

THE OBERLIN HERALD — From the Record

Courthouse

These transactions were taken from the records in the offices of the Decatur County court clerk, sheriff and register of deeds:

DISTRICT COURT
Traffic
July 4: Eduardo Rojas, registration violation, \$250.
August 2: Richard Meserve Jr., Pueblo, Colo., speeding 77, \$102.

August 5: James C. Arbuthnot, Piassa, Ill., speeding 76, \$96.
August 13: Chase McKittrick, Oberlin, no seat belt, failure to report accident, \$170.
Marriage Licenses
June 9: Christopher Derek Wilson, Norton, and Keely Michelle Witt, Oberlin, purchased a license.
AMBULANCE CALLS
These calls were reported last

week by the Decatur County ambulance crew:
Aug. 16: 4:23 a.m., S. York, trauma, to Decatur County Hospital.
Aug. 20: 7:34 a.m., E. Ash, medical, to Decatur County Hospital; 4:45 p.m., S. Antelope, medical, to Decatur County Hospital.
JAIL BOOKINGS
Friday, Aug. 19: Brenda VanPelt, 34, aggravated burglary.

Town Crier

Today: Farmer's Market, 8 a.m. Penn Ave., in front of Chamber of office.
Tuesday: Weight Watcher's, 5-6 p.m., Medical Arts clinic meeting room.
Thursday: Oberlin Elementary School parents night 7 to 8 p.m. Annual Soap Scrimmage and Cross Country Run, 7:30 p.m., Smick Field.

Decatur County Food Pantry is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, at the United Church, 109 N. Griffith. Gifts of non-perishable food and household items are always needed.
Monday-Friday: At 1 p.m. at Golden Age Center, Monday, pinochle; Tuesday, pitch; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, pinochle.

Last Thursday of month, senior bridge, open. Quilting, puzzles, games daily.
A representative of the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group will be at the Health Department once a month for free well evaluations, including testing water for bacteria and nitrates.
For details call (785) 475-8118.

What are whitespots on tomatoes?

Do your homegrown tomatoes have white areas just below the peel?
This condition, known as "cloudy spot," is common on tomatoes this time of year.
It is caused by stink bugs feeding on developing fruit. Pigments don't develop where these bugs probe the tomatoes, thus injuring the immature fruit and causing the cloudy or a whitish-yellow spot.
If you look closely, you should see a small feeding hole in the center of each spot. It may have been caused by just a few stink bugs, or even one bug. They usually move in and out in a short period of time, and control measures are impractical or impossible.

Fortunately, the feeding period of stink bugs is short, so tomatoes are affected for only a little while, then they will get back to normal.
The use of the fruit is not affected in any way, so they are safe to can or eat fresh. They just look a little funny.
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Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

Survey can help grant application

Anyone who wants to fill out an income survey and help the Decatur County ambulance department apply for a state grant for a new truck should stop by the courthouse.
The service still needs a few surveys to apply for a grant. Ambulance Director Patrick Pomeroy said he doesn't have the figure of how many he needs. He said since Jennings has an ambulance the surveys from Jennings might need to be taken out. That means Mr. Pomeroy

needs to recalculate how many surveys the department has received and how many it still needs.
Mr. Pomeroy told county commissioners last Tuesday he received \$10,800 in payments in the past week.
Tim Stallman, road and bridge supervisor, said his crew is out mowing township roads and then the graders will be going out to get the weeds alongside the roads.
The fourth bridge in the six-

bridge replacement project is finished, he said. The crew, said Mr. Stallman, will be pulling out a couple of small bridges to replace them with culverts.
The commissioners talked with Jeanne Pachner, chief dispatcher, who said Stan McEvoy has applied for part time work in dispatch. The commissioners agreed it was a good idea to hire him since he has worked the night shift in the department previously.

School Menus

August 29-Sept. 2 OBERLIN SCHOOLS
Monday: Breakfast: cereal, muffin, peaches; Lunch, chef salad.
Tuesday: Breakfast: ham/egg/cheese biscuit, banana; Lunch: chicken nuggets, roll.
Wednesday: Breakfast: sausage gravy and biscuit, pears. Lunch: beef and noodles, roll.
Thursday: Breakfast: cereal, muffin, mandarin oranges; Lunch:

pizza, choice bar **Friday:** Breakfast, burrito, mixed fruit; lunch, turkey and cheese sandwich. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.



