

City 125th, Mini Sapa Saturday

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After a year of planning, it's time Saturday to celebrate the City of Oberlin's 125th Anniversary.

While there have been events throughout the year, Saturday will be packed with something for everyone to do to celebrate the city's quasiquintennial.

The first Saturday in October has been a celebration day at the Last Indian Raid Museum, which holds its Mini Sapa celebration the first weekend in October to commemorate the Last Indian Raid.

However, this year the museum is only open for two hours, said Director Sharleen Wurm, because they want the celebration to be focused on the city's anniversary. She said the museum wants people to take part in all the activities going on during the day.

The museum will do fund raisers for both breakfast and lunch, with the money raised going for upkeep of the facility.

Mrs. Wurm said it's important for people to take part in the Mini Sapa Day so that they can not only help celebrate the city's 125 years of history, but also to be part of the future of the city.

A trail ride will start at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Oberlin Cemetery and go southeast about seven to nine miles. The ride will circle around and end at the cemetery, with Gary Richards, a cowboy and real estate broker, leading the group. People should bring their own horses, said Chamber of Commerce manager Carolyn Hackney, adding that she wasn't sure if there will be wagons on the ride.

There's no cost to join the ride.

Ms. Hackney said organizers hope the riders will come in the quasiquintennial parade in the morning, have lunch at the museum and then join the trail ride.

There will be prizes for the

Schedule for 125th

Events scheduled Saturday to celebrate Oberlin's Quasiquintennial:

- 7 to 9 a.m. – pancake feed at the Bohemian Hall, museum grounds downtown.
- 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. – DCHS Singers perform at the Bohemian Hall.
- 9 to 9:30 a.m. – DCHS Melodrama at the hall.
- 10 a.m. – parade on Main Street downtown.
- Following the parade, Indian dancers will perform on the south side of the courthouse.
- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. – quilt show at the Golden Age Center.
- noon to 1 p.m. – lunch at the Bohemian Hall.
- 1 to 1:30 p.m. – DCHS Melodrama at the hall.
- 1:30 to 2 p.m. – Prairie Statesmen Chorus at the hall.
- 1 p.m. – trail ride starts at the Oberlin Cemetery.
- 2 to 2:45 p.m. – Community Band performs on the south side of the courthouse.
- 2:45 p.m. – opening of the time capsule on the west courthouse lawn.
- 3:15 p.m. – Indian dancers perform on the south side of the courthouse.
- 3 to 5 p.m. – Last Indian Raid Museum open, free admission.
- 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. – supper and dance at the Oberlin American Legion Hall.
- 7:30 p.m. – Indian dancers perform at The Gateway,

youngest rider, the oldest rider and the person who traveled the farthest (See ACTIVITIES on Page 8A)

Couple to return to hide geocaches

Two Decatur Community High School graduates plan to come home Saturday to put on a geocaching event for the city's 125th Anniversary celebration.

Jeremy and Jenny Tally, who graduated in 2006 and 2007 and now live in Manhattan, are inviting everyone to come hunt 40 new caches they will be hiding around Decatur County.

The event will start at 8 a.m. at the Last Indian Raid Museum. Mrs. Tally said they will have a table set up there and will hand out the coordinates to the 40 unpublished geocaches. They will also have goodies out during the day.

The Tallys said it only took one trip for them to get addicted to this activity, which emphasizes going off the beaten path.

"What drew us to (geocaching) was knowing these things were hidden in places we have walked by many times," said Mr. Tally.

Mrs. Tally said that geocaching is sort of a treasure hunt based on using a global positioning system device

to locate cached items.

It began in Portland, Ore., when a man placed a five-gallon bucket in the woods in 2000 and posted the coordinates.

The couple said a geocache is a container which holds everything for a cache, including a logbook to sign, and trinkets for the finder.

"We've found money, McDonald's toys and even jewelry in the caches," Jenny said.

The container can be any size as long as it protects the contents from the weather.

She said some caches can be tracked online as they are moved around. One time, she said, they lost track of one for four months and then it showed up in California.

People interested in geocaching can go to the website geocaching.com and find coordinates for caches in any area. These are hidden by other geocachers, said Mrs. Tally.

