

* City looks at idea

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 alcohol or drugs in the past month.
 How long are the teens in the facility? said Mayor Shobe. Around 28 to 30 days, said Ms. Rieken. Usually the teens do school classes on site in the morning and then drug and alcohol classes in the afternoon.
 She said they could put six to seven kids in a house.
 What about the teens at the house in town? asked Mayor Shobe. The 180 house is a different level, she said. The boys have been clean for awhile and just need support. They go to school in town. The idea is to teach them how to live on their own.
 If King's Treatment Center opens a house at the ranch, she said, it would be a level 3 facility.
 Would it be for boys or girls? asked City Administrator Gary Shike. Ms. Rieken said she wasn't sure. Before starting into an operation, she said, they would want the backing of the community.
 Councilman Jay Anderson asked Chief Lockhart what his experience has been with the 180 house. The chief said he hasn't had any problems with the house or the teens in it.

The teens from the 180 house, said high school Principal Charles Haag, are personable and present no problem. He said the school district would have to look at the possibility of having a school at the ranch and how it would work, depending on the money from the state. At the youth ranch, classes were pretty rocky at first, but there was a turnaround, said Mr. Haag, and everything was going well.

If a drug and alcohol treatment facility opened at the ranch, said Mr. Haag, the school district would probably be better off providing education there, especially if the teens turn over every 30 days.
 Is there a market for this kind of facility? asked Dr. Anderson.
 Ms. Reiken said she will be calling Valley Hope in Norton because she thinks that facility works with adolescents, but she doesn't know if they have an inpatient program.
 The city still owes \$183,871 on the buildings over the next five years, said Mayor Shobe. If someone interested can help work on that amount, it would be good. It sounds like this could be an option. The county has already been made for the schools this year, he said, and it sounds like the teachers will still be working.

Ms. Rieken said if her firm opens a facility at the ranch, they probably wouldn't hire back all of the staff. There is a different screening process, she said.
 How many people would this kind of facility hire? asked Councilwoman Rhonda May. There would be a counselor and a case manager in each house, then several house parents. She said that would be five to six people in each house. They would also need a cook, office manager and nurse.
 Are there any other opportunities? said Mayor Shobe. Connie Grafel, Economic Development Corp. marketing director, said the facility could be advertised for sale. That might mean no jobs for teachers or anyone else. It was started for kids and it should be used for them, she said.

Mr. Haag said Rep. Dick Kelsey, the principal of King's Camp, is a nice man, but he often wasn't available when they needed him. Ms. Rieken is here and works with the boys one on one, he said.
 Councilman Joe Stanley said he had been in favor of getting rid of the facility, but this idea sounds like a better deal and could bring back some of the lost jobs. Ms. May agreed.
 This could be a very positive step, said Mayor Shobe, instead of the city washing its hands of the whole thing and selling the ranch.
 Ms. Grafel said she talked to three of the neighbors next to the 180 house and they were all positive.
 Ms. Rieken said she needed to talk with Mr. Bechler about the idea.

A little guitar pickin'



JOHN JUENEMANN sang at the Golden Age Center recently before lunch was served at the meal site. Mr. Juenemann and his family have put out two albums. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Crew works on new plant

