

*Ballots ready for election

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For commissioners in the 3rd District, there are four Republicans running against each other and one Democrat who is unopposed. That means there will be at least one race on the ballot this fall.

Ralph Unger of rural Oberlin is the incumbent county commissioner in District 2. He faces Sid Metcalf of Oberlin. Both men are farmers and have experience in civic affairs – Mr. Unger as a commissioner, and Mr. Metcalf in economic development.

District 2 includes the townships of Finley, Logan, Liberty, Sappa, and Bassettsville, as well as Oberlin Precinct 1, which is the city west of Penn Avenue.

Republicans running for commissioner in District 3 are Bob Jones, owner of Jones Auction Service in Jennings; Mick Barth, owner of the Re-Load bar and restaurant in Oberlin; Shayla Williby, a grant writer and member of the pool committee in Oberlin; and Brad Marcuson, who lives south of Oberlin, a farmer who formerly worked for the county Road and Bridge Department.

District 3 includes Beaver, Sherman, Harlan, Grant, Olive, Roosevelt, Lincoln, Oberlin, Center, Altory, Garfield, Summit, Custer, Jennings, Pleasant Valley, Cook, Prairie Dog, Dresden, Lyon and Allison townships.

Sheriff's Deputy Jay Tate is running against Smith County Attorney

Allen Shelton, a lawyer living in Oberlin, for the position of magistrate judge of the 17th District. Everyone in the county can vote for this position.

Only voters who are registered as Republicans can vote in the primaries. Democrats have no races on their ballot in Decatur County.

Also, under a new Kansas law, voters must present a current government-issued photo identification to get a ballot. Acceptable identification includes a driver's license or state-issued identification card, a U.S. passport, a state conceal and carry license, U.S. military identification, a government employee badge or an identification document issued by a government office.

Bridge project could hold up traffic

A bridge-repair job will slow traffic on U.S. 83 south of Oberlin for the rest of the summer, with signals at either end of the bridge over the Prairie Dog Creek controlling traffic on a single lane through the project.

Work could start as soon as Monday on the bridge, about 13 1/2 miles south of Oberlin and 3 1/2 miles from the Sheridan County line.

The Kansas Department of Transportation said that drivers should expect delays, though the lights will respond to traffic demand.

Work on the bridge includes removing 1 1/2 inches of concrete, repairing the bridge deck and overlaying a new concrete surface. Kristen Brands, district director of public affairs for the department in Norton, said that the job should be done by mid-September.

She asked that drivers use caution and watch for workers while passing through the construction zone. Wildcat Concrete Services of Topeka has a \$293,138 contract for the repairs.

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626-3258 or erico@ksdot.org in Atwood, or Mrs. Brands at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

Crews also will begin work Monday on a job to repave U.S. 36 from Phillipsburg east to the Smith County line, about 14 miles.

"The project will begin with contractors milling three inches of existing pavement, and then inlaying 2.5 inches of new asphalt material," said Jim Riener, the construction engineer. "An additional 1.5-inch lift of asphalt will be laid down to complete the paving operation."

Flaggers and a pilot car will guide one-lane traffic through the work zone during the day. Delays of 15

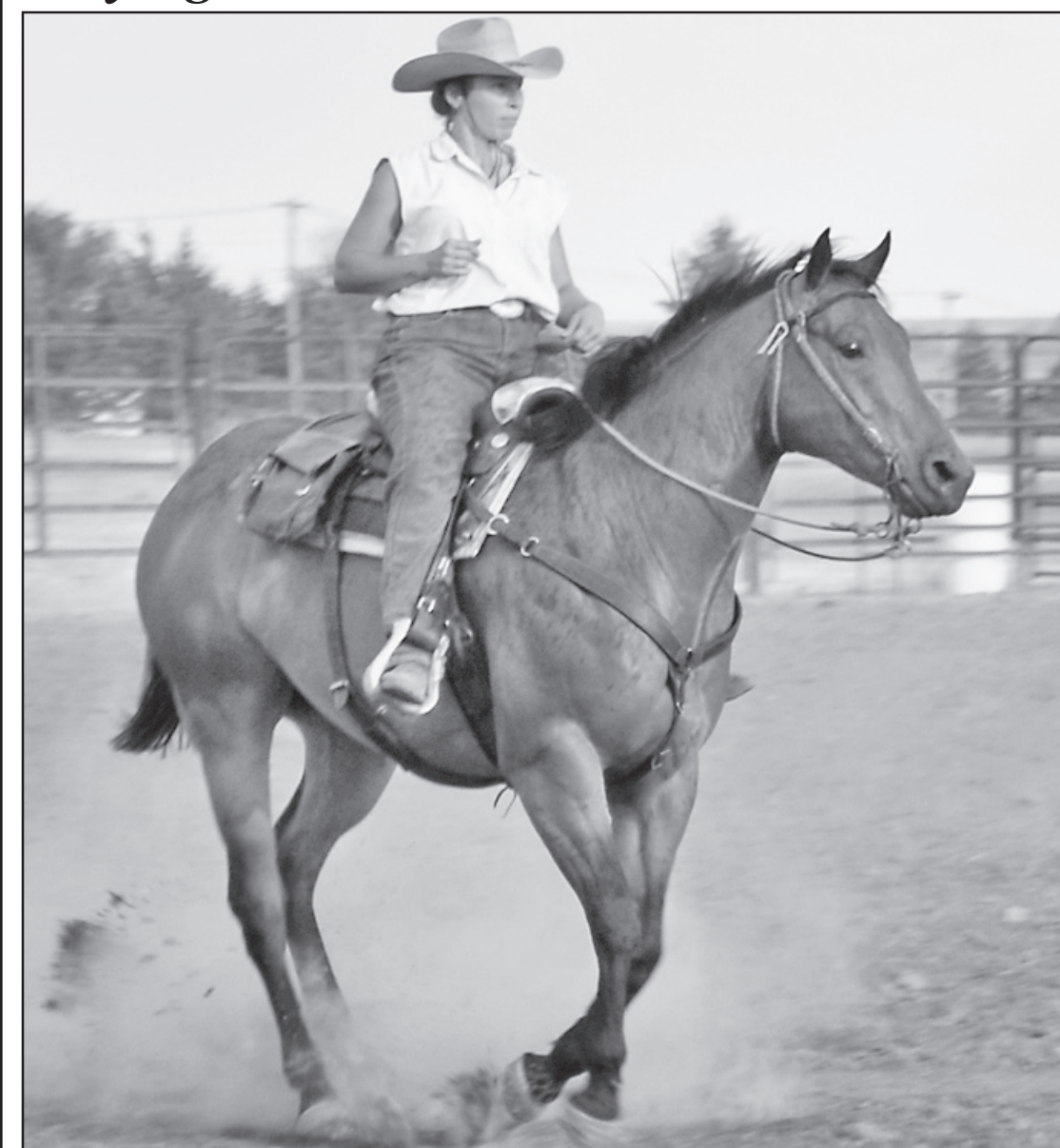
minutes or less are expected.

