

# \*Man guilty of murder

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square in the face. Judge Pratt agreed with her, and the charge remained for the jury to decide. The second charge, of aggravated battery for injuring Campbell as she lay in bed with Mr. Cook, was also upheld.

Mr. Barrett argued that the battery wasn't aggravated because there was no proof that Coryell intended to commit a felony by imposing "serious bodily harm" to Campbell, to which Ms. Romine said that if Coryell had the time — between lifting the gun and pulling the trigger — to premeditate Mr. Cook's murder, then it would follow suit that he did so knowing it would also hurt Campbell.

Again, the judge agreed, leaving the charge up to the jury. The other requests to dismiss charges, however, the judge said, were "more troubling."

Mr. Barrett argued that aggravated burglary — which again, requires intent to commit a felony as part of the charge — should be dropped. First, he said, Coryell and his friend, Everett Urban, had been invited to the home by the text messages. Second, when the men drove to the house, there was no proof that they were looking for anything more than a fist fight. Third, Mr. Cook was staying at Ryan McEvoy's house north of Jennings, where the shooting happened, as a tenant, exchanging goods and services in exchange for staying at the house for the weeks that he was home on leave. As a tenant, he had the authority to invite people into the home. And fourth, Mr. Barrett argued, when the men first arrived, they talked to Dakota Cook, Corey's brother, who was also staying there, and he never told them to leave. Dakota even testified that he told the men where they could find his brother, in a back bedroom.

Ms. Romine argued that because the men initially parked at the end of the drive (on a county road) to avoid trespassing (as Mr. Urban testified) and the fact that they knocked on the door before entering both showed that they knew they weren't supposed to enter the home. The screen door was closed, she said, a "No Trespassing" sign was posted outside, it had been 30 minutes since they had last received any communication from Mr. Cook and when they arrived, everyone was asleep. This undoubtedly showed that they knew they weren't supposed to be there, she argued.

"They drove 15 minutes after getting ahold of no one and still decided to enter the house for a three-on-one

## The jury's choices

After the jury for the Dylan Coryell murder trial left to deliberate last Tuesday, the members ended up finding Mr. Coryell guilty of second-degree murder. However, judge Preston Pratt had given them six options, the main charge and five "lesser, included" crimes:

- Premeditated, intentional murder in the first degree: the defendant thought out the murder beforehand and committed it intentionally.
- Intentional murder in the second degree: the crime was an unplanned, but intentional killing.
- Reckless murder in the second degree: the defendant didn't necessarily mean to kill, but showed a "reckless disregard for human life."
- Voluntary manslaughter: the defendant only meant to hurt the victim.
- Involuntary manslaughter: the defendant didn't mean to hurt the victim.
- Not guilty: This wouldn't have necessarily meant that Mr. Coryell had not committed a crime, but rather that the state had failed to prove that he did "beyond a reasonable doubt."

Last Monday, Judge Pratt granted a defense motion dismissing charges of aggravated burglary and felony murder, ruling that the state had not proved the elements of those two crimes.

fight," she said.

But this time, Judge Pratt disagreed.

In order for the aggravated burglary charge to stick, he said, the state had to prove that the men entered the home with intent to commit a felony — in this case, causing "great bodily harm" to Miss Campbell. But there was no evidence that they entered the home with any weapons other than their fists, and there was no evidence that they intended to cause great bodily harm to Miss Campbell. They intended to cause bodily harm to Mr. Cook, yes, but there was no proof that they entered the home in order to go after her.

Because of this, he said, the charge of aggravated burglary would be dismissed, as was the alternative charge (to premeditated murder) of felony murder, because that would only apply if Mr. Coryell had killed Mr. Cook while intending to commit a felony (aggravated burglary).

## Finger-licking fun



OBERLIN PHYSICIAN Robert Rosin enjoyed a bit of chocolate during the Spring Fling celebration at the Decatur County Hospital last Monday.

— Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

## \* City vote may not be final

(Continued from Page 1A) said they will be pleased either way the canvass turns out.

"How about that!" Mrs. Horn said. "I'm just eager to get in there and get together with everyone. I do thank everyone for their votes."

Mrs. Leitner congratulated her fellow candidates and said it was all for the best if the vote stands.

"Honestly," she said, "I get more out of getting stuff up off the ground. That's where my passion lies, in the thrill of starting something."

In Jennings, Robert Jones was elected mayor with 25 votes as a write-in candidate. Louise Cressler and write-in Robert Papp both were elected to the council, he with 27 votes and she with 28.

In Norcatur, Carl Lyons was re-elected mayor with 38 votes on a write-in. Ed Yeager and Luke Bailey were elected to the council as write-ins, with Mr. Yeager getting 41 votes and Mr. Bailey 7.

In Dresden, Jacque Douglas, Keith Muirhead and Donald Ritter were elected to the City Council, all three with 19 votes.

## Two re-elected at Extension

By STEPHANIE DeCAMP  
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Tuesday was election day not just for the City Council and school board, but also for the Twin Creeks Extension District.

The Extension office, tucked away on the first floor of the Decatur County courthouse in downtown Oberlin, is a resource that many remain unaware of, said candidate Sharleen Wurm. She and Sheryl Unger both ran unopposed for the two positions open on the board. Mrs. Wurm had 369 votes in Decatur County and Mrs. Unger had 366 in final, unofficial returns Tuesday night.

"We deal with a lot of 4-H issues and administrative things," Mrs. Wurm said. "My mother was always involved with home economy things that came out of these offices when I was a kid."

"One thing that's interesting about these offices is that they have access to all of the research from Kansas State University, so if you need to know why your tree is dying, say, you can get a hold of Byron (Hale, the Extension agent at the Decatur County office), and he'll

contact the researchers for the answers.

"And now that we have three agents, they all have their different specialties. Keith (VanSkike, at the Norton office) is into wheat, Byron likes horticultural ... and then we have the home economist, Tranda Watts, for nutrition, health and food safety."

The extension district board meets once a month, Mrs. Wurm said, and members from all three counties work together.

"We also vote on administrative things like monthly expenses for the offices and secretaries," she said. "For example, we just got a new van for Decatur (County) to take students to the fair, conferences and activities."

More than anything, Mrs. Wurm said, she would like to get the word out about the Extension program and all the agents can do for people.

"I would like to see the office get more publicity," she said, "because there are so many resources and so much information that we can get to people. Working together with groups like the Chamber of Commerce for community projects is a big part of what we do, too, and I'd really like to see us more involved."

## Guitarist to perform in St. Francis

Guitarist and vocalist Jim Salestrom will present a program at 3 p.m. Sunday at the St. Francis High School auditorium.

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