

Men charged with taking 12 deer

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Five Wisconsin men were arrested last Wednesday, then released on bonds totaling \$83,500, or \$16,700 each, on charges of illegally killing trophy-size mule deer.

The men were arrested in the early morning hours in the Lyle area and booked into the Decatur County Jail.

While 10 percent is often required to bond out of jail, Sheriff Ken Badsky said the men posted the entire amount using a wire transfer to get the money to a bank in Wichita, then to The Bank in Oberlin and then to the clerk of the court.

Twelve bucks, a mix of white tail and mule deer, allegedly were taken during the killing spree. A red trailer piled with the bodies was parked last Wednesday morning across the street from the Oberlin post office.

The sight stopped traffic as men and women stopped to look at the dead animals.

Mr. Badsky said Undersheriff Allen Marcum was called out at 5:05 a.m. Wednesday to help Richard

Two plead guilty to poaching a buck

Two men had to pay fines of more than \$5,500 each in November for illegally shooting a mule deer trophy buck in Decatur County.

Cylde Lynch Jr., 50, of College Grove, Tenn., pleaded guilty to two counts, taking a trophy male deer and hunting without a license. Judge John Bremer sentenced him to pay a fine on one count of \$5,500 and for the other of \$150.

Two original charges, taking a mule deer buck without a permit and taking a game animal from a motor vehicle, were dismissed.

Rustin Newman, 28, of LaCygne, pleaded guilty

to three charges, including taking a trophy mule deer, unlawful discharge of a firearm and criminal hunting. Fines were \$5,500, \$150 and \$150.

Four other charges were dismissed, including taking a mule deer buck, taking a game animal from a motor vehicle, possessing the untagged carcass of a mule deer buck and wanton waste of a mule deer buck.

Tickets were written for the men on Monday, Nov. 15, by Richard Kelly, the area wildlife conservation officer, or game warden, with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

Kelly, the wildlife conservation officer stationed in this area by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. He said Mr. Kelly has the power to arrest violators, but called for help because of the number of people involved.

The five men were arrested in the Lyle area, in the northeast corner of the county, and near the Nebraska line, Mr. Badsky said. Jail records

identified them as John Jacobs III, 53; Joseph R. Jacobs, 28; John Jacobs IV, 30; Mark G. Jacobs, 45; and Paul J. Jacobs, 26. The family is from De Pere, Wis.

On Thursday afternoon, Officer Kelly said the case is still under investigation and others might be charged. Names of two area men appeared on tags on the antlers of the deer.

The men were booked into jail and bond was set at \$16,700 each. They made a first appearance in District Court before Magistrate Judge John Bremer, and by Wednesday afternoon, they had made bond and were released.

Sheriff Badsky said it appeared none of the deer had been tagged, as required by law. The men used rifles (See DEER on Page 10A)



TWELVE BUCKS were stacked on a trailer and parked near the Decatur County Courthouse last Wednesday. All allegedly were shot illegally by poachers.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

Over 1,000 dogs seized by state, killed by agency

State officials, without making any announcements or going through county officials here, apparently seized as many as 1,200 dogs from a breeding operation, euthanized all or most of them, then started looking for a place to bury the carcasses.

The incident came to light when the state agency approached Barton County officials about using their landfill near Great Bend. A reporter for the paper there caught wind of the discussion.

“It was one of those unusual issues that you just hope is some sort of a misunderstanding,” wrote Chuck Smith, a reporter for the *Great Bend Tribune*, “but it surely doesn’t appear to be.

“Barton County came close to providing the final resting place for more than 1,000 dogs that either are being or already have been euthanized by state officials and volunteers in what has to be one of the largest animal abuse cases in the history of the nation.”

At Monday morning’s Barton County Commission meeting, towards the close of the meeting, under “other business,” Commissioner

Homer Kruckenberg asked County Administrator Richard Boeckman for more information on a notation in Boeckman’s update for commissioners regarding the possibility of the carcasses being disposed of in the Barton County landfill.

Boeckman, Smith wrote, explained that Landfill Manager Mark Witt had contacted him last week, explaining that, since Barton County maintains a state-approved regional landfill, he’d been contacted about a situation that had developed near Oberlin.

Witt said he had been contacted by officials from the Kansas Animal Health Department about the probable need to dispose of 1,200 dog carcasses.

The dogs were being euthanized after being removed from a huge breeding facility, Witt had been told. Boeckman said it had been reported that the sound of the dogs barking could be heard miles away from the site.

