

# County looks for pickup

The Decatur County commissioners asked the noxious weed director to send out a specification sheet for new or used pickups to haul the recycling trailer to Colby at their meeting last Tuesday.

Director Gaylen Huntley said he had found one, but it had been sold. He said he would send out the sheets, although he doesn't have the money in his budget. The vehicle would be used for both recycling and the weed department.

The commissioners asked him to go ahead and get bids and have them sent to the county clerk's office by Monday, Aug. 27.

Clerk Marilyn Horn said she is looking for some grant money since the vehicle will be used for recycling as well as weed spraying.

When the recycling building gets going, said Mrs. Horn, a truck from Colby will come to pick up the items. The plan after that, said Mr. Huntley, is to take the trailer to Jennings, Norcatour and Dresden on a rotating schedule so people in those areas can use it without having to drive to Oberlin.

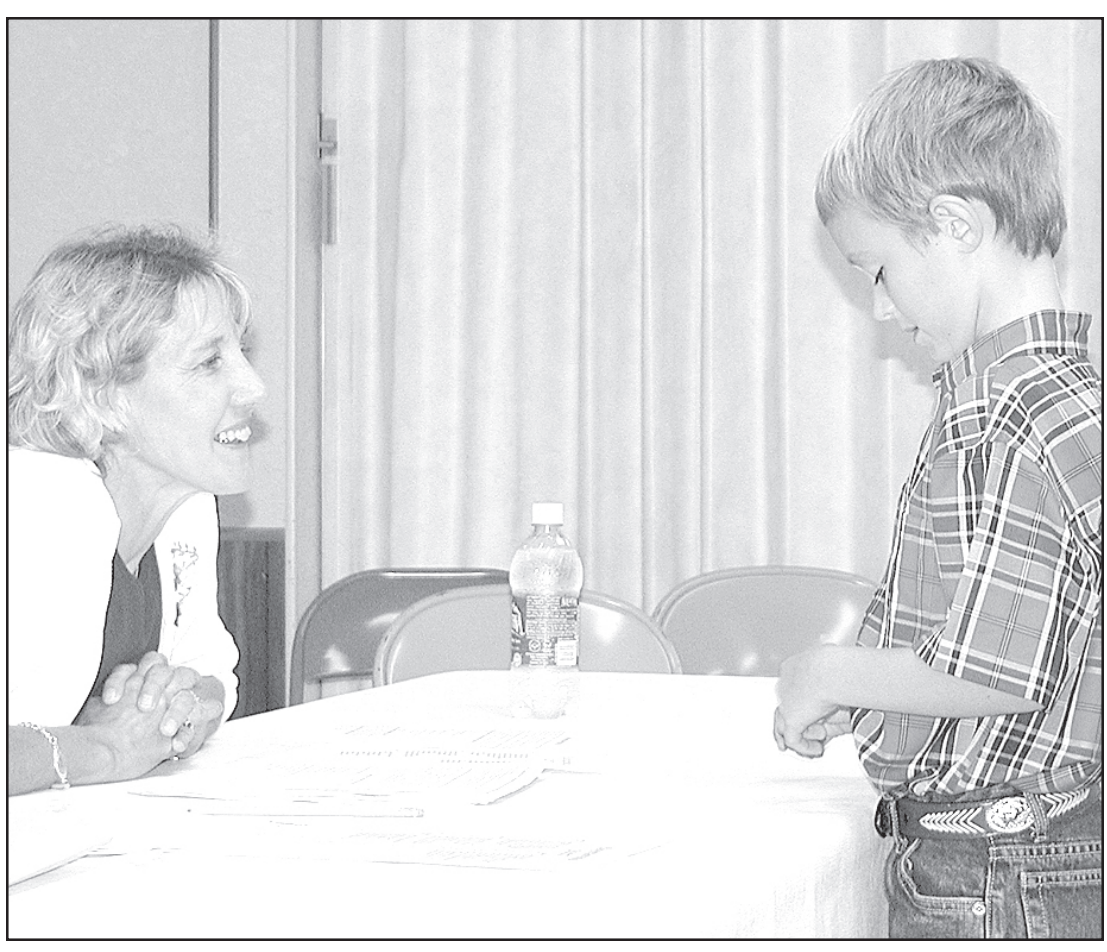
Mr. Huntley said the county transit bus has new tires and will be serviced this week. The part needed to fix the ramp is on the way, he added.

The commissioners ratified a purchase of \$800 for 50 gallons of the weed killer 2,4-D. Mr. Huntley said he has already sold 40 gallons to landowners.

