

Telethon needs talent

The Seeds of Hope Telethon Committee needs talent for the event on Saturday, Feb. 3, at The Gateway.

For the past 11 years, the committee has put on the event to raise money which is given out to charitable organizations in the county. The all-day event, starting at 1 p.m., includes hourly on-air auctions, a concession stand and local talent.

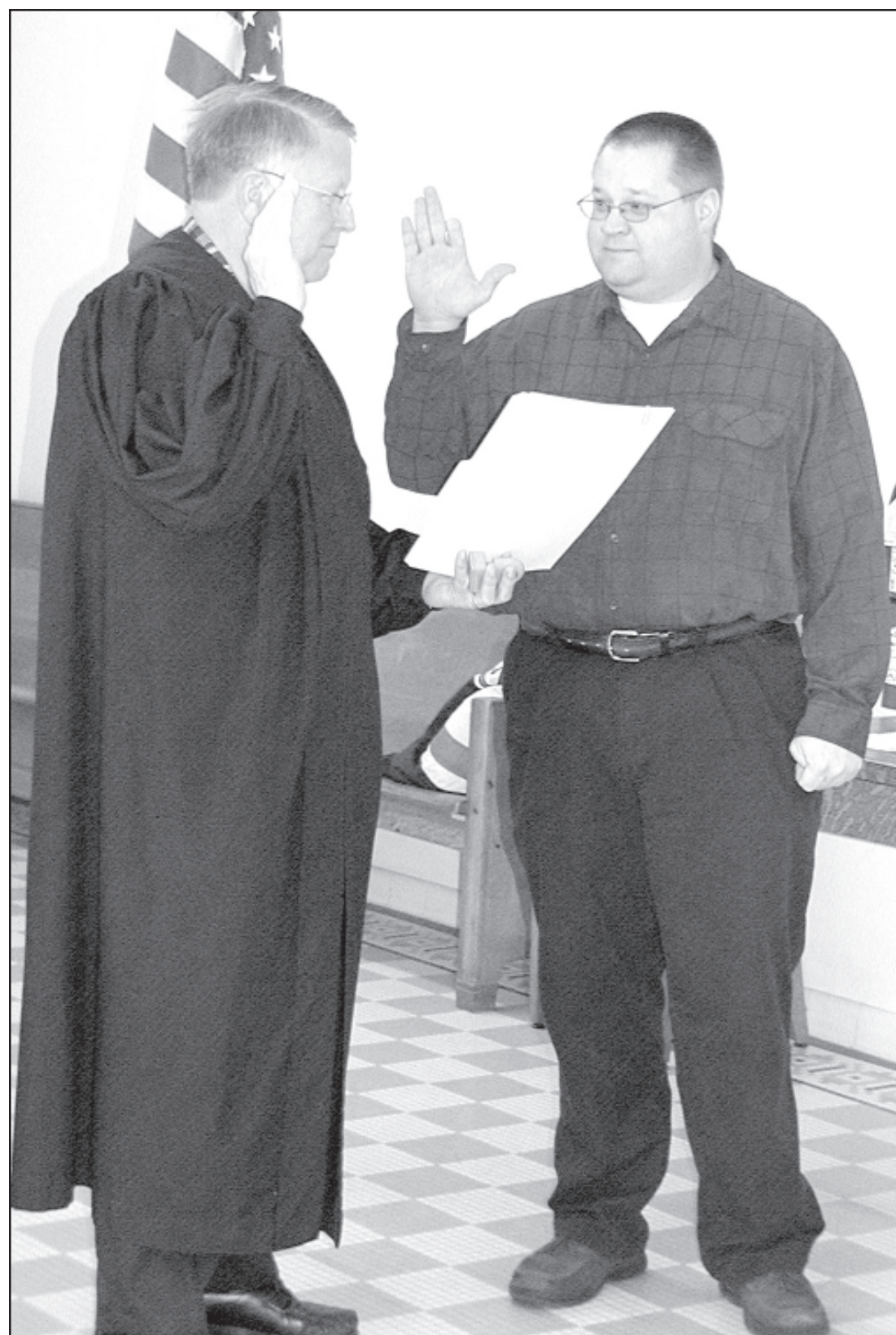
Performances will include vocalists, instrumentalists, gymnasts and more. Committee members Kristi Smith and Kimberly Davis are working now on the telethon schedule for this year and still need more talent. Anyone interested in performing can call them at 475-3510 in the evening or call Mrs. Davis during the day at 475-2206.

