

Veterans work to fix damaged monument

By CAROLYN PLOTTS

Fund-raising efforts continue for a plan to restore the Veterans Memorial monument at the Oberlin Cemetery, which was damaged last summer in a 90 mph windstorm.

Oberlin American Legion Commander Rollie Avery said two events are in the planning stages for March and April. He said more than \$3,000 is still needed to restore the almost 50-year-old monument and have it ready to unveil at this year's Memorial Day service.

Commander Avery said the committee would welcome anyone with a design plan for a new monument. The existing design features a flag at rest and the inscription, "Silent Glory." If anyone has a design idea, he said, it should be submitted as soon as possible to him or Ruth Miesner.

Commander Avery and Mrs. Miesner compose the fund-raising committee, with help from Alan Marietta and Judy Scott.

Mrs. Miesner said the monument is important to the town.

"We must continue to honor those who have served," she said.

Mrs. Miesner said a special Memorial Day service is planned this year with Juliet Madsen of Parker, Colo., as the keynote speaker. Ms. Madsen was injured



AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER Rollie Avery, a member of a fund-raising committee, looked at a broken piece of the veterans' memorial monument at the Oberlin Cemetery on Monday.

— Herald staff photo by Carolyn Plotts

in Iraq, where she was assigned as a paramedic with the 82nd Airborne Division. She speaks all over the country on behalf of the Wounded Warriors organization and has created pictorial quilts to

honor the different branches of the armed forces.

If you would like to contribute to the memorial restoration, donations may be made at United Northwest Federal Credit Union,

indicating they are to be credited to the Veteran's Memorial under the American Legion account. Contribution containers are located at all area banks and at the Legion Hall.

Health care ideas needed for meeting

Everyone is invited to a Community Healthcare Needs Assessment from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Monday at the Golden Age Center, sponsored by the Decatur County Hospital and the county Health Department.

Hospital Administrator Lynn Doeden said the "town-hall" group discussion will cover the health care needs of the county. Mrs. Doeden said it's been at least 12 years since an assessment like this has been held here.

A new assessment is required,

she said, for the hospital to retain its nonprofit status with the Internal Revenue Service.

According to a letter the hospital sent out, "This event is being held to identify and prioritize health needs of Decatur County residents, in order to maintain regulatory compliance for both organizations."

Mrs. Doeden said a facilitator from VVV Research and Development Inc. of Olathe will lead the meeting. Coffee and rolls will be served.

Indiana doctor plans to work here

A doctor from Indiana has signed a letter of intent with the Decatur County Hospital.

Dr. Alexander Platz has signed the letter and is working on getting his Kansas license, said Lynn Doeden, administrator of the Decatur County Hospital and chief executive of Decatur Health Systems. Dr. Platz already is licensed in Indiana, Wis-

consin, Illinois and Minnesota, but not in Kansas.

Mrs. Doeden said she has two more doctors who want to come to Oberlin and look at the hospital and clinic, and the town.

She added that a midlevel provider was in town on Monday to discuss a job.

Ambulance volunteers needed for new class

The Decatur County emergency medical service is looking for people interested in serving on the volunteer ambulance crew to attend a class starting in the middle of March.

Instructor Gaylen Huntley, who is also the county noxious weed director, told county commissioners at their meeting last week, that the class is supposed to start on Tuesday, March 13.

He said he's met with the mentor for the class and started working on the final touches. Mr. Huntley said he wants six to 10 people for the class, with the project to end at the end of August.

Mr. Huntley said they will have a meeting on Friday, March 9, to see how much interest people have in the class. The class will meet from 6 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the ambulance barn

It's time to renew lease for Good Sam

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

The lease on the Good Samaritan Center building is about to expire and needs to be renewed, Decatur County commissioners heard on Feb. 14.

Randy Fitzgerald, Good Samaritan Society director of operations for Kansas and Texas, and Janice Shobe, administrator for the facilities in Oberlin and Atwood, came to see the commissioners about the lease Tuesday.

The society and the county have been partners in providing nursing

care for the elderly since 1956, Mr. Fitzgerald said. The county owns the building on Ash Street and the society leases it for \$1 a year. The lease comes due every five years.

Mr. Fitzgerald gave a sample lease to County Attorney Steve Hirsch for review.

He said that the building needs to be maintained inside and out, and that Mrs. Shobe is working on a capital campaign for it. Mrs. Shobe said that there is some water damage to the front of the building, which she said needs renovation.

