

# Business group plans for events to finish the year

The Oberlin Business Alliance has a few events left to round out the year, including a winter farmers market, free matinees at the Sunflower Cinema and the big \$1,000 giveaway.

At the monthly meeting last Wednesday at The LandMark, the group briefly discussed each event. Chamber Manager Glenva Nichols said they had five tables lined up for the farmer's market which was held on Saturday at the enhancement center.

The group will pay \$150 for the movie "The Grinch" to be shown for free at Sunflower Cinema at 2 p.m. Saturday and Saturday, Dec. 17.

The giveaway drawing will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, in front of the Chamber office. Ten winners each will get an envelope. One person will win \$1,000 in scrip money to be spent locally and nine will win \$25 each.

Chairman Kurt Vollertsen, owner of Ward Drug Store, said the Parade of Lights on Friday, Nov. 25, had gone well. He thanked Gary Walter of The Bank for all of his work to organize the event.

Gary Anderson, owner of the LandMark, said some guests staying there went to the parade here on Friday and to McCook on Saturday.

Mr. Anderson said the guests told him that the stores weren't open late in McCook and there were only a few entries in the parade there, and they liked the one here a lot better.

Steve Haynes, publisher of *The Oberlin Herald*, said the paper has gotten back more tickets for the Christmas on Us promotion than ever before. Shoppers get one ticket for every \$10 spent and can get one ticket each week at the paper office or the Chamber. Basically, he said, that means people are spending more money in town this year. Mr. Haynes said that they can't complain about that.

With the Christmas on Us drawing coming up at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, Mr. Haynes asked if anyone wanted to a soup supper to help keep people in town.

Dave Bergling, advertising manager for the paper, said maybe each store could have a pot of chili and either give a cup away or sell a cup. He agreed to see if he could organize the feed.

- In other business, the alliance:
- Received a thank-you card from the Decatur County Museum for the old greenery the group donated to them.
  - Approved to pay for half of an ink cartridge for the Chamber office.

# Commissioners approved purchase of chains for grader

Decatur County commissioners approved the purchase of a new set of chains for the tires on one of the road graders at their meeting last Tuesday.

Tim Stallman, road and bridge supervisor, said the one grader has a different kind of tires so the chains don't stay in the right place. The chains, he said, aren't giving any traction.

The chains cost \$250 for two tires, so it will cost \$500 for all four.

With winter here, said Mr. Stallman, he wants to call the co-op to pump some No. 1 diesel into the fuel tank to winterize it. He said he thinks it will cost over \$500, so he needed approval. The commissioners said it was OK.

Mr. Stallman presented contracts with Penco Engineering for the Kansas Department of Transportation and the federal bridge plan for 2006. On the plan, two of the bridges in the county will be replaced. Those bridges are two miles southwest of Oberlin. The bridges are around the corner from each other.

The county will have to pay \$17,500 for the projects, he said. The rest will be paid for by the Federal Aide Program. The part the county pays is the engineering. Once construction starts it is shared 80/20 with the federal program paying the 80 percent and the county 20 percent.

The county commissioners and Mr. Stallman said they wanted to thank the public for being so helpful and understanding during the recent snow storm. It seemed like the public and the crew just chipped

## County Roundup

- At their meeting last Tuesday, Decatur County commissioners:
- Heard the noxious weed department is getting ready to spray next spring and helping remove snow. Story at right.
  - Talked about a meeting between county and state emergency personnel to discuss the response to the recent blizzard. Story to come.
  - Approved the purchase of new chains for tires on one of the graders, since the old ones weren't working. Story at left.
  - Talked about bids to fill oxygen cylinders for the ambulance department. Story on Page 12A.

in wherever needed, the road boss said. A big thanks goes out to everyone, he said, including Gaylen Huntley, noxious weed director, and Dwight Stateham with the weed crew, who joined the snowplow crew.

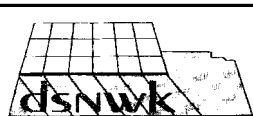
In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard that before the storm hit, the crew was a day away from finishing a bridge near Clayton. It is usable, he said, but they have a day of finish work.
- Held a five-minute closed session with Mr. Stallman for non-elected personnel. There was no action taken.

# Light judging this week

Don't forget to turn on your outdoor Christmas lights tonight, Thursday and Friday for the Oberlin-Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce contest. Anyone in Oberlin, Norcatar or

Jennings can enter. Call the Chamber at (785) 475-3441 to be judged. Winners in Oberlin will receive credit off their city bill, \$75, \$50 and \$25. Jennings and Norcatar winners will get the same in cash.



