



**WORKING TOGETHER,** Vi Krizek (above) and Carla Latimer put kolache dough into a bowl to give it time to rise. Marjorie Hartzog (below left) and Helen Rhodes worked together to make centers for the filling. The women joined forces Friday to make over 100 dozen of the treats. Dorothy Vacura (bottom) rolled out some of the dough. — Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

## Women make kolaches

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The smell wafted from the kitchen, through the hall and lobby to the front door, greeting any visitors.

The 14 women had been busy for hours, which was evident in the delicious smell that crept through the halls of Bus and Coach International on Friday. The Jennings women were busy making kolaches, a traditional goodie, for the Jennings Firemen's FunDay.

The group, Marjorie Hartzog, Helen Rhodes, Kathy Nauer, Patty Foster, Ramona Shaw, Helen Muirhead, Vi Krizek, Joanie Metz, Dorothy Vacura, Vada Jensen, Louise Cressler, Carla Latimer, Linda Wahlmeier and Betty Cressler, moved around the kitchen and cafeteria with purpose.

Some of them cut out circles of the sweet dough; others spread the dough on cookie sheets, making a place for the filling in the middle; still others filled that space with cooked prunes, peaches, apples, apricots, cherries, poppy seeds or cheese, while others put the large sheets in the oven, and still another crew removed the pans from the oven and used a stick of butter to spread a thin layer on the top of the hot rolls.

The treats were put on wire racks on a large table in the cafeteria to cool. A pan of rejects, which the women snacked on throughout the day, sat next to the cooling treats.

The final step was to take the cool treats, put a dozen of them into a pizza box and label the outside with the contents.

Some say kolaches are a Czech pastry, while others don't consider the treat a pastry at all.

They're made with a rich bread dough, said Mrs. Hartzog, who said she learned to make kolaches from her mother, who had married into the Czech



colony around Jennings. "My dad was Bohemian," she said, "so my mom made kolaches."

She said she didn't learn until later in life that her mother used to take a roaster full of kolaches to several families' homes, she said. That's quite an effort for one person.

The recipe the Jennings women use, said Mrs. Hartzog, makes around 70 rolls.

On Friday, she said, the women planned to make a minimum of 100 dozen. That's a minimum though, said Mrs. Hartzog. Last year they made 111 dozen, and she thought this year they would pass that.

Jennings Firemen's FunDay, she said, is 17 years old. In the beginning, people would just make the kolaches at home and sell them. Then about 10 years ago, she said, the women started to get together and make them.

The FunDay gets the whole community involved, she said, and so does kolache making. She and Mrs. Cressler made some of the bread dough early that morning. Mrs. Krizek made fillings and froze them, the cherries were picked by Mike Krizek and others helped out as well.

The women met at the bus firm at 9 a.m. Friday, but the first batches (See **KOLACHES** on Page 5A)



## Farmers encouraged to spray

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With the time near to plant next year's wheat crop, farmers in north-west Kansas should spray volunteer wheat to help keep disease away from tender young plants.

Otherwise, wheat mosaic viruses could cut damage as much as 50 percent.

Brian Olson, area agronomist for Kansas State University, said it's important that farmers kill any volunteer wheat, which he said has sprung up in fields all over because of the moisture this year.

The volunteer wheat can harbor the wheat curl mite, said Mr. Olson, which spreads at least three viruses, wheat streak mosaic, triticum mosaic and high plains mosaic.

To reduce the chances of their wheat crop getting these diseases as new plants emerge, he said, wheat growers need to control the volun-

teer wheat now.

Farmers should be spraying volunteer wheat in the next few weeks, said Mr. Olson, to make sure that the volunteer plants are dead, with no green wheat left in the fields, before the new wheat emerges.

He said spraying the volunteer plants will break the life cycle of the microscopic bugs. That doesn't just mean spraying the fields where the wheat is going to be planted, said Mr. Olson, but the fields around them too.

"Be a good neighbor," said Mr. Olson, "and treat your volunteer wheat."

Otherwise, he said, wheat curl mite will move around in the wind, landing on new wheat and infecting it. The wheat will then harbor the mites all the way through to harvest. That can cut yields by as much as half, said Mr. Olson.

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## Doctor and wife to lead parade for anniversary

A former Oberlin couple plans to return to head up the parade celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Last Indian Raid Museum in October.

Dr. Robert and Nadine Simpson of Pleasant Hill, Tenn., will be the grand marshals for the Mini Sapa Day parade on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Connie Grafel, a member of the parade committee, said Dr. Simpson was a surgeon here for a number of years and his wife worked at *The Oberlin Herald*. Both were respected and well liked by the community, she said.