He said he had sprayed along the highway for spotted napweed, which is a highly noxious weed. Mr. Huntley said he wanted the commissioners to know that the weed is in the county.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard that Register of Deeds Judy Gaumer did purchase a computer that was approved at the last meeting in July.
- Approved transfer of \$4,896 to the extension council account out of the employee benefits, the second and final transfer for the year.
- Talked with Michelle Morris with Northwest Kansas Domestic and Sexual Violence Services out of Colby, who said the agency helped eight residents from Decatur County this year, two more than last year. She said they appreciated the \$600 from the county last year and were hoping for the same this year. The commissioners said they would take the request under advisement.
- Heard that the air conditioner at the Oberlin ambulance barn had been serviced and was running well.



## Dressed in their very best

**DRESSED IN HIS BEST**, Gatlin Hissong (above) talked to the judge during the buymanship part of the 4-H fashion judging last Tuesday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church. Gatlin modeled a button-up western shirt with jeans and boots and a basketball outfit with matching socks and shoes. Sierra Lohofener (right) modeled her '70s-style shirt and brown skirt for the judge. The kids could either make clothes or buy clothes and model them. A public fashion revue is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Friday at The Gateway.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis



# Emergency preparedness director hired

The Decatur County commissioners hired the deputy emergency preparedness director on as the director at their meeting last Tuesday.

The position formerly held by Bert Cool, a dispatcher and long-time sheriff's deputy, was advertised throughout July, bringing in three applicants. Mr. Cool served in the position part-time. A year ago in January 2006, Patti Skubal, a part-time deputy, was hired as his assistant. Mr. Cool resigned, said County Clerk Marilyn Horn, but continues as a part-time dispatcher. A former Kansas City, Mo., police detective, he came to Decatur County as undersheriff in 1985.

After a recess for lunch, the commissioners met with Mrs. Skubal about the position. She said although she still needs more training, she feels comfortable about doing the job.

She said she has talked with Sheriff Ken Badsy about continuing to work part-time for the sheriff's office, helping with vehicle inspections and other work.

The commissioners offered Mrs. Skubal \$26,000 a year for the director's job, which will now be full-time. Two-thirds of her salary will be paid from the general budget and one-third from the sheriff's budget.

Mrs. Skubal agreed to the salary, but said she hoped there would be plans for an increase as she gets

more training.

Commissioner Ralph Unger said she needed to remember that emergency management will be her top priority, with the sheriff's office duties being secondary.

She and the commissioners talked about a vehicle, saying that she could maybe use one from the sheriff's department or her own, but if she uses her own, she should be paid mileage.

Mrs. Skubal said she is on the regional planning committee for emergency management. As the director, she said, her duties will include managing, maintaining and updating the county's emergency operations plan, coordinating with all agencies to bring the plan into compliance with the state. She said that working with the local emergency planning committee, she coordinates response efforts and exercises dealing with emergency plans and procedures.

Mrs. Skubal said she is also part of an incident management team for the state with deals which responds to any declared disaster in Kansas.

As the director, she said, her goal is to try to bring all agencies in the county together to come up with an emergency operation plan that will work. There is a plan, she said, but it is from 1991, and they are working on a new one.

## Back-to-School picnic is next Wednesday

Time is running out to get signed up for the free Back-to-School Picnic planned next Wednesday at City Park.

Friday is the last day to call the Chamber office at (785) 475-3441 to sign up so the manager knows how many people to plan to order chicken for. The meat will be provided, but everyone is asked to bring a salad or dessert to share and their own table service.

The picnic is sponsored by the Oberlin Business Alliance, Decatur

County Area Chamber of Commerce and the Oberlin School District, offering a chance to meet and mingle with new and old teachers and staff. It starts at 6:30 p.m. in the park.

Decatur Community High coaches will talk about their teams for fall sports and new teachers and staff in the Oberlin School District will be invited to introduce themselves.

In case of bad weather, the picnic will move into the high school cafeteria.

## Benefit tickets on sale

There's only one week left to buy tickets for dinner during the annual Decatur County Hospital benefit on Saturday, Aug. 18.

People who want to go the dinner need to buy tickets by next Wednesday at the hospital. Cost is \$25 a person.

Before the meal of prime rib, salad, potato bar, mixed vegetables and dessert, teams of four will play golf at the Oberlin Country Club.

Hospital Administrator Lynn Doeden said all of the spots for the tournament are full. During the day, anyone with a hole-in-one will get a \$1,000 payout.

At the dinner, people have a chance to buy tickets to win a DeckMate fire pit, Kodak Easyshare digital camera, Crosley chest freezer, Odyssey White Hot putter or a Wilson cart bag, just to name a few items.

