

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
Small Claims
Stanley Hardware vs. Travis Riffle, \$192, plus costs and interest.
Hansen Plumbing Inc. vs. Ed and Angel Treese, \$468, plus costs and interest.
ASC Repair vs. Jeff Sprengle, \$1,063, plus costs and interest.

Limited Actions
Decatur Health Systems vs. Sam Astalosh, \$2,500, plus costs and interest.
Evan Robertson vs. Travis Riffle, \$1,350, plus costs and interest.
Credit Management Services vs.

David and Stephanie Blau, \$1,195, plus costs and interest.

JAIL BOOKINGS
The following were booked into the Decatur County Jail:
May 24: Jai Rivet, 38, Foxworth Mo., Decatur County warrant, Oberlin Police Department.
May 29: Travis Riffle, 35, Oberlin, driving under the influence, Oberlin Police Department.

REGISTER OF DEEDS
Rowena Cathcart, transfer on death to Carolyn A. Hackney, E/2 of Sec. 17, T1S, R27W.
Rowena Cathcart, transfer on death to Joyce M. Rippe and Lynn R. Rippe, E/2 of Sec. 9, T2S, R27W; SE/4 of Sec. 5, T1S, R28W.
Rowena Cathcart, transfer on death to Joyce M. Rippe and Carolyn A. Hackney, Lot 3, Block 8, Original

town, now City of Oberlin.
Shirley Gaede to R.E. and S.R. Gaede Living Trust, NE/4 of Sec. 17, T3S, R27W.
Robert Pavlicek, Mary Beth Pavlicek, Edna M. Mott Trust and Elsie L. Goodnight Trust to Robert Hesenflow, N/2SE/4 of Sec. 1, T4S, R28W; SW/4 of Sec. 1, T4S, R28W; SE/4 of Sec. 2, T4S, R28W.

City Hall MUNICIPAL COURT

Thursday, May 28: Angela Erickson, Rexford, expired registration, \$165; Teetai Fanene, Gastonia, N.C., disobeyed stop sign, \$125; Shawn Cox, Salisbury, N.C., speeding 46 in a 20 mph zone, \$209.

Town Crier

Today: Eastern Star meeting to honor district aide, 7:30 p.m., Eastern Star dining room.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.
Thursday: Wheat tour starts at breakfast at 4-H building, 7 a.m. followed by tour west on U.S. 36 at May test plot.
Friday: Cruise-in in front of museum office, 7-9 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery: supper 6:30 p.m.; meeting, 7 p.m.; small groups, 8 p.m.; fellowship, 9 p.m., Oberlin Community Fellowship Church.
For details, call (785) 475-3711.
Saturday: Eighth Annual Museum Summerfest Car and Vintage Sports Show, all day, with vendors, craft booths, a jackpot raffle and kids and adult game. For details, call Dana Marintzer at (785) 475-2325 or the museum at (785) 475-2712.
Museum open, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Monday: Siren test, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Commodity distribution, 9 a.m., Golden Age Center, 217 N. Penn.
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.

Donations 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, pinocle; 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, green beans, bread, cottage cheese with

pineapple.
Thursday: sloppy joes, cook's choice vegetable, pasta salad with vegetables.
Friday: liver and onions in gravy, pea-cheese salad, parslid potatoes, bread, strawberry shortcake with topping.
Monday: Spanish rice with hamburger, winter mix vegetables, plums, bread, pudding.
Tuesday: turkey, sweet potatoes, green beans, roll, mixed fruit in gelatin.
Wednesday: sausage gravy, tater tots, cook's choice vegetable, biscuit, mandarin oranges.

