

* Truck repair bill will not be paid

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 the general fund to the landfill department.
 • Approved a contract with the state for Noxious Weed Director Gaylen Huntley to spray the state right of way.
 • Discussed the transportation van. Mr. Unger said Mr. Huntley called him last week from Colby, where the van was being fixed. The catalytic converter needed to be replaced and was going to cost more

than \$500. Mr. Unger said it was OK. The commissioners ratified the decision.
 • Heard there is a petition to close an unnamed township that runs on the section line between Roosevelt and Olive Townships. The road is seven miles east and one mile north from intersection.
 • Agreed that sometime in February, they need to go look at the county buildings and the new bridges.

Class to train volunteers

Don't forget, if you are interested in serving the county on the ambulance crew, to sign up for the first responder class now in progress.
 Classes started on Monday, but Ambulance Director Patrick Pomeroy said a volunteer still can sign up and attend class on Thursday. Classes are from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at the ambulance barn.
 The first responder course is free to anyone who offers to spend a year with the service. Anyone who

doesn't work on the service for a year will owe the county \$400.
 Things covered in first responder training include cardiopulmonary resuscitation, splinting, childbirth, ambulance operations and others.
 Once the student passes the cardiopulmonary resuscitation part of the course, they can carry a radio under the supervision of Mr. Pomeroy or an emergency medical technician.
 For information, call Mr. Pomeroy at 475-8126 or 475-8127.

A drop at a time



AT THE GATEWAY last Wednesday, Annette Miller (above) relaxed in the lounge chair while she gave blood at the American Red Cross drive. — Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

* Six get awards from Chamber

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 without the support of the parents and community.”
 Dave Stapp, who farms in rural Norcatur, received the award for agriculture builder.
 The board said Mr. Stapp received the award partly for his integrity and innovation.
 Abby Hissong, insurance agent, wife and mother of two, received the community volunteer award for her work with the Jaycees Angel Tree, coaching ball and helping start the Support Our Schools group.
 Kurt Vollertsen, owner of Ward Drug Store, received the commu-

nity builder award for his work on different groups, including Oberlin School Board, Oberlin Business Alliance and the Chamber, to name a few. He is a former city councilman also.
 Marilou Long and Ann Mines, who operate both the Bargain Box Plus and Furniture Alley, received the community leadership award.
 With the banquet being the Chamber's yearly meeting, attendees voted for board members who will serve for the next two years. Those elected were Sid Metcalf, Marilyn Horn, Bryan Loker and Judy Scott.

* Man entertains dinner guests

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 clasped hands on the other.
 “We had peace medals in three sizes,” said Mr. Lewis, “and hoped the largest one would be given to the chief that was the most important.”
 The medal served as the token for passage to Washington, he said. It was the native leader's ticket there, the ticket home and would get the wearer a \$2 to \$3 per diem to spend.
 Along the route, the men saw animals Americans had never seen before. They sent a live prairie dog and magpies back to President Jefferson. Mr. Lewis said they saw

over 200 species of plants that were new to them, too.
 The men kept 13 journals and made records of what the future of the nation held.
 As Mr. Thomas put on a necklace made of grizzly bear claws, which he said they encountered. The Indians called them horrible bears and warned them that the bears would challenge the best of the expedition's hunters, he said.
 On Sept. 26, 1806, the Corps of Discovery returned to Washington. In a sense, said Mr. Lewis, it was the formal finish.

Commissioners sign yearly resolutions

The Decatur County commissioners took care of yearly resolutions at their meeting Tuesday, Jan. 9, setting the meal allowance for employees who are out of town, mileage reimbursement rates and designating an official newspaper.
 Each January, the commissioners approve resolutions that are in effect for a year.
 The commissioners named *The Oberlin Herald* as the official newspaper, designated The Bank, Farmers Bank and Trust and First National Bank as county depositories and approved a statement accepting Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
 The commissioners set a \$25-a-day meal allowance for county employees who have to go out of town for county business, \$7 for breakfast, \$7 for lunch and \$11 for dinner. Employees who drive their own cars on county business will get a 44.5-cents-per-mile reimbursement, which is the amount the federal government allows this year.
 In other business, the commis-

