

Fair board needs three new people after three resign

The Decatur County Fair Board is looking for three new members after resignations of three veteran members recently.

The five remaining board members met Thursday, Sept. 14 night at the 4-H building at the fairground, along with Byron Hale, Kansas State University extension agent.

The group received resignations from Ron Montgomery, James Wasson and LaMoine Wolfram, leaving one position open in each of three county commission districts, said Mr. Hale.

The board has nine members, three seats for each commissioner district, though one of each can be filled at large. Mr. Hale serves as a liaison for the group.

Member Greg Long said he needed to move from the district 1 at-large position to district three because he has moved. Other members are Sonya Gillespie, Cody Richards, Ken Badsky, Pam May and Linda Schroer.

Mr. Hale said they should talk to some people who might be interested in being on the board and then take the names to the commissioners.

Mr. Wolfram and Donna Grone-weg also resigned from the Decatur County Fair Foundation.

The board decided to hold the fair in 2007 from Tuesday, Aug. 7, to Saturday, Aug. 11.

After next year, the fair will be held starting the first Tuesday in August and go until Saturday, instead of just being the first full week, like it has been in the past, Mr. Hale said.

The board discussed putting in a new building for the Oberlin Jaycee's pork burger stand at the fairground. Paul Tally, with the Jaycees, brought an itemized sheet of what they sold, to the board. That board receives 7.5 percent of sales from the stand each year.

Member Ken Badsky said the fair board needs to know what the Jaycees want and what will work for that building. Mr. Tally said they need space for storage. Mr. Long said the building needs to be big enough to work in.

Group meets at cafe

The Decatur County Fair Board may have violated the open meetings and records law when it didn't announce the correct time or place for the September meeting.

The board met on Wednesday, Sept. 13, for its monthly meeting. Kimberly Davis, managing editor of *The Oberlin Herald*, called the county Extension office on Wednesday, Sept. 13 and was told the meeting would be at 8 p.m. at the 4-H building at the fairground.

The agenda for the meeting says that the meeting would begin at 7 p.m. at the Corner Cafe. Although the board members followed the agenda at the 8 p.m. meeting at the fairgrounds, they also met for an hour with a quorum at the Corner Cafe.

County Attorney Steve Hirsch said even if a majority of a quorum, which for the fair board is three members, gathers, it is a meeting under state law and must be open to the public.

Members of the fair board are appointed by the Decatur County commissioners and the fair gets county tax dollars, so the board is subject to the state open meetings and records laws, said Mr. Hirsch.

The board asked Mr. Tally if a member of the Jaycees could be at their next meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 11. Mr. Tally said someone would be there with an idea of what the group needs.

In a day's work



OBERLIN LIONS CLUB MEMBERS Frank Black Jr. (left) and Eldon Huntley (right) helped clean up U.S. 83 six miles south of Oberlin on Monday, Sept. 18. The Lions members volunteer hours of their time in projects like the highway cleanup. — Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Tie-breaker game determines winner from three fans

Three people picked 10 of the 11 winners for Pigskin Pick'em this week, leaving it up to the tie breaker to determine first, second and third place.

Rodney Solko was the closest to the tie-breaker score, guessing that the Colorado Buffaloes would score 10 points while Georgia would score 17. The actual score was Colorado 13 to Georgia's 14.

Mr. Solko won \$15 in scrip. Norm Wendelin came in second, winning \$10. He guessed Colorado would score seven points and Georgia 35.

Third place went to Amanda Grafel, who wins \$5. She guessed Colorado would get 10 points and Georgia 45.

Guessing nine of the winners were Mabel Zimmerman, Owen Wilson, Ivis Hanson, Cody Jacobs, Denise Bailey, Lucas Bailey, Shayla Bailey, Jessica Vaughn, Randy Wilson and Kenny Gee.

Picking eight games right were Gail Bailey, Mark Bailey, Jeanne Tuma, Todd Ketterl, Brock Baxter, C.J. Peters, Travis and Valisha Raile, Dan Grafel, Connie Grafel and Billy McCoy.

Those who guessed seven winners were Vernon Ketterl, Diana Solko, Justin Gee, Don Relaford and Jeff Reinert.

First-place winners each week will get \$15; second place, \$10; and third \$5 in scrip spendable only at the businesses which sponsor the contest — Fidele Electric and Woodcrafting, Golt Home Planning, Ward Drug Store, Raye's Grocery, Fredrickson Insurance Agency, Farm Credit of Western Kansas, the LandMark Inn, R&M Service Center, Prairie Petals,

Wagner Chevrolet and *The Herald*. Winners must pick up their prizes at the newspaper office during the contest period and spend the money before Dec. 31.

