

# Oberlin teenager plans mission trip to South Africa

**By KIMBERLY DAVIS**  
An Oberlin teen plans to travel to South Africa on a two week missions trip at the beginning of June. Teens for Christ Connection has several trips planned this summer, from Mexico to Mississippi to South Africa. Pastor Doug Mason, who heads up the teen group here, said his daughter Amber, 16, is getting ready to head out on her second mission trip.

Salvation Army, doing school programs and going into the bush country to have Bible study.

"While this trip will allow me to demonstrate God's love for people in a real and tangible way," wrote Miss Mason. "I'm sure I will have a much greater understanding of all that serving God means by the end of the trip."

Each morning, she said, the team members will have quiet time to spend with the Lord. In the evenings, they will have team Bible study.

"We'll be taking a deeper look into what it means to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind and strength," she said. "I'm sure I will have a much greater understanding of all that serving God means by the end of the trip."

Miss Mason said she has to raise the money for the trip by next Wednesday. As of last week she was just \$300 to \$400 short of her goal.

She said the \$2,400 will pay for everything on the trip, adding that she is also asking people to pray for her.

Teens for Christ picked the teenagers to go on the trip in late February.

Last year, Miss Mason went to Mexico, where she helped put in a floor on a church. This year, she is heading to South Africa, leaving at the end of May and coming home on June 16.

Getting ready for the trip means raising \$2,400 to travel to Vryheid, South Africa, the land of the Zulu people.

While in South Africa, said Miss Mason, the team will work under missionaries Caleb and Sophie Massey in an orphanage, with the

# Association requests money for study

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A representative from the U.S. Highway 36 Association asked the Decatur County commissioners for \$2,000 at their meeting Tuesday to help pay for a study to widen the two-lane highway through Kansas.

next year.

After the study was done along U.S. 50, he said, they had an advantage because the state took notice. So far, he said, the association can't get a commitment from the state Legislature.

Is the association thinking of hiring the Docking Institute, which did the U.S. 50 study, asked Commissioner Ralph Unger.

The institute gave a presentation at a recent association meeting, Mr. Brown said, so they know the dollar amount.

We need to look at the future, said Commissioner Doyle Brown. The county continues to lose population and there are fewer farmers. If the highway is improved, he asked, will it help? Mr. Brown said there is no way of knowing.

There has to be a starting point, said Mr. Brown, and it seems the association is starting the process.

The commissioners said they would talk about the money, but made no promises.

Larry Brown, from Smith County, said a couple of years ago he came across a story about rebuilding U.S. 50 west of Hutchinson from two lanes to be more like an Interstate. One of the conclusions of that study was that by the end of 2015, the counties on the road would become stagnant and lose population without a better highway.

He said the U.S. 36 Association talked about doing a study for the road across northern Kansas. A better road would have an economic impact across the 13 counties along the Nebraska line, he said.

The association is asking each county for a \$2,000 contribution to help pay for a study. Mr. Brown said they are asking the counties now, because they want to do the study

# Pancake feed tonight

A pancake feed tonight at the Oberlin Covenant Church will help pay medical expenses for a former Oberlin man hurt in a all-terrain vehicle accident early in April.

vehicle. Mr. Hulett was in St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita for several days and now is in outpatient physical therapy.

Schuyler Hulett, 19, was riding a four-wheeler in an old railroad bed in Marion County, friends said. He attempted to jump a field access crossing and was ejected from the

The pancake feed will be from 5 to 7 p.m., with donations accepted. All the money will be sent to Mr. Hulett, who lived in Oberlin for over a year before moving to Florence.



**ON SOUTH BEAVER** last Wednesday, Vivian Bishop's car ran into her house and the home of Stuart Euhus (above) located across the street. Firemen (below) got things ready to take the door of the car off to get Mrs. Bishop out. — Herald staff photos by Steve Haynes and Kimberly Davis

# Woman injured in crash

A 96-year-old Oberlin woman was taken to the hospital last Wednesday after her car struck her house and a neighbor's. Firemen had to use hydraulic tools to get her out of the vehicle.

