

# Dispatch receives a fourth of grant

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The Decatur County dispatch office has received the first quarter of a \$74,000 governor's grant to purchase enhanced 911 equipment for the office.

At a county commission meeting last Tuesday, Chief Dispatcher Jeanne Pachner said that the state says she has until the end of the year to get the equipment.

The new equipment will enhance the 911 program, she said. Currently the dispatch equipment the county has will show the number the call is placed from and the location for land lines. Mrs. Pachner said the new equipment will include identification of wireless numbers and locations.

The state is saying that everyone has to have the enhanced 911, she said, but the county doesn't have that technology yet.

Ms. Pachner said she received a bid from Nine One One Inc. through NexTech for \$68,974, and NexTech will do the maintenance on the equipment.

The bid has not been accepted. Commissioners told her that she should wait until the county actually has received the check to order new computer equipment, even though it will be paid for with grant money.

Ms. Pachner said she went to a meeting on Thursday about the grant. Officials told her that the county needs to set up a bank account here and the grant money would be direct deposited into it.

Treasurer Jean Hale said she has the account set up but needed the commissioners' signatures for it. Then when something needs to be purchased with the money, she said, she can get a check and then the commissioners can approve it.

The commissioners signed the paperwork.

Commissioner Doyle Brown asked if there are specific things the money can be spent on. Ms. Pachner said it has to be spent on equipment.

Is it a continuing grant, he said, and the county can apply for it every year for maintenance on the enhanced system.

## County Roundup

At their meeting last Tuesday, Decatur County commissioners:

- Told the chief dispatcher that she needs to wait to order new computer equipment until the county receives the grant money from the state. Story to left.

- Discussed getting county residents to fill out income surveys at polling places Tuesday so that the ambulance department can apply for a grant for a new truck. Story below.

- Talked about moving Center, Olive and Roosevelt townships out of District 1 and into District 3 to even out the population numbers in the three commissioner districts. Story on Page 2A.

She said the county won't receive all the grant money at one time. The first quarter of the grant came this week in a check sent in the mail. The rest will be direct deposited. She said all of the money needs to be spent by the last day of December.

Commissioner Ralph Unger said they couldn't accept a bid unless the county has the money in the bank or they could be in violation of the state's cash basis law. He said Ms. Pachner needs to call the state and see when they will be sending the money and explain to them that the county can't order the equipment until they do.

County Attorney Steve Hirsch asked if there was anything that the state had signed saying the money was coming.

Ms. Pachner said she received a letter that a grant of \$74,000 would be awarded.

Mr. Unger said he thought Mr. Hirsch should call the contact person with the state and figure out what's going on.

Ms. Pachner said all the dispatch centers in the state have to get the equipment.

## Competing for first



AT THE Regional Music Festival on Saturday, Katrina Wentz prepared to play her flute for a small audience and the judge. She was accompanied by Jenny Hirsch (not pictured) on the piano.  
— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

# Show features artists

The Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission and The Gateway are sponsoring the first High Plains ArtFest, showcasing 200 pieces from area artists and high school students starting Friday.

Participating artists will come from the Tri-State area and will include both professional artists and high school students.

Categories include: watercolor, acrylic, oils, pastels, sculpture, hand-made ceramics, photography and other two-dimension art, including drawings, graphics, mixed media and computer generated.

A gala from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday will allow those who have contributed to the event to come in and see the pieces. All artists who have a piece entered will be invited, along with a guest. There will be entertainers, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

Those who donated will be able to vote on the best of show award and purchase art work before anyone else.

The show will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. On those days, the show will be free.

Judge for the show will be Brenda Meder, director of the Hays Arts Center. At least \$2,250 in cash will be awarded, in addition to ribbons for first and second place, juror's merit awards, people's choice award and best of show.

The Northwest Kansas League high school art show, which is open to the public, is at The Gateway today and Thursday.

There is no admission charge. For details, call Connie Grafel at (785) 475-2901 or Mary Henzel at (785) 475-3329.

## Shelter needs supplies

Members of Decatur County Stand Against Violence are asking for help getting supplies together to take to the Northwest Kansas Family Shelter.

April is Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Month so the group decided to hold the supply drive now. The shelter in Hays is designed to take in abused men and women and help them get back on their feet.

Suggested supplies include toilet paper, tissue, paper towels, laundry supplies, \$10 phone cards, copy paper, baby and child care items and anything that is non-perishable that could help out a family.

Drop-off locations include Raye's Grocery, the second floor of the courthouse or churches.

For information, call Peg Smith at 475-2296 or Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler at 475-2053.

## County discusses surveying voters

Decatur County commissioners were planning to ask county residents to fill out income surveys outside polling places Tuesday, hoping to qualify for a state grant to buy a new ambulance.