Witt at the time said he could not discuss the details of the case, which did not involve Barton County officials.

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Shoppers can win \$1,000 on Saturday

Shoppers have a chance to win the \$1,000 grand prize on Saturday after six weeks of collecting little red tickets.

The tickets have been given out one for every \$10 spent at sponsoring businesses in the Oberlin merchants’ big *Christmas on Us* contest, including the Carpet Center, Home Planning Center, Decatur Co-op and Ampride, Dale’s Fish ‘N’ Fun, Ultimate Fertilizer, Stanley Hardware, Ward Drug Store, Lifetime Eye Care, Creative Collision, Raye’s Grocery, The Bank and R&M Service Center.

At 11 a.m. Saturday, everyone will have a chance to win \$1,000 in scrip money at the grand prize. The drawing will be held at the gazebo in Centennial Park. In case of bad weather, the drawing will be moved inside to the west side of the Golden Age Center.

Winners must be present and have the winning ticket with them at the time of the drawing. All winners agree to be photographed and interviewed by the newspaper.

Before the big drawing, any leftover \$50 “instant winner” prizes will be given away.

After the drawing, the Oberlin Business Alliance will hold a soup lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Golden Age Center. Santa Claus will be back in town to visit with kids of all ages at the center.

The alliance plans to hold its drawing at 1 p.m. in the Golden Age Center. People can register for

Six people win \$50 each

Six more “instant winners” claimed \$50 each in scrip money last week in the Oberlin merchants’ big *Christmas on Us* giveaway.

This is the last week for people to win \$50 instant prizes, and then it’ll be time for the grand prize drawing on Saturday.

Only two instant prizes remain. Ticket numbers drawn at random appear in merchants’ ads in this week’s *Christmas on Us* section. The first two winners to bring their tickets to the *Oberlin Herald* office will (See TICKETS on Page 10A)

the drawing by attending the soup luncheon. The group plans to give away a basket of goodies from area businesses.

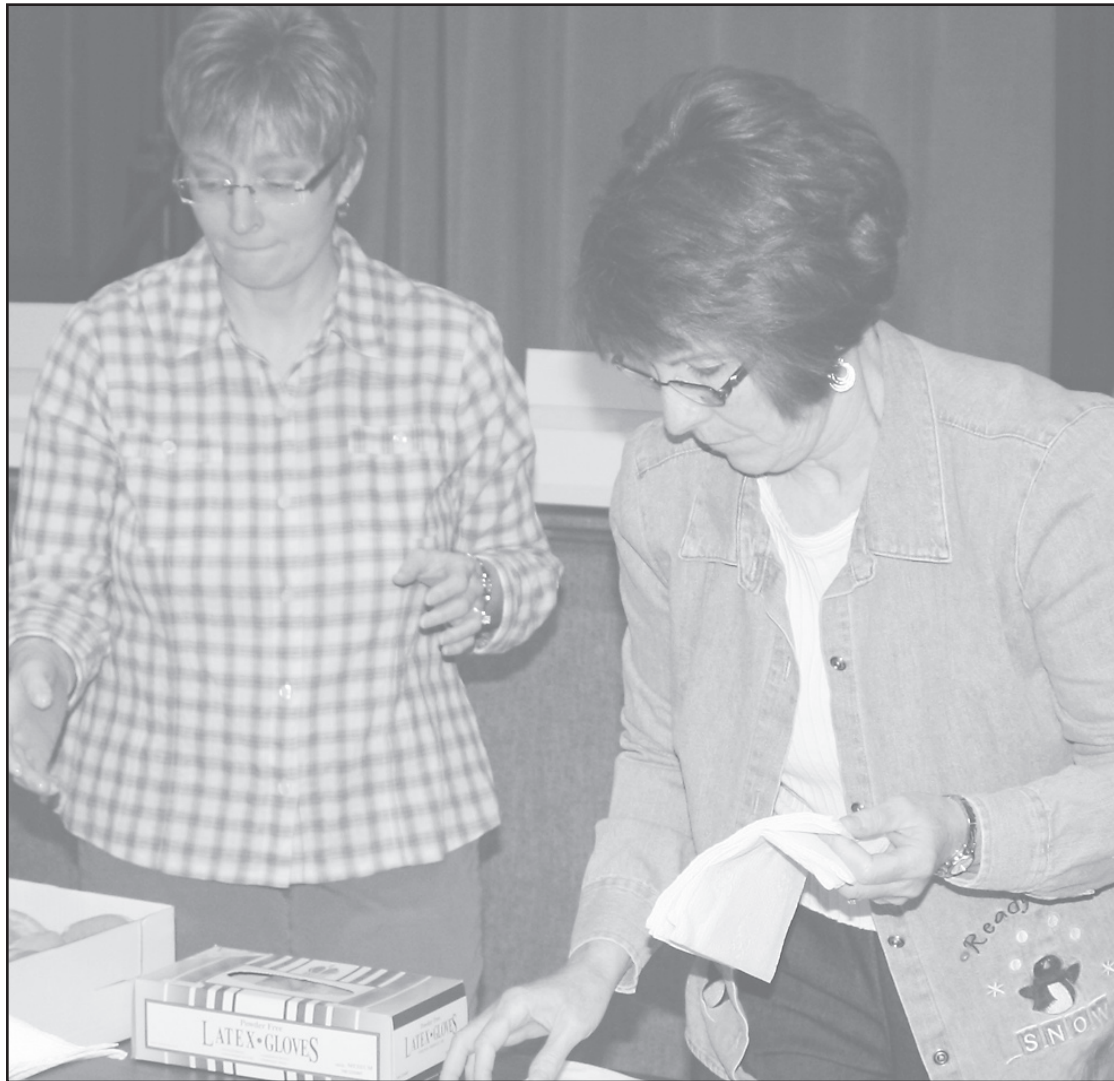
The winner must be present for that drawing also and must have the ticket with them.

