

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

May 14: Darlene E. Artis, Denver, speeding 75, \$96.
May 18: Aaron L. Linner, Bird City, speeding 84, \$150.
May 20: Juan Alberto G. Lopez, Lamar, Colo., 2,600 pounds overweight on four consecutive axles, \$196.
May 29: Steven C. Skubal, Selden, speeding 75, \$96.

Limited Actions

Capital One Bank vs. Fred E. Anderson, \$1,028 plus costs and interest.
Capital One Bank vs. Fred E. Anderson, \$967 plus costs and

interest.
Decatur Health Systems vs. Fred E. Anderson, \$3,218 plus costs and interest.
Credit Management Services Inc. vs. Jamie and Jim Geihlsler, \$831 plus costs and interest.

JAIL BOOKINGS

The following were booked into the Decatur County Jail:
June 6: Stanley Shrader, 54, Oberlin, driving while suspended, Decatur County Sheriff's Office.
June 6: Kenneth Morgan, 48, Oberlin, warrant charging arson, Decatur County Sheriff's Office.
June 7: Robert Jensen, 53, Oberlin, probation violation, Decatur County Sheriff's Office.

SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

The Decatur County Sheriff's Department worked this call last week:

• Around 9:29 p.m. on Thursday, Jonathan Cressler, 31, of Oberlin hit a deer eight miles south and six miles east of Oberlin in his 1995 Chevrolet pickup. There were no injuries and he drove the vehicle from the accident.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Jodie Fields Ploussard to Kurt B. Anderson, S15' of Lot 2, all Lot 3, N35' of Lot 4, Block 5, Summit Addition to the town, now City of Oberlin.
Samuel T. Steinmetz to Samuel T. Steinmetz Revocable Living Trust, W/2 SW/4, Sec. 6, T3S, R28W; S/2 of Lot 8, all Lot 9, Block 1, Carman Addition, City of Oberlin.
Patty Louise Brown to Patty L. Brown Living Trust, Lots 6-8, Block 4, Johnston's Addition, City of Oberlin; N/2, Sec. 21, NW/4 Sec. 15, T4S, R30W.

Town Crier

Today: Community farewell potluck for Pastor Rick Langness and family, 7 p.m., Old Bohemian Hall. Bring covered dish and table service; tea and water provided.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.
Thursday: Cullpepper and Merriweather Circus, 5 and 7:30 p.m., Decatur County Fairground, sponsored by Oberlin Rotary Club.
Friday: Relay for Life, 7 p.m., Smick Field.
Saturday: Relay for Life ends, 7 a.m.
Sunday: Benefit supper, 5 p.m. Norcatour School, for Charlie and Judy (Magers) Easton.
Tuesday: Jody Tubbs, Kansas Veterans Commission, 9:30 a.m., courthouse.
A representative of the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group will be at the county Health Department once a month for free well evaluations, including testing

water for bacteria and nitrates. For details, call 475-8118.
The Decatur County Food Pantry is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at the United Church, 109 N. Griffith. Gifts of cash, nonperishable food and household items are always needed.
Monday-Friday: At 1 p.m. at Golden Age Center, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, pinochle; Tuesday, pitch; third Thursday of the month, senior bridge, open. Quilting, puzzles, games daily.

SENIOR MENU

Senior lunch at the Golden Age Center, 220 N. Penn Ave., weekdays at 11:30 a.m.
Today: salmon patties with sauce, broccoli salad, applesauce, roll, cherry cobbler.
Thursday: liver and onions with gravy, parselied potatoes, green beans, bread, ambrosia fruit salad.

Friday: chicken fajita pasta salad, cantaloupe, tortilla chips, brownie.
Monday: Swedish meat balls, mixed fruit, corn, noodles, cookie.
Tuesday: lasagna, Italian blend vegetables, tossed salad, garlic bread, watermelon.
Next Wednesday: hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, bread, cranberry pineapple crunch.

Markets

June 9 closing markets
Wheat, \$7.86 bushel
Corn, \$6.01 bushel
Milo, \$5.74 cwt.
Soybeans, \$12.24 bushel
Sunflowers, not available

Correction

A story in the June 4 edition of *The Oberlin Herald* about those who had filed for county commissioner for district No. 3 said that Gene Gallentine is from Jennings. His address is rural Clayton. This

was a reporter's error. ☆☆☆☆
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.

US 36 Association meets

By HOWARD KESSINGER
The Marysville Advocate

When state Sen. Dennis Pyle, a board member of the U.S. Highway 36 Association, asked when the four-lane road could be extended west of Wathena, District Engineer W. Clay Adams from Topeka said that could be included in a new highway program.

The association, which represents road users in 13 Kansas counties, held its annual meeting Friday at First National Bank in Washington. One of its goals is to see the highway improved to four lanes across the state, starting at Wathena.

The Kansas Legislature will be faced with drafting a new transportation plan next session, and escalating costs, driven mostly by record costs of oil, are threatening work planned for the next few years, highway engineers said.

Shannon Kusilek of St. Joseph, District 1 planning engineer for Missouri Department of Transportation, said his state hopes to finish the last 52 miles of four lane on U.S. 36 between Macon and Hannibal next year, a year ahead of schedule. Construction was speeded up by a half-cent sales tax voted in by four counties with the last stretch of two-lane road.

