

Sheriff deputizes his wife

By KIMBERLY DAVIS

Decatur County commissioners asked the sheriff why he had deputized his wife during a meeting last Tuesday.

Commissioner Doyle Brown asked if it was true that was done to make it OK for her to ride with the sheriff in his county vehicle. Sheriff Ken Badsky said he did deputize his wife Jan and Undersheriff Randy McHugh's wife Kristin. The women don't need any training, said Sheriff Badsky, but can go along if there is a female prisoner who needs to be taken somewhere.

The situation wouldn't be any different, he said, than if he had to deputize a dispatcher or other woman for a transport.

Commissioners have had some complaints about Sheriff Badsky's wife riding in the sheriff's truck.

What if your wife is in the car and got hurt? Mr. Brown asked. What about insurance? A male officer has to take a woman along on any transports of female prisoners, the sheriff said.

Mr. Brown said they talked with the Kansas Counties Association Multi-Line Pool, who handles the county's liability insurance, about the move, and the insurance people are concerned.

The women aren't paid to be deputies, said Sheriff Badsky. Once they're deputized, said County Attorney Steve Hirsch, the women become county employees for insurance purposes, regardless of whether or not they are paid.

Someone has to cover the county 24 hours a day, the sheriff said. There are only so many people in the department. The deputies work 40 hours a week, and the rest is up to him. There are times when he needs to have his wife ride with him.

The county has a policy against nepotism, or hiring of relatives.

If, said Sheriff Badsky, he has to go to a meeting out of town and his wife wants to go there to go shopping, he is going to take her. Personally, said Mr. Brown, he understands.

"But that isn't policy," said Commissioner Patricia Glenn.

Commissioner Ralph Unger said he isn't sure how the insurance pool is going to look at all of this.

Has there been discussion across the state about sheriffs deputizing their wives? asked Mr. Hirsch. Sheriff Badsky said he would check at his next meeting.

There is no question about it, said Mr. Hirsch, the women are under the county's liability insurance as soon as they were deputized.

"I don't see how he can go against policy," said Mrs. Glenn, referring to the nepotism rule.

The county code book says that department heads can't hire "an employee that they supervise who is related as father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, son, daughter, spouse, grandson, granddaughter, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle, ex-spouse or as a step-relative..." The code states that temporary exceptions can be approved by the commissioners with advice of the attorney.

The commissioners didn't direct the sheriff to do anything, but did ask him to check to see what other sheriffs in the state are doing. The sheriff is an elected position, and has the power to choose his own deputies, subject, Mr. Hirsch said, to county personnel policy.



Play draws crowd

IN MORGAN THEATER, the Southwest Nebraska Community Theatre Association put on "Barefoot in the Park" Saturday night. Beverly Rhea as Mrs. Banks (above), Leanne Miller as Corie Bratter and Tim Miller as Paul Bratter sat and talked. Before the show (left), Mary Henzel sold Sharleen Wurm a ticket for the performance.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

Fans tie in contest for first

Two people picked 10 out of 11 winners to tie for first place in the Pigskin Pick-em contest this week.

Connie Grafel, Oberlin, and Patty Stapp, Norcat, both picked 10 winners. Both had Texas over Oklahoma in the tie breaker but Mrs. Stapp was 23 points off while Ms. Grafel was 26 off, which meant Mrs. Stapp won first place and \$15 in scrip money. Ms. Grafel gets second place for \$10 in scrip.

Five people tied with nine out of 11 winners for third place. All picked Texas to beat Oklahoma but Gary Anderson, Oberlin, was only 16 points off the actual score while Denise Bailey, Norcat, was 21 points off; Valisha Castle, Oberlin, 22; Rick Doeden, Oberlin, 26; and Brock Baxter, Smith Center, 29. Mr. Anderson won \$5 in scrip.

Those who missed three games were Travis Raile, Oberlin, and Jeanne Tuma, Colby.

Missing four were Deb Brown, Ryan McEvoy, Ron Solko, Kenny Gee, Rodney Solko, Amanda Grafel, Sharla Ritter, Diana Solko and Kimberly Solko, Oberlin; Travis Vaughn, Rexford; Cheri Kastens, Herndon; and Kelly Horinek and Mark Winger, Colby.

Last week's games were:

- Custom Trophy — Oakley over Oberlin, 38 to 0.
- Home Planning Center — McCook over Lexington, 54 to 6.
- Ward Drug Store — St. Francis over Hoxie, 14 to 0.
- Raye's Grocery — Quinter over Atwood, 31 to 2.
- Fredrickson Insurance Agency — Norton over Ellis, 43 to 7.
- Farm Credit of Western Kansas, Golden Plains over Tri-Plains, 52 to 6.
- LandMark Inn — Phillipsburg over Hill City, 61 to 0.
- R&M Service Center — Kansas State University over the University of Kansas, 12 to 3.
- Prairie Petals — Osborne over Stockton, 34 to 14.
- Wagner Chevrolet — Texas Tech over University of Nebraska, 34 to 31.
- The Oberlin Herald — Fort Lewis over Fort Hays, 51 to 20.
- Tie breaker — Texas over Oklahoma, 45 to 12.

Plans made for telethon

Letters went out last week to organizations that might be interested in getting some money from the annual Seeds of Hope Telethon this year.

