



Kids parade street

ON MONDAY, kids of all ages went trick-or-treating at the businesses after the annual Trick or Trunk parade, sponsored by the Oberlin Business Alliance. Cowen Anderson (above), dressed as Buzz Lightyear, rode in a red wagon with his little brother, pulled by his mom. Mitchell Wasson (right) was dressed as a horse and Evelyn Spanier (below) as a ballerina.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis



Hospital to reopen area clinics

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Health care providers with the Decatur County Hospital and the Decatur Health Systems Family Practice plan to revive outreach clinics in Jennings and Norcatour this month.

The first clinic day will be Tuesday, Hospital Administrator Lynn Doeden told the Decatur County commissioners last Tuesday, and they will be held every other Tuesday after that. The clinic in Norcatour will be open from 9:30 a.m. to noon and in Jennings from 1 to 4 p.m.

Mrs. Doeden said she went to city council meetings in both towns to see if they were interested in starting the outreach clinics up again. The one in Jennings closed when several of the providers left and the one in Norcatour around 15 years ago, she said.

Mrs. Doeden asked if the county transportation van could go to Jennings and Norcatour to pick up patients who have follow-up appointments later in the week.

County Clerk Colleen Geihlsler said she had a call about that. If all the appointments are scheduled on the same day, she said, it would make it easier.

For instance, she said, if all of the Jennings appointments are on a Thursday about the same time, and then the ones from Norcatour are on

Friday, they could go get several people and take them home in one cycle.

If someone calls the county ahead of time, said Ms. Geihlsler, they can schedule the bus.

Mrs. Doeden said she plans to go with the doctor or practitioner for the first outreach clinics. They will take the needed equipment with them.

In Norcatour, she said, the clinic will be held in the former school. She said that the Oberlin clinic is getting new furniture in the lobby, so the furniture there now will probably go to Norcatour.

In Jennings, the clinic will be held in the building it had been in, next to the ambulance barn.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Heard the hospital board is still looking for a doctor who can do obstetrics and deliver babies. Mrs. Doeden said they plan to interview another nurse practitioner at the end of November.

- Talked about an opening on the hospital board. Commissioner Gene Gallentine said they are still taking applications in the clerk's office. Mrs. Doeden said she would like to wait until the end of the year, as others with terms up may or may not decide to stay on, so there could be more than one opening.

Hearing continued on murder charge

A preliminary hearing scheduled for Friday in the murder case against Dylan Coryell Jr. has been continued until the beginning of December.

Jeff Wagaman, deputy chief of staff for Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, said both parties agreed to a continuance until 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5.

Mr. Wagaman said Mr. Coryell, 24, is being held by the Decatur County Sheriff's office in the county jail with bond set at \$500,000, cash or surety.

The Dec. 5 date, he said, will include a review and status update, where counsel for the state and de-

fense will discuss the status of discovery and the court may schedule the preliminary hearing.

Mr. Coryell faces three charges for allegedly shooting Airman Corey Cook, 22.

The first count is for premeditated murder in the first degree with an alternative charge of felony murder in the first degree. A felony murder charge applies when a death occurs during a planned felony crime, regardless of whether the death was planned.

The second count is aggravated battery, and the third is for aggravated burglary. Both are felonies.

Prayer, preaching ends after a week

For the past week, someone has been at The Gateway praying or preaching 24 hours a day in what's described as a grassroots revival and prayer vigil in response to the deaths of six young men over the last year.

John Paulson, an evangelist and missionary, said he and some others started "Reviving the Hearts of Oberlin" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23. Since then there has been someone at The Gateway praying or preaching continuously.

There have been close to 30 people present at times, he said, but people come and go, which was the organizers' intent.

At 7 p.m. each night, said Mr. Paulson, a different pastor gave a message. That seems to be when the greatest number of people have turned out.

In the last year, he said, the community has lost six young men to car accidents, murder and complications due to alcohol. People are hurting, he said, and the organizers wanted to help with emotional and spiritual healing.

Monday, said Mr. Paulson, was the last day for the prayer vigil.

He said he believes that the Lord drew everyone to the prayer and preaching vigil. Several people (See PREACHING on Page 10A)

City gets 18-month extension on water

The City of Oberlin has received an additional 18 months on an agreement to provide drinking water without excess arsenic or uranium, giving officials time to search for new wells outside of town.

The original consent order from the state gave the city until March 1, 2013, to be able to provide the water that meets the maximum contaminant levels set by the federal government. The city had planned to build a \$4.7 million water treatment plant until officials realized it could cost as much as \$100,000 a year to operate.

In the last few months, the council decided instead to search for better

water outside of town and pipe the clean water in. While the initial cost might be as much, they said, the annual costs would be far less.

It's only fair to the taxpayers, said City Administrator Karen Larson, that the city try to save some money. If the search for water doesn't work, she said, the city still can build the treatment plant.

Also part of the overall water project is \$1.1 million for new transmission lines, said Mrs. Larson, and the city still needs those.

The city, she said, is going to drill six test wells to see if there might be enough water nearby to support the town. Each test well will cost about \$1,000.

It's important for the city to look at all options, said Mrs. Larson. If this

works, it will save the city \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year on maintenance of the treatment plant. The council agreed to try to find well water low in the contaminants like arsenic and uranium so that the city doesn't have to build a plant or dispose of the unwanted uranium.

If the city can't find that water, said Mrs. Larson, it still has until Aug. 1, 2014, to build the plant.

Other dates in the revised consent order from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment include:

- July 1, 2010, when the "city shall submit to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment an updated design memorandum from the design engineer which summarizes the proposal for water system treatment

improvements," which has been completed for treatment.

- June 1, 2013 when the city needs to submit to the state "for review and approval the final engineering plans and specifications for necessary improvements to the water system treatment facilities."

- July 1, 2013, when the city needs to advertise for bids to complete the improvements.

- Oct. 1, 2013, when the city will accept and award a contract.

- June 1, 2014, when the upgrades and improvements need to be substantially completed.

- Aug. 1, 2014, the city needs to be producing water that meets the federal standards, set by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Daylight Saving Time ends early Sunday

Clocks will jump back an hour Sunday morning as Daylight Saving Time comes to an end for the year.

Officially, the clocks will turn back at 2 a.m. Sunday, which means the nights will seem even longer as the sun continues to set earlier and earlier.

While the official time change is overnight, most of us probably will set the clocks back Saturday night before going to bed or when we get up Sunday.

Just don't forget, or you'll miss that extra hour of sleep and be early for everything Sunday morning.

