

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

April 27: Dale Parker, Salina, speeding 80, \$126.
May 28: Jason Johnson, Englewood, Colo., speeding 77, failure to wear seat belt, \$118.
June 16: Andrew Cross, Hill City, speeding 79, \$120.
June 20: William Paulsen, Arnold, Calif., speeding 77, \$108.

Limited Action

Decatur Health Systems vs. Morris Bartley, \$10,339 plus costs and interest, etc.
Decatur Health Systems vs. Vir-

ginia and Kevin Cooper, \$375 plus costs and interest, etc.

Decatur Health Systems vs. Tiresa and Fred Counter, \$141 plus costs and interest, etc.

Decatur Health Systems vs. Jessica Gamblin, \$168 plus costs and interest, etc.

Decatur Health Systems vs. Gilbert Hart, \$204 plus costs and interest, etc.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Ted and Gwendolynn Moon to Miriah and Matthew Bordoni, as joint tenants, Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 3, Garwood Addition, City of Oberlin.

Gary and Peggy Buschy, Christopher and Kimberly Buschy, Jim and Bonnie Buschy, and George and Maria Brush, quitclaim to KBEE's Foundation LLC, Lots 3-6, Block

15, Original City, Norcatur.

Dean and Dora Groneweg, quitclaim to Dean and Dora Groneweg Revocable Trust, parts of Lot 6, vacated Wolf Avenue, and vacated alley, Block 2, Summit Addition, City of Oberlin; and the W 1/2 of Sec. 9, and the SW 1/4 of Sec. 12, both in T5S, R30W.

City Hall

MUNICIPAL COURT

Thursday: John Ready, Oberlin, inattentive driving, \$130; Bonnie Chase, Tempe, Ariz., speeding 54 in 30 mph zone, \$181; Daniel Dempewolf, Oberlin, putting glass, etc., on highway, \$145; Travis Eskew, Oberlin, dog at large, \$80; Joan Glading, Oberlin, failure to yield right of way, \$115.

Town Crier

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., FROGS day camp, Oberlin City Park, for kids who have finished first through fifth grade, through Aug. 3.

Today: Fourth of July. Most businesses closed.

Pool games, 5 to 6 p.m., Oberlin swimming pool.

Ice cream floats, 5:30 p.m., city park, sponsored by Chamber of Commerce.

Fireworks display, dusk, at fairgrounds, sponsored by Oberlin Business Alliance.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.

Thursday: Check presentation

by Department of Agriculture to Decatur County commissioners for specialty clinic addition at Decatur Health Systems, 10 a.m., courthouse.

Saturday: Diabetic support meeting, 7 p.m., room 3, Gateway, sponsored by Decatur Health Systems. Public invited.

Sunday: Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.

Monday: School board meeting, 7:30 p.m., district office.

Wednesday, July 11: Celebration of Life blood drive, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., The Gateway, honoring Greensburg tornado and Kansas disaster victims. Call (800) GIVE

LIFE for appointment, but walk-ins welcome.

SENIOR MENU

Today: Closed for the Fourth of July.

Thursday: ham, sweet potatoes, cole slaw, bread, 1/2 banana.

Friday: hamburger cheese casserole, mixed vegetables, orange pineapple salad, bread, cookie.

Monday: salmon patty, Italian blend vegetables, noodle Romanoff, bread, apricots.

Tuesday: turkey a la king, peas, cucumbers, biscuits or rice, cranberry pineapple crunch.

Next Wednesday: chef salad, fruit compote, cherry crisp.

Former Cheyenne County doctor back in the news

By KAREN KRIEN
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It has been 13 years since a former Cheyenne County doctor was convicted of second-degree murder and attempted murder.

Now, Dr. L. Stan Naramore is back in the news, this time for prescribing large quantities of powerful painkillers to some who apparently drove hundreds of miles to see him.

The 62-year-old doctor had a small practice in Mount Healthy, Ohio. *The Cincinnati Enquirer* carried a story Friday, June 22, which told that the Ohio Board of Pharmacy began investigating the doctor after reports from suspicious pharmacists. Agents raided Dr. Naramore's office, seizing records of 204 patients.

The Enquirer obtained a patient list which showed seven living in the same trailer park near Auxier, Ky., a small town four hours away; 16 who drove more than four hours round trip; eight with a nine-hour drive; and 29 other patients, a seven-hour drive. Other patients came from as far as Tennessee, West Virginia and North Carolina.

In the article, Dr. Naramore was

said to be prescribing large doses of methadone, Oxycontin and other powerful painkillers. He said he was "simply trying to relieve the pain of hundreds of patients."

He said his office is closed, probably permanently, after he had open-heart surgery last week. He told *The Enquirer* that he was cooperating with the investigation, adding that he considers it "unethical" for a doctor to allow a patient to remain in pain.

He said undertreatment of pain is a serious problem in America. Physicians are afraid of persecution and prosecution for adequately treating pain, he said, but no American should suffer pain.

Dr. Naramore's murder trial in 1992 drew nationwide attention to St. Francis and Cheyenne County. He was accused of trying to kill Ruth Leach, a 78-year-old cancer patient, by giving her an overdose of painkillers while her family watched. Her son, Jim Leach, along with the family, had her moved to the hospital in Goodland, where she died a few days later.

In a written statement, the doctor said he did not believe in euthanasia. Concerning Mrs. Leach, he

wrote, "I believe if a patient is in pain — you try to relieve it. I did try to relieve my female patient's pain. I thought that was my duty, my obligation as her physician."

When Chris Willt, a diabetic, came into the hospital, officials charged. Dr. Naramore treated him for low blood sugar and a massive stroke, then gave the 81-year-old the paralyzing drug Norcuron, which made it impossible for him to breathe.

