

City will sell 22 feet of land to homeowner

The City Council agreed Thursday to sell 22 feet of property west of Buffalo Avenue (U.S. 83) which a homeowner had been taking care of.

Mary Lou Olson, who owns a home at 307 S. Buffalo, wrote a letter to the council saying she had the property surveyed and found that she owned everything up to 27 feet south of the drainage ditch, but that strip belonged to the city.

She said she has been mowing the city land as long as she has owned the house. She offered to buy the 22 feet for \$50, leaving a five-foot right of way for the city along the ditch.

City Attorney Steve Hirsch said he would have to prepare a deed, which will cost around \$50.

The council agreed to sell the property to Mrs. Olson for \$50 plus the filing fees.

The council talked with Police Chief Wade Lockhart, who said he is looking for another officer to replace Allen Rogers, who resigned.

Is this a year for the department to get another vehicle? asked Mayor Ken Shobe. Yes, said Chief Lockhart. Does the department still need another vehicle since it is short an officer? asked Mayor Shobe. Yes, the chief said, because the car

is old and needs to be replaced.

In other business, the council:

- Decided to change the meetings in September to the second and fourth Thursdays instead of the first and third because of the the first meeting fell on the first of the month.

- Approved the revised standard traffic ordinances and uniform public offense code, which has to be done every year.

- Received a bill from Prairie Land Electric for work to help move the church to the museum for \$1,025, which was forwarded to the museum. The council decided to donate the city time and equipment used in the move.

- Heard that the Convention and Visitors Bureau added Sappa Park to the sign for the Last Indian Raid Monument off of U.S. 36 at the park entrance.

- Received a letter from James Strine, district forester with Kansas State University, who measured a cottonwood tree near hole nine at the golf course. He said it isn't large enough to be a champion cottonwood tree, but he would keep the measurements on file. The trunk circumference is 241 inches, it is 93 feet tall and the crown spread is 78 feet.

Seniors to get shots to avoid hepatitis B

The Decatur County Health Department and Oberlin Rotary Club are teaming up to make sure that this year's high school seniors get their hepatitis B shots.

Health Administrator Marilyn Gamblin said the project was approved for a Rotary grant, with Rotary International paying \$755 and the local club matching it. That should cover the costs of the program, she said.

She said she is ordering the vaccine, which comes with three shots per person, for the entire senior class, about 45 students in all.

It is important for students who are planning to go to college or those who are sexually active to get the shot, she said.

She said she would like to give meningitis vaccine shots to the seniors also, but they are \$90 per person and the hepatitis B is only \$15.

Consent forms will be sent home to parents and then the shots will be done at school.

It takes six months to get the shots done, she said, because after the students get the first one, they have to wait a month for the second and five

County Roundup

At their meeting last Tuesday, the Decatur County commissioners:

- Heard that the county health department and Oberlin Rotary Club are teaming up to get hepatitis B vaccine shots for this year's senior class. Story at left.

- Discussed a request from the Oberlin School District to rent space in the Norcat shop for a school bus, but decided to table the discussion to get some utility prices. Story to come.

months for the last one.

Any senior who wants the vaccine can get it. Ms. Gamblin said they don't have to be going to college.

The shots are available at the health department if anyone else is interested, she said.

Commissioners held a 10-minute closed session for non-elected personnel with Ms. Gamblin. There was no action taken.



IN THE HEAT of the day, William Schierkolk (above) worked on parts for the new Nex Tech cell tower (below) that a Topeka company installed south of Oberlin last week. — Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