The construction crew is working full speed on the new city wastewater treatment lagoons south of town.
 Chris Miller, with Miller and Associates, told the Oberlin City Council at its meeting Thursday, Sept. 21 night that the crew is starting to pour the concrete structure. There were some weeds growing in the bottom of the lagoons, he said, and those had to be removed. Mr. Miller said all of the pipes will have to be put in before the crew lays the liners.
 Rain has slowed down the work a little, he said, but in about two weeks, the crew will start to put in the plastic liners.
 The road to the plant, Sunflower Avenue, gets kind of soggy in spots, he said, so the city is paying for \$1,500 worth of gravel in the construction costs, with the county doing the work.
 The council discussed the need to get the wall at the band shell in City Park repaired. City Administrator Gary Shike said he is trying to get an estimate, but so far he hasn't gotten anywhere.
 Councilman Joe Stanley said he thought the project was brought up about five years ago. Mr. Shike said it was put on a list that was sent to Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development, and that agency was going to look for grant money. Nothing has come up yet, he said, but the project is still on the list.
 In other business, the council:
 • Heard that Mayor Ken Shobe has been appointed to the intergenerational action team with Decatur Tomorrow. They are putting together a presentation, he said, and he could show it to the council. Mayor Shobe said one of the recommendations from the planning process is to invite young people to a council meeting. He said he might go talk to the government teacher at the high school and see if he can talk to the students.
 • Heard that the Kansas League of Municipalities is offering a contest for seventh graders to write essays on the theme, "If I were Mayor I would..." The winner gets a \$250 savings bond from the league. Mayor Shobe said if a student here wins the regional contest, he would like the city to do something. The council agreed to give the student \$50 and the mayor said he would also give the person \$50.
 • Learned the city crew will be flushing hydrants today and Thursday.
 • Heard that sewer cleaning is done for the year with no real problems detected. The system under the grade school, said Mr. Shike, isn't very good. It is cast iron, he said. If something happens to that part of the system, how would it be fixed, someone asked. Mr. Shike said he didn't want to think about it.
 • Looked at the new digger truck, which city Foreman Dan Castle had parked in the arena.
 • Held closed sessions of 20 and 10 minutes for attorney-client privilege. Although City Attorney Steve Hirsch wasn't at the meeting, he was on a speaker phone. Also included were the mayor, city administrator and Chris Miller, with Miller and Associates, the engineer working on the sewer and water system. There was no action taken after the council came back to open session.

Oberlin native continues lawsuit

By JAN KATZ ACKERMAN
Colby Free Press

A former Oberlin woman continues her lawsuit against the owners of a Pratt moving company, charging that they want too much money to deliver her furniture, but still doesn't have her things after more than a year.
 Barbara Young-Duell and the owners of Wegele & Wegele Vanlines Inc. have battled since last year over how much money Mrs. Young-Duell owes for having furniture moved from Oberlin to Colby.

The dispute started, court papers show, after Wilson Moving Co. of Hays subcontracted the move of Mrs. Young-Duell's household furnishings to Blaze L. and Dena D. Wegele.
 Wilson Moving closed just days before her June 2005 move, the suit said. At the onset of the dispute, Mrs. Young-Duell said that when Wegele arrived at her home and started to unload the truck in Colby, a cost difference of several thousand dollars surfaced. She said an oral quote of less than \$2,000 Wilson gave her should have been honored.

According to court documents, she claims Wegele wants \$8,000 more than Wilson Moving quoted in April 2005 to move her property.
 Now back in court, Mrs. Young-Duell, through her attorney, Jeff Mason of Goodland, says the firm is holding her furniture. She is asking for return of her property and damages in excess of \$75,000 for "wrongful detention of property," and "mental and emotional anguish" caused by Wegele.
 The Wegeles, through their attorney, Stephen M. Kerwick of Foulston-Kiefkin LLP of Wichita,

are countersuing.
 The Wegeles claim Mrs. Young-Duell owes them the \$8,019 in tariff charges, plus \$11,008 in services, packing materials, labor and storage fees.
 In August 2005, criminal charges were filed against Blaze L. Wegele alleging he intentionally obtained or exerted control over Mrs. Young-Duell's property. Judge Richard Ress dismissed the case in December, saying the Wegele's conduct was "governed by administrative rules, regulations and tariffs recognized by the State of Kansas."

County agrees to pay for insurance

The Decatur County commissioners agreed to help pay for liability insurance for the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. for the rest of the year at their meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 28.
 Greg Lohoefer, chairman of the agency's board, said they have to carry liability insurance as part of the requirements from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which gave the group an \$85,000 grant to do micro loans.
 The corporation gets money from the city and county to help bring new businesses to town.
 The first insurance bid, said Mr.

