

*New contract offers power using wind

(Continued from Page 1A) months out from the current contract ending.

The contract says Sunflower Wind will start generating power on Dec. 13, 2009. If the company isn't generating power by that time, then the contract is void, said Mr. Barton.

Construction of the wind farm hasn't started, said Mr. Rasure, but it only takes three to four months to build one.

The company is focusing on Oberlin with the project now, he said. Having the feed yard so close to the city is a great resource, he said, because manure can be used to supply a power production system. The two technologies — wind and methane — will really compliment each other.

At the last meeting, said Mr. Barton, one council member made a comment that nothing had changed from the last proposed contract to this one, but everything has changed as far as what the city would have to agree with.

Sunflower Wind has never presented a contract to the city that is a "scheme," as one member called it, said Mr. Rasure.

There has never been a proposal that doesn't require Sunflower Wind to perform.

The company isn't trying to take away the city's contract for federal hydropower, said Mr. Barton, just to replace what the city buys from Sunflower Electric around 7 to 8 cents. The city actually pays on average 5.58 cents per kilowatt hour with electricity from Wapa and Sunflower Electric. The price includes transmission and Kansas Municipal Energy Agency fees.

On Monday, the City of Oberlin purchased 30.7 megawatts of Wapa power, one mega watt is 1,000 kilowatts and the city buys the rest from Sunflower Electric, which is

*City to talk wind

— the breeds, though related are recognized as different — and that it is a friendly, well-trained dog.

The council gave her an extension so they and she could do some research. One member asked Mrs. Fahrenbruch to get a certificate from her vet stating what kind of dog she has and whether it is a pit bull or not.

City Administrator Gary Shike said the council may discuss the topic again and decide whether the dog can stay in the city limits.

At the same meeting in November, the council discussed a new proposal from Sunflower Wind to sell the city wind power. The council decided to send the proposal onto Joe Herz from Burr Oak, an electrical consultant the city has hired to study the offer.

Mr. Shike said Brice Barton, with Sunflower Wind, called and plans to come talk with the council about the new proposal.

The meeting, upstairs at The Gateway, is open to the public and will be aired on local access cable channel 7.

however much the city needs. City Administrator Gary Shike said there is no way to know how much the city used today; they won't know until they get the monthly bill.



AT THE OBERLIN CLINIC, Larry Ganje, administrator, position on Monday. worked in his office last week. Mr. Ganje will retire from the

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Administrator to retire from clinic

After 26 years at the helm of the Oberlin Medical Arts Clinic, Larry Ganje plans to retire Monday.

Mr. Ganje said he came to Oberlin in December 1970 as the hospital administrator. In July 1981, he became the administrator at the clinic.

As the administrator, said Mr. Ganje, he has been in charge of all aspects of the operation, including hiring, retaining employees, financial records, working as a liaison with the doctors and payroll, to name a few areas. He said he also works on policies, procedures and making sure all of the regulations

are met. Over the years Mr. Ganje has worked with Dr. Ren Whitaker, Dr. Alfred Krake, Dr. Robert Simpson, Dr. Marguerite Palmer, Dr. Lyn Fogleman, Dr. Allen Hooper, Dr. Mary Campbell, Dr. Michael Kirk, Dr. Peter Bundgard, Dr. Albert Geisen, Dr. Wendy Vogel, Dr. Abel Toleda, Dr. Stephen LaBash, Dr. Elizabeth Sliter, Dr. Richard May and other health professionals.

Mr. Ganje said at age 62, he thinks it's time for him to retire. So far, he said, he doesn't have any concrete plans. He said he has projects around

the house and that he needs to stay busy. Mr. Ganje said he plans to keep his options open, and that includes whether he will stay in Oberlin or not. He added that he likes to keep active and isn't one to just sit around.

Mr. Ganje said his plans may or may not include a job, in a managerial position or something else. It may just be something part time, he said, to keep him busy.

He and his wife Janice have three children, Tammy Wasson, who lives in Oberlin; Stephen, who lives in Texas; and Nick, who lives in Colorado, and three grandkids

who live here. Although they recently changed churches, the Ganjes had been active in the Lund Covenant Church for 17 years. Mr. Ganje is also a long-time member of the Oberlin Rotary Club and a member of the Kansas Medical Group Managers Association.

The doctors, said Mr. Ganje, own the clinic business, and they had the responsibility of finding a new administrator to replace him. He said they have hired Barb Whitney of Norton, a registered nurse at the clinic on and off since 1992. She will start on Monday, Dec. 17.

Recycling program can't take plastic bags

The Decatur County recycling trailer is no longer taking plastic shopping bags.

County Clerk Marilyn Horn said the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Center will no longer take the bags, the kind that most grocery stores give out.

Workers from Wal-Mart were picking up the plastic sacks at

the center in Colby, but won't be anymore. Mrs. Horn said people who still want to recycle the sacks can take them directly to Wal-Mart stores. The store then packages the bags and sends them on, she said.

Mrs. Horn asked that people not continue to put the plastic bags in the recycling trailer.

*Sisters release CD with their music

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The women said people have been asking when they would make a CD of their songs, so in July they started working on it, going to a recording studio at a man's home in Hays.

The CD has 11 songs, all original pieces, including four or five worship songs, three or four country and a few ballads.

Mrs. Carman said her oldest daughter Patience, 5, also sings during the song "Am I Beautiful."

It has been a challenge to finish the album, said Mrs. Carman, but she added they have had a lot of support. Anita Hirsch did the pic-

tures on the women for the cover for free and the graphic artist who did the cover worked for baked goods. Some friends babysat, said Mrs. Carman, and others have just lent support and encouragement.

She said her husband Kendal has helped a lot. He took them to Hays and back, took care of the kids, lent an extra ear, she said, and has been cool-headed and just wonderful all the way through the process. The Carman's have four children, including Isaac, 9, Patience, 5, Moriah, 2, and Gideon, 8 months.

People can order the CDs, which cost \$17, by contacting either of the women. Mrs. Carman's number is 475-2732.

The two agreed that they didn't do a CD to become famous, but with a deep relationship with God, both believe this is part of their ministry. "We just love performing and

singing together," said Miss Fortin, "and you can reach so many people through music."

"We want God," said Mrs. Carman, "to use us how He sees fit."

United Explorers plan Christmas show, dinner

The United Explorers plan to hold a show for their family members and friends for Christmas.

The kids, in kindergarten through sixth grade, have been meeting on Wednesdays after school at the United Church since September, learning about the Ten Command-

ments.

For Christmas, the kids will put on a show at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the church, 109 N. Griffith. Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome.

Soup and dessert will be served after the show.

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