

* Group seeks doctor

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The last time the doctor procurement committee was used was in hiring Dr. Stellan Andreca two years ago. During that process the committee didn't hire a firm, Dr. Andreca found them.

The committee will continue to also look for a new physician. She said she is doing some internet searches and sent out inquiries to doctors who are looking at Kansas.

It isn't necessarily easy to find someone for rural Kansas, said Mrs. Doeden, and the process is very time consuming. The committee will take any leads others have, she said.

* Water draining off plant

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Now, with the exception of the three months in the summer, he said. Work on the plant started in June 2006. The old plant which, also south of

town, didn't meet the new federal standards for discharging waste water, he said.

The original cost estimate for the plant was \$2.6 million, but that dropped to \$1.9 million after bids came in lower than expected, the engineer said.

It actually cost \$1.9 million to build the plant. Of that, \$400,000 came from a state-federal Community Development Block Grant and the rest from a state-revolving loan which the city has to pay off over the next 20 years. The city had to raise the average sewer bill \$8.66 per month, said City Administrator Gary Shike.

Weather training class set

The National Weather Service in Goodland and the Decatur County Emergency Management office plan a severe-weather training session for spring.

Patti Skubal, county emergency management director, said the class is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26 at The Gateway. It will last about two hours, with Dave Floyd, warning coordination meteorologist with the weather office in Goodland, giving a presentation on severe weather.

Included in the class will be pictures from the Greensburg tornado last year and weather pictures from this area.

Mrs. Skubal said spotters have provided information to the weather service during the summer, but not so much in the winter. She said they need spotters to participate in the winter, too.

City to talk salaries

The Oberlin City Council will start discussions about salaries for 2008, with a good majority of it being behind closed doors to talk about specific employees.

The council meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, downstairs in The Gateway. The meeting is open to the public and will not be aired on the local cable access channel 7.

Offices close for holiday

Federal offices and financial institutions will be closed on Monday for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Most other businesses will be open, including *The Oberlin Herald*. There will be no mail service, so advertising and news may be left at the Herald office in the slot in the front door over the weekend or brought to the office on Monday



OBERLIN'S TOBY PETERS lines up a free throw during the Quinter game Friday. The Bulldogs defeated the Red Devils 90-51. — Herald staff photo by Jim Merriott

Tournament to start Tuesday

Decatur Community High School will be hosting the 39th Annual Oberlin Invitational Basketball tournament this week at the high school.

Teams from as far as Denver and Colorado Spring, Colo. will start lacing up their sneakers.

The tournament was scheduled to start Tuesday night with girls competition. The Rawlins County Lady Buffaloes played arch rival St. Francis Indians in the junior high gym. The Oakley Lady Plainsmen tackled their arch rival, the Quinter Lady Bulldogs. Both games started at 5:30 p.m.

The second round starts Thursday. Oberlin plays James Irwin starting at 6 p.m. in the senior high gym. Hoxie will face Jefferson Academy starting at 6 p.m. in the junior high gym.

On the boys side of the tournament Tuesday, The Quinter Bulldogs faced off against the St. Francis Indians around 7 p.m. in the senior high gym. The Rawlins County Buffaloes faced the Oakley Plainsmen in the junior high gym.

Thursday the second night of the tournament, Oberlin is scheduled to play Jefferson Academy starting at 7:30 p.m. in the senior high school

gym. The Hoxie Indians square-off against James Irwin at 7:30 p.m. in the junior high gym.

The semi-finals and consolation games will begin starting at 3:30 Friday.

On the girls side, the winner of the Hoxie/Jefferson Academy game will take on the winner of the Rawlins County/St. Francis game starting at 3:30 p.m. The winner of the

Oakley/Quinter game will face the winner of the Oberlin/James Irwin game starting at 5 p.m. Friday night.

The loser of the Hoxie/Jefferson academy game will face the loser of the Rawlins County/St. Francis game starting at 3:30 Friday in the junior high gym. The loser of the Oberlin/James Irwin game will face the loser of the Oakley/Quinter game starting at 5 p.m. in the junior high gym.

Saturday, tournament play will begin starting at 2:30 p.m. where the third place consolation game will be played in the senior high gym.

The consolation game for seventh place will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the junior high gym.

Games will continue Saturday starting at 3:30 p.m.; and the cham-

pionship game at 5:30 p.m..

On the boys side Thursday, the winner of the Quinter/St. Francis game will face the winner of the Oberlin/Jefferson Academy game starting at 6:30 p.m. in the senior high gym.

The winner of the Hoxie/James Irwin game will play the Rawlins County/Oakley game starting at 8 p.m. in the senior high gym.

The loser of Quinter/St. Francis game will play in the consolation bracket starting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the junior high gym. The loser of the Hoxie/James Irwin game will face the Rawlins County/Oakley in the other consolation game starting at 8 p.m. in the junior high gym.

Saturday, the boys games begin at 4 p.m. with the third place consolation game in the senior high gym. The consolation game for seventh place will begin at 4 p.m. in the junior high gym.

The championship game will begin at 7 p.m. in the senior high gym. The consolation game for fifth place will begin at 7 p.m. in the junior high gym.

For further information about the tournament contact Decatur Community High School at (785)-475-2231.

*Conference planned for Tuesday

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technology and managing acid-base balance, or pH, in no till.

Grain issues will include new corn seed traits for no till, grain marketing and revenue protection, comparing corn and grain sorghum performances and "no till wheat 101."

Other sessions will include John Deere technology improvement and growth, a session by the National Sunflower Association and the importance of long-term care in estate

planning for family farms.

The farmer panel will discuss crop rotations.

