

New doctor hired

A new doctor has been hired and will start the middle of September to fill the place of Dr. Wendy Vogel, who is moving back home to Canada.

Hospital Administrator Lynn Doeden said Dr. Stelian Andrecu contacted the hospital and said he was interested in the job. Mrs. Doeden said she isn't sure how Dr. Andrecu heard about the opening.

He trained in Romaina and did his residency in Alabama. Dr. Andrecu also worked in Mead, Kan., as an ultrasound technician. He told her he wanted to come back to work in rural Kansas.

"Hardworking farmers from Kansas inspired me and gave me the confidence that I will be a good physician and I will serve the people of Kansas as they deserve," is what Dr. Andrecu wrote in his letter to the hospital.

Mrs. Doeden said Dr. Andrecu was here last Wednesday and told her he thought the people of Oberlin are wonderful.

His wife also a doctor is in a residency program in New York State, although she is looking at transferring to Wichita.

Council agrees to program

The Oberlin City Council agreed Thursday to enter a program to get electrical linemen certified through a four-year training course which employees can take here.

The program, said city foreman Dan Castle, is offered through Kansas Municipal Utilities, the same group that provides safety classes for city employees once a month.

The city's linemen, said Mr. Castle, have lots of hands-on training, but they aren't certified. This is an opportunity to provide extensive training for linemen at little cost, he said.

The trainers will come here and teach the linemen once a month. The cost, said City Administrator Gary Shike, is \$500 per lineman per year.

This will be good to get the linemen certified and also might entice a young person to get into this field, said Mr. Castle.

The course can start at anytime, he said.

Councilman Joe Stanley asked if all the training would be during work hours, and if this would lead to overtime. Mr. Castle it would all be work time, but he didn't think that would require overtime.

It might be worth getting the people who are getting trained under contract, said Councilman Patrick Pomeroy, so they don't just leave.

Would the extra training lower the city's insurance bill? asked Mr. Stanley. Mr. Shike said he thought it could lower the cost for worker's compensation insurance since the men would be better trained.

If there is a 3 percent reduction in worker's compensation, said Mr. Stanley, it would pay for the \$500 per person per year.

Mr. Castle said there are two people to be trained, Ron Beneda and himself. Mayor Ken Shobe said there is also a position open.

There also has to be a pay schedule in place, said Mr. Castle. The council approved starting at \$13 an hour and then going up each year during the four-year program. If a lineman passes all the tests, his or her pay would go up to \$17 an hour, said Mr. Shobe.

Mr. Castle is the city foreman, so the certification won't change his pay, he said, but will increase his knowledge. Mr. Beneda's pay won't be changed until after the second year. He makes \$13.16 an hour now.



AT THE HOSPITAL BENEFIT Ralph and Norma Unger worked their way through the dinner line. The benefit was held at The Gateway on Saturday. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Hospital's annual benefit was a success

Decatur County Hospital's annual benefit brought in \$3,000 more this year than last, although the hospital still has some bills for the event to pay.

Administrator Lynn Doeden said the golf tournament, dinner and auction brought in around \$13,000 gross, but the hospital has around \$5,000 in expenses to still pay. That still is better than last year, she said.

Everything is up from last

year, Mrs. Doeden said. There were 105 golfers this year and 75 people who just ate dinner. That is a total of 180, up from 132 last year.

Mrs. Doeden said they had 26 golf teams and one extra golfer who showed up with his clubs. Two teams tied for first place, one made up of Kurt and Becky Vollertsen, Grant Vollertsen and Wendy Swilley, and a second made up of Andy May, Chris May, Greg Grafel and John Wishon.

She said the golfers basically won bragging rights for a year and golf towels made up by the hospital.

This year, she said, the hospital board decided to have both a live and a silent auction. The highest bid on the live auction was for a pair of KU-K-State football tickets donated by Warren and Carol Weibert, at \$360.

On the silent auction, the highest item was for a poker table and chips donated by Creative Dimensions and Waddell and Reed, purchased

by Greg Lohofener for \$325.

The silent auction brought in \$1,895 and the live auction \$1,225.

Mrs. Doeden said that next year, they may start the golf tournament earlier and the dinner later to allow more time for the teams to get around the course.

"The benefit," she said, "shows you that a when small community all comes together as one team, it can succeed."

City council puts off alcohol decision

The Oberlin City council decided Thursday to put off a decision on whether to allow stores to sell alcohol and beer on Sundays so people can comment on the idea.

Sherry Brown, owner of Fine Spirits, a liquor store on North Penn Avenue, asked at the meeting Thursday night that stores be allowed to sell alcohol on Sunday.

She said the state legislature decided this year to leave the decision on Sunday sales up to municipalities. She said she would like to be open. It would be progressive, said Ms. Brown, for Oberlin to go along with the majority of the state and allow sales on Sundays.

It would also bring in more revenue, she said. The stores would be open from noon to 8 p.m. on Sundays, which would allow people to go to church and not interfere with the holy day.

Mayor Ken Shobe asked what she

Council Roundup

At a meeting Thursday night, the Oberlin City Council:

- Agreed to have the city enter a certification program for electrical linemen through Kansas Municipal Utilities. Story at left.
- Decided to table a decision on

whether or not to allow Sunday sales of alcohol or beer to give voters time to comment. Story above.