## Human Services Opportunities

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## Watch the beads



AT THE WINTER FARMER'S MARKET, Martha Fringer untangled a beaded mobile. The market was held Saturday in the Business Enhancement Center in downtown Oberlin.

# Presents are due for tree

## Shoppers to deliver gifts for their angel

Don't forget, all presents for kids on the Oberlin Jaycees' Angel Tree at Fredrickson Insurance need to be turned in by Saturday.

Gifts can be taken to Abby Hissong at the office or at her home. Mrs. Hissong said people who have questions can call her at 475-2696. Parents will be picking up the gifts on Monday or Tuesday.

Mrs. Hissong asks that shoppers wrap the gifts, but if they are unable to, she will do it.

The Angel Tree went up the week before Thanksgiving. Since then, Mrs. Hissong has matched up shoppers with 74 kids, from babies up to age 18. The last one was picked up last Wednesday.

Mrs. Hissong said they plan to give a \$5 movie pass to Sunflower Theater to kids 7 and older. The younger kids will be getting a gift for \$5. Some might get a sled, some books or some other gifts.

# Soups on menu Monday

The Seeds of Hope Telethon will hold a soup supper Monday at the Golden Age Center to help raise money to be given out to the 17 recipients of the 2006 event.

The supper will start at 5 p.m. and last for two hours. On the menu are red chili, vegetable beef soup, chicken noodle soup, desserts and homemade rolls. The group will ask for a donation.

Recipients of the 2006 telethon, which will be held at The Gateway on Saturday, Feb. 11, include the Decatur County Fair Foundation, Kansans for Life, the Norcatar Museum, Teens for Christ, the Oberlin Area Concert Band, Cardinal Kids Connection, Stand Against Violence, Relay For Life, Oberlin Lions Club, Creative Movement Gymnastics, the Jennings Czech Museum, the Oberlin Pool Project, the Decatur County Museum, Special Olympics, the Decatur County Ministerial Association, the Tripple Creek Riders and Salvation Army.

# Weed crew manning plows

The Decatur County noxious weed department is staying busy over the winter by getting ready for the next spray season and helping the road crew plow snow.

Director Gaylen Huntley said after the last meeting, he purchased 180 gallons of Tordon to spray with. The crew used 70 gallons of it before the weather turned. Mr. Huntley

said they have more areas lined up to spray next spring. There are probably 35 to 40 people who need to do something about their weeds, he said.

Mr. Huntley said the weed crew has been helping remove snow. He said they still need a snow blower to help with the job.

Other than that, he said, they have

been repairing equipment for the next spray season. He said he is looking at replacing the tank on the Dodge truck, which will cost around \$400.

Mr. Huntley said he checked on the recycling trailer and it doesn't need to be taken to Colby every Tuesday; he can take it anytime.

# Oberlin man arrested for battery

A 21-year-old Oberlin man was arrested for domestic battery late Saturday night.

After two nights in jail, James Carlisle stood in front of District Magistrate Judge John Bremer and pleaded guilty to domestic battery

on Monday. Chief Wade Lockhart said the incident took place around 11:28 p.m. Saturday when his girlfriend's mother called dispatch. Officer Troy Haas went to the woman's apartment on West Oak.

The chief said Officer Haas took

Mr. Carlisle into custody after a struggle. Although Mr. Carlisle resisted arrest, said Chief Lockhart, he was not charged with that.

He was booked into the Decatur County Jail. There was no alcohol involved, the chief said.

## student of the week



**Name:** Tricia Dorshorst  
**Parents:** Duane and Patricia Dorshorst  
**Grade:** 11  
**Age:** 16

**We've nominated this student because:** of her level of involvement in school activities and the level of her commitment in these activities.

**Student Comment:** I feel really honored to be selected. Thank you to whoever nominated me.

**Activities involved in at school:** Singers, Scholar Bowl, volleyball, basketball, track, vocal, National Honor Society, Drama Club, musi-

cal, all school play, D-Club, weight club, Kayettes, TACT and Science Club.

**My choice of movies, books and games:** I like to play sports for games, I like pretty much any movie and books. I really like mysteries, Agatha Christie is probably my favorite writer.

**After I leave Decatur Community High School I intend to:** Go to college and play volleyball for a while. Then hopefully I'll end up at Kansas State University studying at the veterinarian school.

**And 10 years from now, I think I'll be:** Well, I'll either be still in college or just getting out, so I guess I would just be looking for a job.

**Favorite Quote:** Bad luck is bending over to pick up a four-leafed clover and getting infected by poison ivy.

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