All of the money raised will go to purchasing a recumbent bike for the hospital's physical therapy department and equipment and decor for the new specialty clinic addition.

## Hospital hires X-ray technician

Decatur Health Systems has a new face in the radiology department at Decatur County Hospital. Keona King, 22, started as a radiological technician the middle of July.

Miss King is from Illinois, and earned an associate degree in applied science in Kaskaskia College in Centralia.

She said she was always interested in x-rays and that kind of work, so she decided to study it in college. Miss King said she found the job in Oberlin on the Internet and

wanted to move to a different place, so she and her boyfriend, Kenny Strader, and their son Keenan, who is 2 1/2, moved here.

Miss King said her boyfriend runs a flooring business out of their home. In their free time, she said, they like to go to the dirt-track races and do "family things," like going to the park and cooking out.

Hospital Administrator Lynn Doeden said with Miss King at the hospital, they now have two people in the radiology department.



Keona King

### COUNTRY SETTING WITH CITY AMENITIES!



**607 S. FRAZIER.** This 6 bedroom, 3 bath restored Victorian farmhouse with friendly front porch was built in 1925 and was lovingly maintained throughout the decades. All 3 levels are completely finished and include many recently new features such as refinished hardwood floors, updated kitchen, new carpet and new interior paint. The laundry/computer center is conveniently located on the main level adjacent to the kitchen. The U-shaped kitchen opens to a sunny dining room with sliding doors leading to a cedar deck. A special perk is the large finished double car garage with workbench and attic storage. This 1 acre-plus yard affords livability for both pets and people. This is one home you must see!

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## Carnival Schedule ----- Volunteers are still needed! Call Vicky Ray at 475-3351 or Stop by Ray Jewelry

	Tuesday Aug 7	Wednesday Aug 8	Thursday Aug. 9	Friday Aug. 10	Saturday Aug. 11
<b>Baseball Toss</b>	E D. Koerperich L Geishler/Stallman	Janice Shobe Marilyn Horn	T. Phillips Volunteer Needed	K&M Rush Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
<b>Birthday Wheel</b>	E Stacy Hilemann L Tyler Bruggeman	Stacy Hileman Tina Ashley	T. Shaughnessey Volunteer Needed	Tina Ashley Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Trish Henningson
<b>Break-A Plate</b>	E Pam Simonsson L Pratts	Pam Simonsson Pratts	Travis Raile Marilyn Horn	Dave Olson Volunteer Needed	Dave Olson Volunteer Needed
<b>Darts</b>	E Pam Simonsson L Shelby Hackney	L & Peg Roe Geishler/Stallman	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
<b>Duck Pond</b>	E Good Sam L Good Sam	L. Glaze Faith Lutheran	L. Glaze Tiffany Phillips	G. & A. Millers Penny Arnoldy	G. & A. Millers Volunteer Needed
<b>Hi Striker</b>	E Gun L Club	Gun Club	Antique Club	Doug Horn Rick Pauls	Doug Horn Doug Horn
<b>Kid Game</b>	E Shelby Hackney L Vickie Lippelman	H&J Votapka M & T Farr	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
<b>Kid Swings</b>	E G&S Fredrickson L Volunteer Needed	Vickie Lippelman Volunteer Needed	D&J Glading Volunteer Needed	Stanley Hardware	Travis Raile Volunteer Needed
<b>Lollipop Tree</b>	E Marty Olson L Bernice Martin	Modern Woodmen	Wilma May Connie Olson	Caroline Jacobs Volunteer Needed	D. Solko I. Ray
<b>Moon Walk</b>	E Faith Lutheran L Myrna Jones	M. Jones D. Koerperich	Faith Lutheran Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Myrna Jones Volunteer Needed
<b>Outhouse Alley</b>	E The Reicherts L R&S Olson	Farmers Bank & Trust	The Bank	Shriners Shriners	The Reicherts Volunteer Needed
<b>Soda Can</b>	E PEO L Club	DPW DPW	Faith Lutheran Church	Faith Lutheran Church	Shriners Shriners
<b>Sinko</b>	E Alif L Be Khe	Alif Be Khe	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Pi Alpha	Hirsch Volunteer Needed
<b>Plinko</b>	E L	-----Decatur Health Systems-----			
<b>Ric-O-Chet</b>	E Monday L Evening Club	American Legion	Oberlin Knights	American Legion	American Legion
<b>Kiddie Cars</b>	E Metcalf L P. Arnoldy	T. Shaw/S. Wurm Volunteer Needed	D&J Glading Ray/M. Lohofener	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
<b>Top Toss</b>	E L	-----Volunteers Needed-----			

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## Internet tonight! Call 475-2206!