The Decatur County commisioners hired a young woman as the summer recreation director last

The commissioners said they had only received one application for the position. County Clerk Colleen Geihsler said they have had calls about signing up for the season, but no one else for the director's job.

The commissioners called Melda Downing to come in for an interview. She said she's helped out with baseball teams before and played throughout high school and grade

Commissioner Stan McEvoy said the commissioners don't oversee the program. The county hires a director and that person oversees the program. The director lines up the umpires, scorekeepers and the

The umpires and score keepers all get paid, said Mr. McEvoy.

It's pretty much a self-guided program, said Commissioner Ralph

Ms. Geihsler said the director sends out forms to see if there are enough kids to play all of the games locally or if the teams need

Mrs. Downing said it sounded like a job she would enjoy.

The position, said Mr. Unger, is really an independent contract

The commissioners hired Mrs. Downing, offering her \$3,000, or \$1,000 a month.

Anyone interested in having their kids play ball or playing on the coed teams can pick up a form at the

Pond gets catfish

People of all ages who want to fish don't have to go too far, since the new pond at Sappa Park has been stocked with catfish.

An anonymous donor paid for the pond to be stocked, said Rick Pauls, with Pheasants Forever. Those who want to fish at the park still have to buy a Kansas fishing license, which costs \$20.50 for a resident, \$42.50 for a non-resident or \$5.50 for a 24-

The pond has been stocked within the last few weeks. There is a possibility of getting some perch or blue gill next, Mr. Pauls said.

Leader challenges teenagers

Teens for Christ will hold its last meeting of the year at 6 p.m. Sunday at the City Park, and the teens might get to give their leader a new hairdo.

Doug Mason, who leads the group, has set out a challenge to the teens. Mr. Mason said if the kids can get 40 teenagers to the event, they can shave his head. If they get 50, then they can give him a colored

The group, which meets on Sunday evening through the school year, is open to kids in seventh grade and up.

Mr. Mason said they are inviting sixth graders to the event since they will be able to join next fall.

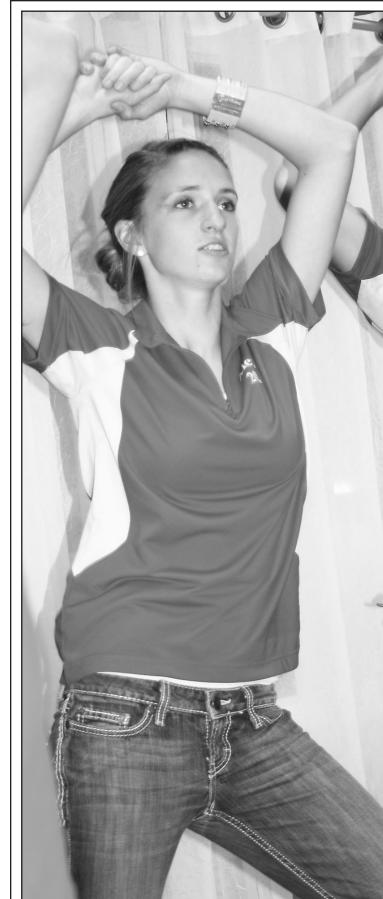
The event is called Water Wars, he said, and anyone who comes should plan on getting wet.

Free concert scheduled

The Oberlin American Legion Hall will be open for a country music concert from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The free concert will feature Reggie Shaw, a singer originally from Overton, Neb., whose first CD, "Living in the Fast Lane," came out last month. Only those 21 and over will be admitted.







Students sing and dance

AT THE GATEWAY last Wednesday during the Professional Assistants Luncheon, sponsored by the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce, Alexis Hissong (left) sang and danced with the DCHS Singers. Another member was Elizabeth Nedland

> Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

City granted parole in 1940

In the back of the Oberlin police station is a big old vault. In it, Chief Wade Lockhart has saved dozens of old city ledgers, account books and meeting minutes.

This is part of a series of excerpts from those documents.

City council members in 1940 included A.J. Thomsen, C.E. Carper, Earl Sproul, D.G. Addleman and Lew Wenger. J.C. Nitsch was the mayor; R.S. Claar, city clerk; and City Township. *Guy Morrish*; *city superintendent*.

A special meeting was called on the city to furnish paint.

March 8, 1940

... a special meeting for today at 11 a.m. on the application of Cecil Harmon for parole. He was put in jail on the night of Feb. 25, 1940, North Penn Ave. be oiled from and was sentenced for sixty days in jail and costs.

Motion was made by Addleman that Cecil Harmon be paroled during his working hours for the balance of his sentence. Time not necessary to go to and from work and to perform work, to be spent in jail. And on the condition that payment of his wages be guaranteed on his debts, less his living expenses. He is to pay for his own meals while under parole.

Motion carried.

From the April 1,1940 meeting:

• Clerk was instructed to write Atty. General, Jay S. Parker for suggestions as how to dissolve Oberlin in the Nitsch building which at \$15



From the Vault By Cynthia Haynes c.haynes@nwkansas.com

From the July 17,1940 special

• Motion made by Sproul, that end of pavement to the highway through contract with Dane Hansen, provided cost does not exceed \$225.68.