Correction

An article on the Memorial Day ceremony at the Oberlin Cemetery in the May 27 edition of *The Oberlin Herald* incorrectly said that the speaker Phil Law is a member of the Denver Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Law said that while he supports the orchestra, he is not a member. He is a member and soloist of both the 120-piece Jeffco Community Band and the 17-piece Sentimental Sounds swing group. The mistake was caused by incorrect information given to the newspaper.
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The Oberlin Herald will correct or clarify any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please

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Livestock predators likely someone's pet

MANHATTAN — Problems with hungry, free-roaming dogs can look like a no-win situation for livestock owners — and sometimes dog owners, too.
"Other than we humans, the dog is the most widespread and abundant predator in Kansas," said Charles Lee, a wildlife specialist with Kansas State University Research and Extension. "Compared to our native coyotes, dogs typically are also more difficult to control or keep from causing injury."
Unlike coyotes, however, dogs that are hunting for themselves may not be truly wild, or feral. They may have an owner who provides at least some regular care, Lee said.
"That can really complicate a situation," he said. "If someone can locate them, a dog's owners are likely to have real trouble accepting the idea that good ol' Fido is roaming around, stalking livestock. At the same time, the livestock owner is likely to hesitate about antagonizing neighbors by accusing their dog of being responsible for the attacks — much less by just shooting their pet."

This situation is far from rare. "The fact is, over the 20-plus years I've spent dealing with dog-livestock conflicts, I've learned that most cases in Kansas, at least, are caused by domestic dogs — ones that have a home and owner," Lee said. "When captured, many of these four-footed troublemakers are calm and may even wag their tail."
With such culprits, Kansas law can raise the tension between pet and livestock owners, he said. One law says that if a dog kills, wounds or "worries" any domestic animal, the dog's owner will be liable for all damages. Another says that anyone at any time can kill dogs found injuring or attempting to injure livestock.
The legal definition of "livestock" in the state includes cattle, swine, sheep, goats, horses, mules, domesticated deer and all members of the ratite family that are not indigenous to Kansas, such as ostriches, emus and rheas. The definition does not include wildlife that may be subject to dog attacks, Lee noted.
Besides domestic dogs on the roam, Kansas does have actual feral dogs, the wildlife specialist said. They don't rely on humans for anything. They typically respond to capture by crouching, snarling and lunging to bite — much like a wolf or coyote. Some were born and raised in the wild. Some are survivors that got lost or ran away from home long ago.
A third category of dogs on the loose is the canines that cannot rely on humans any more. They may be pets abandoned by their owner in the country and expected to fend for themselves.

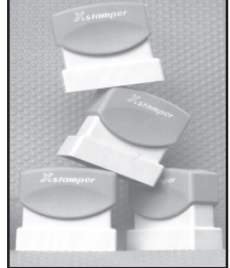
all of their prey.
"They'll simply be alley and yard raiders, in danger from humans all of the time."
Devices designed to frighten, capture or kill predators can sometimes be effective in helping owners protect their animals from injuries or even death.
"In town and country both, however, good investigations by local authorities can be even more important," Lee said. "The long-term solution to this problem isn't simply to destroy dogs."
"Sometimes better livestock management can help — such as penning sheep at night. We also need better education for dog owners about their responsibilities. Think about how much trouble we could avoid if owners simply kept their dogs contained — protected from becoming predator or prey — particularly at night."

Markets

June 1 closing markets
Wheat, \$6.58 bushel
Corn, \$4.04 bushel
Milo, \$6.35 hundredweight
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Sunflowers, \$15.05 hundredweight

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Defensive driving class offered July 29

The Decatur County Farm Bureau Association plans to offer a defensive driving course from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, at the Oberlin United Methodist Church.

The course costs \$15. Pick up registration forms at the Farm Bureau office, 122 E. Commercial. For questions, call Tammy Sporn at (785) 470-7042.

WEATHER

Forecast
Today: Partly sunny, with a high near 73. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east. **Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.
Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 79. **Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. **Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.
Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 84. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77.
From The National Weather Service.

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
May 25	81	56	0
May 26	79	54	1.13
May 27	54	49	1.94
May 28	71	41	0
May 29	83	43	0
May 30	87	52	0
May 31	85	55	0

Precipitation totals for the week, 3.07; for the month, 4.20; for the year 9.31; one year ago, May 2008, 10.35
For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.4 mhz.
By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.

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