At 2 p.m., the alliance will sponsor a free movie at the Sunflower Cinema, with “Santa Paws” on the big screen.

Dads eat with students

AT OBERLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL last Wednesday, Brad Erickson and his daughter Rayne (above) ate breakfast together for the Support Our Schools-sponsored Donuts for Dads event. Sheila Jansonius and Loretta Sullivan (right) helped serve the donuts.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis



Former Oberlin man to join new cabinet

Gov.-elect Sam Brownback has chosen Steve Anderson, a native of Oberlin, as his budget director, making him a key member of the governor’s cabinet.

Mr. Anderson, an accountant in Edmond, Okla., has helped the conservative group Ameri-

cans for Prosperity develop fiscal proposals and worked in the Oklahoma Office of State Finance.

His job will be to develop a budget that closes a projected revenue gap of nearly \$500 million in the next fiscal year, Mr. Brownback said.

A 1972 graduate of Decatur Community High School, he is the son of Dr. Jay Anderson, Oberlin, and Mary Anderson, Osborne, and the brother of Jill Reichert of Dresden.

*Tickets help 10 claim prizes

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claim those prizes. Any not claimed by Friday will be given away before the grand prize on Saturday.

- Winners this week were:
- Cory Marine with ticket No. 895119 from Creative Collisions. She said her mother-in-law had been visiting and hit a deer. She got the tickets when the car was fixed. Ms. Marine said she planned to use the money for gas at Ampride.
 - Joni Marshall brought in ticket No. 879506 that she got at Dale's Fish 'N' Fun. She said she plans to use the money for groceries.
 - Montine Alstrom brought in ticket No. 878492 from Ampride and plans to use the money on Christmas gifts.
 - Mary Long brought in ticket No. 893217 from Stanley Hardware. She said she wasn't sure what she would use the money on. Mrs. Long said she was shocked when she found the winning ticket number.
 - Victor Ritter brought in ticket No. 862334 from R&M. He said he would probably use the money for Christmas gifts or at the grocery.
 - Paula Tadlock brought in ticket No. 899296 from Raye's. She said she would probably use the money to buy Christmas gifts for her granddaughter.

*Dogs in kennel seized, destroyed

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Boeckman told the commissioners Monday that Witt was told late last week that the Barton County facility would not be needed because arrangements had been made with a "local" landowner to dispose of the dogs there.
Officials at the Animal Health office in Topeka did not return a call from the *Tribune* Monday seeking the details of the incident.
Across Kansas, Smith wrote, animal shelter officials have been working to take in dogs rescued from breeding facilities affected by the national recession. Apparently, people are buying fewer expensive dogs, and that eventually trickles down to the breeding sites, which can house hundreds of animals.

