

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

Limited Actions

Credit Management Services vs. Christine Edmiston, \$735, plus costs and interest.
Decatur Health Systems vs.

Christine and Steve Edmiston, \$3,549, plus costs and interest.

Decatur Health Systems vs. Jeff L. Rowilson, \$5,012, plus costs and interest.

Town Crier

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

Thursday: High school FFA chapter benefit work auction, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., cafeteria; bid for eight hours of work.

High school speech, 3 p.m., at Colby.

Eastern Star chicken-and-noodle benefit for Forget-Me-Nots, 5 to 7 p.m., Masonic Temple dining room.

State basketball.

Saturday: FFA benefit garage sale, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Teens for Christ building, S. Rodehaver.

Dinner theater, 6:30 p.m., The Gateway, Festhaus-Musikanten.

Sunday: Senior citizens potluck, 12:15 p.m., Golden Age Center. Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.

Monday: Mini-blood drive, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Decatur County Hospital specialty clinic. Call (785) 475-2208 for details.

Siren test, 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

No school all week, spring break.

Tuesday: Jody Tubbs, state Veterans Commission, 9:30 a.m., courthouse.

Friday, March 27: Chamber Coffee Hour, 9 to 11 a.m., Coffee, Tea and Me.

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 the 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, 217 N. Penn, weekdays at 11:30 a.m.

Today: oven-baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, three-bean salad, bread, peaches.

Thursday: meat balls, baked potato, savory carrots, bread, fruit cup.

Friday: tuna salad, tomato soup, pineapple, bread, pudding.

Monday: baked spaghetti, green beans, mixed fruit with banana, garlic bread, yogurt.

Tuesday: roast beef or corned beef, potatoes, braised cabbage or carrots, bread, five-cup salad.

Next Wednesday: chili with beans, gelatin with fruit, crackers, cinnamon roll

Oberlin City Council backs out of software deal

By CYNTHIA HAYNES
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The Oberlin City Council decided Thursday to back out of a deal it had made for computer software for utility billing and city bookkeeping and go with a different company.

During the last meeting on Feb. 19, City Administrator Austin Gilley asked the council to drop an agreement, made in November, before he began work, for Munisoft. It was provided by Computer Business Systems out of Phillipsburg, for software to run the city's payroll, utility billing and fund accounting systems because it was difficult to use and outdated.

However, Mr. Austin invited the program's designer and owner to speak. Ken Artz told the council that the city has had hardware problems and that his company has provided a lot of support services.

Mayor Joe Stanley asked a couple of council members to check into the situation.

On Thursday, he said he and Councilman Rob McFee had talked to all three of the city's office employees who work with the system, and they were united in their request to get rid of it.

City Clerk Karen Larson, who

was at Thursday's meeting taking minutes for the council, agreed with Mr. McFee that the Munisoft system was not user friendly.

The council agreed to pay Mr. Artz for his time, since he did visit Oberlin several times and spent many hours on the phone trying to solve problems.

In other business, the council:

- Passed an ordinance to stop anyone from building a wind-powered electrical generating unit or tower within the city limits, with Councilman Rob McFee voting no.

- Heard that the bacteria in the city sewer lagoons, the stuff that keeps them from smelling, has been reved up with the use of aeration.

- Discussed whether department heads should attend city meetings since that could lead to additional overtime.

- Was told that economic development marketing director Connie Grafel's contract will be up on May 1, not this month.

- Heard that the city is getting a new Internet domain name, oberlinkansas.gov.

- Decided to put off accepting a bid to redo the air conditioning units on The Gateway roof until they could get more than one bid and

for redoing The Gateway roof itself until they could get a better idea of what they want.


- Heard that city employee Melvin Martin has earned emergency medical technician certification.

- Learned that the roof on the swimming pool bathhouse, which needed repair, is done.

- Was told that the city's property and casualty insurance is up on April 1, with the current insurer, Fredrickson Insurance Agency and Bridges Group Insurance both wanting to bid on it.

- Decided to reapply for a "geometric improvement" repaving project for U.S. 36 from Penn Avenue to the eastern city limits to take advantage of money the state is getting through the federal economic stimulus program. The project was turned down by the state Department of Transportation last year because there was no money.

- Appointed Mr. Gilley to replace Gary Shike as the city's voting member to the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency.



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Expect highway delays

Drivers traveling to Nebraska on U.S. 83 should expect delays as 12 miles of the road will receive an asphalt overlay starting next week.

The job, by Venture Corp. of Great Bend, is scheduled to start on Monday, said Kristen Brands, public affairs manager for the Kansas Department of Transportation in Norton.

The contractor will mill up two inches of the old pavement and then cover the road with a two-inch asphalt overlay from the junction of U.S. 36 and U.S. 83 and north a third a mile.