Winner's of last weeks games were:

- Louisville over Kansas State University 24-6.
- Oberlin over Quinter 32-19.
- University of Kansas over South Florida 13-7.
- Grinnell over Golden Plains 48-0.
- Nebraska over Troy 56-0.
- Atwood over Colby 30-10.
- Norton over Hill City 50-20.
- Oakley over St. Francis 20-16.
- Washburn over Fort Hays University 37-7.
- McCook over Gering 48-6.
- Denver over New England 17-7.

Arrested man released on \$300,000 bond

A Decatur County farmer was arrested and charged with attempted voluntary manslaughter for allegedly trying to strangle his wife on Sunday, Sept. 17.

Jay Ketterl, 40, was taken to the Decatur County Jail, where he was held until the next day. He posted \$300,000 bond with the help of his brothers, Kevin and Keith Ketterl. He lives near Traer.

County Attorney Steve Hirsch asked in a court filing that the bond be set at \$300,000.

"The court should take into consideration the violent nature of this offense," Mr. Hirsch said, "the severity of the charge, the potential for harm to the victim and the mental state of the defendant."

The charge of attempted voluntary manslaughter carries a penalty

of 38 to 172 months in a state prison and a fine up to \$300,000. The complaint says Mr. Ketterl "intentionally committed an overt act, to wit, strangling Annetta Ketterl," his wife. The charge means the incident occurred "in the heat of passion," and could have resulted in death.

Conditions of the bond require that the defendant have no contact

with his wife, and not leave the state without consent of the county attorney or district court. District Magistrate Judge John Bremer presided over a first appearance on Monday and set a preliminary hearing for Tuesday, Sept. 26. The defense asked for a continuance, and the hearing will be set later.

There was no further information in the court file Monday morning.

Hometown man joins sheriff's office

A hometown boy has returned to work as a deputy for the Decatur County sheriff's office.

Jay Tate started parttime with the department on July 1, then went fulltime on Aug. 1. He replaced Michael French.



Deputy Tate said he graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1993, then went to Bethany College, where he graduated in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in administration of justice.

His work experience includes nine years in child welfare and mental health, he said, a year as a part-time officer in Marquette, and three years as an auxiliary officer in Lindsborg.

He said he returned home in 2000

to live on the family farm, which his great-great-grandfather purchased in 1895.

So far, he said, things are going well. He said he is thankful to be able to work near his family and friends

in the place he lives, rather than commuting.

Deputy Tate said he has always planned on going into law enforcement. He said he is a fourth-generation officer on his dad's side of the

family.

His parents are John and Edie Tate and he is the grandson of Lois Carlson and the late Elder Carlson.

Deputy Tate and his wife Rebecca have three children.

Antiques and Household AUCTION Saturday, Oct. 7, 2006 9:30 a.m.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: This will be a very interesting auction, with lots of antiques, household items and furniture, plus a nice building lot located at Hemming's Addition, Block 11, Lot 1, intersection of Sherman and 2nd St., Atwood, Kansas. Lot will sell at 11 a.m. The lot will be sold in its present condition; taxes will be prorated to day of closing. Title will be transferred with a Quit Claim Deed. Possession at closing, on or before November 7, 2006. 20% down payment day of sale, balance at closing with certified funds.

Sellers: Jack E. Ruda Estate, Rose L. Klenke, Administrator AND the late John and Rose Ruda

Antiques

Floor Lamps • Crocks • Pie Cabinet

(2) Pie cabinets • Hoosier kitchen cabinet w/floor sifter • Wooden cabinet Boiler • Wash tub • Glass bowl for kerosene stove • Old radios • Elgin warming oven • Antique coffee table Clocks • Sewing supplies, some thread on wooden spools, embroidery thread • Dresser w/mirror, 6-drawers Singer sewing machine in cabinet •

New Home sewing machine in cabinet • Speed Queen wringer washing machine • Maytag washing machine, gas/converted to electric • Old maps, calendars • Antique bedroom set • Buttons • Antique jars Old pots and pans • Lots of porcelain pans, etc. • Chrome kitchen table • Coca Cola cartons • Antique mirror •

Horse collars • Single trees • Churn Stoppers • Ruggles crocks, 5 gal., 3 gal., 2 gal. • Western Stone 15 gal. crock • 1 gal. crock jug with inscription: Indian chief, Greatest Waconda Water, Waconda, Kansas • Lg. assort. antique bottles • Metal lunch boxes • Blue Barrel laundry soap • Homemade soap • Old cooking utensils • Gunny

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