

Make up artist works her magic



GETTING A PRINCELY EYE JOB, Hunter Nedland submitted to the makeup skills of Jennifer Ploussard on Friday before the first performance of "The Brothers' Grimm Spectaculathon" at Decatur Community High School.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Board elects officers

The Decatur County Fair Board elected a president, vice president and secretary/treasurer at a recent meeting.

Commissioner Stan McEvoy reported on the election at the weekly meeting of the Decatur County commissioners on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

The president, he said, is Greg Long, vice president is Ken Basky and the secretary/treasurer is Linda Schroer.

The group also agreed that the president would be appointed to the board of the Amusement Authority, which runs the home owned carnival. In the president's absence, said Mr. McEvoy, the vice president will attend the carnival meetings.

The amusement authority is a unit of the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. McEvoy said the fair board still needs one member from Commissioner Doyle Brown's district.

The Fair Board agreed to rent the fairground to Superior Auction on Saturday, March 15. There is a clean-up deposit for any person or group that rents the area, Mr. McEvoy said, but the company told the fair board to keep the deposit.

Mr. McEvoy reported that the Oberlin Speedway has a new promoter and they will have stock car races for the summer, including the week of the county fair.

So far, the board has plans for racing for Monday night, a "road show" game show on Wednesday, "Tough Trucks" on Thursday, a demo derby on Friday and flat-track motorcycle racing on Saturday. The board is still looking for something for Tuesday night, said Mr. McEvoy. They had talked about bringing in some kind of concert.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard the board is trying to work with the Amusement Authority to set up a joint meeting to look at grants available for the fair.
- Heard that the board was turned down for a grant for a septic tank for the recreational vehicle parking.
- Heard that the board is starting to sell advertising signs for the livestock building.

Additional candidate in race

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One more candidate has turned in the petition to run for a county office during the primary election in August.

Melissa Chambers, who works at Metcalf Real Estate, turned in a petition for the register of deeds spot. So far, Tiffanie Farr, who works at Decatur Co-op, and Judy Marietta, a secretary at the high school, also have turned in petitions. Judy Gaumer, who currently holds the position, plans to retire at the end of her term.

Several other people have picked up petitions to file for register of deeds, said County Clerk Marilyn Horn, including Seth Lohoe-

fener, Carrie Morford and Penny Fringer.

Vickie Bailey, who works at Decatur County Title and Abstract, picked up a petition to run for the District No. 3 commissioner seat currently held by Doyle Brown, who announced he is retiring at the end of this year. Mrs. Horn said Mrs. Bailey hasn't yet turned the petition in.

Colleen Geishler, a long-time deputy county clerk, turned in a petition for the clerk's job. Mrs. Horn says she will retire at the end of the year also.

Treasurer Jean Hale turned a petition to run for her job again. Mrs. Hale has served in the elected position for the last eight years.

Commissioner Ralph D. Unger already had filed to run for the District No. 2 seat he has held for 36 years. Magistrate Judge John Bremer has filed with the state to retain his seat.

Other offices which will be on the ballot include county attorney, held by Steve Hirsch, and sheriff, held by Ken Basky.

Anyone interested in running for offices needs to pay either a filing fee, which is 1 percent of the salary for that office, or carry a petition, said Mrs. Horn. The last day to file is noon on Tuesday, June 10.

The primary will be Tuesday, Aug. 5, and the general election Tuesday, Nov. 4.

County plans to ask people for their needs

Decatur County commissioners suggested that the emergency management director and health administrator talk with township board members at an upcoming meeting about a survey they want to do on what country people need in case of an emergency.

Patti Skubal, emergency management director, and Marilyn Gamblin, health administrator, talked with the commissioners at a meeting last month. Mrs. Skubal said they figured the survey would take around 970 mailings. With both her department and Ms. Gamblin's needing the information, they figured they should gather it together.

The information, she said, is voluntary and would be confidential. She said she thought that information would fall under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

In case of a disaster like a tornado, flood, fire, winter storm, chemical spill or something similar, she said, they would know if there were people who needed special help. That could range from those who have a mental or physical disability to the elderly.

Mrs. Skubal used the example of someone being on oxygen as something that would be good to know in case of an emergency.

Commissioner Ralph Unger said he feared that they might not get a very good response to a mailed survey.

Ms. Gamblin suggested drop boxes around the county, maybe at the post offices and grocery. Maybe the surveys could be faxed back, too.

