

## City sets hearing on house

The Oberlin City Council passed a resolution to set a hearing date for an unsafe home two blocks west of Main Street on Hall Street.

The home belonging to Nolan and Bobbi Jo Johnson, said Jan Ackerman, code enforcement officer, is one she won't fight to keep.

Mrs. Ackerman said the first complaint was about weeds and a health nuisance on the property last year. Some of those things were taken care of.

After looking at the structure, she said, it looks unsafe. The roof is sagging and the back south side of the house is basically boarded up.

"In my opinion," she said, "this home needs to come down."

The code is set up, said City Attorney Steve Hirsch, for the resolution to be published in the newspaper and a hearing date is set.

Councilman Rusty Addleman made the motion to approve the resolution with Councilwoman Fonda Farr giving the second.

Does the resolution include the white house behind the blue one, on the same property? asked Mr. Addleman.

That's up to the council, said Mrs. Ackerman. There was someone living in the white home, she said, although she wasn't sure if they were still.

Someone said that the house has been sold, said Mrs. Ackerman, but she wasn't sure.

Mr. Hirsch said both houses are included in the resolution. The hearing will be set for Thursday, July 21.

Mrs. Ackerman said she is still working with others that the city received complaints about weeds or safety issues.

Mr. Addleman said he had a house 201 N. East, that he wanted to add to the list. Mr. Hirsch said he and Mrs. Ackerman had talked about that house prior to the meeting.

### Council roundup

At the meeting last Thursday, the Oberlin City Council:

- Passed a resolution to set a hearing date for an unsafe home two blocks west of Main Street on Hall Street. Story at left.

- Approved hiring an environmental attorney to review the equipment for the new water treatment plant after two closed sessions for attorney-client privilege. Story on Page 3.

Mrs. Ackerman said she's so far just been dealing with the weeds at that property, but can look at the structure.

Mr. Addleman said he wants to push some of these things. During the alumni weekend at the end of May, several people commented that Oberlin is just getting trashy.

The previous council, said Mrs. Ackerman, wanted her to work off written complaints only. After the complaint comes in, she said, she sends out a notice to the owner. They then have 10 to 20 days to take some action depending on how the notice is written.

She said she started the Connections program to keep some of the structures, that weren't bad enough to tear down, but needed some help and different ownership from ending up being the city's responsibility to get rid of. So far, she said, there have been two homes where the ownership has changed. There is another property that someone is coming to look at.

Councilman Rob McFee said he thought things were working fine with how she's doing it now.

## Work days start for fair, carnival

The Amusement Authority is already getting ready for the upcoming carnival during the Decatur County Fair.

The fair and carnival start on Tuesday, Aug. 2 and end on Saturday, Aug. 6.

Judy Scott, authority president, said they plan to have open workdays at 6 p.m. Thursdays at the fairground from now until opening night.

The work nights, she said, are open to anyone wanting to come help.

Ms. Scott said they are also working on filling out the volunteer schedule for the rides and games. Anyone interested in working can contact her at 475-8983 or 470-7269. The sign-up sheet will be outside the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce office in the

Business Entrepreneurial Enhancement Center on Main Street.

Ms. Scott said they have a full roster of members for the Amusement Authority with a lot of energetic people. She said they have been talking about putting money aside to buy a new ride.

The board includes Ms. Scott, president, Sherri Kyte, vice president; Charissa Huff, secretary, and Candi Ketterl, treasurer. Board members are Shannon Addleman, Rollie Avery, Valerie Faris, Holly Gallentine, Shelby Hackney, Sarah Howland, Brad Larson, Cheryl Metcalf, Robert Rouse and Pam VanVleet.

Advisors are Melinda Grafel, Travis Hissong, Elden Huff, Jim Wesch and Ralph Unger.

Dana Marintzer and Vicky Ray are in charge of the toys.

## Selden tractor show draws big crowd

The Selden Antique Tractor and Classic Car show drew a nice crowd despite afternoon temperatures over 100 degrees.

This year's show, the eighteenth in Selden, drew over 60 exhibitors along with over 30 small engines and around 500 participants.