Lohoefer, would cover two corporation members to sign the micro loan checks for \$956.
 He said he then called Kansas Counties Multi-line Pool, the county's insurance carrier. That plan would cover a lot more, including if the members drive to a conference, rent land, do a micro loan, insure the business center and more. Mr. Lohoefer said the bid was for \$2,286.
 Does the corporation have any insurance now? asked Commissioner Doyle Brown. Mr. Lohoefer said he thinks he Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center in the old Farmers Na-

tional Bank building downtown is covered, but he isn't sure.
 Commissioner Ralph Unger said the group could add the center to this policy and get rid of the other one — if there is one.
 The biggest issue is how to pay for it, said Mr. Lohoefer.
 He said a lot of the corporation's cash is tied up. The first micro loan of \$20,000 to a county resident has been approved by the board and submitted to the Department of Agriculture.
 The commissioners called Tom Job with the insurance carrier. Mr. Job said the policy would be separate from the county's because the

corporation is a separate entity.
 Mr. Unger asked if the pool has the coverage on the building, but Mr. Job said they do not.
 Mr. Lohoefer asked if the county would help pay for the insurance. If it is prorated for the year, it will be around \$500 to \$600 for the rest of the year, said Mr. Unger.
 The commissioners agreed to pay up to \$600 for the rest of the year for the insurance. They asked Mr. Lohoefer to see which company has the policy on the building and combine it with that one. The commissioners didn't make any promises to pay for the insurance next year.

Fashion show to be held at Gateway on Saturday

With the help of the Dresser, the Decatur County Stand Against Violence will hold a fashion show and table-decorating fund raiser at The Gateway on Saturday.
 The group will be teaming with Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services to present the event.

The group sent out a letter to civic groups asking if they would decorate a table for the fashion show. They are asking groups and individuals to decorate tables, everything from a table cloth, to place settings, to setting the table and then tearing it down afterward.
 People attending the show will

judge the tables and pick first, second and third places.
 The entry fee for the event is \$25 a table. Anyone who wants to decorate one can mail the entry fee, name of group or person doing the table and the fee to Carol Morford at 108 N. Rodeaver Oberlin, Kan. 67749 or Bev Reiter at 112 S. York

Oberlin, Kan. 67749.
 The tables will go on display at 1 p.m. the day of the show, and the fashion show will start at 2 p.m.
 There won't be tickets for the show but anyone who wants to give a donation towards Decatur County Stand Against Violence can do so at the show.



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 An uplifting, motivating concert packed full of music, stories, gift give aways and loads of fun for folks of all ages!
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 Assembly of God Church, 120 S. Buffalo, Oberlin, KS
 Saturday, October 14th 7 p.m.
 Sunday, October 15th, 11 a.m. Special Sunday morning service
 Sunday, October 15th 7 p.m.
 We hope to see you there!

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING
 The governing body of
 CITY OF DRESDEN
 will meet on the 23rd day of October, 2006 at 8 p.m. at City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.
 Detailed budget information is available at the Office of the Decatur County Clerk and will be available at this hearing.
BUDGET SUMMARY
 Proposed Budget 2007 Expenditures and Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2007 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	2005		2006		Proposed Budget 2007		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	13,429	9.030	11,000	9.027	12,000	1,863	9.231
Special Highway	5,130		5,892				
Totals	18,559	9.030	16,892	9.027	12,000	1,863	9.231
Less: Transfers	8,094						
Net Expenditure	10,465		16,892		12,000		
Total Tax Levied	1,857		1,857				
Assessed Valuation	205,667		205,729		201,812		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,							
2004			2005		2006		
G.O. Bonds							
Revenue Bonds							
Other							
Lease Purchase Principal							
Total	0		0		0		

*Tax rates are expressed in mills
 Margaret Rhodes
 Dresden City Treasurer

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