

# Jennings man seeks election

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 Former Jennings Mayor Robert W. Jones, who came in 2nd in the Republican primary this summer, is running for Decatur County commissioner as a write-in candidate, facing both the Democratic nominee and the candidate who beat him in the primary.



Robert Jones

"It's not in the paper, but I'm on the ballot," said Robert W. Jones, who said he signed up to be a write-in candidate after the primary. And don't forget, he said, that if you vote for him, you have to have his name in exactly as it is above—Robert W. Jones.

"I have the experience of being the mayor of Jennings and a city official," he said during an interview on Friday. "I know the ins and outs of the government machine, how to deal with budgeting, and what you can and can't do. There are a lot of people who walk in and think they'll change things immediately, but there are certain things you have to do, and ways you have to go about it."

Mr. Jones is a third-generation auctioneer and father of two daughters who were born and raised here. He has an appraisal and antique business, he said, and when it comes to running his own business, "if you can name it, I can do it."

"I'm for new business coming to the county," he added. "We need it and new people, young people. We need to build on that. Not only couples with children for our schools, but we need new ideas all the time."

Mr. Jones says that he's not just a member of the Republican Party, but a Republican willing to compromise.

"I am and have been a Republican," he said, "but that doesn't mean that I do not change. I vote for the person, and if they're capable and able to do the job correctly, then that's who I vote for. I don't hold to the straight ticket, and that should be a good thing. There are times that both parties are correct, and it's a guess and by golly on the right thing to do."

Mr. Jones said that when it comes down to it, the citizens of District 3 will always have the final say on any of his decisions if he's elected.

"District 3 are the ones that are going to have the say with me," he said. "If they say no, then I have to vote for their wants and not mine. If this district doesn't approve of it, then right or wrong, you have to support your voters...."

"I think there are a lot of challenges facing Decatur (County) and Oberlin, and we need to face it together and not just as individuals."



## Church bazaar sizzles

**THE KITCHEN CREW** at the United Church of Oberlin's annual bazaar on Saturday, (from left) Pastor Judi Stricker, Marcia Lohofener and Phyllis Zwickle, took a second to mug the camera. Peg Smith, (left) who was taking money at the front with Myrna Jones, reported a steady stream of shoppers all morning, then the crowd swelled for lunch. The church women sold pies, hand crafts, and soups.

— Herald staff photo by Steve Haynes



## County roads may lose money

The Decatur County Road and Bridge Department could take a 46 percent hit in federal money next year, losing as much as \$70,000.

Tim Stallman said this is due to a state proposal that would reformat how the state passes federal money to counties for road and bridge projects.

"There are usually two places they put the (federal) money," Mr. Stallman told county commissioners last Tuesday. "They separate it into surface and bridge money. But now they're thinking to combine it all in the Surface Transportation Program, which basically hurts everyone who has a lot of bridges."

The proposal will be discussed at the Kansas Association of Counties meeting in November, he said, where the commissioners will be able to speak up against the change. The county's always been able to get money to fix deficient bridges, he said, up until now. Of the 18 counties this restructuring would affect, he added, five would gain federal money and 13 would lose it, including Decatur.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Received a thank-you card from

Matthew Helm, National Honor Society vice-president at Decatur Community High School, for welcoming the school's government day, in which juniors and seniors got to tour the courthouse and learn about the jobs of those who work there.

- Recommended Commissioner Stan McEvoy for a position on the board of the Kansas Association of Counties. Mr. McEvoy will need the support of five counties to be nominated for the spot, which was most recently held by John Miller, a former commissioner for Norton. Mr. Miller ran for the state Senate this year, so he could not seek reelection.

The commissioners decided to mail letters looking for support to all 17 counties in the region.

- Heard that everything in the county auction on Saturday, Oct. 20, sold, with the exception of a hollow-core wooden door. The total brought in was \$9,004.

- Heard that there still aren't any applications for the many appointments open on county boards. Anyone who would be interested in serving on a board should call the county clerk's office at 475-8102.

## Hospital could have a new administrator

The candidates have been narrowed down to one, but there's no definite word as to whether a new hospital administrator has been signed yet.

The county Hospital Board, which also governs the management company Decatur Health Systems, met Thursday night on

the administrator position. Interim Administrator Charlie Myers said they will be bringing this candidate back for another interview soon.

"I'm hoping we can get this done pretty quickly," he added.

## Little faith, little problem for Pick'em

No one playing this week's Pigskin Pick'em game believed that Kansas could overcome the Texas Longhorns or that Texas Tech would beat Kansas State. And they were right.

The Longhorns slipped past the Jayhawks in the last few seconds to win 21-17, and the Wildcats showed why they were ranked third or fourth in the nation with a 42-14 triumph over the Red Raiders.

Ryan Leitner, Oberlin, and Clayton Carter, Jennings, came the closest with seven correct, so he wins the first prize of \$15 in scrip money. Clayton will get the \$10 second prize.

Several people got six out of eight right, but Clayton's mother, Megan Carter, Jennings, came closest to the tie-breaker, so she wins the \$5 third prize.

Others with six right were Tyler

Bruggeman, Kelly Brown, Jerry Schuetz and Alex Heeger, Oberlin; Anna Carter, Jennings; and Cheri Kastens, Herndon.

Getting five out of eight correct were Wilbur Reichert, Dresden, and Tim Hrnchir, Tom Martin, Gary Anderson and Jordan Davenport, Oberlin.

Winnings can be spent only at the sponsors: Ward Drug Store,

the LandMark Inn, Fredrickson Insurance Agency, Decatur Co-op, Hansen Mueller, Creative Collision and *The Oberlin Herald*.

Scores this week:  
 • Texas over Kansas, 21-17.  
 • Oregon over Colorado, 70-14.  
 • Kansas State over Texas Tech, 42-14.  
 • Nebraska over Michigan, 23-9.

- Notre Dame over Oklahoma, 30-13.
- Fort Hays State over South Dakota School of Mines, 41-27.
- Oklahoma State over Texas Christian, 36-14.
- Colorado State over Hawaii, 42-17.
- Missouri over Kentucky, 33-10.

## Parade only a month away

With the Oberlin Business Alliance's annual Parade of Lights just a month away, it's time to start thinking about ideas for your float.

Gary Walter of The Bank, who serves on the parade committee, said the theme this year is "Christmas Salute." The theme was chosen from several ideas given to the alliance by classes at Oberlin Elementary School. Mr. Walter said he wasn't sure which class provided the winning theme this year.

The parade will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, on Main Street in downtown Oberlin. Mr. Walter said staging will begin at 6 p.m.

Anyone who wants to have an entry should contact the Chamber of Commerce office at 475-3441 or talk with a committee member, including Judy Scott, Sid Metcalf or Mr. Walter.

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