In an emergency, she said, people might need help evacuating and it would be nice to know who. Besides, said Ms. Gamblin, the county

County roundup

At their meeting last Tuesday, the Decatur County commissioners:

- Looked at a letter the road and bridge supervisor plans to send to people who had a problem with their new address for the Emergency 911 System. Story to come.
- Heard the emergency management director and health administrator plan to send out surveys to find out about people's needs in case of an emergency. Story at left.
- Approved three grant applications for the Health Department. Story to come.
- Heard that the county will test the emergency sirens at noon every Monday, year round. Story to come.

needs to do this to continue getting grants for the emergency and health departments. Mrs. Skubal said she needs the information to stay in compliance with the National Incident Management System for 2008. This will actually make her a little bit ahead.

Mr. Unger suggested a drop box at the three banks in town. Maybe the clinic, too, said Ms. Gamblin.

Mr. Unger suggested the women attend the upcoming township meeting and talk to the board members.

The mailing, said Ms. Gamblin, would cost around \$400. She said money from a pandemic flu grant could be used.

Fish fry downtown on Friday

The Oberlin Business Alliance will sponsor a fish fry for Good Friday in downtown Oberlin, with burgers for those who want meat.

Members will fry fish and grill hamburgers from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the drive through of the Business

Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center at Penn Avenue and Commercial.

Donations will be taken, although alliance members haven't earmarked the money for any special project.

Art work to grace Gateway next month

The fourth annual High Plains Artfest will be Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20, at The Gateway in Oberlin.

The show will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both days.

The Artfest continues to grow, bringing artists from northwest Kansas, southwest Nebraska and northeast Colorado, said organizers Anna Seeber Shaw, Mary Henzel and Connie Grafel, as well as quite a few from McCook and Mid-Plains Community College. Both professional and high school artists enter their pieces in nine categories.

Jurors Barbara Waterman Peters and Larry Peters of Topeka will

judge the show, Mrs. Henzel said. Mrs. Peters is a widely known painter, and her husband is a gifted ceramicist and sculptor, she said.

Agala for artists, patrons and their guests is planned for Friday evening starting, with a dinner served by The Gateway staff. Wine and sparkling beverages will be served while the McCook String Quintet provides background music. Anyone interested in becoming a patron should call Ms. Grafel at (785) 475-2901.

Artists can request a prospectus by calling Mrs. Shaw at (785) 475-2707. Registrations are due Monday, March 31. Nearly \$2,500 in cash awards will be presented to winners in each category.

Women's rally to be held on April 12 in Oakley

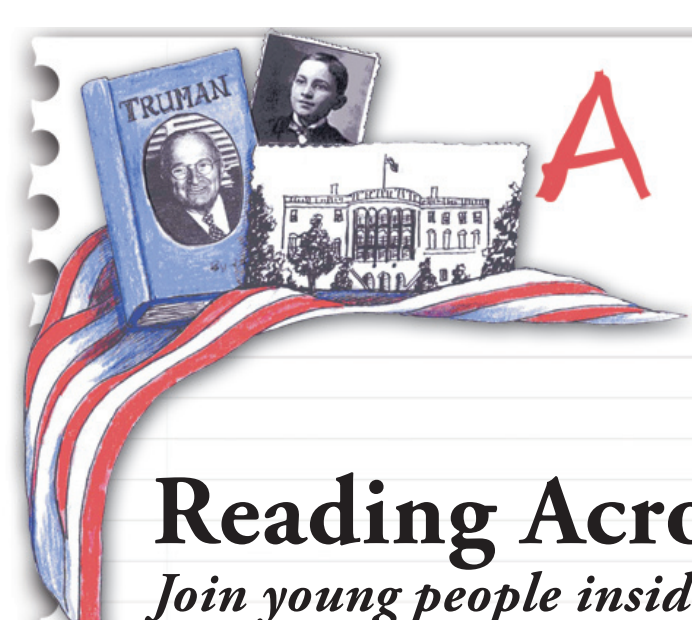
A Northwest Kansas Women's Rally will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, at the Oakley Impact Center, 801 E. Second St., with the theme "Beauty From Ashes: Restorative Healing for the Mind, Will and Emotions."

Registration will be from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Deanna Vogler will present "Achieving Emotional Healing" from 9 to 10:15 a.m. Jamie Heskett will speak on "What's So Great About Being a Girl? Everything"

from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be on your own.

Ms. Vogler will present "Unleashing Your Influence" from 1 to 2 p.m., followed by a break. "Beauty From Ashes: The Power of Our Words and Actions" will be given from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. by Ms. Heskett.

Ms. Heskett is a licensed bachelor's degree social worker and Ms. Vogler a licensed clinical professional counselor.



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