

New computer to disrupt work for treasurer

A new computer system scheduled to be installed in the Decatur County treasurer's office will disrupt service the first week of May, but landowners will still be able to pay property taxes, says Deputy Treasurer Melissa Carlton.

Don't expect to register a vehicle or renew a driver's license, however.

The Kansas Department of Revenue says it is upgrading its computers to a new, more efficient system for titling and registering vehicles and issuing license plates and drivers licenses. The new system will replace three aging mainframe computers.

From Tuesday, May 1 through Monday, May 7, state and county offices will not be able to do vehicle title work, renew vehicle registrations, issue driver's licenses or identification cards. Ms. Carlton said people are encouraged to renew by Monday, April 30, to avoid problems.

She said there are thousands of vehicles in Decatur County when you consider all the cars, pickups, trucks, motorcycles, motor homes, trailers and all-terrain vehicles. She said the new computer system will speed up service and improve efficiency.

Chamber passes new set of bylaws

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The Decatur County Chamber of Commerce board and membership passed a new set of bylaws unanimously after scrounging up one more Chamber member to come up with a quorum for the bylaws changes.

While the new rules passed at the meeting Wednesday, April 4, no one showed up to discuss, protest or comment on them.

Eight out of the 12 Chamber board members were able to make the meeting at the Business Enhancement Entrepreneurial Center. With manager Carolyn Hackney and *The Oberlin Herald* reporter, board members thought they had the required 10 members needed to make a change in the bylaws.

However, as they voted, Ms. Hackney noted that she is an employee, not a member, and could not be counted. So with the vote 9-0 in favor of the change, Chamber member Greg Lohoefer, who has an office in the complex and was working late, was asked to join the meeting and vote. Mr. Lohoefer voted with the group and the changes passed unanimously.

Most of the changes were updating language or making the bylaws conform to actually what happens — such as the annual meeting date was changed from February to January, when it has been held in recent years.

However, one new office, secretary, was added and the board selected Sharleen Wurm as secretary. Since Mrs. Wurm had been treasurer, the board voted to relieve her of that office and selected board member Ruth Miesner, who has bookkeeping experience, to be the treasurer.

On the reporter's request, the board agreed to have advance notice board meetings, which are held at 5

p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, published in the Town Crier column in the paper. The board also decided to ask radio station KFNF to announce the meetings each month.

In other business, the board:

- Heard that the annual Professional Assistants luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25. Besides the meal, each attendee will get a small gift, probably a flower, Ms. Hackney said, and there will be drawings for a gift certificate to Coffee, Tea and Me and the LandMark Inn. The board agreed to have Ms. Hackney buy some extra flowers, since the gifts are usually donated by Prairie Petals, to put on the tables and give away as door prizes.

- Agreed to have the office open from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Monday and Wednesday, with some flexibility if Ms. Hackney has to be out.

- Learned that there was \$1,800 left over from the Farmer and Ranchers Appreciation banquet. The money, the board decided, should be put in savings for the next event.

"You can always take it out of the savings account, but you can't necessarily put it back," board member Ken Badsky said.

- Discussed having a community garage sale on the second weekend of June. It was suggested that the Chamber rent the Golden Age Center and let out booths to those who are interested. If there is a lot of interest, Ms. Hackney said, she could check on the Bohemian Hall.

She noted that there will be a big gun show that weekend at The Gateway, but said a community event such as this should help bring more people to town for the show and give those who go to the show something else to do while they are here.

Board names new football coach

The Oberlin School Board approved three resignations and named the activities director as the head football coach at its meeting last Monday.

During its monthly meeting, the board approved hiring Joe Dreher, high school activities director, as the head high school football coach. Mr. Dreher also is the wrestling coach, and has coached junior high football before. He is replacing J.D. Johnson who resigned from the coaching position this year.

The board unanimously accepted the resignations of Linda Glaze as the KAY's sponsor, Randy Olson as a science teacher and Josh Williby as the assistant high school boys basketball coach.

Heather McDougal, president of the Supporting Our Schools group, told the board a little about what the group does. She said they meet once a month. The idea is to get parents, teachers and kids working together.

Members of the elementary

At the Health Fair



ON FRIDAY, Britta Noren, who works as a massage therapist at Unger Chiropractic Clinic, gave free massages at the Decatur County Health Fair at the Golden Age Center. The fair was sponsored by the county Health Department.

— Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Group to buy banners

The Oberlin Business Alliance approved buying patriotic banners for Main Street during its monthly meeting.

Laurie Wasson, owner of Prairie Petals, said at the meeting Wednesday, April 4, that she found the banners for \$25 apiece. Each one will still need a pocket sewn into it.

Cynthia Haynes, co-owner of The Oberlin Herald, suggested leaving the patriotic banners up all summer.

The alliance members approved buying the patriotic banners and ones needed for the other seasons.

Joe Stanley, owner of Stanley Hardware, said he plans to have an auction, probably the first Saturday in May. Any other businesses that want to bring items over to sell are welcome to join in, he said. He suggested that each business have a table so the items stay separate.

Mr. Stanley said he has a storage unit upstairs to sell, too.

In other business, the members:

- Talked briefly about the burger-and-brat fry scheduled for alumni weekend, Friday, May 25.

- Heard that Mr. Stanley will be the contact person for the organization.

Fair board help needed

The Decatur County commissioners are looking for a few interested people to serve on the Fair Board.

Commissioner Stan McEvoy said at the meeting Tuesday, April 3, that Chris Dempewolf had resigned her position representing commissioner District No. 1.

Travis Hissong, from District 2; Ken Badsky, from District 2; and Greg Long, from District 1, were all up for reappointment in January, said Commissioner Ralph Unger.

Anyone interested in the job should stop by the county clerk's office and fill out a form.

Blood drive to be held at Gateway

Decatur Health Systems will sponsor a Red Cross blood Drive from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at the Gateway.

Since this is the same date as the

high school open house and vocal concert, volunteer help is needed after school hours. Donor escorts are needed, along with help to tear down and load up from 4 to 7 p.m. If you

are able to volunteer for either of these duties, call Suzanne Ahlberg at the hospital, 475-2208.

Finance guru to visit council

The Oberlin City Council will hear from financing expert John Haas during its meeting on Thursday.

Mr. Haas, who works for Ranson Financial out of Wichita, will help the council members to understand how the city can finance the improvements it wants to make in its water system, streets, airport and electrical system, City Administrator Karen Larson said.

He will help the council see if there are ways to come up with the money for improvements, what it can reasonably expect to be able to do and what might not be practical at this time.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday in the upstairs meeting room at The Gateway.

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