Any GPS-enabled device can be used to find a geocache, including car GPS units, GPS-enabled (See COUPLE on Page 8A)



KINDERGARTNER Josh Juenemann (above) played on the top of a piece of playground equipment at the grade school Monday afternoon. Gabi Johnson (below) ran with a football in her hands. — Herald staff photos by Kim Davis

School to split class

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With 25 students and the first six weeks of the school past, the all-day kindergarten class at the Oberlin Elementary School will be split for part of the day starting Monday.

Principal Duane Dorshorst said 12 students will go to Jeri Buchholz's class in the morning and the other 13 will stay in room of Diana Steinmetz.

Mrs. Buchholz taught in the district for 38 years before she retired at the end of the 2008-2009 year. She was a substitute for the district last year and will work part time this year.

The students will start their day together in Mrs. Steinmetz's room and have their reading groups, he said, then split at 9 a.m. The kindergartners will then stay apart until lunch time at 11:30 a.m.

During the time the students are with the two teachers, said Mr. Dorshorst, they will do the more individualized instruction, including math. After lunch, all the students will go back to Mrs. Steinmetz's room and they will have their "specials," including gym, music, library and art.

Even with the change, he said, the district won't be hiring any more aides.

There are four adults in the kindergarten room in the morning, besides Mrs. Steinmetz. In the afternoon, there are only two, said Mr. Dorshorst.

Whether to split the kindergarten has been a topic for the Oberlin School Board, Mr. Dorshorst and the teacher since pre-enrollment showed their could be 25 students.

With the number of kids and the educational needs of those students, said Mr. Dorshorst, the class needs to be split for at least part of the day.

He said they tried to split the class evenly among boys and girls and they also tried to match the kids' learning styles with the teachers' styles. In this case, it is kind of hard, because the students have only been in school for a few weeks, but they have tried to plan the split so both classes are successful.

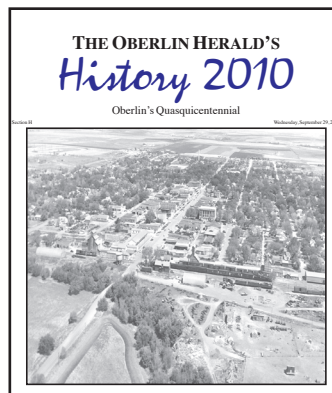
Letters explaining the change went home to the parents of the kindergartners on Friday. So far there haven't been any complaints.



History section inside

Inside today's *Oberlin Herald* is the History special section celebrating the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Oberlin.

The *Herald* staff, with help from the Last Indian Raid Museum, has written stories and collected pictures portraying the past 125 years to help commemorate the city's quasiquintennial.



Bowling alley project needs \$100,000

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The new bowling alley on Main Street is still about \$100,000 short of the money needed for completion, sponsors say, but they are still working on collecting donations.

While the new Golden Age Center and movie theater, which occupy the other two-thirds of the new community center downtown, held grand openings last year, money is still needed to finish the bowling alley.

At the beginning of the month,

the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. needed \$150,000 to finish the project.

Greg Lohofener, who has led the project for the corporation, said they had hoped to raise the money by the end of September and open the bowling alley at the end of November or beginning of December.

Monday, he said if the corporation raises the rest of the money this week, the alley could still open by Christmas.

The longer it takes to raise the \$100,000, he added, the longer it

will take for the bowling alley to open.

Oberlin hasn't had a bowling alley for years, since the one on U.S. 83 south of town was destroyed in a fire.

While Mr. Lohofener, marketing director Connie Grafel and corporation board members are trying to make contact with as many people as possible, anyone who is interested in making a donation should call one of them, he said.

People can make cash donations, big or small, or can donate grain at

Hansen Mueller, Decatur Co-op, or Hi Plains Co-op. Farmers have donated some grain in the last month, said Mr. Lohofener. He added that it looks like it's going to be a pretty good corn harvest and the wheat was good, too.

Anyone with questions or who wants to make a donation can call Mr. Lohofener at 475-3322 or Ms. Grafel at 475-2901.