Commissioner Ralph Unger said

he thought there was some memorial money available for that sort of thing but it wouldn't be enough to cover the cost, so a capital campaign is probably a good idea.

Mr. Fitzgerald praised Mrs. Shobe for her work. He said he sees some changes coming in the way nursing facilities will be operated. Changes in both Medicare (for the elderly) and Medicaid (a state-federal program for the indigent), he said, will create a shift to assisted living and home-based care.

Nursing homes will see an increase in heavy cases, he said,

such as Alzheimers patients, more private rooms and an increase in rehabilitation services for those who need short-term care before returning home.

There has been a slow but steady decline in the number of nursing home residents in Kansas over the last few years, he said. In fact, he noted, between Cedar Living Center and Good Sam, both county owned, Oberlin probably has too many beds right now.

He also told the commissioners that he has set the annual road meeting with township officials for 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 20, in the courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

Road supervisor talks about plowing roads

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

Sometimes you just can't win when it comes to gravel roads and snow, Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman told the Decatur County commissioners last Tuesday.

When the county had the rain and then three to four inches of snow on top in over two days earlier in the month, he said, he didn't know whether his crews should go out and move snow or not.

If they plowed the snow, he said, the equipment would tear up the soft, rain-soaked roadbed. If the snow was left to melt, it would further soften the road and traffic would tear it up.

Mr. Stallman said this time, he

opted not to move the snow since it wasn't deep.

He had the commissioners sign a form authorizing Murfin Drilling to put salt water lines under roads in Altony and Garfield townships.

Mr. Stallman said that he gets requests to cross roads with utilities, water lines and such about three times a year.

About half the requests come from landowners, he said, and the other half from companies such as Murfin which are putting in lines for commercial purposes.

The county needs to get rid of three old gravel dump trucks, he said. One is a 1978 and two are from 1970, and they are just getting worn out. Ralph Unger, who has been on the commission for 40 years,

said that the two older trucks were purchased new before he became a commissioner and are indeed about worn out.

Mr. Stallman said that he wants to sign up for the Internet auction site Purple Wave. He said that he has checked out two dump trucks in Norton that the state had surplus and made available to the counties. Since they weren't sold, he said, they have been released to the auction site.

He said that he would set a maximum amount on what he would bid. The sale ends Tuesday, March 13.

The commissioners agreed that it would be best to get the trucks from Norton since it would be cheaper to move them and the road crew has already looked them over.

Council to meet early to discuss airport plans

The Oberlin City Council will hold an early meeting to discuss projects at the airport and how to pay for them at 6 p.m. Thursday.

While the agenda for the rest of the meeting has not been set, the council likely will talk about test wells in the Ogallala aquifer being explored as an alternate to an expensive water-treatment plant

and a plan to replace pipes under Columbia Street, said Administrative Assistant Steve Zadow.

Proponents for a new swimming pool will be at the meeting to talk about a sales tax hike to pay for the project.

The regular meeting will start at 7 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room at The Gateway.

LAND AUCTION

657 (+/-) Acres

Cropland and Grassland

Rawlins County, Kansas

Date: Friday, March 23rd, 2012

TIME: 10:00 a.m. CST

AUCTION LOCATION: St. Mary's Hall, Herndon, KS 67745

LAND LOCATION: From Achilles, KS, 1 mile North on Road 33 to Road L, 1 mile West to the Southeast corner of Tract 3.

Seller: Mildred E. Holmdahl Revocable Living Trust

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: This is an opportunity to buy good cropland and grassland in an area where land very seldom is offered for sale. Make plans to attend.

TRACT I: W½ of W½ of 32-3-31, Rawlins County, consisting of approximately 115.7 acres cropland, 48.3 acres grassland.

TRACT II: E½ of NW and W½ of NE and NW¼ of NW¼ of 5-4-31, Rawlins County, consisting of approximately 145.8 acres cropland, 52.7 acres grassland.

TRACT III: SE¼ of 6-4-31, Less the grassland along the west side of said tract, Rawlins County, consisting of approximately 132.8 acres cropland.

TRACT IV: SW¼ of NW¼ and NW¼ of SW¼ and all remaining grassland located in the S½ and W½ of SW¼ and SE¼ of 6-4-31, Rawlins County, consisting of approximately 163.2 acres grassland.