• Heard that the test well has been drilled for the new well No. 12. Story on Page 2A.

meant by the majority of the state. She said the bigger cities are allowing for Sunday sales.

Ms. Brown provided a sample ordinance from Lawrence to the council. She said the stores would still be closed for holidays on Sundays, like Easter.

Stores in Nebraska can sell on Sundays? asked Councilman Patrick Pomeroy. Beer and wine only, she said.

Norton has already approved Sunday sales, said Ms. Brown, and

other cities are considering it. It isn't like Nebraska is the only competing.

If the council approves the request, said Mr. Pomeroy, then there needs to be time to protest.

If the council approves the sales, she said, then there would be a 60-day waiting period.

If 5 percent of the city's voters who voted in the last presidential election, around 40 people, sign a petition protesting the decision, it would go to an election. A special

election would cost around \$2,500, said Mr. Shike.

Sunday sales, said Ms. Brown wouldn't necessarily mean there would be any more drinking, it would just provide more time to make a purchase.

Councilman Jay Anderson said he thought Sunday sales would be mostly people picking up a six pack to take to the lake or a bottle of wine for dinner.

An election, he said, would be expensive considering the budget is tight already.

It probably won't effect very many people, said Councilman Joe Stanley, but he suggested tabling the decision and putting it on the agenda for Thursday, Sept. 8, to get feedback.

The council asked City Attorney Steve Hirsch to draft an ordinance for Sunday sales for the next meeting.

Good Samaritan Center needs new van

The Decatur County Good Samaritan Center needs a new van so staff members can take the residents out.

The center has an older model Ford Van which is going to need some work, said Jan Badsky, resource development director.

She said she took a man out to look at the wheat and the van overheated. Both LaVern Burtis, former maintenance supervisor, and mechanic Mike Jensen looked at it.

Mrs. Badsky didn't know how much it was going to cost to fix the old van.

She said she is looking into Kansas Health grants. The residents have to have a way to go places, she

said. They use the county bus, but it runs nonstop and only one wheelchair can fit in it at a time. Four wheelchairs can fit in the center's van.

Besides, she said, it is nice for the center to have a way to get the residents out. In this past year, Mrs. Badsky and the staff have taken the residents to the fair, museum, to look at crops and to medical appointments in and out of town.

The current van can haul either four wheelchairs and three residents in seats or two wheelchairs and six residents. There has to be room for a staff member besides the driver to go along, she said.

Mrs. Badsky said the residents

and the center need the public's support on this project. They may have fund raisers to help pay the bill.

It is important for the residents to be able to go on a social outing, said Mrs. Badsky, and without a van that

can't happen.

We are thinking about on large outings possibly renting the Atwood van, said Administrator Janice Shobe, but on small outings the center needs a van of its own.

Fans can win money

Get ready, football fans, because this year you have a chance to win a little scrip money during the season by playing *The Oberlin Herald's* Pigskin Pick-Em game.

The contest will run during the season for high school and college football games. Each week, contestants will have the chance to pick winners and the score of a tie-breaker game. The following week, the winners will be announced.

Each week, \$30 in scrip will be given away. First place will win \$15, second \$10 and third \$5. The scrip is spendable only at participating Oberlin merchants.

The person who selects the most correct games during the 12-week contest will win \$50 in scrip and a trophy.

Here is how it works: find the games listed in the sponsors' ads, which will run in the paper each week. Pick the team you think will win each game and write the winners on the entry blank beside the corresponding sponsors' names. Then pick the score of the tie-breaker game.

Fans are asked to bring their entries each week to *The Herald* office by 5 p.m. on Friday. Mailed in entries must be postmarked by 5 p.m. on Friday and arrive at the office in the Saturday mail. *The Herald's* address is 170 S. Penn Ave., Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

Prizes must be picked up within three weeks.

You are only allowed to enter once per week but entry blanks for every member of the family are available at the sponsors' places of business. An entry blank will also be printed in the paper each week.

Official entry blanks must be used; no reproductions will be allowed.

Entry blanks can be picked up at the sponsors, including: Custom Trophy, Gold Home Planning Center, Ward Drug Store, Raye's Grocery, Fredrickson Insurance, Farm Credit of Western Kansas, the LandMark Inn, R&M Service Center, Prairie Petals, Wagner Chevrolet and *The Oberlin Herald*.

This is the first year *The Oberlin Herald* is running this contest, although *The Norton Telegram* has been doing it for 35 years.

The first ad will run next week, which will be the first week people can sign up, so keep a lookout for the entry form.

Permits issued

Building permits issued by the City of Oberlin in May totaled improvements of nearly \$69,000, including a new automatic car wash.

May 2: Rodney Farr was issued a permit to erect a wooden deck at his home at southeast edge of Oberlin in section 1, township 3, range 29.

May 3: Steve Wallin and Chad Leibbrandt, 102 E. Jefferson, automatic car wash.

May 4: Marla Jeanne Pachner, 714 E. Commercial, front porch, masonite siding on house.

May 5: Dale Kempf, 109 S. Waldo, slab for garage and storage.

May 6: Everett Shuler, 101 S. Wolf, garage.

May 7: Phil Erickson, 1102 E. Commercial, carport.

May 8: Darrell Lutz, 803 N. York, deck.

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