*Activities set Saturday for anniversary

(Continued from Page 1A) to get here. Rusty Addleman said the items that they get out of the time capsule will be taken to the museum. Anyone who wants to put in an item, like a business card, can leave it at the chamber office or the museum. They can also get in touch with Mr. Addleman at 475-2123. When the time capsule was opened 25 years ago, there was a new capsule put in to be opened 25 years later and 100 years later. Although the 25-year-old capsule will be opened, the new one will not be buried on Saturday. Part of the celebration will be a quilt show put together by quilters and quilt owners across the county. Ruth Miesner, who is helping organize the show, said the quilts

have either to have been made by someone who lives in Decatur County or owned by someone who lives here. The group would like both old and new quilts. Mrs. Miesner said the theme will be something along the lines of "Quilts through our history." They would like to have around 125 pieces, including quilts, quilted garments, table runners and wall hangings. The group will start accepting quilts at 4 p.m. Thursday on the east side of the Golden Age Center downtown. Owners will complete an entry form so each of the pieces can be identified, she said. The show will be open from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the center. Owners can pick up their quilts from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

*Couple plans geocaching event

(Continued from Page 1A) phones, and more expensive field GPS units, she said. "One of our favorite sayings within the geocaching community is 'Using million-dollar technology to find dime-store trinkets,'" said

Mr. Tally. "We just love traveling together and finding these things. It's becoming less of a hobby and much more of a lifestyle." "Or borderline obsession," added Mrs. Tally.

Entries still needed for town parade

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There's still time to enter Oberlin's 125th anniversary parade during the Mini Sapa Day celebration Saturday. So far, around 40 entries have been registered, said Connie Grafel, a member of the parade committee, but they are hoping to have 100 or more. Ms. Grafel said the high school band is entered and the Fort Riley wagon and mule team plans on coming. Anyone can enter a float in the parade, she said. Awards will be given in several categories, including: business/commercial, band/musical, antique cars/machinery, children/youth/student groups, civic organizations, motorized vehicles/all-terrain vehicles/golf carts, horses and horse-drawn units, professional/services, senior citizens, miscellaneous/individuals and the Curator's Cup, which includes city, county and government boards.

It costs \$10 to enter. Trophies, said Ms. Grafel, will be awarded for first place in each category, with ribbons for second and third place. Entry forms can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce or Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp. offices downtown or the museum. The forms are also on the web at www.oberlinks.com. The committee includes Ms. Grafel, Sid Metcalf, Carrie Morford, Judy Scott and Gary Walter. Entry forms need to be mailed to the Chamber at 104 S. Penn, Suite 8, Oberlin, Kan. 67749. Staging will be at City Park. The parade will go north up Main Street from the museum starting at 10 a.m. Saturday. Judging will take place at 8:30 a.m. Ms. Grafel said bleachers will be set up on the southwest corner of the courthouse, which is also where the Koshare Indian Dancers will perform. The parade theme is "Generations Past, Present, Future."

Indian dancers to perform on lawn

The Little Sun Drum and Dance Group will be performing in Oberlin on Saturday to help celebrate Oberlin's 125th anniversary, sponsored by the Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission. The dancers are members of the Northern Arapaho, Eastern Shoshone, Oglala and Hunkpapa Lakota tribes from the Wind River and Pine Ridge reservations of northeast Wyoming and northwest South Dakota. The group has been featured at Cheyenne Frontier Days the past two years. The dancers will be in the parade at 10 a.m. in downtown Oberlin and will also do two short presentations on the courthouse lawn. A complete presentation will

