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vehicles and machinery, in any condition.

Mr. Harms said people can also contact him to move junk vehicles.

WOMAN TAKES HELM AT CLINIC

After working as a nurse at the Oberlin medical clinic on and off for 15 years, Barb Whitney now sits at the helm of the office.

Mrs. Whitney started as administrator at Oberlin Medical Arts Clinic in December after the former administrator, Larry Ganje, retired.

She received her nursing degree from Barton County Community College.

After 15 years on and off nursing at the clinic and working with different doctors she decided to make a career decision. She said she knows the clinic, knows the staff and doctors and how everything runs.

Mrs. Whitney said with the new job, she is learning something new, because she hadn't worked with the financial part of the business before.

Mrs. Whitney and her husband live in Norton and have five grown children and two grandkids. In her spare time, she said, she likes to travel.

POSTMASTER NAMED

With more than 23 years of experience in the U.S. Postal Service, Steve Schultz took over as the Oberlin postmaster.

Mr. Schultz said he was supposed to start in February, but he was in Omaha at the time doing route inspections for the district. He didn't actually start here until Monday, July 9.

He has served on the National Route Inspection Team.

Mr. Schultz started as a relief clerk and carrier in Goodland. Since then, he has worked as postmaster in Goodland, St. Francis and Winona and held other positions with the service.

He said his wife is also a postmaster. The couple lives in Bird City and both commute to their stations.

Besides working for the Postal Service, he is also a certified referee for football and basketball. He said he did call the school district here and let them know if they need help for junior

high or junior varsity games, to call.

CITY PATROLMAN HIRED

The Oberlin City Police Department hired Brad Burmaster in 2007 to fill the last position open on the force.

Mr. Burmaster graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1987, left to join the Navy and returned home 11 years ago. Before becoming a police officer he worked as a corrections officer at the Norton state prison.

Mr. Burmaster worked on the force full time for a while before he attended the police academy in Hutchinson, graduating in the spring.

CHAMBER MANAGER STARTS

Jo Henderson took the position of manager of the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce's after moving here from Ellis.

Ms. Henderson said she moved around a lot growing up with a father in the Air Force, but lived in Tulsa for 11 years before moving to Ellis.

She said she moved to Kansas because of family, which is actually what brought her to Oberlin. A daughter, Iris Mastin, lives in Oberlin with her husband Chris and their son.

Ms. Henderson said her grandson, who is 3, was growing up too fast and she didn't want to miss it.

Before moving to Oberlin she worked in the inventory management at Home Depot.

BUREAU HAS NEW ASSOCIATE

The Decatur County Farm Bureau has a new sales associate, who is manning the office Monday through Friday, along with new operating hours.

Yvonne Burmaster is selling insurance and helping customers at the office at 122 E. Commercial.

Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to 8:30 to 11 a.m. and noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

She is licensed to sell life, health, property, casualty and crop insurance.

CO-OP HIRES MANAGER

The Decatur Co-op is under new leadership, with Kurt Anderson taking the helm at the beginning of February.

Mr. Anderson grew up in Drumright, Okla.,



POURING A CUP of coffee for his wife Barbara at her new shop was Tom Mullen. The Mullens opened Coffee, Tea and Me in the former Times Past building.

—Herald photo by Dave Bergling

and has worked the last 11 years in the co-op business. He has a degree from Oklahoma State University in teaching.

He started his co-op experience in Larned, Kan., and then spent the last four years as the manager at the Garber Co-op in Oklahoma.

John Juenemann, a former manager of the cooperative, had been interim manager since Doug Claussen resigned in July.

Mr. Anderson and his wife Amanda have three children, Erin Jones, Emma, and Ellison.

INSURANCE COMPANY OPENS

Great Northwest Insurance opened in offices at 122 S. Penn in the Johnson Realty building in Oberlin in September 2007 with longtime Oberlin insurance agent Vince Carswell in charge.

Mr. Carswell had been agent for the past 24

years for Farm Bureau Insurance. Joining him in the new business are Ralph Shaw, agent, and Dianne Bremer, office manager. They sell policies for Farmers Insurance Group, Bremen Insurance and RCIS Crop Insurance, and also handle farm, home, auto and life insurance, annuities and crop insurance.

COUPLE STARTS REALTY BUSINESS

Gary and Marsha Richards started Home Range Realty, Inc., in June 2007. He is broker and she is a salesperson. The office is located at 601 W. Frontier Parkway, in the office building of Stellar Sales at the corner of U.S. Highway 36 and 83.

Mr. Richards said they plan to add another salesperson in the near future. He said that land has been selling well.



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