

*Pool company to draw plans

(Continued from Page 1A) company will make several designs for a pool.

Some programs like swim-team practice or competition require a minimum of six lanes with appropriate markings, he said. Most of the aerobics and health programs require water no more than chest high and reasonably warm, while for diving, a deep well is needed.

Any type of indoor facility will be a big investment both up front and in maintenance, he told the group. However, Phillipsburg is planning to do a small indoor facility along with its outdoor pool.

He then handed out a wish list workbook with pool features such as slides, spray zones, lap lanes, current channels and interactive play structures. He suggested each member of the group pick out the top items that he or she would like for the pool.

He also showed pictures of pools his company has designed in cit-

ies around the country. While his company does not build pools, it does help to pre-qualify the general contractors, he said. All contractors must have built at least three municipal pools in the last five years.

"We don't necessarily want someone who has never done a pool," he said, adding that contractors are bonded to protect the city.

In the case of Phillipsburg, he said the town picked the lowest bidder, a company out of Kansas City, Kan. However, in the middle of the project, the subcontractors, many of whom were local, began to complain they weren't being paid.

The contractor eventually defaulted on the project and the bond company has had the responsibility to get the pool done at the price the contractor bid.

This is a pain, he noted, and will probably keep the pool from being completed in time for this season. However, it's also pretty rare, he noted.

Volunteers wanted at park

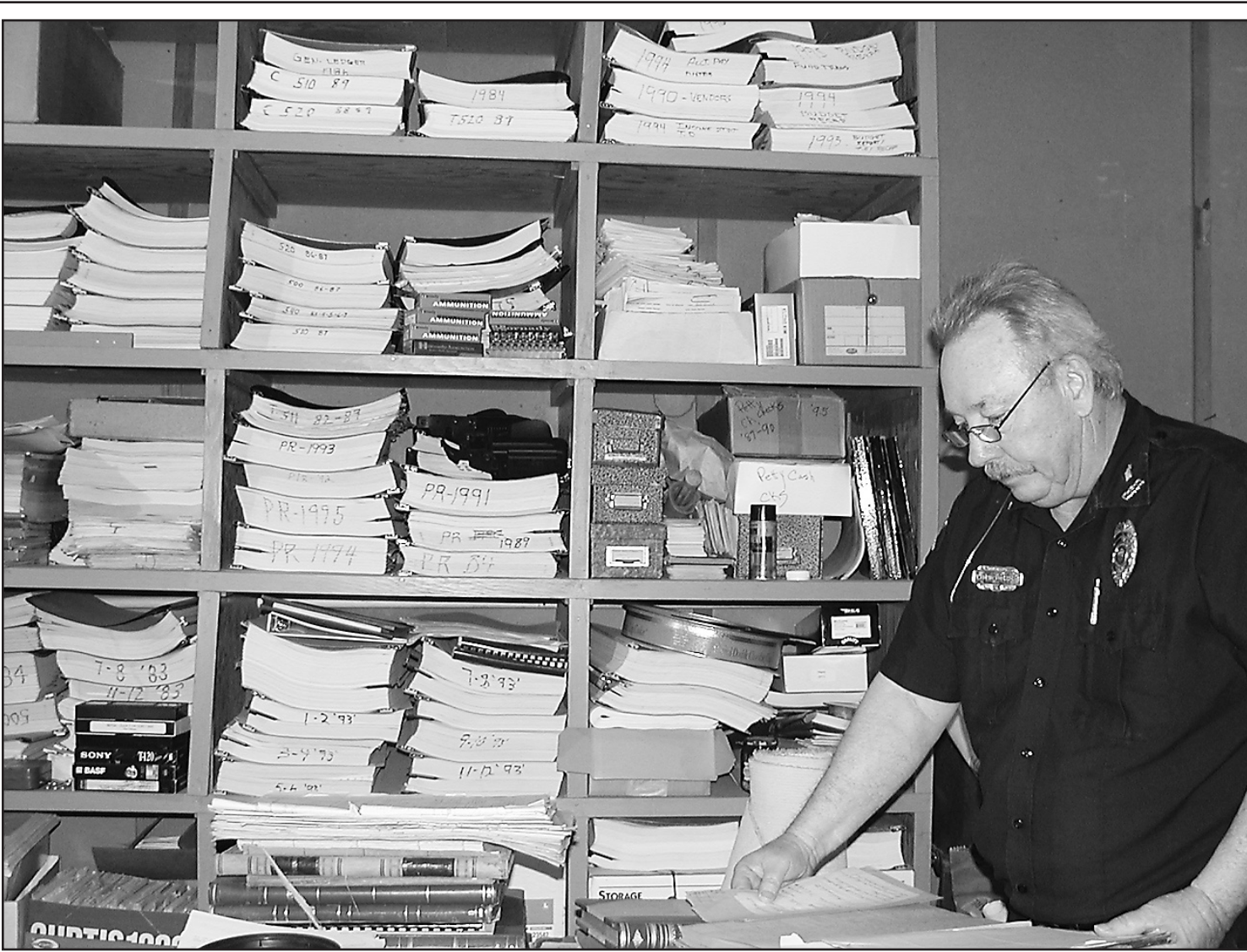
The Sappa Park Committee needs volunteers to come help work on several projects this month.

The committee has scheduled two work evenings, said member Kimberly Davis, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, and Tuesday, April 24.

Mrs. Davis said several piles of branches need to be moved and

other branches need to be picked up. The committee and volunteers are continuing to clean up after a wind storm last year, which knocked a lot of trees and branches down.

