



## \* Rides need to be fixed

(Continued from Page 1A) Midwest Energy, money from the Seeds of Hope Telethon, a grant through Wal-Mart and also talking to the Bargain Box, which gives money to local causes.

The Amusement Authority, said Ms. Scott, is trying to do a good job and make improvements. Only two of the former Amusement Authority Board still serve. After the carnival last year seven of the members, including Ward Votapka, Kristi Gallentine, Lynn Groneweg, Jason Fortin, Ray Ward, Peggy Ream and Kelsey Gallentine resigned. A new board, including Tim Thornton, Candy Ketterl, Stephanie Blau, Jim Wesch, Elden Huff, Kevin Ketterl, Dana Koerperich, Jennifer Schissler, Melinda Grafel and Judy Scott, was elected at the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting this year. They joined Vicky Ray and Dana Marintzer.

Next year, said Ms. Scott, maybe the authority could consider fixing a ride or start looking into a new ride. The electrical work will already be done by then, she said.

Since the Twist Over will be closed this year, the board decided at a previous meeting to rent a big slide for \$1,500. The members are still trying to figure out where to put the slide. Originally, they thought it could go west of the grandstands, but that's where the the sewer lines are. The slide could possibly go west of the 4-H Building instead, said Mr. McEvoy.

Anyone who wants to make a donation to the authority can send a check to the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce, 104 S. Penn Ave., Oberlin, Kan. 67749. In the memo line, the check needs to say that the money is for the authority. Donations through the Chamber are tax deductible.

## A long day's work



**ON WEST HALL STREET** near Elk Avenue on Monday, Glen Stragey with Oberlin Concrete prepared dirt to replace part of the street near the corner. City Administrator Gary Shike said the city wants to put in a curb and a new section of pavement for drainage.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

## \* Camp scheduled for City Park

(Continued from Page 1A) lunch, but snacks and drinks will be provided.

Mr. Marshall said people can make donations for the camp through the church, and they are selling raffle tickets for a basket full of goodies which is on display at Stanley Hardware. The tickets are one for \$1, six for \$5, 13 for \$10 and 26 for \$20, he said, with the money going to the camp. The basket includes one \$10 gift certificate each for Pizza Hut, Crossroads Express, Ampride, Dollar General,

Stanley Hardware, the Re-Load and the LandMark Inn, a \$15 gift certificate for Raye's Grocery and a \$6 certificate for A&W.

Unlike past years, Miss Fredrickson said, there will only be one family night, but they are going to have a pool party for that night.

This is Mr. Marshall's third year as head frog and eighth year helping out, while it's Miss Fredrickson's first.

It's been refreshing, said Mr. Marshall, to have someone who has never been in Frogs before. Miss

Fredrickson has brought lots of new ideas, he said.

"This year, Frogs is going to be a totally new camp," he said.

The two said they want lots of kids to come, those who have been before, and those who haven't. Every camper doesn't have to come to every day of camp, said Mr. Marshall, but if someone can make it for all of them, that's great, too.

"Every day is new," he said. "Every day is different."

## Readers get to choose '8 Wonders' of the county

Newspaper readers have the chance to select the "8 Wonders of Decatur County" by casting a vote using the ballot in today's *Oberlin Herald* or online.

A ballot for the contest is printed on Page 3A of the newspaper or online at [8wonders.hdnews.net/decatur/](http://8wonders.hdnews.net/decatur/).

People can vote on what they think are the eight most wonderful things in Decatur County up until Monday, July 7. At that time, the top 16 vote getting sites will be printed in the paper with a picture and some information about each.

The ballots will be printed again and people will have the chance to

vote up to Tuesday, July 22.

The winners will be announced in the Wednesday, Sept. 3, edition of *The Oberlin Herald*.

The "8 Wonders of Decatur County" is being sponsored by the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp., the Oberlin Convention and Visitors Bureau, the

LandMark Inn, the Decatur County Museum, the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce and *The Oberlin Herald*, in conjunction with the *Hays Daily News*, which is sponsoring an area-wide compilation of county-by-county wonders.