TRACT V: A combination of Tract III and Tract IV.

Tract 1
116a. Cropland
46a. Grassland

Tract 2
146a. Cropland
53a. Grassland

Tract 3
133a. Cropland

Tract 4
163a. Grassland

Tract	Legal	Cropland Acres	Grassland Acres	Wheat Base/YLD	Milo Base/YLD	2011 Taxes
Tract 1	W½ of W½ of 32-3-31	114.7	47.3	52.5/36	25.2/43	\$253.04
Tract 2	E½ of NW and W½ of NE and NW¼ of NW¼ of 5-4-31	146.1	52.4	66.8/36	32.1/43	\$313.91
Tract 3	SE¼ of 6-4-31, Less the grassland along the west side of said tract	130.0	0	59.5/36	28.6/43	\$291.25
Tract 4	SW¼ of NW¼ and NW¼ of SW¼ and all remaining grassland located in the S½ and W½ of SW¼ and SE¼ of 6-4-31	0	163.2	0	0	\$74.00

MANNER OF SALE: Tracts I and II will be sold individually. Tracts III and IV will be offered as a combination.

TERMS: 10% down day of sale, balance due on or before April 19th, 2012.

POSSESSION: Buyer(s) shall receive possession of all cropland after the 2012 wheat harvest on all cropland presently planted wheat. After the 2012 corn harvest on all cropland planted to corn. Buyer(s) shall receive possession of all cropland and grassland at closing on Tract 2. Possession of grassland shall be April 19th, 2012.

TAXES: 2012 and subsequent years shall be the responsibility of the Buyer(s).

MINERALS: All, (100%) of the Seller's interest shall go to the Buyer(s) at closing.

CROPS: Buyer(s) shall receive one-third (1/3) of the 2012 wheat crop and one-third (1/3) of the 2012 corn crop.

FSA PAYMENTS: Buyer(s) shall receive the Landlord's (1/3) share of the 2012 FSA payments.

LEASES: This land is being sold subject to the Tenant's rights.

TITLE INSURANCE: Sellers shall provide title evidence the day of the sale. The premium shall be paid one-half by Buyer(s) and one-half by Sellers at closing.

CLOSING: On or before April 19th, 2012. Decatur County Title & Abstract, 181 S. Penn, Oberlin, KS 67749 shall be the escrow agent and closing agent. The closing fee shall be paid one-half by Sellers and one-half by Buyer(s).

GENERAL INFORMATION: If Tract III is sold individually, a legal survey if needed, shall be completed prior to closing to establish boundaries. The total cost of the survey shall be paid one-half by the Sellers and one-half by the Buyer(s).

INSPECTIONS: All bidders are responsible for their own inspections concerning facts about the property. Neither the Sellers, Glad Real Estate, its agents and representatives make no warranties about the property, expressed or implied.

AGENCY: Glad Real Estate, its agents and representatives are the exclusive agents of the Sellers.

Announcements made day of sale shall take precedence over printed matter. All acreages are based on US Government (FSA) measurements and are considered approximate. Selling subject to easements, reservations, leases, and right-of-ways of record. Glad Real Estate is representing the Sellers only, in this transaction.

For additional information, photos, or a tour of the land, contact Rocky Hayes at:

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>This month at Decatur Health Systems</p> <p>Providers Dr. Steven Albert DO Sean Conroy PA-C Lynnetta Ward APRN-BC Tricia Carney APRN-C</p> <p>Schedule appointments with the Family Practice Clinic at 475-2015.</p> <p>Schedule appointments with the hospital and Specialty Care Clinic at 475-2208.</p> <p>The Fitness Center is open daily from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Call 475-2208 for membership information.</p> <p>810 W. Columbia Oberlin, KS "Caring and Sharing From The Heart"</p>	<p>March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. During the third week of the month, colorectal cancer screenings will be \$2 at the Family Practice Clinic. Over 50? Get screened!</p>		<p>1 Lynnetta</p>	<p>2 Lynnetta</p>	<p>5 Lynnetta</p>
<p>Oncology Cardiac rehab</p>	<p>6 Lynnetta Tricia</p> <p>Cardiology</p>	<p>7 Lynnetta</p> <p>Surgery Sonogram Cardiac rehab</p>	<p>8 Dr. Albert Lynnetta</p> <p>MRI</p>	<p>9 Dr. Albert</p> <p>Cardiac rehab</p>	
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