

County employs director

The Decatur County commissioners hired a young woman as the summer recreation director last Tuesday.

The commissioners said they had only received one application for the position. County Clerk Colleen Geihlsler 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 school.

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 schedule.

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

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

Ms. Geihlsler 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 to travel.

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

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

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 co-ed teams can pick up a form at the clerk's office.



Students sing and dance

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

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

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-hour permit.

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 mohawk.

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. Saturday.

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.



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 Guy Morrish; city superintendent.

A special meeting was called on 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, 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



From the Vault

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City Township.

• Supt. Morrish was instructed to find out cost of painting water tower, the city to furnish paint.

From the July 17, 1940 special session:

• Motion made by Sproul, that North Penn Ave. be oiled from 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 in the Nitsch building which at \$15

per alley per year would amount to \$60 license per year. Clerk was 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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