

Getting ready for the contest



MEMBERS OF THE DCHS SINGERS, Rhiannon Davies (left), Samantha Anderson and Amanda Marshall, practiced last Wednesday for the upcoming regional competition. — Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

Alliance to offer free memberships

The Oberlin Business Alliance decided to give new businesses free membership for the first year at its monthly meeting last Wednesday.

Gary Anderson, owner of the LandMark Inn, suggested the idea of giving free membership to new businesses from now to the end of the year.

conduct a fund raiser.

Mr. Vollertsen said he thought it was something the group could help with.

Part of doing this on the National Day of Prayer, said Pastor Mason, is to make the day a community event instead of just at one church.

Chamber Director Carolyn Hackney said she would see if the Chamber wants to do something similar.

Kurt Vollertsen, owner of Ward Drug Store, said he thought it was a great idea. He suggested getting a certificate printed up for the businesses.

Doug Mason, pastor of the Lund Covenant Church, talked with the group about an idea from the Decatur County Ministerial Association for a benefit for Haiti at the National Day of Prayer observance in May.

The event will start at 6 p.m.

City Administrator Austin Gilley introduced Fletcher Simmons of Manhattan, who is working on a feasibility study for a new motel here.

Pastor Mason suggested they talk to someone at the funeral home because they deal with people coming into town all the time. Others mentioned the lack of rooms in town for alumni weekend, the opening of pheasant season and other times.

He said the group has been discussing what they can do to support Nanette Zander and the House of Hope school and orphanage she runs in Haiti.

The ministers are working on a plan to have a dinner and a National Day of Prayer service in City Park on Thursday, May 6, he said. Pastor Mason asked if the Business Alliance could help.

In other business, the alliance:

- Heard the Last Indian Raid Museum will open for the summer on Thursday, April 1. Director Sharleen Wurm said they will have a coffee hour that day.
- Set up a fish/burger fry for Friday, April 2, for Good Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. downtown. Money raised will go to something for the city's 125th anniversary.
- Heard that the museum will have its annual rummage sale on Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18. The museum will start taking donations on Tuesday, April 6.

Highest bidders buy county vehicles

Decatur County commissioners sold three vehicles after opening sealed bids.

The commissioners had 11 bids for a 2001 Ford Taurus, 2004 Dodge Durango and 1994 Ford van before accepting the three highest at their meeting Tuesday, March 2.

The high bids were from Mike Helm for \$2,575 for the Taurus, Brent Hostetter for \$1,950 for the van and the Geary County sheriff for \$9,500 for the Durango, which

County roundup

At their meeting last Tuesday, the Decatur County commissioners:

- Talked with a former ambulance director about why he isn't going to mentor two men from Decatur County who want to take classes to

become instructors. Story to come.

- Approved the purchase of new flooring for several rooms at the Good Samaritan Center. Story to come.

at \$1,005 from James Vahling, \$1,003 from Corey Kastens, \$1,671 from California Phils, \$1,710 from Wagner and Sons, \$455 from Bruce Ollinger, \$1,626 from Ken Badsy and \$689 from Mindy Casto; for the van at \$579 from Casto, \$750 from Wagner, \$555 from Ollinger and \$750 from David Blau; for the Durango, \$779 from Casto, \$1,510 from Wagner, \$1,111 from Ollinger and \$4,550 from Cindy Linner.

Commissioner Ralph Unger said he thought the county needed to send a note to all the bidders saying that they received the bids and the amounts of the high ones.

He said the letter didn't need to say who the high bidders were.

He said they should wait for the money to execute the titles.

The consensus was to put the money paid for the vehicles into the general equipment reserve fund.

has been used as a patrol car.

Other bids were for the Taurus

County learns of new signs

The Decatur County commissioners found out Tuesday, March 2, that Decatur Tomorrow will be getting signs to put up at the county line saying this is a "Four Square Community."

Although the signs will be paid for, said Commissioner Stan McEvoy, who serves on the Decatur Tomorrow steering committee, the

county will need to maintain them.

