

New lake at Sappa fills up

Regular rains and 3.09 inches of rain over the weekend have filled the new lake at Sappa Park.

Rick Pauls, with the Sunflower Chapter of Pheasants Forever, whose been working on the wetlands project in the former lake bed, said there was two feet of water in front of the shelter house on Monday, possibly three towards the middle.

Near the concrete spillway and in the channel along the berm, there is closer to nine to 11 feet of water. The water, he said, has reached the spillway holes cut into the concrete drain tower to allow for it to escape. Those holes, said Mr. Pauls, are nine to 11 feet from the ground.

The dirt work on the spillway side is done, he said, but the lake bed still needs some more work, so the rain water will be let out when the time comes for digging to resume. There's still five feet of excavation needed on the entire lake bed west of the berm, said Mr. Pauls. Dave Bose, owner of Dust Cloud Construction, had to pull off of the project to do some agriculture jobs, but will return to finish this summer, he said.

When the water is let out, said Mr. Pauls, they will leave some in the channel since it's done.

After Mr. Bose finishes the dirt work, he added, the middle of the wetland in front of the shelter house will be around five feet deep.

Council to discuss water plant

The Oberlin City Council plans to discuss how to pay for the proposed new \$4 million plus water treatment plant and water system improvements when it meets Thursday.

Interim Administrator Karen Larson said Monday that Dave Barber with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development administration plans to be at the meeting. Mrs. Larson said the city has applied for a loan through the agency and it's been OK'd. He will be at the meeting to talk about financing the rest of the project.

The loan doesn't start, she said, until after part of the project is complete, so the city needs some interim financing.

John Haas with Ranson Financial also will be at the meeting.

Mrs. Larson said there might be some more Fourth of July items to discuss.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. Thursday, upstairs at The Gateway. It is open to the public.

Even 1-year-olds want to play



AT A T-BALL GAME last Tuesday, Gage Williby, 1, tried to play with the bats on the fence while his mom and dad coached. — Herald staff photo by Kimberly Davis

Oberlin woman honored by college

The Kansas State University Army Reserve Officers Training Corps and Military Science Department dedicated classroom 1 in the General Meyer Building as the 2nd Lt. Lora Elizabeth Marietta Classroom on May 15 as a memorial to an Oberlin student killed in a vehicle accident in December.

The commemorative plaque reads, "In loving memory of 2nd Lt. Lora Elizabeth Marietta, May 1987-December 2009. Through these Doors Walk the Future of the United States Army." Also dedicated was a display case with Lt. Marietta's class A uniform and additional memorabilia.

At a 10 a.m. commissioning ceremony, Lt. Gen. Richard J. Seitz presented the Alan and Judith Marietta family a certificate posthumously promoting their daughter to second lieutenant in the United States Army.

Kansas State University President

Kirk Schultz presented the University Medal for Military Excellence to the family. Lora was designated a Distinguished Military Student at Kansas State and Distinguished



L. Marietta

Military Graduate for the U.S. Army Cadet Command, being ranked 25th out of 4,785 nationwide in the 2010 class of graduating Army ROTC cadets. She always exceeded the maximum score on the Army Physical Fitness Test, participated every year in Recondo Club, competed as a varsity member of the Ranger Challenge Team, achieved the highest rank of cadet lieutenant colonel and served as cadet battalion commander.

At graduation ceremonies the same day, the College of Arts and Science posthumously presented a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology to her, awarded magna cum laude. Her sisters, Loni Jensen and Leah Carreño, accepted the degree.

Volunteers needed to beautify Oberlin

Volunteers are needed to help beautify Oberlin by picking up trash and items in their neighborhoods.

Deanna Castle, with Decatur Tomorrow, said the city beautification committee is looking to help clean up in the six sectors of town.

The committee is looking for volunteers who will walk the neighborhoods and pick up trash and other items. It would be nice, she said, to get families involved so kids can learn the importance of community.

Each neighborhood has an organizer, said Mrs. Castle, if people have an interest in the town looking nice they can contact one of them.

The neighborhoods include:

- From U.S. 36 to Commercial and from Sunflower to Marks, with

Kem Bryan as the contact. Call 475-3395.

- From U.S. 36 to Commercial and Marks to Rodehaver, Sharon Addleman, 475-2123.

- From U.S. 36 to Commercial and Rodehaver to the west side of town, Deanna Castle, 475-3227.