Nov. 12.

The annual telethon will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11, at The Gateway. Each year, money raised through the all-day event goes to 15 to 20 groups in the county.

Groups interested in receiving money need to send in a brief proposal of how it would be spent to Seeds of Hope Telethon, Box 305, Oberlin, Kan. 67749 by Friday, Nov. 12.

The telethon committee plans to hold a soup supper on Monday, Dec. 19, at the Golden Age Center to raise money.

student of the week



Name: Gabe Moore
Parents: Monte and Kelly Moore
Grade: 12
Age: 17

Activities involved in at school: Speech (state qualifier), football, drama club, all-school play, musical, science club, weight club, Stuco and scholar bowl.

My choice of movies, books and games: Comedies, Harry Potter books, comic books and board games.

After I leave Decatur Community High School I intend to: Go to Manhattan Area Technical School and study to be a plumber.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be: A master plumber with a good job and a bright future.

Favorite Quote: "Great and unshakable things were not achieved by written matter, but by spoken word."

We've nominated this student because: He has overcome many obstacles to participate in sports and the extra activities at school.

Student comment: High school was some of the best times of my life. I will always remember my friends and the great times we had together.

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Hundreds of wrenches and tools including: Ford (52 1970), International, John Deere, Case, IH • Hand drills and bits • Lots of open-ended wrenches • Tin Shears • Carpenter Squares • Block planes • Air pumps • Wire Cutters • Saws • Large assort. of pipe/mutter wrenches of various sizes (over 100) • Bolt cutters • Irwin auger bits in wooden case • Dowel threader • Lots of miscellaneous • Electric meat scale (from Cox's Market) Several old scales • (2) Bottle cappers • Singer Pedal sewing machine in nice cabinet • misc. oil cans and grease guns (1 John Deere) • Maytag wringer washer • Bicycle grinder • (6) Brass blow torches • (2) Anvils • Lg. Drake arbor press (model 2) • Blower for forge • (2) Fairbanks platform scales • Insulators • (8) Five-gal. oil measuring cans • Planters • 55-gal. metal barrel (20) Hand grinders • Set of 3 metal lockers • Manual typewriter • Old tractor and machinery manuals (John D. Deere #9 combine, 1933 Mobile Oil Lubrication Chart • Cub, C, H, M tractor parts • Oak desk from State Bank of Herndon (bad top) • Several 4-panel wooden doors w/enamel hardware

Miscellaneous

Whirlpool refrigerator w/freezer on bottom • Sm refrigerator • 2-drawer metal file cabinet • Keepsafe safe (approx. 12"x16" interior) • Lift chair (fair) • 30-Drawer metal cabinet full of copper pipe fittings • Many pipe fittings • Several piles scrap iron • Several types of good shelving and cupboards (metal and wood) • Lots of nails, screws, nuts & bolts, washers, etc., in cabinets • Grinder - Corn sheller • (3) Large metal oil dispensers • Misc. oil cans and grease guns (1 John Deere)

Power & Hand Tools & Shop Equipment

(2) Pipe vises on stands • Sm tool cabinet on rollers • Rigid pipe threader (1/2-1") • (3) Air bubbles • Sm. 30-gal. air compressor (110-volt; 3/4 HP) • Power band saw • 7-1/4" Skil saw • Skil 9.6 volt power drill • Makita power drill • Wissota 1/2 HP bench grinder • Several bench grinders and vises • Black & Decker metal chop saw • Air products acetylene welder w/cart • Many welding rods • Welding tables • Timber tongs • Chair hoist • Lots of punches, chisels, hammers, wrenches and other miscellaneous

Antique tools: Duracraft drill press w/Morse taper chuck and bits (8-speed)

Upright Coleman air compressor (230-volt; 6 1/2 HP; like new)

Sale Location: Shop on Main Street, Herndon, Kansas
 Signs will be posted.
 Lunch will be served.

Yard-Man 7-HP electric start snow blower (like new)
 E-Z Hoe tiller/cultivator

Murray lawn tractor (few hrs.)

Lawn and Garden

Homelite gas weed eater • John Deere T-10 55 gal weed eater (new) • (2) Fertilizer spreaders • Electric sprayer • (2) Chain saws • 2-Wheel dolly • Kerosene heater • Sev. good garden tools, including hoes, rakes, shovels

South Bend metal lathe and accessories (9" swing; 8-1/2" bed; Car. #22-ZB)

Craftsman 10" table saw (older)

Sm. sandblasting cabinet

Century AC/DC heavy-duty welder

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Vet stories wanted

The Oberlin Herald is looking for stories of veterans from Decatur County who served during the Korean War for a special section for Veterans Day next month.

The veteran can be living or dead. The veteran can submit the information, or anyone can nominate a relative or someone they know, living or deceased. We want to get as many veterans as we can, and we don't want to overlook anyone, so don't delay.

The idea is to run a profile of six to eight paragraphs and a picture of each veteran. Call Managing Editor Kimberly Davis at the paper at 475-2206 or mail in information about what your veteran.

Photos should be in a uniform of the era, but a later photo will do. Photos with groups, equipment or a foreign location will get top billing. Mail information to 170 S. Penn Ave Oberlin, KS. 67749, or by e-mail at kldavis@nwkans.com.

The deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 26. All pictures will be returned.