Mrs. Davis said the committee also needs some volunteers to work in the kitchen during the telethon. Anyone interested can contact any of the committee members, including Jack Benton, Bill Duncan, Peg Smith, Regina Stanley and Brenda Ulery.

Anyone who wants to donate an item for the auction can also contact any of the members. The telethon will be on the local access cable channel 7 or people can come to The Gateway to watch.

This year's recipients are the Decatur County Fair Foundation for the new livestock building, Kansans for Life, the Norcat Public Library, Norcat Museum, Teens for Christ, the Oberlin Area Concert Band, Decatur County Relay for Life, the Oberlin Lions Club, Creative Movement Gymnastics, the Jennings Czech Museum, the Decatur County Museum, the Decatur County Ministerial Association, the Jennings City Library, the Tripple Creek Riders, FROGS Camp, the Salvation Army, the Girl Scouts and the United Explorers.

Commissioner takes office



AT THE COURTHOUSE on Monday, insurance man Stan McEvoy was sworn in by District Magistrate Judge John Bremer as a county commissioner. Mr. McEvoy will take Commissioner Patricia Glenn's seat after winning the general election in November.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Alliance discusses holiday activities, season's business

Members of the Oberlin Business Alliance agreed Wednesday that the activities over the holiday season had gone well, although one store owner questioned keeping stores open on Sundays.

Rusty Addleman, owner of Addleman Drug Store, said they had just eight people in on all of the Sundays the store was open in December. Two of those were in for prescriptions, he added, so they would have come in anyway.

Joe Stanley, owner of Stanley Hardware, said he had some good Sundays and some bad ones.

Karen Metcalf, with the Dresser, said she thought the season had gone pretty well, although she didn't think there was ever a big push of people.

Several of the retailers who are members of the alliance weren't able to make it to the meeting last Wednesday.

The members said Tammy Wasson, with the Decatur Co-op, who was the fourth quarter chair, had done a wonderful job.

Mrs. Wasson said she thought the second free matinee in December went better than the first one. There weren't very many kids at the first free movie on Saturday, Dec. 9. After the two drawings and the soup lunch on Saturday, Dec. 16, she said,

there were more kids.

The group briefly discussed the soup lunch on Saturday, Dec. 16, which brought in \$517 for the Christmas decoration fund and cost only \$50.

The group agreed that the nativity scene displayed in Centennial Park needs new lights. Mr. Addleman, first quarter chair, asked if anyone remembered the last time the scene had been repaired. Mrs. Metcalf said she thought it was three to four years ago when they replaced the rope lights that outline the scene.

Mr. Stanley said the rope lights can probably be cut and spliced, but it would probably be better to just replace them.

He said he will look and see what he can get. Mr. Stanley said he didn't think he would be able to get any lights until May.

Mrs. Metcalf said she thought they owed a big thank you to Mr. Stanley for opening up one of his windows for the food drive every year. It is a worthy cause, she said.

The members started to discuss upcoming activities and giveaways, including a gift basket for the person who can pick the winner and the correct score for the Super Bowl. Alliance members also talked about giving away a dinner and night at the LandMark Inn for Valentine's Day.

Homeshow March 17-18

Reservations are being taken for the fourth annual Home and Garden Show, sponsored by the Oberlin-Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce and KFNFRatio on Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18, at The Gateway.

Anyone who wants to reserve either a 10x10-foot or a 10x20-foot booth can call Chamber Manager Glenva Nichols at 475-3441 to get

an application.

The bigger booths cost \$175, while the smaller one is \$125. Both include one table and two chairs and electricity. The price of the booth includes a live interview on KFNFR both days.

Reservations should be mailed to the Chamber office at 104 S. Penn Oberlin, Kan. 67749 by Wednesday, Feb. 28. Include a check.

Council thanks the city crew

The Oberlin City Council thanked the city crew Thursday, saying they had done "a wonderful job" cleaning up after the recent storms and keeping the power on to most of the town.

