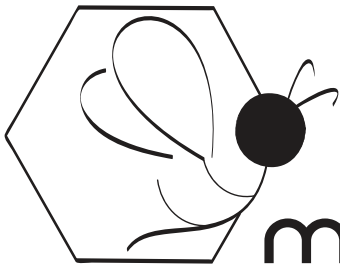


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**OBERLIN LAWYER, Preston Pratt** was sworn in as the new 17th District judge on July 1, 2011.

### CHAMBER MANAGER

Carolyn Hackney, a Decatur County native and graduate of Decatur Community High School, took over as manager of Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce in May 2009.

Ms. Hackney said she thinks it helps to have a hometown person in the office. "The Chamber is the central hub of the county," she said. "We are the first point of contact when anyone who calls looking for information. It's important to know what's going on in the community and I try to pass it on."

For information or to tell the Chamber of an activity, call 475-3441.

### CREATIVE COLLISION

Two Norton men opened Creative Collision on north U.S. 83 with the help of the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. Robert Daniels and Kyle Kindal opened the shop in late 2009 after Sappa Valley Construction built the building.

### CUSTOM TROPHY

Chris and Dana Koerperich of Oberlin purchased Custom Trophy and Engraving on Main Street in Oberlin in July 2011 from Rick Doeden.

Mr. Koerperich had worked in the Koerperich Book Bindery in Selden, a family business, but said he decided it was time to do something different.

The business offers trophies, awards, lots of plaques, embroidery, medals, ribbons, T-shirts, sweat shirts, letter jackets, pet tags, gifts and more. They also sell shirts, sweatshirts and hats that can be embroidered and other gifts that can be personalized. Mrs. Koerperich does the

### 180 HOUSE RE-OPENS

In 2011, King's Treatment Center reopened the 180 House on Elk Avenue with house parents Shane and Blossom Mahan. The house was revamped and the house parents are able to take seven boys from 14 to 19.

### APX ROOFING

APX Roofing got its start with Pablo Sanchez running the business. He said he hadn't planned on making a career out of roofing, but kind of "fell" into it.

The business name is an anagram of his, his wife's and their son's names Ashley, Pablo and Xavier.

APX also installs metal roofs, siding and windows. For information, call Mr. Sanchez at 475-7365.

### COUNTRYSIDE VET CLINIC

Countryside Veterinary Clinic of Oberlin expanded on Nov. 20, 2009, when the owners, Dr. Mark and Barbara Olson and Dr. Travis and Abby Hissong, purchased the Hoxie Veterinary Clinic from Dr. Mark and Carol Poell.

Since that time, the Olson family has moved to Hoxie and the name of that business was changed to Countryside Veterinary Clinic of Hoxie.

Dr. William Terry joined the practice in August of 2011. He and his wife Elizabeth moved to Oberlin from Alabama after he graduated from the Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine. He works at both mixed-animal practices.

"Our goal is to recruit, train and mentor beginning veterinarians, teach them the business and professional services of being a veterinarian in rural America," said Dr. Olson. "Since only a small percentage of graduates choose to live in a rural area and work with large animals, our mission is to train them to be successful so that our clients will have veterinary service for a long time."

All three veterinarians work at both the Oberlin and Hoxie clinics, providing large- and small-animal services. They serve the Oberlin Livestock Auction and Norton Livestock on sale days.

### CARMAN COMPUTER

Dick Carman, who moved to Oberlin in 2005, has operated a computer business in his home until moving to a new location on Main Street last month.

He purchased the building at 211 N. Penn, and after remodeling and rewiring, moved Carman Computer Services there. His store sells new and used computers, and he says he gives warranties on both. He also handles printers, copy paper and some office supplies.

Hours are from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. He spends mornings servicing computers for customers in their homes or at the office. His plans to move to an apartment in the building later this summer.

Mr. Carman, a 1959 graduate of Decatur Community High School, is a member of the Decatur County Museum and Oberlin City Library boards, as well as the Lund Covenant Church.

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