- From Victoria to R Lane (County Road 334) and U.S. 83 to Fraiser, which is still open.

- From Commercial to Columbia and Rodehaver to Waldo, Pat Fringer, 475-3184.

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This is a good time to get the town cleaned up for the 125th Anniversary Fourth of July Celebration.

Try your guessing powers in the Harvest Countdown contest

Any idea when the first load of wheat will be cut and delivered in Decatur County?

Will the rain push things back, or will the wind make the wheat dry down faster?

It's anyone's guess, but with the Oberlin merchants' annual Harvest Countdown contest it's time to put your knowledge – or luck – to work.

The annual contest gives anyone 18 or older the chance to make an educated guess on the minute, hour and day that the first load of wheat will arrive at a participating Decatur County elevator, including the Decatur Co-op in Oberlin, Kanona, Jennings, Herndon, Danbury, Neb., Ludell, Lenora and Edmond, and

Hansen Mueller Grain in Oberlin or Cedar Bluffs.

People who have won in the last five years and anyone who has delivered the first load in those years are ineligible. Also, relatives of the person delivering the first load and employees of the newspaper and

their immediate family members aren't eligible to win prizes.

Entries can be made at participating businesses, with no purchase necessary.

The contest is put together by *The Oberlin Herald*. Sponsoring businesses include Fredrickson

Insurance Agency, Hometown Family Radio, KFNF, Decatur Title and Abstract, Decatur Co-op, Ward Drug Store, Stanley Hardware and Hansen Mueller.


The deadline to enter is 4 p.m. on Friday, July 2, or when the first load comes in.

Winners will receive \$50 for first, \$35 for second and \$15 for third. All prizes will be in scrip money which can be spent only at sponsoring businesses. No change will be given.

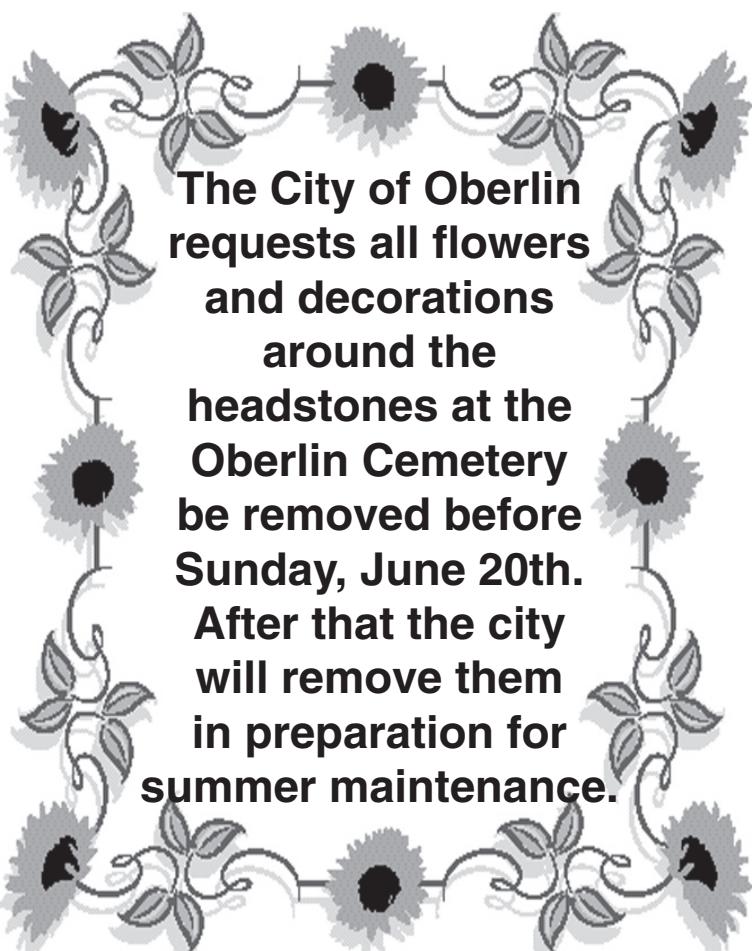
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- Electric Production Operator I
- Water Distribution/Wastewater Collection Assistant Superintendent.

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The City of Oberlin requests all flowers and decorations around the headstones at the Oberlin Cemetery be removed before Sunday, June 20th. After that the city will remove them in preparation for summer maintenance.



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