He said the signs mean that Decatur County is an accredited Four Square Community through the Decatur Tomorrow strategic planning group. He said he will have more information out about the signs later.

The commissioners OK'd buying a rebuilt engine for one of the

Dresser motor graders for \$10,835 from Cummins Mid-America Inc. in Colby.

The commissioners held a 15-minute closed session for non-elected personnel. There was no action taken.

Girl tells Rotary Club about trip to Europe

Nakita Bose presented the program on her "People to People" trip overseas at the March 9 meeting of the Oberlin Rotary Club at The Gateway. She was introduced by Duane Dorshorst, program chair.

She said that the 21-day trip included visits to Ireland, Wales, New Zealand, London, England, the Isle of Wight, Paris, Belgium, Holland and Amsterdam. They saw many sights, including the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam, the making of clogs in Holland and the site where the Harry Potter movies were made in England. They surfed and sailed a dingy at the Isle of Wight and met a former member of Parliament in London.

The group performed various tasks while traveling, including

cutting peat to help older people in Ireland and serving at a soup kitchen. While in New Zealand, the group did a presentation, "Full On." They also visited many museums and cemeteries connected to World War II. Her next journey will be to Australia, sponsored by Rotary and other organizations.

Guests were Toby Peters and Hunter Nedland, junior Rotarians from Decatur Community High, and Jan Elliot.

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Will be held at 7 p.m.
Saturday, March 27
at the Oberlin American Legion
sponsored by Alif Be Khe Club
Registration at 6:30 p.m.

To Pre-register a team, call Kari Ketterl, 475-3636
or Jane Gilliam, 475-3526 or 475-2501
Limit of 25 teams
Prizes given

Oberlin FFA Turkey Shoot (Blue Rock Shoot)

Sunday, March 21, 2010, 12:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome!

Turkey, Hamburgers, Bacons, Money Shoots, Fun Shoots, Annie Oakley Shoots

No practice shoots or league shoots shot this day

- At the Oberlin Gun Club, 1 mile east of Oberlin on Highway 36
- Pop, candy bars and lunch will be served by FFA
- Shells are available
- For more information or in case of bad weather, call Gary at 785-470-1689
- Listen to KFNH 101.1 or KXXX 100.3 for Storm Cancellations
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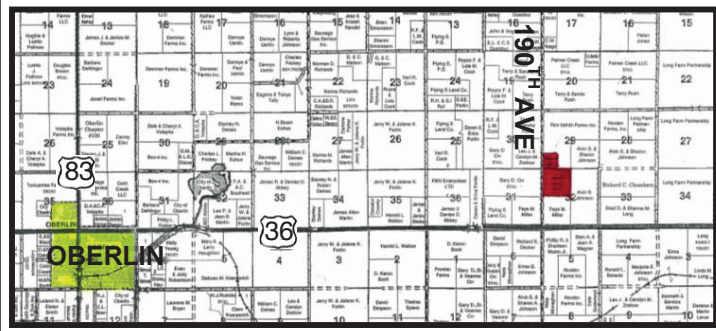
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Play is set for April at schools

Students are getting ready for the annual all-school play at Decatur Community Junior/Senior High School, this year featuring a "wax museum" and a taco supper.

The play, normally held in March, was rescheduled to Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10. Before the play Friday, the eighth graders will create a "wax museum" from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The junior high students, who have been researching historical figures, will be dressed as those figures and set up as a wax museum. Theatergoers can walk among them and ask them questions. Superintendent Duane Dorshorst said.

History teacher J.D. Johnson said any money raised through donations for those walking through the wax museum will be given to the drama department. He added that there will also be a taco supper that night in the cafeteria.

Rawlins County Health Center

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7	8 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	9	10 Dr. Frankum Surgery Bone Density Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	11	12 MRI's Cardiac Rehab	13
14	15	16	17 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	18 Dr. Saba Orthopedics Dr. Reeves Podiatry	19 Dr. Reeves Podiatry	20
21	22 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab	23 Dr. Miller Cardiology	24 Ultrasounds Cardiac Rehab Diabetic Clinic	25	26 MRI's Cardiac Rehab	27
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