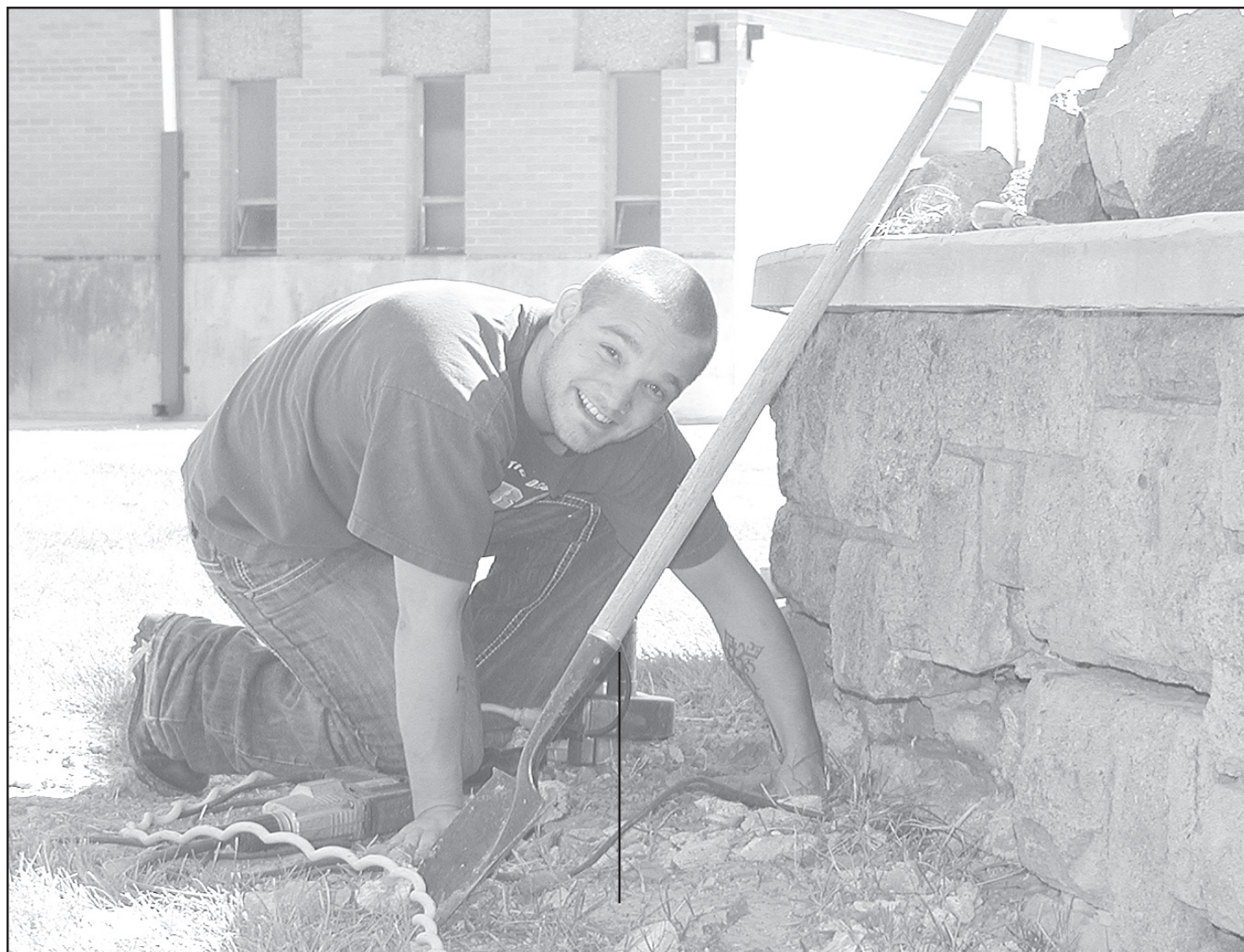
begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at The Gateway, where the dances will be narrated by the group's leader, Sandra Iron Cloud. The dances date from the mid-1800s to the present, she said, and all have a story. The dancers come from all walks of life, the group says. Some are teachers, coaches, college students, high school and elementary or preschool students, tribal administrative assistants and secretaries or casino workers. They come from "pow-wow" and strong traditional families and many have been in the dance circle since they could walk. Admission is by season ticket or \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students at the door.

