

County to get money for plan

The Decatur County Health Department received notification that the county will get \$59 more money than last year to spend on preparations in case of a biological disaster.

Health Administrator Marilyn Gamblin said the plan is the same as last year. She needs to get it signed by commissioners and then the health department will get 25 percent of the money. After Ms. Gamblin turns in the budget, the department will get another quarter of the budget.

The plan says the county is supposed to have a bioterrorism drill each year, said County Attorney Steve Hirsch. Has this been done?

No, said Ms. Gamblin, but the state hasn't done the drill each year, and they are supposed to.

The plan was approved and signed by commissioners.

The plan is just if there is an act of terrorism in the county. It sets up a way to react and the money Ms. Gamblin receives is to be used to purchase things that would help in case there is an act of terrorism. For instance she purchased a generator to help keep her vaccine cold.

Bioterrorism could be any attack that isn't a natural disaster.

After the attacks on Sept. 11, the state started to send out plans for bioterrorism and asked counties to make plans, just in case.

Ms. Gamblin said she has sent out letters to parents of seniors at the Decatur Community High School noting that the county will have hepatitis B shots.

The vaccine is ordered and the shots will be done at the school, she said.

The health department is teaming up with the Oberlin Rotary Club to pay for the vaccines, which are recommended for students going to college.

It is almost time for flu shots, said

County Roundup

At their meeting last Tuesday, the Decatur County commissioners:

- Approved documents needed for a matching grant for a new ambulance. Story to come.

- Received a new bioterrorism money plan which gave the county \$59 more than last year to spend preparing for a bioterrorism disaster. Story at left.

- Discussed re-establishing an emergency planning committee to write disaster plans for the county. Story to come.

Ms. Gamblin. She said she talked with a representative from a vaccine company that morning and the department should be getting the shots. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggest that those not considered high risk should wait until after Monday, Oct. 24, to get the shots.

With the shortage scares the last two years, said Ms. Gamblin, she ordered the vaccine this year from two vendors.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard that the family planning audit for the department is done. Ms. Gamblin said as part of the audit, she needs a cost analysis done, which she talked with Auditor Steve Zodrow about. He said he couldn't do it, so Ms. Gamblin asked Dave Nichols, financial officer at the hospital, to help.

- Heard that Ms. Gamblin will do blood pressure checks at the Last Indian Raid Museum for Mini Sapa Day on Saturday.

Playing at the park



IN FRONT OF THE BAND SHELL Saturday night at City Park, the United Church sponsored a concert with the McClemore Family of Colby. On the guitar was Bob McClemore, on the banjo his wife Susie, and their sons Blake on the bass and Brandon on the mandolin. They played bluegrass for about 40 people. — Herald staff photo by Kim Davis

Team to speak on Africa

Members of a seven-member missionary team that went to Africa in August will speak at the United Church on Sunday, Oct. 9.

Six members of Living Word Fellowship Church in Hoxie joined Pastor David Clifton from Jesus to the World in Denver to travel to Cameroon and Nigeria.

They were Pastor Dan Rohm, Brian Elliot of Hoxie; Kristi Smith, Schuyler Huelett and Rod Mathill of Oberlin and Lewis Crayton of Morland.

The group spent three weeks in Africa in August preaching God's word at several churches.

Miss Smith, who attends the United Church and the church in Hoxie, will be speaking, along with Pastor Rohm, Mr. Huelett and Mr. Mathill.

Melanie Anderson of the United Church said the missionaries will speak during the 10:30 a.m. service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Following the service, there will be a potato bar served in the fellowship hall.

Miss Anderson said the church asks that those who would like to stay to eat bring either a salad or dessert. There will be an offering taken during the dinner, which will be given to the Africa team.

Pick-em contest uses tie-breaker

Two people guessed the winners of 10 football games in the fourth week of *The Oberlin Herald's* Pigskin Pick-em contest.

Greg Grafel and Randal D. Wilson both picked the 10 winners, which meant first place was determined by the tie-breaker game, Nevada against Colorado State University. Colorado State University won 42 to 21.

Mr. Grafel was only 17 points off of the final score and Mr. Wilson was 25 points off.

That meant Mr. Grafel took first place to win \$15 in scrip money while Mr. Wilson took second to win \$10 in scrip.

Third place also was determined by the tie-breaker game. Sue Glodt and Jeanne Tuma both picked nine winners. Mrs. Glodt was only 24 points off and Mrs. Tuma was 35 points off. That meant Mrs. Glodt won the \$5 scrip money for third place.

Last week's games were:

- Custom Trophy — Norton over Osborne, 55 to 6.
- Home Planning Center — Oakley over St. Francis, 18 to 14.
- Ward Drug Store — Hoxie over Atwood, 22 to 13.
- Raye's Grocery — McCook over Gering, 20 to 15.
- Fredrickson Insurance Agency — Goodland over Oberlin, 17 to 7.
- Farm Credit of Western Kansas — Grinnell over Golden Plains, 36 to 34.
- LandMark Inn — Smith Center over Phillipsburg, 38 to 29.
- R&M Service Center — Fort Hays State over Adams State, 18 to 15.
- Prairie Petals — Plainville over Stockton, 38 to 7.
- Wagner Chevrolet — WaKeeney over Hill City, 42 to 6.
- *The Oberlin Herald* — Kansas State University over North Texas, 54 to 7.
- Tiebreaker — Colorado State University over Nevada, 42 to 21.

Grief group will hold first meeting

There will be an organizational meeting for a support group for anyone who has lost a loved one at 7 p.m. next Wednesday at the Decatur County Health Department.

Karen Eskew, who will help with the group, said they would like to see

what everyone needs to help deal with their grief. Anyone who has ever lost a loved one, a child, grandchild, brother, sister, niece, nephew or cousin, spouse or parent, is welcome.

The group, being called Compas-

sionate Butterflies, will provide a support system for the grieving.

For information, call Mrs. Eskew at 475-2879 or Mrs. Wessel at 785-386-4235, who are organizing the group.

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