After two weeks of trial and nine hours of deliberation by the jury, he was convicted of murder and attempted murder in those two cases. He was sentenced to five to 20 years on both counts.

After only two years, however, the Kansas Court of Appeals overturned the conviction, saying no reasonable jury could have found criminal intent in Dr. Naramore's actions. In 2000, the Kansas Legislature voted to pay Dr. Naramore \$250,000 to settle a wrongful prosecution claim.

He moved a couple of times, setting up a practice in Harper for a time, then moved on to Arizona. Little had been heard about him the last few years until now.

Museum could use extra money in 2008

The curator and financial manager of the Last Indian Raid Museum talked with commissioners last Tuesday about the 2008 budget, saying that if the county has any extra money, the museum could use it.

Curator Sharleen Wurm said they appreciate the money the museum receives from county tax dollars. After the blizzards this winter, she said, the Federal Emergency Management Agency helped pay to re-

pair the roof, but that didn't help with the awning, windows and other damages.

With 14 buildings on the grounds, she said, it gets more expensive to maintain everything.

Financial manager Joy Votapka said part of the museum's income budget is fund raisers, which they expect to bring in \$6,000 a year, but that may not happen this year. The car show, which is usually a big one,

only brought in half that this year, she said. The museum still has Mini Sapa Days in October and the Christmas tree tour in December.

Currently, the county brings in \$15,500 on a .483-mill property tax levy for the museums, with the one in Jennings receiving \$4,250 and the one in Oberlin \$14,500 this year.

The commissioners didn't make any decisions but said they would revisit the request for more money.

Obituaries

Melba Johnson

Melba Simpson-Johnson, 73, a 1951 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died June 27, 2007, at her home in Westminster, Colo.

She was born Dec. 21, 1933, at Jennings, the daughter of Ray and Beulah (Guy) Harris. She moved with her parents to Oberlin while in grade school and attended Decatur Community High School.



M. Johnson

She married Lowell Simpson in June 1951 and he preceded her in death in 1997. She was a cosmetologist and had her own business in Oberlin for many years prior to moving to Colorado. At the 50th anniversary reunion of the 1951 class, she and Martin Johnson, also widowed, renewed their friendship, then were married in August 2001.

Survivors include her husband, Martin Johnson; a daughter, Shauna and John Wislawski, and a son, Kent and Alex Simpson, all of Westminster; four grandchildren; a sister, Nadine Chandler, Wheat Ridge, Colo.; three step-children and five step-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Wayne, Donald and Rodney Harris. A memorial service was held after cremation on Tuesday morning at St. Paul's Community Church in Lakewood, Colo. Her grandson, Jeremy Simpson, officiated.

Hays, the son of Anton and Eleanor Marie (Appelhans) Dinkel. He married Marcia Brown on Jan. 14, 1968, in Hill City. He was a diesel mechanic.

Survivors include his mother, Eleanor Dinkel, Morland; his wife, Marcia; a son, Tracy Dinkel, Hill City; two daughters, Jodi Ashley, Oberlin, and Valerie Polson, Marysville; three brothers, Jim Dinkel, Morland; John Dinkel, Hill City; and Paul Dinkel, Lindsborg; four sisters, Dorothy Bennett, Bogue; Kathryn Archer and Barb Compitello, Hill City; and Mary Dinkel, McPherson; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded by his father and a brother. Memorial services were held Tuesday morning at Stinemetz Funeral Home in Hill City. The Rev. Judi Stricker officiated and private inurnment will be held at a later date. A memorial was established to the Antelope Lake improvement project. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 522 N. Pomerooy, Hill City, Kan., 67642.

Rita Bieber

Funeral services are pending for Rita Bieber, 87, of Almena, who died July 1, 2007.

Pauls Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

David A. Dinkel

David A. Dinkel, 60, father of Jodi Ashley of Oberlin, died Wednesday, June 27, 2007, at his home in Hill City.

He was born Dec. 24, 1946, at

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
(Published in The Oberlin Herald, Wednesday, July 4, 2007)11
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Oberlin has filed a pre-application with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development for financial assistance to develop a Water Treatment system. A meeting will be held on July 19, 2007 at the City Office

regarding the proposed project and to provide the opportunity for public comment. This system will service the residents of City of Oberlin. Deanna M. Castle
City Clerk

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.

Markets

July 2, 2007 closing markets
Wheat, \$5.22 bushel
Milo, \$5.17 hnd weight
Corn, \$3.31 bushel
Soybeans, \$7.54 bushel
Sunflowers, \$16.75 hnd weight

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WEATHER

Decatur County Weather — July 3rd — July 7th

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
90/63	88/58	90/60	93/63	95/65

Normal High: 89
Normal Low: 60

Sunrise: 6:18 to 6:20am
Sunset: 9:13 to 9:14pm

(National Weather Service)
(Information below for period ending 8 a.m. Mon.; maximum temperature for previous day.)

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
June 25	91	65	
June 26	86	65	
June 27	86	64	
June 28	82	59	
June 29	81	49	
June 30	80	53	
July 1-81	58		

Precipitation: for the week, 0.00; for the month of June, 2.65; for the month of July, 0.00; for the year, 11.61.
For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.475 mhz.
By Melvin Martin — NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer

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Several days of warm and dry weather has the local wheat harvest past the half way point and heading for home just in time for the 4th of July. A cool front this evening will bring the best chances for storms this week and give us pleasant temperatures for fireworks tomorrow night. The rest of the week and this weekend will be dry and warm, so those who need to finish cutting will have no problems.