City Foreman Dan Castle said he thought the crew is doing a good job and working hard. Councilman Ray Ward said they didn't just do a good job, but a fantastic job.

"I can't believe," said Councilwoman Rhonda May, "that most of us didn't lose power. Our town has had power 95 percent of the time during both storms."

She said they need to brag about the city's long-term plan of trimming trees along power lines, because that helped keep the power on around town. Otherwise those limbs

would have fallen and damaged lines, she said.

People from other towns in the area, said City Clerk Deanna Castle, have commented on how impressed they are with Oberlin's street cleanup. Those towns, she added, didn't get as much snow as Oberlin.

Councilman Joe Stanley, who was serving as mayor, said a business owner downtown told him a delivery driver said that the streets here were better than the streets in any of his other stops.

The city crew has done a great job and has worked especially hard the last three weeks through the two storms, said Mr. Stanley.

The council signed off on the payroll for the city employees. City Administrator Gary Shike said the

council needs to sign the pay rate paper so that the auditors can see that the council knows what everyone is being paid.

In other business, the council:

- Heard a request from Kim Davis with the Seeds of Hope Telethon committee inviting the mayor, administrator or one of the council members to open the event on Saturday, Feb. 3. The council agreed that the mayor, who wasn't at the meeting, would want to do the opening. Mrs. Davis said if he wasn't able to be there, she would be at a future council meeting to ask for another volunteer.
- Approved the statement of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, which the city has to do every year.

Wetlands gets nod of approval

The Oberlin City Council agreed Thursday that the Sappa Park Committee should continue working on a wetlands area at the park, even if the engineer can't guarantee how much water might get to it.

City Administrator Gary Shike said members of the committee told him they want to proceed with the project if the engineers can say how much water will get to the park from

the outflow of the new waste water treatment plant.

Mr. Shike said he has received a spread sheet estimating what the outflow from the sewer plant will be from Chris Miller with Miller and Associates. Mr. Miller, said Mr. Shike, won't guarantee after the water leaves the plant how much will get to the park. Councilwoman Rhonda May said she thought the

committee should move ahead with the plans for the wetlands. Councilman Jay Anderson agreed.

When it rains, said Councilman Joe Stanley, who was filling in as mayor, the wetlands will fill up and when it is a really dry year, at least there will be a new land feature. Both will attract some kind of wildlife, he said, adding that he would like the committee to proceed.

Still waiting for New Year's baby

Almost two weeks into 2007, there hasn't been a New Year's baby born at Decatur County Hospital.

A nurse at the hospital said Monday that they don't know of anyone due until March, so it could be another month or so before the 2007 baby is born.

Each year, Oberlin merchants get together to welcome the first baby of the year and congratulate the parents, offering gifts and presents.

Some years, the baby comes right after the first, and other years it's a

little later.

The first baby to be born at Decatur County Hospital and family will receive gifts from 12 businesses, including a:

- \$10 gift certificate from Ward Drug Store.
- \$25 gift certificate from Addleman Drug Store.
- \$25 savings bond from First National Bank.
- \$10 gift certificate from the Dresser.
- Special gift from Ray Jewelry.

- \$20 gift certificate from Mary Kay.
- Case of baby food from Raye's Grocery.
- \$10 gift card from Stanley Hardware.
- Gift from Fredrickson Insurance Agency.
- Pizza for two from Pizza Hut.
- \$25 gift certificate from Rocking R.
- Year's subscription to *The Oberlin Herald*.

Cover Your Acres set at Gateway

It's time to make plans to attend the Cover Your Acres winter conference at The Gateway later this month.

The conference will be Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 23 and 24, giving farmers a chance to discuss the latest technology, methods and conservation practices to improve crop production.

Anyone can register, with one day costing \$17, two days \$32 and late registration \$35 a day. To register, check out the ad on Page 12 of today's *Oberlin Herald* and mail in the form by Thursday, Jan. 18, with a check.

The two-day conference will have the same programs each day. Some of those include government

programs for no-till farming, the state of fertilizer in 2007, global positioning technology, the economics of biofuels, the 2007 farm bill, skip-row corn planting, and yields and economics of no-till wheat and sunflower management.

Sponsors will have exhibits in the arena.

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