Just after noon, county dispatch received a call that someone was driving erratically on West Commercial Street.

A few minutes later, a caller said a woman had run into her house on South Beaver.

Police Chief Wade Lockhart said Vivian Bishop, 96, was behind the wheel of the Chevy Caprice Classic four-door. He said it looked like Mrs. Bishop pulled into her driveway at 105 S. Beaver, then backed out and went over the curb across the street. She backed into the yard at the home



of Stuart Euhus and hit a tree. She then put the car in drive and pulled forward. Witnesses said the tires were spinning and smoking as she roared back across the street into the foundation of her own house. Mrs. Bishop then put it in reverse

and sped back across the street, backing into Mr. Euhus' house. Firemen had to cut off the door of the driver's side to get the women out of her mangled car.

Chief Lockhart said Mrs. Bishop didn't have her seat belt fastened.

Although he isn't sure, he said he wondered if she had a medical problem that caused the accident.

She was taken to the Decatur County Hospital with injuries, then transported to Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

# Man speaks to commissioners about job

The Decatur County commissioners talked with a man from North Platte at their meeting Tuesday about hiring him for as ambulance director and a sheriff's deputy.

Randy Kraatz, a paramedic, said now that former director Patrick Pomeroy is gone, the commissioners will have to make a decision.

The commissioners have asked Linda Manning, an emergency medical technician and assistant director in Oberlin, to fill in as interim director. They have not advertised the position yet.

With Mr. Pomeroy gone, said Mr. Kraatz, the county is losing money because there isn't a paramedic here.

With an aging community, said Mr. Kraatz, we shouldn't take a step back in service. If the service can get

## County roundup

At the meeting last Tuesday, the Decatur County commissioners:

- Talked with a man from North Platte about hiring him as the ambulance director and a sheriff's deputy, but didn't make any decisions. Story at left.
- Talked with the interim ambulance

director about things that need to get done with the service. Story to come.

- Received a request from the U.S. Highway 36 Association for \$2,000 to help pay for a study to widen the two-lane road. Story at right.

an advanced person to the scene, it can mean saving a life.

He said he is also willing to get people trained up to a higher level. Currently, said Mr. Kraatz, he is the emergency medical services director of 200 person volunteer service.

He said he is also a certified police officer and with Undersheriff

Randy McHugh leaving, the county may be a bind. There is a lot of time in the ambulance director's schedule where he can do something else, Mr. Kraatz said. He could be part-time for both departments and carry a pager all the time for the ambulance service.

The county will save money that

# Dozer, crane repair approved at meeting

The Decatur County commissioners approved some repairs to the dozer at the landfill and the county's crane at their Tuesday, April 25.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman said the dozer at the landfill, a 1987 Fiat Allis, had a leak. He said he thought it just needed a gasket but when he tore it down, it was actually a piston that was badly pitted. To fix it, said Mr. Stallman, it will cost around \$3,000. The commissioners agreed to the repairs.

The county's crane, said Mr. Stallman, needs repairs to the range box transmission. He has found one in good condition for \$500 from the Norfolk contractors who worked with Husker Steel on the bridges here last summer.

The commissioners approved the purchase.

Both Ambulance Director Patrick Pomeroy and Interim Director Linda Manning talked with the commissioners.

She said she felt overwhelmed at the prospect of taking over the department, but thought it would get better.

Mr. Pomeroy said he talked with Steve Zodrow, auditor with Mapes and Miller, who said they had gone over the books and there was nothing big to report.

The group discussed turning over of the keys to the first response vehicle, the cell phones and any other director things Ms. Manning might

need.

Mr. Pomeroy said he planned to work until the end of the week.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Authorized the county health department to buy 15 doses of meningitis vaccine for college students for \$1,225.
- Presented Karen Eskew, an emergency medical technician, with a certificate for 10 years of service.

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