Tower built for cells

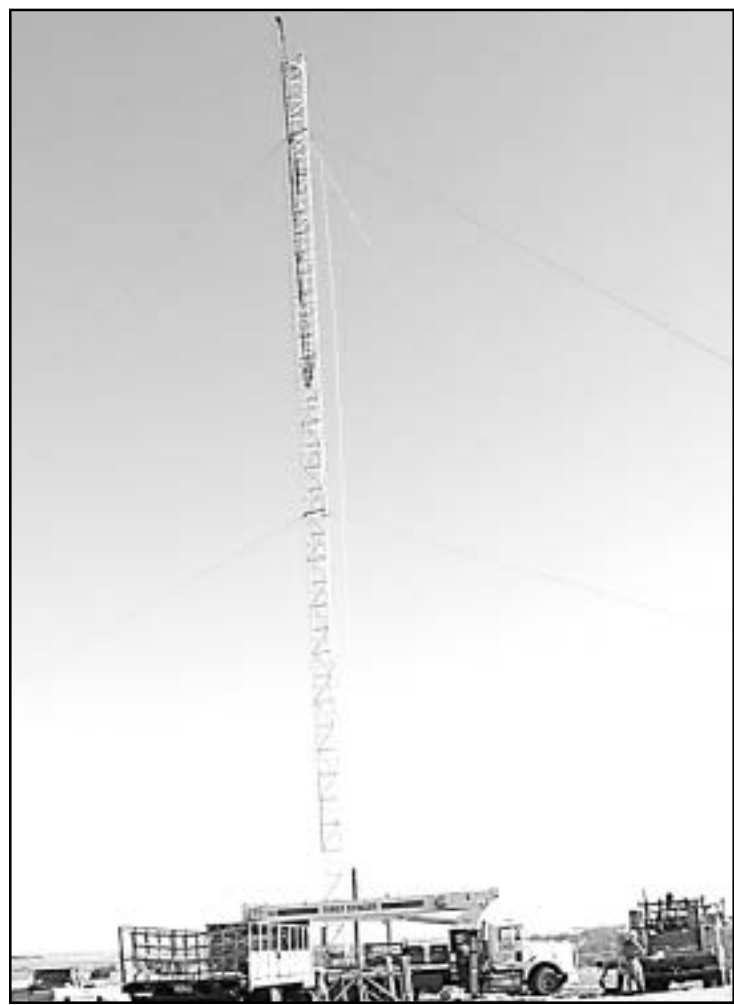
Five men put up a 198 foot cell phone tower for Nex Tech on a hill just south of town last week.

William Schierkolk, with Hayden Tower, said the crew started working on the project last Tuesday and planned to be finished by Thursday.

The tower is just up the hill from John Juenemann's house south of Oberlin along U.S. 83.

Mr. Schierkolk said all of the parts and supplies are sent out from the factory and then the crew is responsible for putting the pieces together.

A call was placed to NexTech, but no one called back for comment on the project. The Lenora firm, an affiliate of Rural Telephone Service Co., is building a new cell phone system across northwest Kansas.



Just ten days left to win \$1,000 prize

Only 10 days left until one lucky shopper wins \$1,000 in scrip money to be spent at participating Oberlin merchants in the second annual \$1,000 Shopping Spree sponsored by *The Oberlin Herald*.

Cans are out at participating businesses where anyone 18 years or older can sign up for the drawing. Employees of the newspaper or their immediate family are not eligible.

The last time to register is at 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19. The drawing will take place at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at the

gazebo in Centennial Park. You must be present to win.

The winner will have from Monday, Aug. 22, until Friday, Aug. 26, to spend the \$1,000, in the form of scrip money.

Participating businesses are Ward Drug Store, Raye's Grocery, Addleman Drug Store, LandMark Inn, Dale's Fish 'N' Fun, Hansen's Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, Countryside Veterinary Clinic, Prairie Petals, Stanley Hardware, R&M Service Center, Rocking R, the Dresser and Culligan Water Conditioning.

City signs paper for well

The Oberlin City Council approved a notice for the contractor to proceed to re-drill well No. 9 east of town, contingent on state approval of the contracts, at its meeting last Thursday.

Thaniel Monaco, project engineer with Miller and Associates, said the contracts are completed and have been sent into the state water office, but the person who needs to approve the contracts has been out of the office.

He said he called the contractor, Woolfer Pump and Well out of Hoxie, and they thought they could

start in a couple of weeks. Right now, he said, they are fixing a rig.

The first thing that will be done by Woolfer, said Mr. Monaco, will be to drill a test hole and send in the water samples.

If the test is OK, he said, they can then drill the new well, which will be designated as No. 12.

LEGAL NOTICE

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(Company Name)

We are a prospective applicant under the Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program being administered by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS), United States Department of Agriculture. We are required, as a prospective applicant, to announce our intent to provide broadband services (200 kilobits upstream and downstream) in the State of Kansas, County of Decatur, City of Oberlin. Incumbent broadband service providers have **30 days** from the date of this Legal Notice to inform RUS if they are currently providing broadband service in these areas or if they have a commitment to provide service in these areas. Incumbent broadband service providers should submit to RUS, on a form prescribed by RUS, the number of residential customers receiving broadband service in the proposed service area, the rates of data transmission, and the cost of each level of service or proof of commitment to provide service in the proposed service area. A map should also be provided showing the boundaries of your service area in relation to the communities above.

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