

## Spaghetti meal, movie draw crowd

Supper and a movie drew 49 diners to the bowling alley and Sunflower Cinema last Wednesday for a "spaghetti western" fund raiser for the Oberlin Business Alliance.

The \$725 raised from the dinner and donations will help buy new banners for downtown, said Chamber of Commerce manager Carolyn Hackney.

The event started off with spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic bread, salad and homemade cookies served by volunteers and members of the National Honor Society from Decatur Community High.

The original plan was to show the top two westerns made in Italy during the 1960s "For a Few Dollars More" and "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly." Both starred Clint Eastwood.

Projectionist Duane Dorshorst, a theater board member, took an informal vote as to which movie to show first, and the No. 1 hit, "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly," came out on top.

Popcorn and drinks were available from the theater, and Mr. Dorshorst offered a pre-program power point presentation on the 10 top "spaghetti westerns," including movie posters and trivia.

The 10 most popular westerns filmed in Italy are:

No. 1: "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly," 1966.

No. 2: "For a few Dollars More,"

1965.

No. 3: "Diango," 1966.

No. 4: "The Mercenary," 1968.

No. 5: "Once Upon a Time in the West," 1968.

No. 6: "A Fistful of Dollars," the first of Clint Eastwood's trilogy, 1964.

No. 7: "Day of Anger," 1967.

No. 8: "Death Rides a Horse," 1967.

No. 9: "Navajo Joe," 1966.

No. 10: "The Return of Ringo," 1965.

The first movie, which was supposed to be two hours long, ran for two hours and 40 minutes, ending about 10 p.m. That was enough for the crowd, none of whom stayed for a second feature.

Mr. Dorshorst said later that the movie was longer than the billing because it had originally been filmed in Italian, and when it was dubbed into English, several extra scenes were added to the copy he had.

Donations are still being taken for the banner fund, said Connie Grafel, Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development marketing director. More than 30 banners are needed for the downtown, she said, and each one costs about \$50.

The KU-K-State basketball game was shown on the big screen a week ago Monday, and that brought in \$199 in donations for the theater,

Ms. Grafel said.

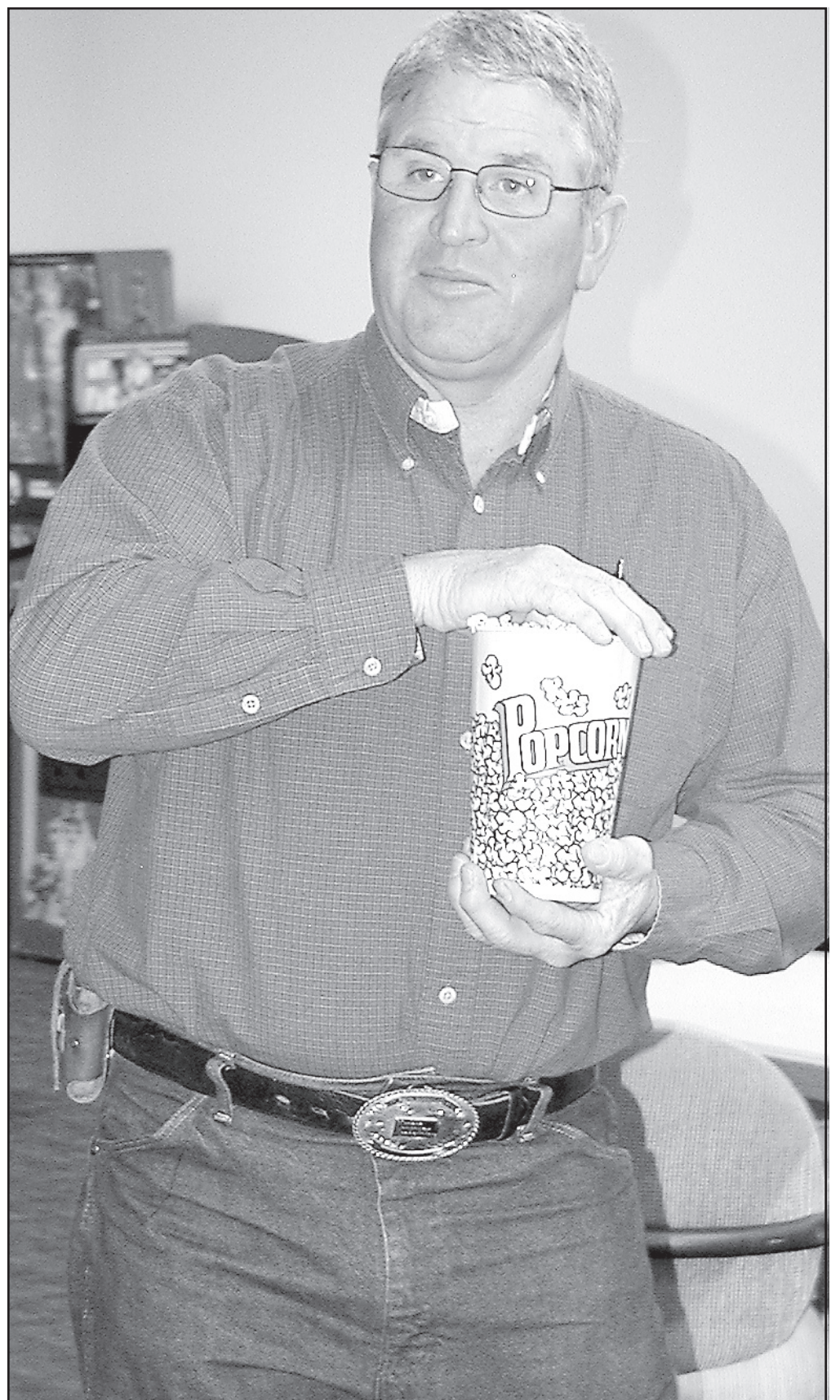


A POSTER WITH CLINT EASTWOOD, who starred in three of the most popular "spaghetti westerns" in the 1960s, touted the movie "For a Few Dollars More" in Italian. The

poster was part of a pre-movie slide show provided by theater board member Duane Dorshorst.



SPAGHETTI, SALAD AND WESTERN WEAR were the menu and dress for Diane Frickey (above) Wanda Hardman (below left) and Barbara Mullen at the Oberlin Business Alliance fund raiser last Wednesday.



PROTECTING HIS POPCORN, Monte Moore prepared to go into the theater for the "spaghetti western" movie last week.

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