

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:
JAIL BOOKINGS
The following were booked into

the Decatur County Jail:
April 19: James Geihlsler, 29, Brewster, domestic battery, Decatur County Sheriff's Office.
REGISTER OF DEEDS
Robert Ord and Sharon S. Ream to Karl Hazen and Donna Hazen, as

joint tenants, all of lot 4, except S50' in block 14, Marks-Cole Addition to the City of Oberlin.
Elwood G. Brock Revocable Trust to Paul R. Nauer, N/2NE/4 of Sec. 5, T5S, R26W.

Town Crier

Today: Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.
Oberlin School District employee recognition dinner, 7 p.m., high school cafeteria.
Thursday: Junior high track meet at Hoxie with St. Francis/Oakley.
Friday: High school golf, 3 p.m. at Hill City.
High school track, 3 p.m. at Colby.
Saturday: State music at Concordia.
Sappa Valley 3-on-3 basketball tournament, all day.
Calvary Echoes Southern Gospel concert, 7 p.m., The Gateway, offering will be taken.
Sunday: Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.
Monday: Siren test, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
FFA judging, 9 a.m., at Norton.
9-10 track meet, 3 p.m., at At-

wood.
Tuesday: High school golf, 3 p.m., at Hoxie.
High school track, 3 p.m., at St. Francis.
Career Cluster meeting, 4 to 7 p.m. at high school.
Tuesday: 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: chef salad, tropical fruit salad, bread sticks, cherry cobbler.
Thursday: oven-fried chicken, potato salad, pork and beans, mixed fruit with banana.
Friday: sausage patty, hash brown casserole, corn, bread, apple-sauce gelatin.
Monday: ground beef stroganoff, winter mix vegetables, rosy pears, noodles, cook's choice complement.
Tuesday: turkey, sweet potatoes, salad, bread, pumpkin dessert.
Wednesday: ham-and-scalloped-potato casserole, peas, peaches.

Airport committees to merge

There was some discussion about the city's informal airport committee becoming a Decatur Tomorrow action team at a Oberlin City Council meeting Thursday night, ending with the mayor giving his approval for the change.
Councilwoman Marcia Lohoe-fener said former Councilman Jay Anderson had told her he would like to have an acknowledgment from the council that the committee is moving in the right direction and the council is behind them.
Mayor Joe Stanley said he thinks the council is behind the group, though final decisions need to be done by the council. The work the committee has done is good, he said, as are the connections it had made.
Councilwoman Rhonda May said she agreed.
At the Decatur Tomorrow Com-

munity Conversation, said Mrs. Lohoe-fener, several of the community committee members were at the same table and talked about becoming an action team.
If the airport committee is formalized, said Administrator Austin Gilley, then maybe the council needs to appoint people. Mrs. Lohoe-fener said she didn't think the concern was over being an official city committee. It works well as it is, she said.
Personally, said Mr. Gilley, he isn't sure why the city wouldn't have an official committee since the proposed airport runway extension is a big project with a big price tag.
Three members from the city's Airport Board are on the committee, said Mrs. Lohoe-fener. Mr. Gilley said the way he understands it, the airport board is defunct. The group doesn't meet, he said.

There aren't any board members whose terms have expired. There are five members all appointed by the city.
He said the committee could keep doing what they are doing, adding that it would be OK with him if they become an action team with Decatur Tomorrow.
It's probably time for some publicity, said Ms. May. At first the group didn't want the ideas stolen by other towns, but the group is far enough ahead now.
Also, said Mr. Gilley, there's a meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday at the Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Center with the Liberty Township Board about closing the road to the north of the airport for the runway extension.

Speedway promoter's check bounces

The Decatur County commissioners talked with the former promoter of the Decatur County Speedway about a settlement check he sent the Fair Board that wasn't good.
Joe Bellm, with Blood, Sweat and Tears Racing, called during the commission meeting last Tuesday to let the commissioners know the county could rerun the check.
The first time the \$1,615 check went to the bank, commissioners said, it was refused for insufficient funds. Mr. Bellm said it was his bank's fault and they were going to pay the fee. He added that they told him a check for \$30 for the bad-check fee was in the mail.
"I need you guys to get paid so it can get off the books," said Mr. Bellm.
The reason it didn't clear, he said, was because it was an old account. He added that the commissioners could call his bank and verify that the money is there.
Mr. Bellm said there just isn't any way to get the county another check and asked that they would rerun the first one.
Commissioner Gene Gallentine asked if he meant the check is going to be good this time. Yes, said Mr. Bellm, the money is in the account. The check just needs to be

redeposited.
Before ending the conversation, Mr. Bellm offered to help the county in any way he could with getting "that little race track off the ground."
After hanging up, Mr. Gallentine said, it was his understanding that the Fair Board isn't doing business with Mr. Bellm anymore.
Mr. Bellm said he followed up with Marj Hartzog, who is organizing an American Red Cross talk and lunch in Jennings. She wanted to give some kind of gift to the two speakers, which the commissioners

said was OK. Mr. Gallentine said Mrs. Hartzog would probably turn in a receipt for the gifts.
The commissioners said that money would probably come from the emergency management department.
In other business, the commissioners:
• Approved transferring \$10,000 from the general fund to the landfill, which Commissioner Ralph Unger said is a normal transfer.
• Held a 15-minute closed session for personnel. There was no action taken afterward

