eat well with Share program

Heartland Share, sponsored by the Oberlin Lions Club, is moving this month and looking for more people.

The program provides a way for people to do volunteer service and get low-cost food in return. Marilyn Gamblin, county health administrator and member of the Lions Club, said anyone is eligible for the program. They just need to do two hours of volunteer work a month and pay the share cost of \$17.50.

She said the volunteer works doesn't have to be formal; it can be anything a person does to help someone and doesn't get paid for.

The program is moving its delivery/pick up place from the county ambulance barn to the Golden Age Center, she said. The next pick up Saturday, Sept. 25, it will be done at the center.

Ms. Gamblin said the program has been losing members. They had 46 people last month and really need 50 or more. She said she would like to keep the program and see the numbers go up.

The monthly share includes five

meats, vegetables, a dessert, pudding or pasta and always two to three kinds of fruit, she said. Each person can also purchase the special, which runs around \$16 and is always meat.

It isn't suppose to take the place of a shoppers regular groceries, but be a supplement. The share isn't in competition with the grocery store, but is to help stretch shopper's money.

The share is purchased through a nation wide program. The shares delivered here are purchased in Topeka.

Anyone who is interested, she said, can contact any Lions Club member or call her at the Health Department. Ms. Gamblin said orders need to be in and paid for by the second Monday of the month.

Orders are picked up between 9 and 9:30 a.m. the fourth Saturday of each month.

Anyone who is unable to get their two hours of volunteer service for the month, she said, can help unload the truck and distribute the food. They are always looking for volunteers.

Paper to profile seniors

Each week until the end of the school year, *The Oberlin Herald* will feature one to two seniors at Oberlin and Jennings high schools in a senior profile.

The profiles should help people get to know some of the county's youth.

The Herald will be asking businesses to sponsor the profiles. Thirty dollars from ad will be put aside until the end of the year.

In May, *The Herald* will grant two \$500 scholarships to seniors from

the county chosen by a scholarship selection committee at the paper.

All seniors who participate in the senior profiles will be eligible for the scholarships. The application will be the form filled out for the newspaper profile.

The selection committee will give preference to students who intend on coming back to this area to make their home after graduation from college.

Look for the profiles starting soon on the sports pages.

Fire allowed to burn out

Decatur County firemen were called out at 10:30 a.m. Monday to a bale fire two and a half miles north of U.S. 36 on the Traer Road, but were sent home before they got there.

Fire Chief Bill Cathcart said Marvin May was baling millet feed when a bale caught on fire.

Chief Cathcart said he supposed the fire started with a malfunction in the baler. He said Mr. May decided to just let the bale burn. They had a front-end loader and sprayer there, and the fire didn't spread to the field.

Let's give Mom a break



IT WAS A GOOD NIGHT for young and old in Selden on Sunday, as the city sponsored a community appreciation picnic which drew 112 people to the park for burgers, hot dogs, potato salad and baked beans. Betty James (above) held Kassie Miller while her babysitter had a bite to eat.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Jennings shop gets new roof

The Decatur County commissioners approved a bid to tear off and replace the roof on the Jennings road and bridge shop at their meeting Tuesday.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman presented three bids for the roof. The first one was from Wachendorfer Construction for \$3,070, second from Curtis Walston for \$2,828 and the third from Bernie Koerperich Construction for \$2,945.

There was some question if the bid from Curtis Walston was tax free. After calling to check, Mr. Stallman returned to let the commissioners know the bid had no tax. The commissioners approved the bid from Walston.

Mr. Stallman said they are getting a 2002 Caterpillar scrapper with 1,200 hours on it to try out from Martin Tractor. The machine would come with a warranty of four years or 4,000 hours. The cost would be around \$203,000, but a new one would cost \$250,000. Mr. Stallman would then trade in a 1977 613 Cat.

The commissioners approved a permit for Warren Weibert and the Decatur County Feed Yard to put a water line under the road south of the feed lot for a cattle tank.

County to join parade

Preparations under way for a parade to mark the 125th anniversary of Decatur County, tying in with the Decatur Community High School homecoming parade on Friday, Oct. 1.

County Clerk Marilyn Horn said the theme for the homecoming parade is Greek mythology, which goes along with the historical theme and with the summer Olympics.

She said the county is joining the parade planned for homecoming at the high school. She said she was getting information to churches in the county for float entries.

Mrs. Horn said she is hoping for a few antique entries. After the parade, she said, plan to serve anniversary cake in the courthouse.

Anyone who is interested in helping with the parade or entering a float can call Mrs. Horn at 475-8102. The parade will line up at the high school, she said.

Graduate sits No. 2

Chance Harman has finished his rodeo season for this year with a No. 2 seating in the Kansas Pro Rodeo Association.

He finished first in the all-around average and second overall, giving him the No. 2 rating.

Mr. Harman will be rodeoing in college. He is attending Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis.



THE SPAGHETTI WAS DELICIOUS as far as Malilah Green, 2 1/2, daughter of Chris and Eric Green, was concerned. She was one of 110 people to attend the dinner, sponsored by the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce to raise money for the Czech Museum.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Dinner raises cash for museum

The Decatur Area Chamber of Commerce and Jennings volunteers raised around \$1,000 for the Czech Museum during a benefit spaghetti dinner Sunday.

Chamber Manager Glenva Nichols said the dinner brought in \$1,000 but there were still some bills that had to be paid.

Around 110 people came out to eat, she said: "The community of Jennings really turned out."

The museum honored the women who started the museum, including Garrah Gaumer, Josephine Kinser and Lillian Shimek, in a program at the dinner. Mrs. Gaumer spoke a little about getting the museum started and how things have changed since then.

Seniors focus of photo deal

The Landon Center on Aging at the University of Kansas Medical Center is sponsoring the "Images of Aging" photo contest for the fifth year.

Over 80 pictures from across Kansas and the Kansas City metro area were received last year.

Previous winning photographs may be viewed on the World Wide Web at: http://www2.kumc.edu/coa/PhotoContest/COA_PhotoContestResults.htm.

For entry forms, download from <http://www.2.kumc.edu/coa/PhotoContest/PhotoEntryForm.pdf>.

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