Poison prairie dogs by hand, feds say

The weed-control director talked with Decatur County commissioners about a proposed change to the application of prairie dog bait from allowing people to spread it with machines to requiring it to be placed by hand.
Gaylen Huntley said at the meeting Nov. 30 that the change has been proposed because the Environmental Protection Agency has determined, after reading the label, that people are supposed to apply the bait by hand, not with a broadcast-type machine.
Commissioner Ralph Unger suggested writing a letter to the agency to help get the rule "back to reason." While it doesn't change things for the county, he said, it could for the people.
Jerol DeBoer, from Penco Engineering in Plainville, stopped with copies of the new federal fund exchange program, which will help cities and counties replace bridges. He said a bridge project near Lyle is ready to start.
The plans are ready to be submitted on another bridge, which will go out for bids next year. It is 4.7 miles south and 4.4 miles west of town, said Mr. DeBoer.
Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman said he needed to order grader blades, which could cost \$15,000.

Decatur County men recognized at meeting

Ken Carter of Jennings and Don Solko were recognized recently at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association regional meeting in Denver.
Both were honored for their attainment of Credentialed Cooperative Director and Board Leadership certificates before an audience of more than 1,000 electric cooperative officials from 14 states, includ-

Other ticket numbers that could have been instant winners included 883590 from Home Planning Center, 889256 from Ward Drug Store and 867090 from Ultimate Fertilizer.
Shoppers can collect a ticket for every \$10 they spend at sponsoring businesses, including the Carpet Center, Home Planning Center, Decatur Co-op and Ampride, Dale's Fish 'N' Fun, Ultimate Fertilizer, Stanley Hardware, Ward Drug Store, Lifetime Eye Care, Creative Collision, Raye's Grocery, The Bank and R&M Service Center.
They also can get one ticket a week from the newspaper office or from the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce. No purchase is required to win any prize. Tickets are limited to 250 for any single purchase.
Employees of sponsoring businesses are not eligible to get tickets at the place of their employment. Employees of the newspaper and their immediate family aren't eligible to win any prize.
Winners must be present and have the ticket with them at the time of the drawing. All winners agree to be photographed and interviewed by the newspaper.

The Louisburg Herald, for instance, reported a month ago that a shelter in Ottawa was accepting 17 of 200 dogs that had been surrendered by a "puppy mill in western Kansas" to the state agency.

"The 200 dogs relinquished from the puppy mill went to 10 shelters around the state," the paper reported.

Debra Duncan, director of the Animal Facilities Inspection Program at the Animal Health Department, told the paper the 200 dogs were surrendered through a consent agreement from a puppy mill that remains in business. The department does not release specifics, a release said, to keep from discouraging puppy mills to use its "consensual surrender" program, she said.

The commissioners approved him ordering the needed blades even if a little over the price. Mr. Unger said if the price was more than \$1,000 over the estimate, that he had better hold off on it.

Fire Chief Bill Cathcart asked to order training videos for \$900, which he said were approved through the International Fire Training Association. He said he does have the money in his budget. The commissioners approved.

- In other business, the commissioners:
- Held a 10-minute closed session for non-elected personnel with the attorney, clerk and commissioners. No action taken was taken afterward.
 - Approved continuing the county's flexible benefit plan for employees.
 - Approved an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation to actually order the new transportation bus.
 - Held a seven-minute closed session for non-elected personnel.
 - Approved additions to the tax roll of \$300 for William Stowell, Mary Reusink and Barbara Ramsey, \$300 and \$124 for Michael and Linda Spreser and \$1,600 and \$1,600 for Donald Lawson. They also approved abatements for Jeff Jones for \$104 and \$42.

ing Kansas.

Today's operating environment imposes new demands on electric cooperative directors, the group says, demanding knowledge of changes in the electric utility business, new governance skills and a working knowledge of the cooperative principles, according to a story in the *Prairie Land Electric Cooperative News*.

