

# Main St. will be a beach

Get out the sunscreen, sandals and shirts with bright-colored prints, because it is time to come to Oberlin's very own beach party.

The Oberlin Business Alliance plans to turn Main Street into a beach Friday night, with plenty of sand, fun, games and food for all.

A few years ago, the group started holding an annual beach party before school started in August. Keeping up the tradition, the alliance will hold the beach party starting at 7 p.m. on Friday on Penn Avenue.

Piles of sand will be dumped on the bricks in front of Stanley Hardware.

"It will be fun," said owner Joe Stanley, an alliance leader. "It is something you don't see very often, a whole bunch of sand on Main Street."

Mr. Stanley said there will be lots of games, possibly hula hooping, building sand castles, frisbee and volleyball.

KFNF Radio will be there playing music and food will be served starting at 7 p.m. by Mick Barth, owner of The Re-Load. Mr. Stanley said there will possibly be pizza by the slice and hamburgers.

People of all ages are invited to play in the sand or bring along a lawn chair, enjoy the music and food.

Mr. Stanley said anyone interested in helping clean up the sand the next morning can meet in front of the store. Bring along a shovel and broom.



# Food drive still has needs

R&M Service Center and the Decatur County Ministerial Association are holding a month-long food drive to build up inventory for the association's Food Pantry.

The drive started July 1 and will run through Sunday. Food items can be taken to R&M on Main Street.

So far, the drive has brought close to 100 grocery items and four Bibles, said Judy Cochran, who works at the store.

The pantry, in the basement of the United Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

The agency is low on several items:

- Canned items including spinach, carrots, potatoes, mixed veggies, vegetable soup, vegetable beef soup, chicken broth, beef broth, Spam, ham, cream of mushroom, potato, celery, chicken and broccoli soups, peaches, apple sauce, mixed fruit, pears, jelly, juice, ravioli, tuna, frosting, tomato and chicken-noodle soup, beans, spaghetti sauce and Spaghettios.

- Dry goods, including baking powder, baking soda, coffee, tea bags, white, brown and powdered sugar, pancake mix, mustard, mayonnaise, pancake syrup, ketchup, salt and pepper, crackers, Hamburger Helper, ramen noodles, salad dressing, popcorn, coffee creamer, pudding, oatmeal, cake mix, macaroni and cheese, and rice.

- Household items, including toothbrushes, trash bags, sandwich bags, laundry soap, foil, cleaner, bleach, laundry soap, shampoo and conditioner.



# Sale brings out many

**AT THE RUMMAGE SALE** Saturday morning for the Decatur County Ministerial Association, Alice Bobbitt (above) shopped while Gabe Moore (left) helped serve beverages at the barbecue down the street. The extravaganza was part of the city-wide garage sales that started Friday and continued on into Saturday.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

# County needs income surveys back this month

The county has mailed income surveys out in an attempt to get grant money for a new ambulance.

Emergency Medical Services Director Patrick Pomeroy said the surveys need to be mailed back to the ambulance department at Box 28 Oberlin, Kan. 67749, by Friday so the figures can be compiled.

The department received a donation of \$256 from the Dresden Thrift Store for the ambulance memorial fund, he said.

He said he wants to purchase eight six-foot tables in Topeka, which Commissioner Ralph Unger said he would pick up.

Commissioner Patricia Glenn asked about a collections report, which Mr. Pomeroy said he and Karen Eskew are working on.

The commissioners held two 15-minute closed sessions with hospital Administrator Lynn Doeden; Suzanne Ahlberg, chief nursing officer at the hospital; Sue Glodt, Sappa Valley Youth Ranch manager; Don Wayman, ranch program manager; Mr. Pomeroy; and Sheriff Ken Badsy, who was on a speaker phone. The two sessions were held for "patient confidentiality," commissioners said, since the session was about a named patient.

After the two sessions, commissioners tabled the discussion and the group said that they would meet without the commissioners and coordinate procedures and rules for handling health care for boys at Sappa Valley Youth Ranch.