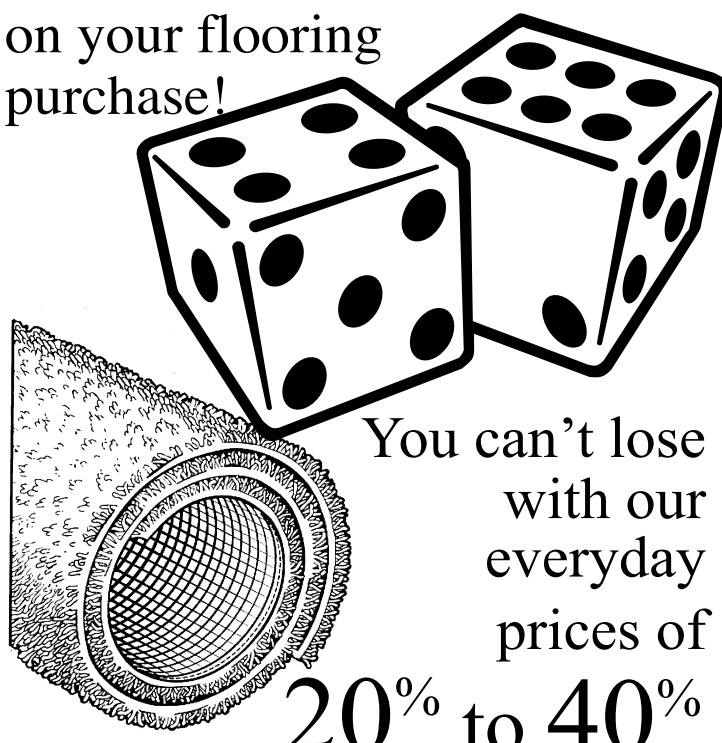
sioners:
 • Approved the 2006 agreement with Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas for services for people with disabilities they have homes in the area and people from the county can live there.
 • Presented Judy Gaumer, register of deeds, with her five-year certificate.
 • Heard that the road department has the county roads bladed, with two more township roads to do. They will begin the snow and bus routes soon. Supervisor Tim Stallman said they have some deep dirt work to do.
 • Approved a \$999 transfer for postage.
 • Held a 20-minute closed session for attorney/client privilege with County Attorney Steve Hirsch and Mr. Stallman. There was no action.
 • Agreed to close the courthouse from 2:15 to 4 p.m. last Wednesday for employees who wanted to go to Dwight Stateham's funeral. Mr. Stateham worked part-time in the noxious weed department.

Church plans pancake feed

Mark your calendars for the benefit pancake and sausage dinner on Groundhog's Day to help offset medical expenses for a local man.
 Members of the United Church will hold the dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. in the basement of the church on Thursday, Feb. 2. The meal will be

by donation.
 Money raised will go to Timothy S. Davis, who is married to Kimberly Davis, to help pay for cornea transplant surgery. The Davis family hopes to schedule surgery for this spring.

Don't GAMBLE on your flooring purchase!