Plans for the parade are moving along, she said, with entry forms and letters being distributed around town now. If anyone doesn't get an entry form, she said, they can call her at 475-2901 and one will be sent, or they can stop by the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce office on Main Street and pick one up.

The entry fee for each float is \$10, she said, to help pay for the ribbons. Floats will be judged in 13 categories, said Ms. Grafel, and each one will have a first-place award. (See **ENTRIES** on Page 5A)



**CITY ELECTRICAL CREW** members Ron Solko and Ron Beneda worked together on Friday to take the broken globes off the lights on Main Street and replace them with new globes. — Herald staff photo by Kim Davis

## Men work to restore lights to downtown

Light will soon be restored to downtown Oberlin as the city electric crew installs new globes for the lights attached to the canopies.

Thirty-two of the 65 globes broke during a hail storm on May 22. Since then, the city has been looking for replacements.

City Administrator Gary Shike said he's been working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency since a disaster declaration was made for that storm. The agency will pay 75 percent of the cost for 32 globes, he said, about \$3,240. (See **GLOBES** on Page 5A)

## Decatur Co-op purchases Norcatat elevator

With the purchase of the Norcatat Grain elevator, the Decatur Co-op has expanded its services east.

Last Monday, said Controller Derek Hock, the Decatur Co-op purchased the elevator from Norcatat Grain Inc. The elevator had been previously operated by a board of area farmers.

Mr. Hock said they felt like the elevator fit in

with operations at the co-op, which already had three elevators in the county. He added that they look forward to serving the farmers and patrons in the Norcatat area.

The co-op, said Mr. Hock, is run by a board of seven directors and two associate directors. Farmer members own the co-op and elect the board.

The board will meet tonight and there will be more to say about the purchase after that, he said.

The co-op also owns elevators in Oberlin, Kanona, Jennings, Herndon, Ludell and Danbury.



## Firemen compete Saturday

AS THE PARADE MARSHALS, Bob and Neoma Tacha (above) rode on the back of one of the fire trucks during the Jennings Firemen's FunDay parade Saturday. Firemen Matt Farr of the Oberlin department (right) and Dan Mayberry of Jennings took second place in the barrel competition. For results from the day, see Page 7A.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis



## \*Kolaches baked by the dozens

(Continued from Page 1A) of dough were made around 7 a.m., allowing time for it to rise. It's a lot like making bread, said Mrs. Hartzog. By 9 a.m., the dough from 7 a.m. was ready to roll out and cut into small circles.

Then it had to rise again, then get filled, bake for about 15 minutes and then the butter is melted on the top.

"It takes a lot of teamwork to do this," she said.

In the past, she added, they've had as few as six or eight women, but it was just about double that this year.

Mrs. Krizek said she thought she learned to make kolaches from her mother-in-law, but she doesn't remember for sure. She married a Bohemian, she said, so she learned

to make the treats.

She said she doesn't make the rolls as often as she used to. It's more of a holiday thing now.

Last Thanksgiving or Christmas, she said, her son called to see if she was going to be around that day. He and his daughter were going to make kolaches, but he wanted to make sure she would be home to field questions. Sure enough, they

had a few.

It's tradition, she said; her kids know how to make kolaches. She makes them for family holidays and they're gone.

The popular treats, which sold for \$9 a dozen or 75 cents apiece, were gone by lunch time on FunDay, as a hungry crowd bought them up.

## \*Entries needed for museum parade

(Continued from Page 1A) People seem to be really excited about the parade, she said. The group received a call this week that the high school and junior high bands will march in the parade down Main Street.

Entries will stage in the parking lot at The Gateway at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, Ms. Grafel said. The parade will start at 10 a.m. and move down Main to the museum.

The categories include: business/commercial, professional/services,

band/musical, churches, antique cars/machinery, political, children/youth/student groups, civic organizations, social clubs, motorized vehicles/all-terrain vehicles/golf carts, horses and horse-drawn units, senior citizens, miscellaneous/

individuals and the Curator's Cup, including government boards.

Members of the committee include Ms. Grafel, Gary Walter, Sid Metcalf, Carrie Morford and Judy Scott.

## County breaks tie vote

The Decatur County commissioners broke a tie vote in the primary election for Beaver Township treasurer by pulling a name out of a basket last Tuesday.

Both Brendan Moore, the incumbent, and Ron Diederich received 10 votes each in the Republican primary. Mr. Moore's name was drawn out of the basket, which means he will be on the ballot for the general election in November.

Ambulance Director Linda Manning and Gaylen Huntley, noxious weed control director and an ambulance volunteer, demonstrated the new auto pulse machine, which does chest compressions for a victim who needs cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Ms. Manning said the machine can be used on most people, although not on younger children or people with a chest circumference of 50 or more inches.