Motion carried

From the Aug. 5, 1940 meeting: • Clerk was instructed to have Geo. Nellans publish notice in the paper that dog owners would be given until Aug. 20th to purchase their dog license or the dogs would be put into the dog pound and held for 48 hours and then killed if license has not been purchased.

 License on bowling alleys was discussed. There being four alleys

per alley per year would amount which otherwise might be closed ments and the final vote on the bill • Supt. Morrish was instructed to to \$60 license per year. Clerk was after the self-imposed moratorium required 60 votes to pass. find out cost of painting water tower, instructed to issue a license for one month for these alleys at \$5. If someone wanted to start up those bowling alleys.

From the Sept. 3, 1940 meeting:

• Supt. Morrish was instructed to write Carl Schultz that if he had not put in the walk by his mother's property by Oct. 1st, that the city would proceed to have same put in. This walk is asked for by Voyle Ridgeway.

 Guy Allen Police Judge, asked if the council wanted to enforce the curfew law as per ordinance #118. The opinion of the council was that this ordinance would be enforced.

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Cardiac rehab

That might put the shift to North Platte on hold even longer, according to Sen. Moran's office. The Postal Regulatory Commission could review any decision to change mail handling. No changes could be made in any event until after this year's elections in states, such as Kansas, which allow mail

Saturday mail delivery.

The Senate worked through 39 amendments beginning last Tuesday and finishing last Wednesday evening, then approved the final version and sent it to the House of

balloting.

Representatives, where it faces an uncertain future at best. The conservative, Republican-dominated to remake the struggling Postal Service rather than help it. No action is expected before the end of

the current moratorium on closing

The Senate bill would give the service some flexibility in solving its financial problems, but seeks to preserve many of the rural post offices and mail-processing centers ends May 15.

Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe put pressure on Congress last year when he announced the service was facing a financial crisis and began taking measures he felt were required to keep the agency operating. Among his proposals were the closing of about 3,700 post offices across the country and about 250 mail-processing centers – half the total – plus delaying first class mail delivery by a day or two and dropping Saturday delivery.

Sen. Moran is a member of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs, could happen this fall. which includes the Postal Service.

post office closings and written several amendments to help save rural Kansas post offices. including those in Norcatur, Herndon, Kanorado and Edson.

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the U.S. Senate could put off any

decision to move sorting of the the

area's mail to Nebraska for months,

if not longer, and make it more dif-

ficult for the U.S. Postal Service to

close post offices in Norcatur and

The 21st Century Postal Service

the support of a bipartisan coalition

including Kansas Sens. Jerry Moran

The bill includes provisions,

which if it becomes law, could at

least delay any changes to mail-

Colby which handles our mail. The

area's mail now is being sorted

overnight in Salina, but under plans

announced by the Postal Service

last year, could be moved to North

Platte, Neb., with a delay of one to

two days before it comes back. That

would end overnight delivery of

First Class mail within the service

area of a "sectional center facility"

The Senate bill would require the

Postal Service to redo its studies of

closing mail plants like the one here,

said Tonda Rush, chief executive

officer of the National Newspaper

Association, and an expert on postal

law. That alone could take several

months to a year. Another provision

provides a three-year moratorium

on changing service standards and

a two-year delay on plans to end

such as Colby's post office.

and Pat Roberts.

Bill could delay

"The postal reform bill will provide USPS with flexibility to restructure and save billions of dollars -while preventing taxpayer dollars Act passed on a 62-37 vote with from being used for a bailout." Sen. Moran said. "I am pleased the bill was passed by the Senate and expands on critical language I had adopted in committee to provide an answer to the question so many Kansans have been asking: 'What sorting plants such as the one in do we have to do to save our post office?

'Once passed by the House and signed into law, the language will help protect rural post offices by defining a structure for what the Postal Service must consider as it conducts the individual post office feasibility studies - and stops the closure of any post offices until that happens. I am hopeful the House will consider this bill in a timely fashion."

Debate last Monday and Tuesday covered 39 amendments.

The Senate approved eight amendments on last Tuesday, some on voice votes. Those include an amendment by Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.) to require the Postal Service to take money-saving steps like cutting counter hours before closing an office. An amendment introduced by Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-Maine) requires the Postal Rate Commission to consider methodology and costs of mail processing reports before any changes to postal

An amendment introduced by Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) "prohibits" the postal service from cutting the workforce or completely closing certain postal offices. Similarly, an amendment by Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.), approved by voice vote, introduces a limit on how many postal offices in rural areas can be closed without meeting certain requirements.

Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) introduced an amendment meant to exclude closing postal offices or House seems to be aiming more making changes to postal services that would change the outcome of elections through affecting votes made through the mail.

Sen. Michael Bennett of Colorapost offices and sorting plants on do's amendment creates a commission of "citizen's service protection advocates" charged with representing Americans' public interest of the mail service. Bennet's amendment was approved by voice vote.

Under Senate rules, all the amend-

Sen. Collins said the process had proven the U.S. Senate can tackle an enormous problem in a bipartisan way and make progress.

The House has its own version of a postal reform bill which is far different from the Senate version. Chairman Darrell Issa, R-Calif., of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform has said he has no plans to move his bill before the fall elections. However, observers say passage of the Senate bill could put pressure on the House to do something before the Postal Service runs out of cash, which

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