Melodrama set for two shows

The melodrama "The Wild Flowering of Chastity, or Chaste Across the Stage" will be presented at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday at the Bohemian Hall at the Last Indian Raid Museum. Leigh Davis, a veteran English and drama teacher, directed a cast that includes current members of the Decatur Community High Drama Club. In the story, a long time ago, in a not-so-far-off place lived the kindly Aunt Absinthe and her beautiful, innocent niece, Chastity Wildflower. They lived peacefully in their turn-of-the-century home nestled in the Sappa Valley, until, that is, the nefarious Desmond Darkacre comes

to buy the house. Of course, he only wants it for his evil scheme. Can the hero, Terence Truelung, spring into action and save the family in time? Come see the performance for a donation and plan to "boo" and "hiss" the villain and cheer the hero. Members of the cast include: Sierra Lohofener, Emma Borton-VanPelt, Tiffany Anderson, Joe Hirsch, Matt Glading, Haley Schiessler, Lara Zodrow, Nolan Henningson, Lizzy Nedland, Amanada Marshall, Ben Glading, Jude Walinder, Caleb Koerperich and Ray O'Boyle. Jasmine Pearson is stage manager.

Getting dirty



IN CITY PARK, Kody Harper with Daniels Masonry of Norcatour worked on repairing the front wall of the band

shell earlier this month. — Herald staff photo by Cynthia Haynes

Pharmacist wins football contest

Rusty Addleman of Oberlin took first place in the fourth week of the annual Pigskin Pick-em contest this week.

This is the second time the pharmacist and former Oberlin business owner has won the \$15 first prize. He won the second week of the contest, also.

This week, three contestants guessed the winner of every game correctly. Mr. Addleman came closest to the tie-breaker score, Quinter over Trego Community, 22-14.

Charley Keller, Oberlin, came in second, one point off of Mr. Addleman's prognostication of the Quinter-WaKeeney game. He wins \$10 in scrip.

Oberlin resident Kelly Brown, who won the first week of the contest, came in third and wins \$5 in scrip money.

Losses by St. Francis and Hoxie upset the predictions of almost everyone else, but eight contestants guessed seven out of eight: Cheri Kastens, Herndon; Shirley Simp-

son, Kel Grafel, Norm Wendelin, Travis Raile, Wilbur Reichert and John Sater, Oberlin; and Charissa Huff, Lebanon, Neb.

Coming up with six out of eight were Tom Martin, Ivis Hanson, Owen Wilson, Justin Gee and Jacob Gee, Oberlin, and Amanda Adams, Danbury, Neb.

Zach May, Gary Anderson and Kenny Gee came up with five out of eight.

All eligible scores are entered on a spread sheet. At the end of the 12-week contest, the contestant picking the most games will receive \$50 in scrip and a trophy.

The money won in the contest can be spent only at the sponsors: Ward Drug Store, the LandMark Inn, Fredrickson Insurance Agency, Decatur Co-op and Ampride, Creative Collision, Farm Bureau Financial Services and *The Oberlin Herald*.

Scores of this week's games were:
• KU over New Mexico State, 42-16.

- K-State over Central Florida, Syracuse, 55-8.
- Osborne over Hoxie, 42-6.
- Colby over Holcomb, 35-20.
- Wray, Colo., over St. Francis, 43-20.
- Nebraska over South Dakota State, 17-3.
- Quinter over Trego Community (WaKeeney), 22-14 in the tiebreaker.
- Norton over Oberlin, 54-0.
- Rawlins County (Atwood) over

County money is tight

While agreeing to pay for part of a new radio system for the dispatch office, the Decatur County commissioners realized \$23,000 of the money they planned to transfer to the general fund to finish out the year had already been committed.

While the county received some grant money for the system, half the cost needed to be paid for by the county. Chief Dispatcher Marilyn Mack said at a meeting Tuesday, Sept. 14, Gary Flannigan of Norton, who is installing the radio gear and paid for it up front, asked for part of the money.

The commissioners approved paying Mr. Flannigan the \$21,000 received through a grant application. The total project, Mrs. Mack said, will cost \$44,000. The commissioners agreed that she shouldn't

pay more than half of the project up front.

The money for the radio system wasn't planned on, said Commissioner Stan McEvoy, so the commissioners will need to come up with another \$23,000.

That money will come out of the equipment reserve fund, commissioners decided. At a recent meeting, they talked about needing to transfer the \$126,000 in the equipment reserve to the general fund to finish the year.

Mrs. Mack said she had received one bid for electrical work on the new equipment from Circuitech. The commissioners approved the bid of \$1,026 with one-third down, one-third to be paid mid-way through the project and another third at the end.

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