Corrections

The Oberlin Herald will correct or clarify any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at 475-2206 to report errors.
We believe that news stories should be fair and factual, and appreciate your calling to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

Online courses available thru EduKan

EduKan, a group of six colleges including Colby Community College, has been delivering accredited online courses since 1999.
President Mikel Ary said the program was a pioneering effort when it started.
"EduKan is now considered by many experts in the field of higher education as a model program to be emulated," Dr. Ary said. "In 1999, it was a big commitment from the board with a significant price tag."
"The wisdom and positive results of this decision are now apparent when analyzing the enrollment numbers. The success of EduKan is a testament to the benefits of cooperation and collaboration among institutions of higher education."
In 1999 71 students enrolled in EduKan courses. There were 835 students for fall 2004, generating 2,774 credit hours.
"EduKan is one of the real success stories in higher education," said Dr. Ary. "The access to higher education courses via the Internet is critical to many place-bound students in our service area. Although surveys indicate the majority of students who are enrolled in an EduKan course are also taking courses on our campuses, many learners are earning their associate's degree entirely online."
A former instructor, Dr. Dennis Franz, is the executive director of the organization.
"There is strong consortium-wide support and participation in developing and teaching courses," said Dr. Franz. "We are experiencing double-digit enrollment gains of 25-

30 percent with approximately 3,000 students annually."
Representatives from each campus, Colby, Great Bend, Liberal, Dodge City, Pratt and Garden City, supervise academic quality and student performance. Each EduKan college is a member of the North Central Association and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission to offer associate degrees online.

"Owing to the exceptional growth of EduKan, the member colleges are now receiving a return on their investment," said Dr. Ary. "We have been partially reimbursed for our initial investment and are looking forward to receiving compensation beyond the initial start-up costs in the near future."
Information concerning enrollment dates and courses is available at www.edukan.org.

Test well has been drilled

The test well for the city's new well No. 12, which will replace well No. 9, has been drilled, the City Council learned Thursday.
Thaniel Monaco, the project engineer with Miller and Associates, said he would get the council a schedule of what is going to happen next.
Mr. Monaco said the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development administration has approved the contracts for the new well.
Earlier in the meeting, with no protests or anyone in the audience for a public hearing, the council passed the 2006 budget.
Mayor Ken Shobe said the council spent a lot of time on the budget and did the best it could to cut items that were deemed less necessary

than others. Hopefully, he said, the city will be able to pick them up next year.
He reminded the council and the television audience that meetings would be held the second and fourth Thursdays in September, on Sept. 8 and 22.

Markets

August 22, 2005 closing markets
Wheat, \$3.09 bushel
Milo, \$2.79 hnd weight
Corn, \$1.79 bushel
Soybeans, \$5.52 bushel
Sunflowers, (unavailable)

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WEATHER

(National Weather Service)
(Information below is for period ending 7 a.m. Mon. Maximum temperature is for previous day.)

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
Aug. 16	83	50	
Aug. 17	83	55	0.67
Aug. 18	90	61	0.02
Aug. 19	94	60	
Aug. 20	83	59	0.01
Aug. 21	85	61	
Aug. 22	86	65	.35

Precipitation totals: for the week, 1.05; for the month, 1.38 current year to date, 17.24; previous year to date, 16.07.
National Weather Service—Weather History: "In 1997...severe thunderstorms blew out windows...uprooted trees...and knocked down signs and antennas in Dresden, Kansas."
By Charlotte Meints, local observer

Decatur County Weather---- August 23rd - 27th

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
83/61	85/60	87/61	89/63	85/60

Normal High: 86
Normal Low: 59
Sunrise: 7:01 to 7:05am
Sunset: 8:21 to 8:27pm

An active weather pattern this week will bring plenty of chances for showers and storms each late afternoon, evening and overnight. This is good news for area wheat producers who will be heading to the fields to plant in a few weeks. Can't rule out some severe weather with these storms with the biggest threat being large hail. An inch or two of rain this week will keep monthly and annual precipitation slightly above normal. Average daily temperatures are starting to fall with shorter days and soon we will be talking about area high school football!

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