The upgrade is from rural two-lane to four-lane expressway. Costs will be about \$100 million for work done from 2007 to 2011 for expansion and rehabilitation of existing lanes on the 180 miles from St. Joseph to Hannibal, Mr. Kusilek said.

After the widening is completed, Mr. Kusilek said, traffic across Missouri is expected to pick up 10 percent in five years, perhaps more, delivering a lot more vehicles, especially trucks, to the Kansas border.

New program needed
State Rep. Sharon Schwartz, R-Washington, said a new transportation program is needed, since the current one expires next summer, and this will be a topic for the Legislature next year.

If additional gambling is approved, Rep. Schwartz said, the state's share of the money could go for tax relief and debt reduction, and that could benefit the highway fund.

Docking Institute study
Of the 13 counties along U.S. 36 across Kansas asked to put up \$2,000 each for a study of the road by the Docking Institute of Fort Hays State University to help determine the feasibility of widening U.S. 36 to four lanes, eight have paid \$2,000, two more have promised to pay and the last three are to be

contacted.

The money will be needed by this fall if the association is going to try for a foundation grant, said U.S. 36 President Steve Haynes of Oberlin. The effort to widen the road may take 50-60 years, he said, just as getting U.S. 81 took a long time.

Director Marilyn Sorenson, Scandia, noted that 1,800 new U.S. 36 brochures given out at the Kansas Sampler Festival at Concordia were well received.

Vice president Jim Erickson, Scandia, head of the fall treasure hunt along U.S. 36, noted plans are unfolding for the event.

More road work

Mr. Adams, one of three district engineers at the meeting, said his 1st District, covering the road from Wathena to the Marshall-Washington county line, has two more resurfacing projects on U.S. 36 this year, from Wathena west to Troy and Seneca west to K-87.

Proposed for 2009, he said, but on the bubble because of rising costs are two bridges between Fairview and Hiawatha and resurfacing from the west junction of K-63 to K-236 and from that junction to the Nemaha-Brown county line.

New District 2 engineer Randy West of Salina said just over \$2 million has been spent in his district removing widening the road in two projects either side of Mankato. This allowed them to remove guard

rail, which in winter weather acts like snow fence.

Set for next year is rebuilding of the U.S. 36-K-15 intersection in Washington, which doesn't have room for semis to turn, at a cost of \$1.6 million.

Jeff Stewart, District 3 construction and materials engineer from Norton, said asphalt millings will be used in an overlay for western Rawlins and western Decatur counties. Work is under way in Rawlins County. To be done later this summer will be 11 miles east from the Decatur-Rawlins line to Oberlin.

Because costs have risen 20-30 percent in a half year, a wait-and-see attitude is being taken on concrete work in Atwood, Mr. Stewart said. That project will replace the pavement most of the way through town.

Officers re-elected

Officers re-elected were president, Mr. Haynes, Oberlin; vice president, Jim Erickson, Scandia; executive vice president, Cy Moyer, Phillipsburg; and vice president Chad Kramer, Marysville.

Judy Sifers, president of Kansas Specialty Dog Service Inc. of Washington, talked at the luncheon, telling how she became involved with the agency, which trains dogs to help people with disabilities ranging from blindness to being confined to a wheelchair.

Drop off mercury

Decatur County commissioners agreed last Tuesday to use the landfill building this summer as a drop point for items containing mercury, which will then be disposed of by the state.

Tim Stallman, road and bridge supervisor, said he received a letter noting that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Bureau of Waste Management is paying for a statewide mercury sweep in July and August.

The agency wants to remove mercury and items containing mercury from homes in the state.

Mercury, according to the letter from Maria Morey of the bureau, can be found in thermometers, blood-pressure gauges, old electrical switches and other products.

"Inhaling or ingesting mercury can cause irreversible damage to the brain, kidneys or to developing fetuses," she wrote.

Mr. Stallman said he sent in the form to make the landfill building a

drop point for July and August. All of the special containers needed and collection will be provided by the state.

Elevator to store more grain

The Decatur Cooperative elevator in Danbury soon will be able to store more grain and unload trucks faster.

Kurt Anderson, Co-op general manager, said they are building storage for 300,000 bushels more at the Danbury elevator, plus a 15,000-bushels-per-hour "leg" which will speed up unloading.

The changes, said Mr. Anderson, probably won't be done by wheat harvest this year, but will be finished in time for the fall harvest.

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WEATHER

Decatur County Weather ----- June 10th - 14th

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
90/58	80/52	78/50	85/55	88/58

Normal High: 85
Normal Low: 55

Sunrise: 6:13 AM
Sunset: 9:11 to 9:13 PM

Up and down temperatures will prevail through the period with scattered chances for evening and overnight storms. Warm and breezy conditions today will turn cool and breezy Wednesday and Thursday. Temperatures climb through the 80's and into the 90's Friday and through the weekend. Best chances for showers and storms will be Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings.

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
June 2	82	62	00
June 3	76	64	00
June 4	88	58	0.51
June 5	82	58	00
June 6	77	50	0.20
June 7	85	51	00
June 8	85	60	00

Precipitation totals for the week, 0.71; for the month, 0.71; for the year 11.06
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By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.