For the remaining 11 2/3 miles, Mrs. Brands said, there will be a 1 1/2-inch mill and a three-inch overlay.

During construction, she said, the highway will get centerline rumble strips to keep people from drifting over into the adjacent lane.

A pilot car will be used during the work to guide people around the machinery. Delays of about 15 minutes can be expected by drivers.

The estimated cost of the project is \$2.7 million. The job is scheduled to be finished by Memorial Day, weather permitting, Mrs. Brands said.

"As always, we ask that the public exercise caution during this and any other work zone in Kansas," said Mrs. Brands. "Please slow down, pay attention to the workers and signs within a construction zone."

Obituaries

Neva Ruth Brown

Neva Ruth Brown, 90, a native of Oberlin, died Feb. 15, 2009, in Carmichael, Calif.

She was born March 3, 1918, in Oberlin, the daughter of Eugene and Clara Rydquist.

After she married Elmer (Jake) Jacobson in 1939, they moved to Louisiana and Utah before settling in Sacramento in 1951. She began working at McClellan Air Force Base in 1954 and retired from there in 1978. Her husband died in 1969.

She married Herb Brown in 1978. They lived in Woodland, Calif. for 25 years before moving to Carmichael. He preceded her in death on Nov. 20, 2008.

Survivors include three sons, Wendell Jacobson; Ralph and Donna Jacobson; and Lyle and Diann Jacobson; five grandchildren; a sister, Eunice Dunn; and three stepdaughters, Lynda Hoisington, Bree Connelly and Beverly McKay.

A memorial service was held Feb. 28, 2009, at Christ Community Church in Carmichael. A private burial was held at East Lawn Cemetery.

Carolyn Launchbaugh

Carolyn Marie Launchbaugh, 93,

of rural Dresden, a 1937 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Friday, March 6, 2009, at her home.

She was born Feb. 16, 1916, in Denver, the daughter of Arthur and Blanche (Bartlett) Leist.

She married George W. Launchbaugh on Dec. 23, 1944, at Hoxie. They lived in the area all their married life. She was a member of the McGraw United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, George, of the home; a son, George S. and Kathy Launchbaugh, Hoxie; a daughter, Carol Lee and Mike Metro, Salina; a sister, Lee Ora and Gerald Sines, McCook; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at the McGraw United Methodist Church, with burial at the Dresden Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Contributions may be sent to Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, 1024 Sheridan Ave., Hoxie, Kan., 67740.

Delvein J. Wasinger

Delvein J. Wasinger, 59, of Hays,

a brother of Sherry Bergling of Oberlin, died Friday, March 6, 2009, at St. Francis Regional Medical Center, Wichita.

He was born Dec. 10, 1949, in Hays, the son of Andrew and Clementine (Weber) Wasinger.

He married Diana Robinet in April 1974, in Denver. He was owner of DandL Restaurant Equipment in Hays. He was a member of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church at Antonino, and Knights of Columbus Council at Schoenchen.

Survivors include a son, Douglas and LeAnna Wasinger; a daughter, Christina Wasinger; and a brother, Arlyn Wasinger, all of Hays; four sisters, Vernetta Leikam, Denver; Firma Dreher and Leila Wasinger, both of Hays, and Sherry and Dave Bergling, Oberlin; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were held Monday afternoon at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Antonino. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Cancer Council of Ellis County. Contributions may be sent to Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, 20th and Pine, Hays, Kan., 67601.

Corrections

A story in the Wednesday, March 4, edition of *The Oberlin Herald* reported that the contract for Connie Grafel, marketing director for the city and the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp., was up this month. The contract isn't actually up until May 1. This was the result of incorrect information given to the newspaper.

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In the same edition, a story on Dawson Kempt about an accident in November quoted the boy as saying, "It was fun when they cut the bar." Dawson actually said "It wasn't fun when they cut the bar." This was a typing error.

A photo caption for the same story said that Dawson was injured when he jumped off the family's trampoline and landed on a piece of rebar. The story correctly reported that the boy jumped off a pile of bricks and landed on the rebar. This was an

editing error.

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The Decatur Community High girls basketball team played last week in a substate bracket at Stockton, not in Plainville, as a story in the same issue said. The mistake was caused by incomplete information supplied to the paper. The same story said that the girls were to play on Monday. They played on Tues-

day. This was a reporting error.

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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

March 9 closing markets
Wheat, \$5.04 bushel
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WEATHER



Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 35. East wind around 10 mph. **Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 13. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 43. **Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 47. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 23.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 26.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57.

From the National Weather Service.

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
March 2	39	5	0
March 3	53	19	0
March 4	62	24	0
March 5	81	26	0
March 6	80	22	0
March 7	70	22	0
March 8	36	25	0

Precipitation totals for the week, 0.00; for the month, 0.00; for the year 0.60; one year ago, March 2008, 2.03

For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.4 mhz.
By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.