Volunteers should bring work gloves, rakes, shovels and chainsaws. It would be nice to have a tractor or two to pick up and move the big stuff, Mrs. Davis said.



POLICE CHIEF WADE LOCKHART looked over the mass of old city files accumulated in the back room of the police station. The city moved out in 1998, but left its old records behind. — Herald photo by Cynthia Haynes

*City files date back 70 plus years

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Jan. 3, 1939

Mr. Addleman gave a report on the receipts and disbursements regarding the band shell project. He has received to date \$1,080.35 and has paid out \$1,066.81, which leaves him a balance on hand of \$13.54. He had claims filed with him of \$854.34 on the band shell and \$250 on the Memorial gate. This makes total of unpaid claims of \$1,104.34. He says that the alumni association has enough to pay for the gate.

Motion was made by Thomsen and seconded by Carper that we pay D.G. Addleman another \$200 to help pay on these bills of the band shell. Motion carried.

Feb. 6, 1939

Electricity rates to the Fish and Game Department for the use of the Oberlin Sappa Park was

discussed. Clerk was instructed to write L.E. Webb, State Game Warden at Pratt, Kansas, offering them a minimum rate of \$15 per month and then be allowed to use 100 KWH for this price. All in excess over 100 KWH per month at 3 cents per KWH. At this rate, if they used 1,000 KWE it would cost them \$43 per month. Then for every additional customer added to the line without further expense on the cities (sic) part that we would deduct \$2 from this minimum charge.

March 6, 1939

Motion was made by Councilman Addleman that the city adopt resolution to grade, curb, gutter and pave or macadamize that part of East Commercial street within the city limits of Oberlin, Kansas.... at the cost of the owners of land abutting thereon and liable for the costs thereof as provided by

law for which a special tax is to be levied, provided a part of the cost there of is to be obtained from the Works Progress Administration or any other federal agency.

March 20, 1939

Council met in special session ... for the purpose of acting on a resolution regarding Highway #36.

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission of Kansas and the United States Bureau of Public Roads are desirous of constructing US Highway No. 36 . . . from Antelope Ave. to the east city limits on the north . . . (edge) of the city of Oberlin. . . said city agrees to the following:

(The council agreed to state and federal requests to purchase the right-of-way for the new road and to hold harmless cause in the agreement.)

April 3, 1939

The sewage and disposal plant was discussed. The filter beds need repairing or something needs to be done so that the plant will take care of the sewage so that it will not discharge putrid or offensive effluent into the creek.

Ralph Clark, V.H. Griffith and Paul Dring put in a complaint about the foul odor that comes from the use of their back yards and back doors at their store for a toilet. The council informed them that they would suggest to Lorigs that they put another toilet in upstairs and that that dance managers try to get their patrons to use these toilets instead of going down in the alley.

Sometimes, it seems that the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Hospital buys new lab equipment

The Decatur County Hospital Board approved a new chemistry analyzer to replace an eight-year-old machine in the lab.

At its monthly meeting Monday, March 19, the board talked about the request from Jody Votapka, lab technician, to buy the equipment. The board gave the OK to not only replace the used machine, but add to the lab's equipment with an immunoassay analyzer.

The chemical analyzer, said Mrs. Votapka, will cost \$53,000 with a trade-in of the old machine. Normally, she said, those machines last five years. In looking up infor-

mation about the equipment, she added, that piece of lab equipment has brought in \$2 million in billing in the last eight years.

The second machine, she said, the immunoassay analyzer, costs \$19,500. It will be a new piece for the lab, she said, and will allow the lab to get the results for thyroid, prostate-specific antigen and other tests in house. The turnaround time for patients will be much less, she said.

Before approving the purchases, the board briefly discussed reasons why they need to buy the equipment and how to pay for it.

Board member Pete Zander said if he was a doctor looking at coming here, he would want to see what kind of lab the hospital offered.

The hospital, said board member Ruth Wolfram, needs to be up-to-date on the lab tests needed right away to treat a patient. Mrs. Votapka has demonstrated her ability to get accurate information. She's added microbiology, too.

The equipment will be paid for out of the money left to the hospital by the Bremer estate, said Mrs. Wilson.

Mrs. Votapka, said Mrs. Wolfram, had the statistics to show that the hospital not only has a need for the equipment, but that the equipment would generate revenue far in excess of its cost.

Preliminary hearing set

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. today in Thomas County District Court for a 20-year-old former Oberlin man charged with making a criminal threat and several misdemeanors.

Jacob Lynn Fortin spent three days in the Thomas County Jail after an altercation at the home of a former girlfriend, Colby Police said.

Sgt. Kent Dible said officers were sent to the South Park Apartments, near Franklin Avenue and Pine Street, at 9:22 p.m. Feb. 20. Mr. Fortin, who now lives in Colby and listed employment at Timmerman Feeders, was arrested and booked on five charges: making a criminal threat, battery, disorderly conduct, criminal trespass and criminal damage to property. The criminal threat charge is a Class 9 felony; the rest are misdemeanors.

Mr. Fortin remained in the jail in lieu of a \$50,000 bond until about 2:30 p.m. Feb. 23, when he made his first appearance before Magistrate Judge Richard Ress. Bond was lowered to \$10,000, and he was

released on his own recognizance, but under supervised probation, records show. The judge ordered him to have no contact with the alleged victim.

Kevin Berens, Thomas County attorney, said he filed the charges after reviewing an affidavit from police reviewing the evidence. Judge Ress appointed Todd Stramel of Colby to represent Mr. Fortin.

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