Working hard



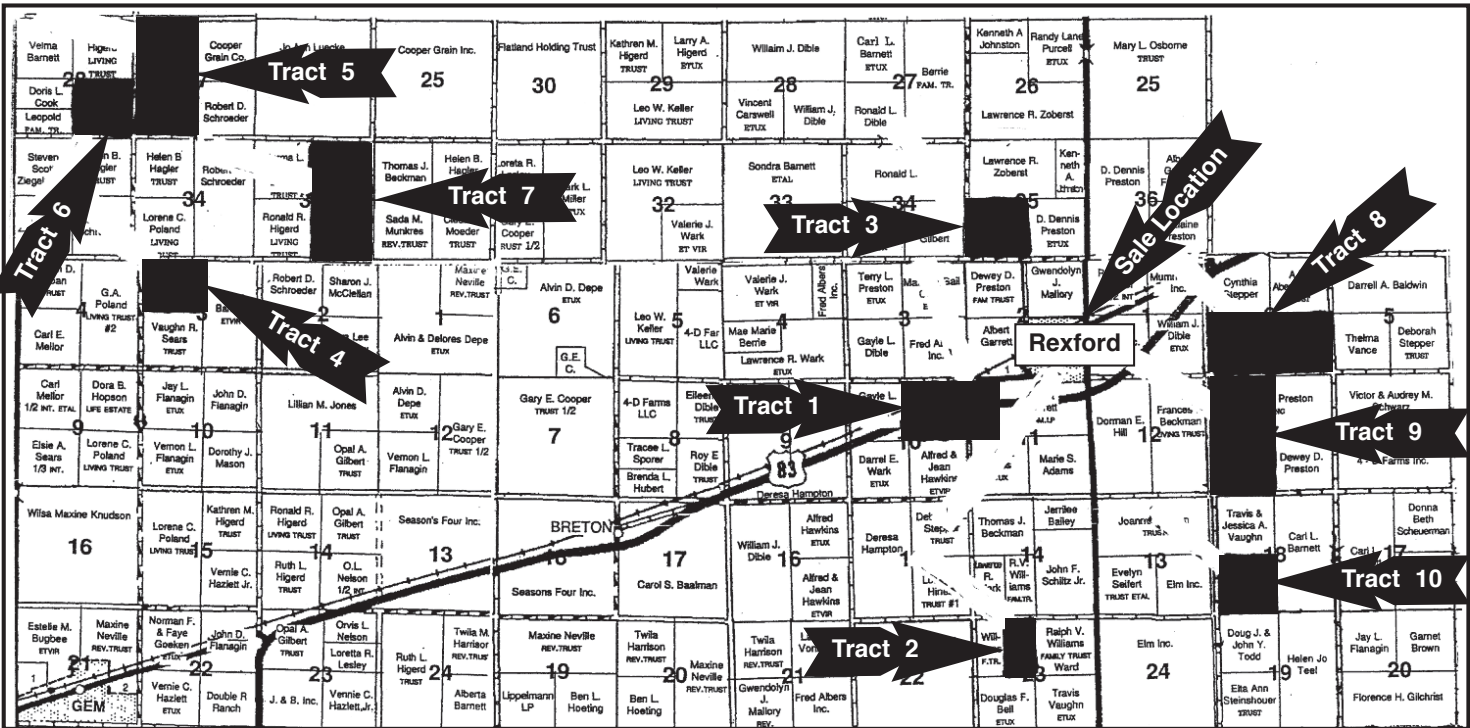
WILLARD PERRIN, with the city water department, helped change a fire hydrant on the south end of Main Street last week.
— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

*Deer bodies seized

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to kill the deer, Mr. Kelly said.
Among the pile of carcasses was at least one deer that meets the requirements for a trophy buck, which means the inside spread of its antlers measured at least 22 inches.
Mr. Kelly said that the men were in the possession of the deer when stopped and none of the animals had been tagged. He didn't say over what length of time the animals had been killed.
Wildlife and Parks seized the poachers' guns, said County Attorney Steve Hirsch.
Sheriff Badsky said poachers allegedly used their vehicles and dogs to round up the deer. Mr. Kelly said, though, he wasn't sure the use of dogs was a solid fact.
Each of the five Jacobs men received a ticket for illegally taking a trophy buck mule deer, he said.
The men, said Sheriff Badsky, could lose their hunting privileges for a minimum of five years or up to a lifetime. A judge can allow the state to seize anything used in a poaching incident, including guns and vehicles.
Mr. Hirsch said the men's next appearance is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22.
Mr. Kelly said he didn't know if the men had been involved in poaching before. He added that he hasn't had a case this big here before.
While he said people can put their names in at the Decatur County Sheriff's Office if they are interested in the meat that might be salvaged from the deer, he wasn't sure if there would be any.
Mr. Kelly said he's never sure why people poach. He said bragging rights is the usual motive.

LAND LEASE AUCTION

2150 Acres +/- Located in Sheridan and Thomas County, Kansas
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