Commissioner Ralph Unger asked at a meeting last Tuesday if they could do that. County Clerk Marilyn Horn, who serves as the county election officer, said it would be OK as long as it wasn't in conjunction with the election. There would have to be volunteers for that project, she said, since her election workers can't help out.

Mrs. Horn said volunteers would need to have the surveys filled out outside or in another part of the room from the polls.

Ambulance Director Patrick Pomeroy said they only need the rural areas surveyed since they already know that Oberlin fits in the low-to-moderate income bracket.

Mr. Pomeroy said he would call Amy Griffey with the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission to see if they could do the survey for Tuesday.

If it isn't done at the polls or in person, said Commissioner Doyle Brown, they could do a mass mailing. Mr. Pomeroy said it could be done by mail, but that would cost at least 74 cents each to get it to the homes and provide a stamped envelope to get it back to the county.

Last week, Mr. Pomeroy said, David Lake, who is the state emergency medical service board director, was here to inspect the ambulances. He said he talked with Mr. Lake about Merge and Web EOC. Merge is a program that service people set up so that if there is a local disaster you can

call them and get help and they will arrange that for the service here.

Web EOC is through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. They do everything from the initial response of an emergency when help is needed until everything is put back to normal.

The first one is for locals to help each other out in an emergency, he said, and the second for hazardous materials. The question Mr. Lake had is if there is any conflict or if they do the same thing. Mr. Pomeroy talked with other people and said the two don't overlap.

Commissioner Patricia Glenn asked if Mr. Pomeroy had gotten all the paper work together which Mr. Lake wanted and he said he had.

Mr. Unger asked if the ambulance runs have been entered on the new Dell computer yet. Mr. Pomeroy said Karen Eskew has entered all of the 2004 runs and is working on this year's.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard Mr. Pomeroy will be attending a state Emergency Medical Services Board meeting in Topeka and would like to stop at state surplus property to pick up a file cabinet. Mrs. Horn said maybe he should get a couple since there is someone else who said they needed one.

- Heard Mr. Pomeroy would like to purchase a second laptop computer for the Jennings crew. He said there is a program they can use to put in the run information in the ambulance and then print it off at the hospital. Commissioners wanted him to bring in some samples to see how it would work.

## Girl reports assault near Atwood

An Atwood girl has reported a sexual assault by a man posing as a police officer, and the case is under investigation in Rawlins County.

The Rawlins County Sheriff's Department said the 16-year-old girl said she was stopped and lured from her vehicle by a man dressed like a police officer sometime between 8:30 and 11 p.m. on Sunday,

March 27. She told officers the incident occurred two miles south of the Kansas/Nebraska line on K-25.

Undersheriff Jim Schroeder said the girl said she was stopped by a vehicle with a rotating red light and taken from her vehicle to the man's car.

The girl said the vehicle looked like a police car and the man wore

what looked like a uniform.

The suspect says she was taken to the man's vehicle.

There was no report of a vehicle being stopped by any officer around that time, the undersheriff said.

Anyone with information about the case should call the Rawlins County Sheriff's Office at (785) 626-3208.

## Christian conference next week

Mickey and Barbara Robinson will speak during the "Heartland Restoration" conference beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 15, and at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, at The Gateway.

Mr. Robinson is director of the Prophetic Christian Ministers Association, and president of the Lazarus Foundation and Seagate Ministries.

After surviving severe burns in an airplane crash while skydiving, Mr.

Robinson had a "death's door" experience and spiritual rebirth that changed his life. During his recovery, he says, he not only experienced miraculous healings, but also struggled with finding his purpose.

He has been in the public ministry for 25 years. From 1983 to 1993, he served as pastoral leader at the River of Life Church in Ohio. He and several other men started ministering at conferences in 1987. The

conference here will include a live worship band and choir.

Sponsored by the League of Ministers and Churches, the two-day conference provides a time for people to praise God with a live worship band and choir, hear messages from visiting ministers and receive prayer.

There is no admission fee. For details, call (785) 675-9926 or (785) 626-3705.

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AMMO ACCESSORIES: Solid Oak 10 gun cabinet w/dble doors & base cabinet; Solid Oak 8 gun cabinet & base; Earuffs; 2 - Herter's super model 3 reloader; Several hundred boxes of ammunition; Reloading tools and supplies; Lg., assort. of lead; Lead melter; Several gun cases, Powder Horn; Bushnell Binoculars 7x50; Solid Oak gun rack; Lyman press, Powder scale w/powder Triclar & stand; Misc., dies; Primers; Bullets; Brass; Lead pot, Lyman Moulds; Priming tools; Coyote calls; Cleaning Kits; Black powder; Pen Beer bait casting reel; Powder flask.

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