The commissioners looked at copier bids, deciding on one from Eakes out of McCook. The copier, said Clerk Marilyn Horn, is for the clerk's office. The copier in the appraiser's office will be traded in.

The commissioners had bids from both Eakes and Top Office. Eakes' bids were for an MX-257 Sharp for \$2,809 and for an MX-317 Sharp for \$3,719. Both bids included the trade-in. The bid from Top Office out of Colby for a Ricoh MP4000

was \$4,817, but with special attachments it was \$6,737.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved \$19,000 for the Soil Conservation District budget.

- Approved \$1,000 for the "Thinking for a Change" program for the state Juvenile Justice Authority. Of the 17 counties the regional office serves, said commissioners heard, 13 have agreed to support the program with \$1,000, while three have declined. The program would help teens in trouble with the law learn to make better decisions.

- Held a 15 minute closed session for personnel with the commissioners, county attorney, clerk and Dispatchers Jeanne Pachner and Bev Reiter. There was no action taken.

- Agreed to send letters to all of the businesses that have signs on the fairground property along U.S. 36, along with the fair board, asking if anyone has an agreement allowing the signs. This comes from a question as to whether the Terrace Garden RV Park has permission to have a sign up. The county apparently has no record on any of the signs.

- Received a call from Dorothy Moore with the Golden Age Center, who said the senior meal site can use the former restaurant at Ampride while the center is closed, at least until the new year.

## Businesses to close Monday for Labor Day

Most Oberlin businesses will be closed Monday for Labor Day, including federal, state, county and city offices, the landfill and banks and financial institutions.

Oberlin schools will be closed and there will be no lunch at the senior meal site.

Most offices and downtown businesses will be closed, though some restaurants and convenience stores will be open. There will be no sale at Oberlin Livestock Auction.

The Oberlin Herald will print a day late next week so our staff can have Monday off. Copies may be picked up on newsstands on Wednesday afternoon, with

mail delivery on Thursday in most areas.

The Herald office will be closed Monday, but news and advertising may be placed in the slot on the front door or brought to the office by noon on Tuesday.

D&M Sinclair, A&W Restaurant, Ampride, Crossroads Express and the Pizza Hut will be open on Monday.

The LandMark Inn, ReLoad, and the Frontier Restaurant will be closed. The Frontier Restaurant will also close at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Raye's Grocery will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both Sunday and Monday.

## Intersection work scheduled

The intersection at Hall Street and Beaver Avenue will be closed to through traffic while workers replace it with new concrete, starting this week.

City Administrator Gary Shike said the intersection will be closed while workers from Oberlin Concrete redo the pavement, curbs and gutter. Mr. Shike said he wasn't

sure of the start date or how long the intersection will be closed.

With the intersection closed, through traffic on Hall will be blocked at U.S. 83 and at Cass Avenue; at U.S. 83 and Mill, which leads to South Beaver; and at Commercial and Beaver. Only people with business on those blocks will be allowed into the area, he said.

## \*Fields need to be sprayed to stop disease

(Continued from Page 1A) This is a really good time to be spraying, he said, because planting isn't too far away, with a good time around Sept. 20, just before the fall crops are harvested.

Some of the fall crops in the area look good and others were lost, he said. The crops that were alive when the rain finally came look OK, but other fields were lost during the dry spell at the end of July and beginning of August.

Lately, he said, there's been great weather for the corn and soybeans. It's rained off and on and the temperatures have been down.

The cool weather, he said, has put the milo crop 2 1/2 to three weeks

behind in development. Mr. Olson said he thought the milo in his test plot in Colby would flower at the beginning of August, but it's just doing it now.

There's a chance, with the late development, the milo could freeze before the grain fills out all the way. If that happens, it could mean light test weights, he said.

Some of the milo in the area that has a shorter maturity or was planted earlier, said Mr. Olson, could be fine, but they will have to wait and see.

For the corn, soybeans and sunflowers, though, he said, the weather's been great.

## \*Globes replaced on Main Street

(Continued from Page 1A) Mr. Shike said the city actually ordered new globes for all 65 lights so all of them will match.

The globes cost \$125 each, plus \$10 for shipping and handling on each, so the city will end up paying around \$5,535 for the project. Mr. Shike said when they ordered the new globes, the city also ordered ones for the eight lights outside of the First National Bank. The bank owns those lights and does the

maintenance on them, he said, but this way all of the globes downtown will match. The bank will reimburse the city for its globes.

Ron Beneda and Ron Solko with the electrical department started to take down the old globes and put the new ones up on Friday morning. Mr. Shike said he doesn't know how long it will take the crew to get all of the new globes up and the crew doesn't plan to turn the lights on until all of the globes are up.

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