## \*Energy project pitched to board

(Continued from Page 1A) auditorium last year forced the district to replace the damaged floor, prompting the look at replacing all the pipes.

So option No. 6, said Mr. Jackson, would replace both the steam and hot-water heating systems with in-room units? Correct, said Mr. Leaper, and the window units would be moved to the grade school to help upgrade the cooling system there.

"This is a lot bigger project than I thought we were getting into," said Mr. Jackson.

Option No. 6, said Mr. Leaper, is the district's best choice.

The board, said Mr. Lauer, didn't have to say yes or no on the project that night, but instead just tell them whether Johnson Controls is moving in the right direction. If so, he said, they will be back in two to three weeks with more information.

With this option, said Mr. Leaper, the electrical upgrades inside the school will be done before the school year starts. The wind turbine wouldn't be put in until next summer. In the first year, he said, the district will probably spend a little more for electricity, then the project will start paying for itself.

The turbine, said Mr. Moore, will provide more electricity than the high school uses. Is there a way to put that into the local utility grid and trade a kilowatt generated for a kilowatt used at the grade school?

That's something that has to be negotiated with the city, said Mr. Leaper.

Is there any reason not to look at this option? asked member Dan Grafel, noting that it would cost \$1 million just to fix the heating system the school has.

Can the district go into debt for the next 30 years for something like this? asked Mr. Jackson. Steve Zodrow, with Mapes and Miller, the company that does the school audit, said it would be a legal debt. The district wouldn't have to go through a formal bond issue with an energy savings program, he said, adding that he hasn't run into this kind of debt with part of it being self-funding.

The district might want to get taxpayers involved and give them a voice on what they think of the project, Mr. Zoderow advised.

Superintendent Pat Cullen said he talked with Dale Dennis, deputy commissioner of fiscal and administrative services with the state Department of Education, that afternoon and he said districts normally put a couple hundred thousand into a project like this and then see what the savings will be.

Mr. Moore asked if the new lighting and wind turbine will last 30 years, and Mr. Travis said they would. What about the heating and air conditioning, will it last 30 years? asked Mr. Moore. Typically, said Mr. Leaper, it will last 20 to 25 years.

Just to upgrade the heating and air conditioning system would cost \$900,000, said Mr. Jackson, but that might increase the electrical bill. That's right, said Mr. Leaper; there wouldn't be any energy savings in that project.

The company can have a fully developed project to show the board by the middle of July, said Mr. Leaper.

The board told Johnson to bring back a proposal at the July meeting.



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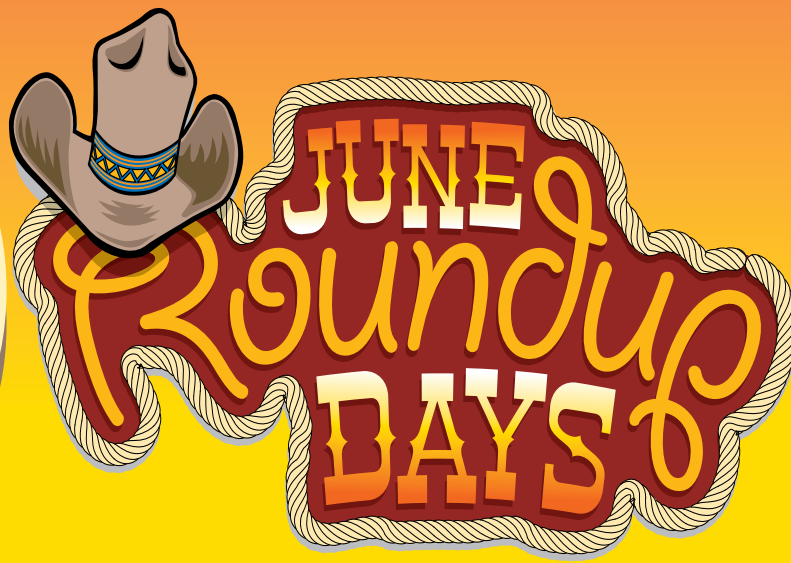
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