APAC Kansas of Hays has a \$4.5 million contract for the job. Work should be done by late September.

Another job near Oberlin will start later this month. Heft and Sons of Greensburg has a \$347,339 contract to resurface about 10 miles of U.S. 36 from Oberlin to the Rawlins County line, about a mile east of the Herndon junction.

Workers will cover the road with asphalt, then pack down a layer of chips in a process known as a "chip seal," used to preserve and smooth the surface. Flaggers and a pilot car will guide drivers through the work zone during the day, with delays of up to 15 minutes expected.

Playing in the sun



HORSE FUN NIGHT, which happens at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the arena south of the fairgrounds, is a chance for kids and adults alike to come out and play games on horseback and learn the basics of riding. Julie Blotts, a regular, practiced her riding as others looked on from the benches.

— Herald staff photo by Stephanie DeCamp

*City finds usable water

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"They (the Rural Development) want us to close out our current loans and have us reapply with the department," Mr. Miller said. "Because we have a plan and a time frame, we could qualify for more grants."

Apparently, said Mr. Miller, the department never processed a previous request for a water-improvement grant, but is willing to roll everything into the new project.

The city received money initially for the water project because the elemental contents of it didn't meet new federal standards, said Mr. Miller, particularly the levels of uranium and arsenic, which are naturally occurring, and only immediately dangerous in large quantities. All the same, they were too high for federal standards.

Miller said test sites 1, 4 and 6 have all come back with acceptable mineral levels and test pumping of sites one and four has indicated there's enough water to make them working wells. Site six will be pumped sometime this week to see if it, too, has enough water to become a working well, Mr. Miller said.

"If we brought those wells into town," he said, "we could come down one mile east of U.S. 83 (where the water treatment plant

was going to be) and we could blend with (water from) wells 10 and 12, and still use them."

Why would we want to blend wells? one citizen asked.

"That way," he replied, "there would be two wells we could use in the summer, even though they're lower quality, instead of not using them at all."

Well 11, less than a mile from the U.S. 36/U.S. 83 intersection, is the main supplier, he said, while wells 10 and 12, which are south of Oberlin near the old bowling alley, can't be used together, as their mineral levels would exceed regulations. But if the system is laid out properly, the city would have enough water, and at least one well as a backup.

Mr. Miller said they would have to file for water rights in all three locations, which means that if any more wells were to be found within a two-mile radius, the city will also have rights to those new discoveries.

"The advantage," Mr. Miller said, "is that it would be separate rights and we could maximize what we want to use."

Better yet, he said, the city would only have to lay down about 11 miles of pipe to get the water in town.

"Well it's better than what we started with," Councilman Rob Mc-

Fee said, "with the large conglomeration of pipes and the funny guys in suits to dispose of uranium."

"And there's a better savings without a treatment plant and uranium problem," Mr. Miller added.

In other business, the city council:

- Joined a new mutual aid group within the Federal Emergency Management Agency. It's a program that ties counties together in the event of a disaster so that they can help one another immediately. City Administrator Karen Larson cited a time when Oberlin power poles came down, and Goodland and Colby sent crews to help. Without them, she said, we wouldn't have had power for weeks. This is the same concept, she said. The motion to join was passed unanimously.

- Confirmed that a hearing to approve the budget will be held Thursday. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, she said, is willing to finance a lot of projects this year, including equipment for the hospital, a pay loader and police cars.

"Anything that is non-profit or for municipalities they will help," she said, "but not swimming pools, unfortunately. Anyway, as we go along, if there are things that anyone thinks of that we can put a loan request in for, let us know."

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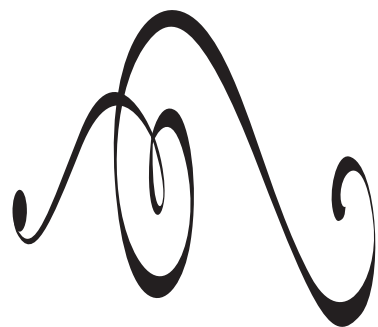
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