

# Hospital leader on board

Lynn Doeden, chief executive officer of Decatur Health Systems of Oberlin, and administrator of the Decatur County Hospital, has been re-elected to a three-year term on the board of the Kansas Hospital Association.

The election took place during the association's annual meeting in Wichita. The 21-member board oversees the organization's activities.

"I'm learning a lot," said Mrs. Doeden, adding that she filled out the last two years of an unexpired term on the board.

"The good part, the nice part is that a lot of the time, you're a little more up on what's happening. You get a lot of information before everyone else does."

She said the board usually meets once a quarter, mostly in Topeka, and members have conference calls between the meetings. The association also works with legislators in Topeka and Washington, she said, and she hopes to get in on the "government day" in Topeka next month.

The association describes itself as a voluntary, nonprofit organization providing leadership and services to 215 members, including 126 full-service community hospitals.

Founded in 1910, the association maintains a vision of "an organization of hospitals working together to improve access, quality and the affordability of health care for all Kansans," said Vice President Cindy Samuelson.



L. Doeden

# Burglars hit area businesses

The Oberlin Police Department reported a half dozen burglaries along Main Street at the end of the week.

Police Chief Wade Lockhart said he thought all of them happened between midnight and 6 a.m. Friday. He encouraged anyone who might have seen someone walking around or a car parked that didn't belong to call him at the police department, 475-2622.

The first call was to Plains Equipment on Main Street at 6:30 a.m. Friday. Someone got into the building through a back door after breaking the glass in the door. The business was missing about \$180 in cash and a few other items, the chief said.

The second call came at 7:02 a.m. from the Decatur Co-op, which has been broken into not too long ago.

Chief Lockhart said there was a substantial amount of damage at the co-op, including two windows broken. The intruder took \$130 in cash from the safe.

The next call, he said, came from Reeves Seed House at 7:49 a.m. This was the second time the business had been broken into in a month. The first was between 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29.

The first time, he said, the thief got \$50 in cash. The second time, he or they took several personal items.

At 9:14 a.m., he said, he was called to Shear Creations West, where the thief apparently got in through the back door. The business owner was missing \$75 in cash.

Next it was the Oberlin School District office, where someone got in through the alley door and left with a computer.

The last call came from Hansen Mueller on Main Street at 1:24 p.m. While the thief attempted to get into the safe, said Chief Lockhart, he or she wasn't able to.

On the same night that Reeves Seedhouse was broken into the first time, the chief said, someone broke



**TERESA DIEDERICH** of Diederich's Salon of Design focused on curling a client's hair after a perm. Mrs. Diederich, a cosmetologist for 30 years, recently moved her business from her home to a new salon at 209 N. Penn Ave. — Herald staff photo by Carolyn Kelley-Plotts

# Hair stylist gets new surroundings

By CAROLYN KELLEY-PLotts

Teresa Diederich has relocated her hair salon, Diederich's Salon of Design, from her home on the outskirts of Oberlin to 209 N. Penn, in the former Hair Gallery location.

Mrs. Diederich has been a cosmetologist since her graduation from McCook Beauty Academy in 1981. She has had her hair salon in her home from then until now. In October she opened a stylish, new salon in a renovated building furnished with contemporary decor.

Mrs. Diederich operates a full-service salon by appointment only. She said, "I have a full clientele list." She added that her philosophy is one

of service. She does not double book her guests so that she can give each client her complete attention. She believes in pampering her guests giving arm, hand and scalp massage during the appointment.

A self-described "morning person" Mrs. Diederich begins her day at 7 a.m. to accommodate school children and/or the working woman who needs to be in the office by 8 a.m.

It was probably inevitable that Mrs. Diederich became a hair stylist. She said when she was a little girl, she used to watch her mother petal-curl her hair before church. "I was fascinated," she said.

Mrs. Diederich offers retail prod-

ucts like Pureology, an organic line of hair-care products and Kenra products. She also carries Mische purses, key chains and accessories.

Massage therapist, Mary Holliday, shares the space with Mrs. Diederich. Ms. Holliday offers deep tissue massage and manages her own schedule.

Mrs. Diederich and her husband, Rocky, have been married 28 years. They have three daughters; Danielle Leitner, an esthetician; Kamy Auker, a cosmetologist; and Jori Diederich, who is studying ultrasound technology.

# Lucky two nab Christmas cash

Two shoppers claimed \$50 "instant winner" prizes in the Oberlin merchants' "Christmas on Us" giveaway this week.

LaMoine Wolfram brought in ticket No. 729036 that he received at Raye's Grocery. Mr. Wolfram said he would use the money for Christmas presents.

Lacey Tally brought in ticket No. 895816 that she received from Dale's Fish 'N' Fun. She, too, said she planned to use the money to buy presents.

There were five other ticket numbers hidden in last week's "Christmas on Us" ads, but none of them was claimed. The numbers were 894293 from the Dresser, 884309 from Ward Drug Store, 879795 from R&M Service Center, 860580 from Stanley Hardware and 290282 from the LandMark Inn.

Eight ticket numbers are hidden in this week's ads, giving the first seven people who bring their tickets a chance to win \$50 in scrip this week. In all, 10 "instant winner" prizes will be given out during the promotion.

A ticket holder needs to present his or her winning ticket at *The Oberlin Herald* before 5 p.m. Friday to claim their prize. All winners agree to be photographed when picking up their prize.

This year's sponsors include the LandMark Inn, Stanley Hardware, Raye's Grocery, Ward Drug Store,

the Carpet Center, the Dresser, Home Planning Center, the Bank, R&M Service Center and Dale's Fish 'N' Fun.

For every \$10 shoppers spend at sponsoring businesses through Friday, Dec. 16, they will receive one ticket. People 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.

