

Getting a new year started



READY FOR THE YEAR, Landen and Madison Macfee arrived at Oberlin Elementary School with bags of supplies Monday. Students in the Oberlin School District returned to school after a little over two months of summer vacation. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

County looks at insurance for new building

The Decatur County commissioners looked at two bids for insurance for the new recreation center downtown, discovering that the senior group will probably have to retain its own liability insurance.

Since the county owns the Golden Age Center, the county will pay to insure that part of the building, about a third of the total cost.

Greg Lohofener, with the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp., said he got two bids to insure the building. One was from Fredrickson Insurance Agency for \$12,895 and another from the United Fire Group for \$9,986.

The second company said it would need something showing that the senior center has liability insurance in case of a fall or some other kind of accident.

County clerk Colleen Geihlsler said the county's insurer, Kansas Counties Association Multi-lined Pool, said it couldn't provide that coverage.

It sounds like the senior group might have to buy its own liability insurance, said Commissioner Stan McEvoy.

The county will pay for one-third of the insurance policy on the actual building, said Mr. McEvoy. Actually it should be a little more, since the Golden Age Center has more attachments, said Mr. Lohofener. The empty space, said Mr. McEvoy, after a call to one of the agencies, might cost more to insure.

Right now, said Mr. Lohofener, the building is on contractor Kevin Brown's insurance.

The commissioners decided to call Tom Job, with the Kansas Counties pool, about the liability insurance. With the senior group being a separate entity, said Mr. Job, it will probably need to have its own liability insurance.

The group doesn't belong to the association and the members aren't appointed by the county commissioners, he said. If the board members were appointed by the county, said Mr. Job, and the commissioners had authority and jurisdiction over the group, that would be different.

He said the association could look at providing liability insurance for the group, but would need to get an opinion from the attorney general to see if the group is a county agency.

County Attorney Steve Hirsch

Donors can buy 27 seats

Of the needed 110 seats for the new Sunflower Cinema, donors have bought all but 27.

Mary Jo Lohofener and Dr. Gary Fredrickson have been finding donors from among graduates of Decatur Community High School. Each seat costs \$150.

A donor board will acknowledge who helped pay for the new seats, said Mrs. Lohofener.

Anyone can buy one or more seats. Send a check to Decatur Area Development Fund Inc., 104 S. Penn Oberlin, Kan. 67749. Contributions should be tax deductible.

said he thought the senior group had better start looking for liability insurance.

The entities that signed the condo agreement for the split ownership of the building need to meet to make a decision on the insurance. Those include the county and Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved paying \$6,700 for drywall work for the Golden Age Center.

- Heard that the project is still receiving donations, including \$500 in paint and drywall, \$500 in paint from the Modern Woodmen to be used on the theater and bowling alley, money made off two cakes sold by young men at the 4-H food auction totaling around \$550, some grain, and sponsorship for the new theater seats. Mr. Lohofener said he will continue to contact people about donations.
- Heard the brick for the outside of the building has been ordered.

Commissioner Gene Gallentine said he stopped to look at the building that morning and talked with Mr. Brown, who said people are welcome to come see the progress.

It's impressive, said Mr. Lohofener.

Work day set for Saturday

Volunteers are needed to hang ceiling tile and paint trim in the new Golden Age Center.

Work starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, with a second shift starting at 1 p.m.

Volunteers can either show up or call Greg Lohofener at 475-3459 or Connie Grafel at 475-2901, both with the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp.

County could get up to four used trucks

The Decatur County commissioners decided to set up an auction of surplus equipment for 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at the old county shop.

The commissioners asked Clerk Colleen Geihlsler to send an email out to the department heads asking if they have any items to sell. They suggested running an ad in next week's newspaper with a list of what will be for sale.

While they discussed hiring an auctioneer for an hourly wage, the three men decided they would just sell the items.

With the purchase of three trucks for the Road and Bridge Department from federal surplus, Supervisor Tim Sallman said he has a few older

County countdown

At their meeting last Tuesday, the Decatur County commissioners:

- Looked at two bids for insurance on the new recreation center, discovering that the Golden Age Center board may have to have its own liability insurance. Story at right.
- Decided to set up a surplus

equipment auction for 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at the old county shop. Story at left.

- Approved a bid to paint and work on the plaster in the jury room and the staircase between the third and fourth floors of the courthouse. Story to come.

trucks to get rid of.

He said he purchased two 2000 F-150s and two 2001 Ford F-150s.

Ms. Geihlsler said they have been having a problem with the new Bus 22, bought used from the Oberlin School District. It kept stopping,

but the county bought a new push rod for \$195 and installed it, and the bus is now working.

She said she talked with the Kansas Department of Transportation about the grant program for the bus. Although the old white Bus

22 hasn't reached the 100,000 mile mark, she said, the state representative said they could waive that requirement and the county will be able to apply for a grant for a new bus in December.

Ms. Geihlsler said she was asked to include a list of things that have gone wrong with the old van. Until then, the monthly money for the transportation bus can be used on the used bus. The grant could be worth pursuing, said Commissioner Ralph Unger.

Noxious Weed Director Gaylen Huntley said a clutch went out on the diesel pickup, and they are waiting on parts to fix it. The crew is back to spraying weeds, including Johnson grass and Canadian thistle.

Lions give up on food distribution program

With fewer people using the program, the Oberlin Lions Club has given up organizing the Prairie Land food distribution.

The club has organized the program in Oberlin for close to eight years. This will be the last month, with food pick-up at 8 a.m. Saturday

at the county ambulance barn.

Marilyn Gamblin, a Lions member, said they are down to 23 people buying the food packages, which cost \$23.50 plus two hours of volunteer service, to purchase meats, fruits and vegetables each month. The nonprofit program isn't

based on income, she said; anyone can take part. She said Prairie Land wants each distribution site to have at least 50 people to pay for a truck to come.

If another organization is interested in seeing the program in Oberlin continue, Ms. Gamblin

said, someone should call Linda Hagan at (800) 298-1989.

Rawlins County Health Center

RAWLINS COUNTY HEALTH CENTER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Cardiac Rehab		Diabetic Clinic Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab		MRI's Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Cardiac Rehab		Dr. Frankum Surgery Bone Density Diabetic Clinic Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	Brandi Ihrig Dietician	MRI's Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Cardiac Rehab		Dr. Curtis Cardiology Mammograms Diabetic Clinic Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	Dr. Reeves Podiatry Dr. Saba Orthopedics	MRI's Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Cardiac Rehab	Dr. Miller Cardiology	Diabetic Clinic Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	Dr. Curtis Cardiology	MRI's Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	
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	Cardiac Rehab					

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Dresden City will meet on the 3rd day of September, 2009, at 8 p.m. at the Dresden City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed Budget information is available at the Office of the Decatur County Clerk and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2010 Expenditures and Amount of 2009 Ad Valorem Tax to establish the maximum limits of the 2010 Budget. Estimated Tax Rate* is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuations.

FUND	2008		2009		Proposed Budget 2010	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate	Current Year Estimate of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate	Expenditures	Estimated Tax Rate*
General	12,234	11.532	13,000	11.745	13,000	11.564
Special Highway	242		3,200		3,200	
Solid Waste	2,811					
TOTALS	15,287	11.532	16,200	11.745	16,200	11.564
Total Tax Levied	1,888		2,412		2,452	
Valuation	163,713		205,364		212,029	

City Clerk: Lillian Sulzman
NOTE: Tax Rates are expressed in mills and that means per thousand dollars worth of valuation.