A registration form can be found on the back of this issue. Mail the form and check, payable to Kansas State University, to K-State Research and Extension, Northwest Area Office, Attn: Brian Olson, Box 786, Colby, Kan. 67701.

Mr. Olson said he thinks they will receive a few hundred registrations in the next couple days.

Caucuses set for presidential race

Caucuses for both the republican and democratic parties for the presidential nominations have been scheduled across the state for February.

The closest republican caucus will be held in Norton County on Saturday, Feb. 9, across the 1st Congressional District and the entire state of Kansas. The democrat caucus will be on Tuesday, Feb. 5 in Oakley.

There will not be a republican or democrat caucus in Decatur County.

The republican caucus at the Norton American Legion and the democrat one at the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center will both be open to members of each party.

People must be registered for either party by Friday, Jan. 25. They can register at the Decatur County clerk's office in the courthouse.

Check-in for the republican caucus at the caucus site will begin at 8:30 a.m. A Kansas-issued driver's license or identification card will be required.

Check-in will end at 10 a.m., at which time the caucus will begin.

Someone representing each of the presidential candidates will then

No spring election here

While other counties in Kansas are preparing for April elections, Decatur County is not.

County Clerk Marilyn Horn, who serves as the county election officer said Decatur County doesn't have city/school elections in even years, only in odd ones.

The county will have a November election with county, state and national offices, including president, included in the ballot.

The filing deadline for that election is June 10

give a 10-minute talk. When that is concluded, the voting, by ballot supplied by the state Republican Party, will begin.

The democrat presidential caucus for Northwest Kansas will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at the Northwest Kansas Education Service Center in Oakley. Doors will open for registration at 6 p.m. and the caucus will begin at 7 p.m.

New Year's baby to win prizes from businesses

It's anyone's guess at who will deliver the first baby of 2008 at Decatur County Hospital.

Almost three weeks into the new year and still no baby. In 2007 the New Year's baby wasn't born until March 2. Whenever the baby arrives, prizes from participating area merchants' and *The Oberlin Herald's* First Baby giveaway await him or her.

Here's how it works. The baby must be born at or taken to the hospital. The parents have 60 days to pick up all of the gifts.

This year's first miss or mister will receive a \$10 gift certificate from the Dresser, a case of baby food from Raye's Grocery, a \$10 gift card from Stanley Hardware, a \$20 gift certificate from Carol Morford with Mary Kay, a \$25 gift certificate to Addleman Drug Store, a \$10 gift certificate to Ward Drug Store, a pizza for two from Pizza Hut, a \$25 gift certificate from Rocking R, a gift from Fredrickson Insurance Agency and a year subscription to *The Oberlin Herald*.

Cover Your Acres Winter Conference

January 22 and 23, 2008 at the Gateway in Oberlin, KS

Kansas State University and the Northwest Kansas Crop Residue Alliance

Discussing the latest technology, methods, and conservation practices to improve crop production on the High Plains

Time	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5	Exhibit Hall
7:45 - 8:15	Registration					
8:15 - 8:35	Welcome					
	University Sessions			Industry Sessions		
8:45 - 9:33	New Corn Seed Traits for No-till	Improving Your Success in No-till	N recommendations for Wheat	Outlook for Sorghum, Bioenergy, Food & Export		
9:40 - 10:28	Grain Marketing & Revenue Protection	No-till Wheat 101	P Placement and Rate in No-till and Strip-till	Benefits of Chloride on wheat and row crops	Wheat precision Ag Can Do For You	Sponsor
10:35 - 11:23	Improving Your Success in No-till	Managing pH in No-till	Comparing Corn and Grain Sorghum	The State of Fertilizer in 2008		Displays
11:30 - 12:30	Farmer Panel: Crop Rotations	Spray Application Technology*				
12:40 - 1:40	P-Placement and Rate in No-till and Strip-till	Soil Quality Change in No-till			Noon Meal	
1:50 - 2:38	Ten Crop Sequences Transition to No-till	Effect of Residue on Crop Water Budget	Managing pH in No-till	Plant Stand Management		
2:45 - 3:33	N Recommendations for Wheat	New Corn Seed Traits for No-till	Improving Capture and Use of Water	John Deere Technology Improvements and Growth	National Sunflower Association	Sponsor
3:40 - 4:28	Comparing Corn and Grain Sorghum Performance	Water Rights and Depleting Water	Effect of Residue on Crop Water budget	Importance of Long Term Care in Estate Planning for Family Farms	Corn Amylase-An output trait that pays a premium	Displays
4:35 - 5:23	Improving Capture and Use of Water	Spray Application Technology*	Water Rights and Depleting Water	Cellulosic Ethanol	Avoiding Strip-till Mistakes	
5:30 - 7:30	Industry Sponsored Bull Session (refreshments and heavy hors d'oeuvres provided) in the commercial display area will be held on both nights of the conference.					

CEU credits for CCAs have been applied for all university sessions except farmer panels. *CEU credits for 1A for Commercial Pesticide Applicators have been approved.

Diamond Sponsors: Hoxie Implement, Southwest Implement, and the National Sunflower Association

Registration - The conference will be held for two days with the same program each day. Early registration must be postmarked by January 16. Please register early. **\$20 Tues 22 Wed 23 Early Registration - Attend all the sessions for one day. Please mark which day. \$38 Early Registration to attend both days, which will have the same program each day. \$40 Registration per day after January 16 or at the door.** All registrations include proceedings for conference along with refreshments and meals. For questions, please call 785-462-6281. Mail registration and check, payable to KSU to the following address: Northwest Area Office, Attn: Brian Olson, PO Box 786, Colby KS 67701. Program will be held regardless of weather.

Please include the following information:
 Name: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____ Phone: _____

