





**MICROPHONES IN THEIR HANDS.** Patience Carman, 5, (left) and little sister Moraiah, 2, sang two songs about God at the Seeds of Hope Telethon Saturday night. Susan May and Gary Walter (above) looked at auction items before they announced them on air. — Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

# \*Telethon raises money for 19 civic organizations

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The 19 civic groups to receive money and introducing talent.  
Talent included people of all ages singing, including Miki Dorshorst, Cassidy Shields, John Juenemann, Kindred Flame, Nora Urban, Terry Rose, Joel Shaw, Mr. Metcalf and Terry Hanke, to name a few. Patience Carman, 6, who made her debut last year at the telethon, sang two songs about God with her younger sister Moraiah, 2, in the evening.

The kids from St. John's Lutheran Church played their bells and sang two songs; several performed on the piano, including Gatlin Hissong, Emily Larson, Kelly and Kade Brown, Zach and Hannah May, Janet Meitl, Myrna Jones and Peg Smith.  
The Community-wide Band got people moving around with the song "Wipe Out," the New Harvester Singers featured Bob Virgil with cowboy poetry, the United Methodist praise team, Faith, Hope and Charity, helped start the event, while girls

in leotards and shorts from Creative Gymnastics flipped, did somersaults and just amazed the large crowd.  
Sarah Marcuson did a dramatic reading and adults and kids offered many other talented performances.  
While all of this was going on, said Mrs. Davis, the phones were ringing as people at home placed bids on donated auction times.  
Auctioneers for the day included Susan May, Gary Walter, Bronson Scott, Joe

Stanley and Linda Schroer, who took turns talking about the items which included a wooden tool box, a cooler that could be plugged into a truck to keep it hot or cold, gift certificates for meat, shampoo and conditioner, a large mirror, a print from a local artist, porcelain dolls, a framed picture, other items of all sizes, and gift certificates for services and food.  
The telethon committee will still accept donations for this year's event. Either give the donation to one of the committee

members or mail a check to Seeds of Hope Telethon, Box 135, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.  
Mr. Benton said, the telethon has given over \$100,000 to 199 groups.  
"The committee sends a big thank you out to the community for their continued support," said Ms. Smith. "Also to the talent, volunteers and all of the businesses who donate items for auction which keep making the telethon a success year after year."

## Authority elects new officers

The newly elected members of the Decatur County Amusement Authority and two veteran members met last week to elect four officers to head the group, which runs the home-owned carnival each year at the Decatur County Fair.  
After the carnival last year, seven members of the authority resigned, turning in their keys to the Oberlin-Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce, including President Ward Votapka, Secretary-treasurer

Kristi Gallentine, Lynn Groneweg, Jason Fortin, Ray Ward, Peggy Ream and Kelsey Gallentine.  
At the January Chamber banquet, members elected 10 people to fill the spots on the 12 member board. Veteran members on the board are Vicky Ray and Dana Marintzer. New members include Tim Thornton, Candy Ketterl, Stephanie Blau, Jim Wesch, Elden Huff, Kevin Ketterl, Dana Koerperich, Jennifer Schissler, Melinda Grafel and Judy

Scott.  
Mrs. Grafel said the members met last Tuesday to hold elections. Ms. Scott was elected president; Mrs. Blau, vice president; Mrs. Grafel, secretary; and Mrs. Ketterl treasurer.  
Mrs. Grafel said all of the members weren't able to make it to the meeting, so the group didn't pick a time for the next meeting.

## \*Addresses will change in about a month

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hassle. With the change, he said, there won't be any rural route addresses.  
Basically all of the north-south roads in the county will be numbered and be called roads. Those will start at 100 and work up to 2900.  
The east-west roads will be known by letters and be called lanes. Some of the lanes will have a single

letter and some double letters, from A to CC.  
The lower letters and numbers will start in the south and west part of the county and increase as you go to the north and east.  
The road on the western county line will be known as Rawlins Road on the Decatur County side, while the road on the eastern county line will be known as the Norton Road on the Decatur County side.

## Best cards will win three prizes

Who knew that being good at cards could help win your sweetheart's love?  
This year it could, with the Oberlin merchants' Valentine's Day promotion, the "Don't Gamble with Love" giveaway featured in *The Oberlin Herald*.  
The contest offers three prizes, including a bouquet of flowers worth \$80 from Prairie Petals, a \$20 gift certificate to Stanley Hardware or an Ultimate Pedicure from Diederich's Salon of Design.  
Each time you visit a sponsoring business, featured on Page 12A of today's paper, you can collect one randomly drawn playing card. Once you have five cards, turn them in to *The Herald* to see whose poker hand is the best.  
All cards must be turned in by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13. The three highest poker hands will win. Participants must be 18 or older to win.  
Sponsoring businesses include Addleman Drug Store, Ward Drug Store, Stanley Hardware, Prairie Petals, the Dresser, Diederich's Salon of Design, R&M Service Center and the Re-Load.  
Maybe you'll be lucky in love.

## Meeting planned for grain haulers

Anyone hauling grain or using a farm truck might want to attend a free informational meeting about federal laws governing those trucks that officials say will be enforced.  
The meeting, sponsored by the Kansas Corporation Commission Motor Carrier Division and the Kansas Highway Patrol, will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the 4-H Building at 126 Park Street in Norton.  
The county treasurers from Decatur, Norton and Phillips counties, who issue vehicle registrations and license tags, and the Farm Bureau Associations of all three counties will sponsor

the meeting.  
Decatur County Treasurer Jean Hale said the federal laws aren't new, but state officers and inspectors plan to start enforcing them.  
At the meeting, she said, farmers and owners will be able to ask questions and discuss federal regulations, including those affecting farm trucks hauling grain to elevators and out of state, licenses, driver qualifications, safety requirements, U.S. Department of Transportation numbers and markings, weights and scales, barter exchange and farm-use tags to name a few

## Hospital plans open house

Decatur Health Systems will hold an open house at 1:30 p.m. Sunday for the new speciality clinic and Cottonwood Home Care.  
The clinic, on the east side of the hospital near the entrance to the hospital emergency room, is being used by visiting specialists in

cardiology, urology, oncology and ophthalmology.  
Administrator Lynn Doeden said they will be offering tours of the new facility and refreshments during the open house. Everyone is invited.

## City Council will meet on Thursday

The Oberlin City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday upstairs at The Gateway for its first meeting of the month.

It is open to the public and will be aired on local access cable channel 7.

## Senator plans talking tour

Mark your calendars for the upcoming town hall meeting with state Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer from Grinnell and Rep. John Faber of Brewster.  
The two will be in Oberlin on Saturday, March 8, although neither a time nor a place has been set.  
Sen. Ostmeyer said it's hard to say what subjects they will talk about, as it's a month away and a lot of the issues can change in that time.



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