## County Countdown

At their meeting last Tuesday, the Decatur County commissioners:

- Approved a \$60-a-month raise for full-time employees and up to 30 cents an hour for part-time employees. Story below.
- Decided to give \$5,000 to help recruit a new doctor. Story on Page 10A.
- Heard the ambulance crew has worked 178 calls so far this year. Story on Page 10A.

In other business, commissioners:

- Talked with Good Samaritan Center maintenance supervisor LaVern Burtis, who said he hired Snell Services out of North Platte, Neb., to hook the sprinkler system to the city water line for a little over \$5,000, not including dirt work.
- Heard that sheriff's Deputy Michael French is back on light duty after shoulder surgery.
- Signed a resolution to pay \$995 for postage on the Pitney Bowes machine.
- Transferred \$20,000 from the general fund to the landfill fund.
- Signed a resolution for the second-half employee benefits to be paid to the extension service at \$4,538.

# City officer resigns after car accident

An Oberlin police officer has quit his job after being placed on administrative suspension following a car accident in which his fiancée was run over by a city patrol car.

Around 7:10 p.m. Saturday, July 16, Officer Allen Steve Rogers, 43, was driving the city's 1998 Crown Victoria patrol car when he ran over Brenda Luciel Minor, 41, according to reports by the Kansas Highway Patrol.

The patrol report says that Officer Rogers was backing out of the driveway at his house at 509 S. Antelope and Ms. Minor was on the trunk of the car. As he backed up, he said, she fell onto the ground. Officer Rogers' car ran over the lower part of her right leg.

Ms. Minor was taken to the Decatur County Hospital.

Police Chief Wade Lockhart said he called the Highway Patrol to investigate.

City Attorney Steve Hirsch said in a situation like this, he always suggests the patrol do the investigation. The report will be forwarded to the state attorney general's office for review, he said, but there are no charges filed at this time.

Officer Rogers was on duty at the time of the accident, Mr. Hirsch said.

Chief Lockhart said he received Officer Rogers' resignation on Monday and it was effective immediately.

# County employees to get raise

Decatur County commissioners approved a \$60-a-month raise for full-time employees and up to a 30 cents an hour for part time employees.

Commissioner Doyle Brown said employees had asked him if there would be a cost-of-living raise this year.

The commissioners decided on a flat raise of \$60 for full-time employees. They left it up to department heads to decide on raises for part-timers. They can give up to 30 cents an hour.

The raises will be effective on the

July pay check.

County Clerk Marilyn Horn said the Norton Correctional Facility takes bikes so the inmates can fix them up and then the bikes are given away. She said Police Chief Wade Lockhart has several, but has nowhere to store them as his space is full.

She said she told the chief he could store them in the old county shop, then someone will need to take the bikes to Norton.

In other business, commissioners:

- Discussed a grant for commu-

nity projects through Midwest Energy. Mrs. Horn said she thought she would apply for it for a few community programs.

• Received an e-mail picture of the new sign at the clinic and health department.

• Held a 10-minute closed session for attorney/client privilege with County Attorney Steve Hirsch and the commissioners. There was no action taken.

• Approved and signed township transfers to cover road maintenance work done by the road and bridge crew.

# Purchases approved

Decatur County commissioners ratified three purchases over \$500 which the road and bridge supervisor made for repairs.

Supervisor Tim Stallman said a 1984 Dodge pickup's engine had gone bad. He said to get it fixed would be more than \$500, but he didn't have a final bill.

A 1988 Dresser grader's electronic shifting console went out. Mr. Stallman said that would cost over \$1,700.

Finally, the backhoe, which is being used at the bridge site, needed a new tire after the driver ran over some buried metal. The tire should run over \$500, he said.

Mr. Stallman said he will be receiving a load of off-road diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline. The commissioners ratified that purchase, too.

Mr. Stallman said the second bridge, the one that fell in last fall, is complete.



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