

# \*Woman proposes to be custodian at park

(Continued from Page 1A) that amount of money, said Mr. Miesner, it's a valuable asset. There would probably need to be a motion to approve the plan, said Administrator Karen Larson.

A lease would probably need to be drawn up, Mr. Miesner said. So the city would pay to have the house renovated, said Councilman Rusty Adleman, and then lease it to Ms. Rynearson.

She said she has a home in town, but really wants to keep Sappa Park going. Ms. Rynearson said she would like to be the custodian of the park and help keep the community interested in it. She said she would like to draw people out there to use the dorms, maybe for retreats or family camps.

City Attorney Steve Hirsch asked if the renovation estimate is firm. Ms. Rynearson said she thought it

was a pretty solid number.

If the men are going to do the work, said Mr. Hirsch, then the city probably needs to have a contract with them.

Does the council want to take some time to think about this and then address it at the next meeting? asked Mayor Riedel.

It's winter, said Miss Rynearson, and they could get going right away. She said she doesn't have any problem with waiting, however.

Councilman Rob McFee suggested putting it on the agenda for Thursday, Dec. 15.

If the city has a contract with them, said Mr. Hirsch, they would be responsible for carrying their own liability insurance and worker's compensation insurance.

Members of the Sappa Park Committee asked the council if a project to put bathrooms into the shelter

house could be put out for estimates at the meeting.

Members Kimberly Davis and Amy Carman talked with the council about a project to put one bathroom into the shelter house, with more to be added later. The committee members also gave the council information on putting surveillance cameras around the shelter house that would provide a live feed for \$1,800.

Mrs. Davis said the committee has been working on the bathroom project for several years and wondered if they could put the project out to bid or if the city should do it.

With no comments from the council, Mayor Bill Riedel said he thought they all needed to get on the same page. He suggested the committee get a few dates to the city administrator to get a meeting date set up with the council.

# \*City ready to drill wells

(Continued from Page 1A) that it wouldn't be pumped through the old plant site.

If the water comes from the south, he said, the line could pick up water from well No. 11 south of town on the way into town. The council would then need to decide what to do with wells No. 10 and 12 east

of town.

In other business, the council:

- Heard that Mr. Miller had put together a schedule for the water project, based on the revised consent order with the state. A quarterly report will be due in January, he added.

- Approved asking the state for

an extension to drill well No. 13. The city has a permit to drill the municipal well, said Mr. Miller, but the work has to be done by this December. Since the city is looking for water outside of town, he said he would suggest asking for an extension.

# Council to get bids on lines

The Oberlin City Council agreed Thursday to get bids on updating water distribution lines from downtown east to the high school.

The lines were part of the original water project, which had included a \$4 million treatment plant, said Chris Miller, an engineer with Miller and Associates. He asked if the council would like to get bids for those lines, which help with water pressure and distribution.

The lines are between Commercial and Hall streets on Griffith, York, East and Marks Avenues, and

on Hall Street between Cass and East Avenues. Mr. Miller said he thinks the project would help with water delivery downtown as well.

This project would connect with a new line that was put on Cass Avenue several years ago, said David Blau, another engineer with Miller, the firm which does most of the city's work.

The project would give the city the valves needed to shut off water for individual blocks and loop the main lines. If the council is OK with the project, he said, he thinks the city

should proceed.

While the city has been working on other ways to get clean water for the town, rather than building the treatment plant, he said this has nothing to do with that issue. Regardless of the way the city goes, said Mr. Miller, it needs the distribution lines.

The city already has loan money in the bank, he said, and is paying interest on it. This distribution project was part of the original plan.

# \*Neighbor cleans up nearby yard

(Continued from Page 1A) 25-foot trees growing everywhere, even in the foundation.

He said he cut down about 25 fairly good-sized trees in the yard and around the house and hauled off five to six pickup loads of clippings. He worked almost every day, a few hours at a time, for two weeks.

"There is actually a pretty nice lawn underneath all that," he added.

The owner's family expressed their appreciation for what Mr. Shields has done, and many of the neighbors have given him favorable compliments. There are still lots of branches that need to be hauled off,

he added, but he doesn't have a truck to do that.

"It needed to be done," he said of his effort. "Besides, the exercise is good for my health."

A 1980 graduate of Decatur Community High School, Mr. Shields is a carpenter and father of MacKenzie Shields, 21, of Oakley.

# \*Court hearing set in February

(Continued from Page 1A) Decatur County District Court. Mr. Wagaman said Mr. Coryell, 24, is being held in the Decatur County jail with bond set at \$500,000, cash or surety.

Mr. Coryell faces three charges for allegedly shooting Airman

Corey Cook, 22, and a companion.

The first count is for premeditated murder in the first degree with an alternative charge of felony murder in the first degree. A premeditated murder involves a planned killing, while 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 for alleged injuries to Sarah Campbell, and the third is for aggravated burglary for entering the home where the shooting occurred. Both are felonies.

# Food drive looking for more donations

The annual holiday food drive at Stanley Hardware is just about a quarter of the way to the 2,000 item goal.

As of Monday, 461 items had piled up in the south window at the store, leaving 1,539 items needed.

The drive this year may need an extra push, because Teens for Christ, which usually helps stock the window, has been asked to take it's yearly "porch light" collection

straight to the Decatur County Food Pantry.

After the new year, all donations will be taken to the pantry, in the basement of the United Church.



**RECENT ARRIVALS** Jerry and Debbie Smith talked with presidential candidate John Davis (left), who stopped in Oberlin on Monday morning while on a campaign swing across Kansas. Mr. Davis, a native of Grand Junction, Colo., says he considers himself to be a conservative Republican. — Herald staff photo by Carolyn Kelley-

# \*Man wants to be president

(Continued from Page 1A) "Now, I have no fear. Everyone needs to stand up and say enough is enough, but we are going to need everyone's help. I have to earn the right to make the national news."

Mr. Davis said he has been on the campaign trail for several months now. Focusing on small towns and rural areas, he has stopped in 1,584 counties.

He said it is a sad thing to see the decline of population in rural America. He related how Exxon Oil pulled out of Grand Junction, and overnight, 10,000 people lost their jobs. Mr. Davis said the town

started advertising in California and other populated areas.

He added that small towns need to capitalize on the features of rural life. Lots of people are tired of city life and want what we have out here.

When he was building homes for people, he always began by asking them why they wanted to build in Grand Junction. He said they always answered in one of three ways: they had heard about the schools, they had a friend or relative who already lived there or, they had accidentally discovered the town and fell in love with it.

Jerry and Debbie Smith, recent Oberlin transplants from Texas, agreed wholeheartedly. They said Oberlin schools were one of the things that impressed them the most. That and significantly lower taxes.

"I'm asking for your prayers," Mr. Davis said, as he was leaving for Norton, the next stop on his tour.

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