The Grand Prize drawing is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at the gazebo in Centennial Park, unless the weather is bad. Then it will be moved indoors.

Up until the Grand Prize drawing, numbers will be drawn each week and placed in the sponsors' ads in *The Herald*.

All of the prizes are paid in scrip, which can be used at sponsoring businesses only. Merchants are not required to give change.

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.

# Two face theft charges

Two Oberlin men face charges for burglary, theft, criminal damage and possession of drug paraphernalia after allegedly taking items from homes and a shop near Oberlin last month.

Undersheriff Alan Marcum said the burglaries happened between Sunday, Nov. 13, and Wednesday, Nov. 16, the undersheriff said:

- Adrian Overmiller, 23, faces seven charges, three counts of theft, three counts of burglary and one of criminal damage.

- Timothy Johnson, 19, is facing one count of theft, one of burglary and one of possession of drug para-

phernalia. Mr. Marcum said items including change, rifle scopes and BB guns were taken from homes belonging to Mick Barth and Wesley Smith and Kieth Alstrom's shop.

The men, said Mr. Marcum, were caught running away from Mr. Barth's house on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 16. The sheriff's office got a search warrant and found most of the items, he said, and the men admitted to the thefts. Each received a criminal summons at the time. Mr. Marcum said it appeared that Mr. Johnson was only in on the theft at the Barth home.

# There's No Place Like Home

By Eunice Boeve  
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## Chapter 16 Home At Last!

*Last Chapter: A whiff of smelling salts brings Jack around. Mollie shoves his glasses and her own on their faces and they're immediately thrust back into 2011 and Jack feels fine. They realize that controlled by the time machine, they aren't real whether or not they're wearing their glasses. This time they are at a place where the bones of ancient animals are being discovered.*

"Looks like we're in Phillips County, near the town of Long Island," Jack said, "So we're only an hour and a half or so from Hays."

"Maybe that means we're about to go home," Mollie said.

"Maybe, but I'm not counting on it."

Mollie gave her brother a little shove as she moved in beside him, partly to read the computer screen better and partly because she was a little bit mad at him. He should have known better than to push those buttons so many times.

This dig at Long Island, the twins read, had been a major deposit of ancient bones, the specimens now in many museums, including the Smithsonian.

"How about Sternberg?" Mollie said.

Although they couldn't find any specifically from the Long Island site in the Sternberg Museum at Hays, one interesting fossil of a large fish caught their attention. Living centuries ago, the fish had swallowed a smaller fish and somehow both had been covered over with chalk rock and lay undetected until found near Hays in 1952.

"It's called a Fish Within a Fish," Jack said. "I'm going to go see it when we get home."

The twins checked the computer for other fossilized remains in other Kansas museums and found that the University of Kansas at Lawrence had an ancient rhinoceros, called a Teleoceras, from the Long Island site.

"I'd like to see that," Mollie said. "I hope this time machine makes enough money so we can go to all these places." She grinned at Jack, "But in real time."

"It says here," Jack began, his eyes on the computer screen, "that the first Tyrannosaurus Rex was found in Montana in 1902 by a Kansan named Barnum Brown, who was born at Carbondale in 1873. The computer says there were no dinosaurs here, because Kansas was under water during the dinosaur age, although the bones of some were later washed into the area by huge rivers."

"Just like that man who calls himself a bone hunter said happened here," Mollie said. "So what kind of weird stuff did we have in Kansas?"

"How about a Pterosaur," Jack said,



reading the name as the drawing of a huge flying bird-like creature came on the screen.

"Wow!" Mollie said. "I'm glad we don't have birds like that anymore. It could grab you up and eat you in a second."

"It's really a flying reptile, not a bird. It says here that the largest ones had 40-foot wing spans and were as big as a fighter plane."

"Okay," Mollie said, backing up and holding her hands up in mock horror, but a little bit of her fear was real. "You didn't

punch any buttons for prehistoric days, did you?"

"No," Jack laughed. "I don't think the time machine goes back that far."

"Well I hope it goes up to 2011. You didn't happen to push that date, did you?"

"I don't know," Jack said. "I just pushed buttons. I didn't know it was going to work."

Now a real fear washed over Mollie and it was all she could do to hold back her tears. At that moment, she hated Jack. Wished he had never been born. Or if he had to have been born, that she hadn't. She could not stand this much longer. The time machine was wonderful if you could go on one adventure at a time, but this was just too much. To keep from yelling at Jack, Mollie put on her glasses and stepped outside.

The prairie here near Long Island was pretty, the ground not completely flat, but rising in small rolling hills. In the distance, a cow bawled, and soon a trail of them appeared up over a slight rise and ambled down toward a farm pond. She sat on the ground, as always glad to be back in her jeans and T-shirt.

"Come back inside," Jack said, poking his head out of the time machine door. "There's only a few minutes left and I don't know what will happen if you don't get in here."

Mollie jumped up, brushing dirt and grass from her jeans and hurried inside. She didn't know either, and she was taking no chances.

They stood side by side listening to the tick of the timer. A wave of homesickness washed over them causing Jack to clench his jaws and sending two small tears down Mollie's cheeks. They saw the white spiraling motion and felt their bodies stiffen.

When the whirring sound stopped, Mollie's hands flew to her mouth and Jack felt the blood drain from his face. They were still inside the time machine!

Cautiously, Jack turned the door handle on the time machine and pushed. The door fell open and they were looking out at the inside of the barn.

"Oh," Mollie cried, pushing past her brother and out into the barn. "Oh, Jack! We're home!"

Jack felt tears well up blurring his vision. He wiped a sleeve across his eyes and stepped out of the time machine.

They stood for a moment looking at each other, and then they pushed open the barn door and ran toward the house.

*The End*

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