

*Board officers get together with county

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change their address before they had been told they had a new one.

Commissioner Unger said that either the company the county hired to map out the new system or AT&T may have leaked the information to some clearing house. The county did not put the information out to anyone before telling people, he said.

The commissioners told the group the county wants signs to be uniform but as inexpensive as possible. The county plans to put up crossroads signs at major intersections, Mr. Unger said. These will be on 10-foot poles with six-inch reflective numbers, similar to street signs in Oberlin. The county wants each occupied residence and major business, such as grain elevators, marked with an address.

Commissioner Unger said that it will cost \$20 to \$25 per sign and he suggested that the county would be willing to put up the 400 or so needed signs if the townships would agree to buy the poles, bolts and numbers for each house or business.

The signs will be put on the right side of each driveway where it leaves the county road, he said. If there is a ditch, it will be behind the ditch. It will probably take county workers two to three years to get all the signs up, he said.

The township officials unanimously agreed to the proposal by a show of hands.

"I think you people do a good job," said Ken Krizek, treasurer for

*Addresses explained

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8. If roads or lanes deviate off a section line, they will maintain their name.

9. Roads that fall between section lines will get numbers between. For example, a road on a half-mile line might be called 950 Road or D5 Lane.

10. House numbers will progress from west to east and south to north, with 100 possible addresses between section lines. Residences on the west and north sides will have even numbers and those on the east and south will be odd.

11. Addresses are for the location of the primary entrances, not mailboxes. This address is for emergency response, not mail delivery.

12. Only inhabited residences or major businesses will get addresses to start with.

Jennings township.

"We're happy with you," agreed Frances Bader, a trustee in Allison, "as long as you do the work."

The commissioners said rural residents with new addresses will have to get a new driver's license and give the county clerk their new address as soon as everything is official. No one will have to get a new passport, however, they said.

Commissioners check resolution on hog operations

The Decatur County commissioners held a short meeting on March 4.

The commissioners held a 15-minute closed session to discuss personnel with Ambulance Director Linda Manning and a five-minute closed session for attorney-client privilege with the commissioners, clerk and attorney. There was no action taken after either session.

Commissioner Doyle Brown said someone has asked him about a policy on hog farms the commissioners signed years ago. He said the constituent wondered how many hogs were allowed on a single farm.

In 1995, he said, the commissioners signed a resolution on hog

farms. Mrs. Horn looked through the resolution and said she didn't see any regulation on the number of animals allowed.

Ms. Manning said she plans to hold quarterly meetings with the hospital nurses and also talk with Dr. Elizabeth Sliter to keep things running smoothly between the ambulance and the hospital.

She said the state emergency service board will be inspecting the ambulances soon.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved a tax abatement of \$22.50 for Gary Byarlay, who changed a tag on a vehicle from a farm to regular.

*Free, inexpensive tests offered at health fair

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Early Detection Works, which gives free mammograms to women over 50 who qualify, Ward Drug Store, High Plains Mental Health, the Decatur County Hospital, Relay for Life, Prairie Land Food and the health department.

There is still time to sign up for a booth, she added.

The fair is free, she said, except for the charges for blood tests.

Two wreck victims out of hospital

At least two of the victims in a rollover accident a week and a half ago have been released from the hospital.

Wesley Medical Center in Wichita said both Ashley Anne Coronado, 15, and Chad Lee Salem, 33, had been released up to four days ago.

The accident around 6:15 p.m. Saturday, March 15, claimed the life of Dwayne R. Dickinson, 34,

Lunch will be served by The Gateway staff.

Ms. Gamblin said she will have copies of the surveys which she and the emergency management director plan to send out to find out if people in the county have any special needs in a disaster.

To sign up for a booth or for information, call Ms. Gamblin at the office.

and sent four others to the hospital. Both Miss Coronado and Mr. Salem were sent to the hospital in Wichita. David Royan Vick, 36, was sent to a hospital in Denver and Troy Gregory Rush, 29, was treated at the Decatur County Hospital and sent home on Monday, March 17.

Trooper Charles Boydston, who worked the accident, was not on duty Monday.



Hot fish, cool day, fun time

GETTING READY to cook, Jack Benton (above left) and Dave Bergling got hamburgers prepared for the grill. Later, Robert Groneweg (right) removed fish patties from a deep-fat fryer. The fish-and-hamburger fry on Good Friday has become an annual fund raiser for the Oberlin Business Alliance. The group started serving at 11:30 a.m. and was nearly out of food by 12:30 p.m.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis



County to send letters on corrected addresses

The Decatur County commissioners looked at a letter that the road and bridge supervisor plans to send people with corrected new addresses for the Emergency 911 system.

The commissioners suggested at the meeting Tuesday, March 11, that supervisor Tim Stallman keep a list of the people receiving the letters, which will go to those who had some problem with their first address.

Mr. Stallman said he talked with Rob McFee at the post office about the maps and addresses for the new system. The group agreed that it might take some time for the post office workers to get used to the new addresses, which use city-style street addresses rather than rural route numbers.

Patti Skubal, county emergency management director, said she plans to go to a class in Hoxie at the beginning of April for the Internet Emergency Operations Plan. The training, for anyone in charge of emergency functions, she said, will show people how to enter information into the program.

The training, said Mrs. Skubal, is on how to activate the system, how to enter information and how to change it.

She said she will be doing it for the sheriff's department and others in the courthouse.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard the ambulance department's new stair chair had come in. Mrs. Skubal said she ordered it with

money from the Kansas Highway Patrol that the county gets each year. With the chair, any ambulance worker could move someone up to 500 pounds up and down a set of stairs alone.

• Heard that the road crew is busy shaping roads and putting down gravel.

• Heard that Mr. Stallman had hired Jeff Rowilson at the beginning of March.

• Approved the purchase of two 72-inch end sections for culverts at \$112 each, two 60-inch ones at \$935 and three at 48 inches for \$528. The total should be around \$5,794. Mr. Stallman said he would buy the pieces from J&J Drainage out of Hutchinson. The commissioners gave the OK as long as the purchase

stays under \$6,000.

• Heard that Fire Chief Bill Cathcart had attended National Incident Management System training.

• Appointed Jim Fredrickson to the Fair Foard for a commission district No. 3 seat.

• Appointed Chuck Frickey, Ron Jansonius and Anna Shaw to the Health Foundation board, with the terms ending Dec. 31, 2010.

• Approved a transfer for \$5,327 to the employee benefits fund for the extension office.

• Heard that the county received the final bill for the new telephones installed for the Nortel AT&T system. The extension office's part was \$1,196. Commissioners decided to cut the transfer to \$4,273 for employee benefits to pay for the bill.

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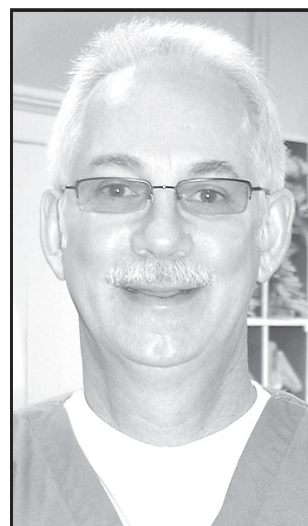
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