Hospital board to put up sign

The Oberlin City Council gave the OK for the Decatur County Hospital Board to put a sign showing the direction to the hospital and welcoming people to Oberlin in the park on the west side of U.S. 83 on the south side of town.
Lynn Doeden, hospital administrator, and Greg Vontz, from maintenance met with the council Thursday to request permission to put up the sign.
The idea is to try to make the hospital more visible, said Mrs. Doeden. Although the people who live here know where it is, she said,

those driving in from other areas might not. The board came up with the idea of the sign.
Mr. Vontz, she said, has an application from the Kansas Department of Transportation to have the sign, but needs city approval first.
The speciality clinic, said Mr. Vontz, brings in a lot people, some who have gotten lost. The idea is to have the sign visible for drivers coming from the north or south.
The council gave the hospital permission to put sign up. Mrs. Doeden said it probably wouldn't be done until summer.

Obituaries

Darrel L. Gaines

Darrel L. Gaines, 90, a brother of James Gaines and Luella Sloan of Oberlin, died April 14, 2009, in Wichita.
He was born April 22, 1918, at Dresden, the son of Alvin and Lola (Scott) Gaines. He married Alice Marie Tedro. He was a retired Boeing Aircraft assembler.
Other survivors include his wife, Alice, Wichita; a son, Randall, Sebring, Fla.; three daughters, Joyce Jones, Lancaster, Calif.; Roberta Engle, Chicago, Ill.; and Janet Leeper, Springfield, Mo.; 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were held Monday morning at Crossroads Baptist Church in Wichita. Burial was at Reflection Pointe Cemetery at Wichita.
A memorial was established to the Crossroads Baptist Church,

11411 E. Central, Wichita, Kan., 67206. Watson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent online to www.watsonfuneral.com
Leslie Leochner Sr.
Leslie Leochner Sr., 87, a brother-in-law of Mabel Bailey of Oberlin, died April 12, 2009, at his home in Ludell.
He was born March 12, 1922, in Ludell, the son of Leonard and Emma Leochner. He was the former postmaster at Ludell.
He married Ruby Morton on Nov. 28, 1946, in Atwood.
Survivors include his wife, Ruby, Ludell; three sons, Leslie Jr. and Lori, Omaha, Ark.; Gary and Vicki, Lecompton; and Rick and Brenda, Mustang, Okla.; two daughters, Linda and Gary Escher, and Janet and Robert Hoover, Topeka; a

sister, Elaine Giles, Winnsboro, Texas; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Bailey, Oberlin; and Ruth Martin, Orandall, Texas; 16 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and eight step-great-grandchildren.
He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Alonzo and Lloyd, and a sister, Maxine.
Funeral services were held Thursday morning at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Atwood with the Rev. Don White officiating. Graveside services and burial were at Rose Hill-Ludell Cemetery at Ludell with military graveside rites by the Sam Hubbard American Legion Post of Atwood.
Memorials may be given to the church, the Rawlins County Health Center or Hospice Services. Contributions may be sent to Williams Funeral Home, 109 N. Second, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

Commissioners discuss grant

The Decatur County commissioners talked with the emergency management director about a grant for that department, but didn't make any decisions, as the county would need to hold three state-approved exercises to get the money.
Director Jacque Boultinghouse said at the meeting Tuesday, April 7, the county can get a little under \$4,000 from the Emergency Management Performance Grant, but would then need to have three approved exercises in the year. Those could be practice for a tornado or chemical spill, but all departments would need to take part in them, she said.
She said she thinks the bigger counties like Ellis, Thomas and Sherman apply for the money. A full-time director who is dedicated to holding the exercises would really be needed, she said.

Ms. Boultinghouse said Sheridan County, where she is the part-time director, doesn't apply for the grant. The former director did already apply for the grant, she said, but she hasn't.
She said she does hold exercises, but they don't have to be run by the state.
Commissioner Ralph Unger said he would like to have Commissioner Stan McEvoy's opinion, but he wasn't at the meeting.
Ms. Boultinghouse said she would like to steer Marj Hartzog away from having a storm shelter in Jennings to being a Red Cross shelter because there are lots of requirements and expense involved in that. They could partner with the Red Cross on the shelter and have fewer requirements. Mr. Unger said

that sounded OK to him.
She also said she needed a copy of the burn ban resolution. Ms. Boultinghouse also wanted to make sure there isn't any zoning for the county or plans to establish zoning, which there aren't.
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

April 20 closing markets
Wheat, \$4.90 bushel
Corn, \$3.36 bushel
Milo, \$4.99 hundredweight
Soybeans, \$9.46 bushel
Sunflowers, \$13.35 hundred-weight

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WEATHER

Forecast
Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Tonight:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. South wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. **Night:** partly cloudy, with a low around 51.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.
Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 75. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.
Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 72. **Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.
Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 70.
From the National Weather Service

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
April 13	44	38	0
April 14	66	36	0
April 15	71	36	0
April 16	69	47	.30
April 17	63	48	.38
April 18	50	41	1.66
April 19	65	41	0

Precipitation totals for the week, 2.34; for the month, 3.60; for the year 4.20; one year ago, April 2008, 4.62
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By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.

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