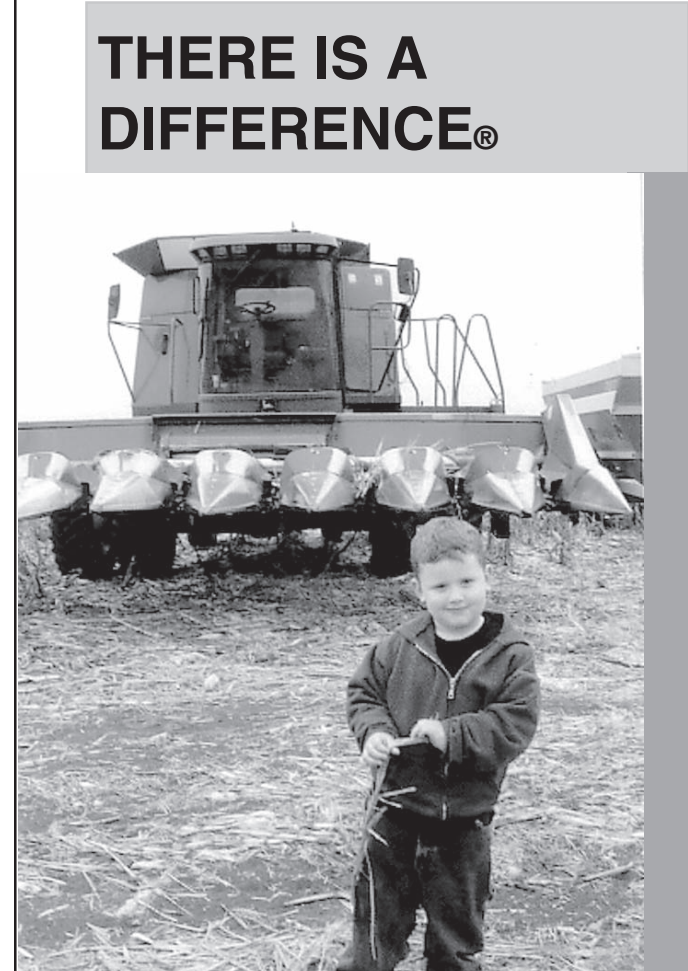


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Summary of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Unencumbered Cash						
For Year Ended December 31, 2005						
FUNDS	Beginning Cash Balance	Cash Receipts	Cash Disbursements	Ending Cash Balance	Less Outstanding Encumbrances and Accounts Payable	Ending Unencumbered Cash Balance
General Fund	\$35,930.54	625,234.40	564,464.60	96,700.34	24,038.38	72,661.96
Special Street	\$67,584.59	54,609.37	32,443.48	89,750.48		89,750.48
Library	\$966.94	38,439.98	39,000.00	406.92		406.92
Employee Benefit	\$32,927.28	83,796.05	98,428.40	18,294.93		18,294.93
Special Liability	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Risk Management Reserve	\$115,077.58	0.00	223.00	114,854.58		114,854.58
Special Park & Recreation	\$5,669.09	6,318.55	2,036.89	9,950.75		9,950.75
Memorials	\$25,131.31	238.73	25.00	25,345.04		25,345.04
Tourism & Convention	\$0.00	5,688.37	5,688.37	0.00		0.00
Bond & Interest	\$28,501.19	192,346.86	188,780.39	32,067.66		32,067.66
Centennial Trust Fund	\$1,311.01	12.45	0.00	1,323.46		1,323.46
Sappa Valley Youth Ranch	\$64,491.85	46,596.76	69,639.97	41,448.64		41,448.64
Comm Growth Fund	\$49,154.00	50,000.00	25,000.00	74,154.00		74,154.00
Street Project Fund	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Fire Truck Fund	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
CDBG Street Grant	\$1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00		1.00
Equipment Fund	\$129,393.57	50,000.00	56,166.00	123,227.57		123,227.57
Gateway Civic Center	\$121,001.72	164,692.92	211,992.58	73,702.06	0	73,702.06
Agency Funds	\$155.98	(155.98)	0.00	(95.27)		(95.27)
Electric Fund	\$959,675.09	1,425,262.23	1,436,757.64	948,179.68	54,643.06	893,536.62
Customer Deposits	\$16,448.40	5,410.00	4,462.00	17,396.40		17,396.40
Sewer & Disposal	\$218,612.95	313,492.99	103,832.42	428,273.52	7,087.65	421,185.87
Wastewater Project	\$13,852.41	8,118.68	8,950.00	13,021.09		13,021.09
North Ind Park	\$303.93	72,613.34	72,820.75	96.52		96.52
Water Fund	\$295,623.42	230,327.03	285,533.74	240,416.71	129.85	240,286.86
Water Project Fund	\$302,163.28	6,298.42	308,083.28	378.42		378.42
Water Well #12	\$0.00	167,022.77	166,974.66	48.11		48.11
Totals	\$2,483,977.13	\$3,546,363.92	\$3,681,303.17	\$2,348,942.61	\$85,898.94	\$2,263,043.67

OUTSTANDING DEBT:
 General Obligation Bonds:
 2001 Series: \$655,000
 Fire truck: \$67,555
 Housing Authority: \$120,000
 2003 Series Water Project: \$742,200
 KS State Revolving Loan: \$2,958,000

OTHER OBLIGATIONS/LIABILITIES:
 Temporary Notes:
 Wastewater Project: \$200,000

Leases:
 Sweeper: \$10,201

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct. Karen S. Larson Treasurer