People of all ages had the chance to compete in activities throughout the day. The first event of the day was the horseshoe pitching contest. After several rounds of competition, Frank and Mike Powers won first place. Second place went to the partnership of Randy Rose and Travis Thrasher, while Pat Koerperich and Rick Shaw placed third.

entertained in the city park while people sat around on benches, bleachers, picnic tables and lawn chairs. The Selden Community Foundation served pulled pork, hamburgers and hot dogs.

In the afternoon there was a basketball free-throw competition with AJ Camacho taking first place, Matthew George, second and KayCee Miller, third, in the third through fifth grade division. Koi Wessel took first, Kade Wessel, second and Benny Martinez, third in the older division. This was the largest group of basketball free-throw participants at this event, said Judy Rogers.

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ON SATURDAY Dennis Peterson (above) shined up a 1949 Chevy Deluxe Convertible that belongs to Lewis Collins, of North Platte, Neb. during the Last Indian

Raid Car Show. Terry Dunlap (below) with the Christian Motorcycle Association blew up a balloon for a kid.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

## Cars line up at show

People of all ages walked up and down Main Street Saturday morning looking at classic vehicles and talking to the owners.

Saturday brought the 10th annual Last Indian Raid Museum Summerfest and Car Show. While there were fewer entries than last year, the weather was nice and people from the area came out to take part in the events.

Museum Director Sharleen Wurm said overall things went well for the car show.

The museum board served breakfast in the Old Bohemian Hall and lunch on Main Street. While there were fewer entries, she said, she thought they served around the same number of people.

Friday night results during the Cruise In were:

- Dallas Hayes, McCook, 1957 Chevy 3100 pickup, Best of Show.
- Jim Marshall, Oberlin, 1928 Whippet 96, Mayor's Choice.
- Gary Allen, Oberlin, 1942 Ford U.S Navy, Museum's Choice.
- George Rose, Arapahoe, Neb., 1941 Willys Pro Street Coupe, People's Choice.
- Best Cruiser, Kurt Anderson, Oberlin, 1955 Chevy Cameo.

At the poker run on Saturday the results included:

- Byron and Jean Hale, Oberlin, 1969 2-door Sports Coupe Chevy Impala, first.
  - Melissa Boyle, Agra, 2005 Harley Sportster, second.
  - Neil Noel, Beaver City, Neb., 1977 Chevy Malibu Classic Wagon, third.
- The top 20 vehicles during the car show were:
- Travis Thrasher, Oakley, 1970 Ford Mustang.
  - Dale Melton, Goodland, 1967 Ford F-100.



- Wayne Goltl, Oberlin, 1967 Chevy Impala SS Hardtop.
- Larry Morris, Oakley, 1960 Chevy Impala.
- Danny Krayca, Goodland, 2000 Harley Davidson 1200 Custom Sportster.
- Jim Marshall, Oberlin, 1927 Chevy Landau Coupe.
- Dale Musgrave, Hastings, Neb., 1955 Ford Crown Victoria.
- Dana Marintzer, Oberlin, 1967 Chevy Impala SS Convertible.

- Toby Boyle, Agra, 2005 Harley Davidson Sportster.
- Pete Jensen, St. Francis, 1937 Dodge Rat Rod.
- Jason Krayca, Goodland, 23 Ford T. Bucket.
- Gary Parks, McCook, 1969 Chevy Camaro.
- Lewis Collilns, North Platte, Neb., 1949 Chevy Convertible.
- Gleason Dryden, Oberlin, 1941 GMC Pickup.
- Diana Krayca, Goodland,

- 1980 Corvette.
- Rob Henry, McCook, 1971 Chevy Nova.
- Leonard Sewell, Hoxie, 1957 Studebaker Golden Hawk.
- Greg Harvey, Orleans, Neb., 2003 Yamaha.
- Gleason Dryden, Oberlin, 1927 Ford Model T.
- Lewis Collins, North Platte, Neb., 1971 Chevy Corvette LS5.

## Contest starts today for summer wheat harvest

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 event 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 locations 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 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: Decatur Co-op Association, Decatur County Title and Abstract, Fredrickson Insurance Agency, Hansen Mueller,

Hometown Family Radio, KFNF, Stanley Hardware and Ward Drug Store.

The contest will close at 4 p.m. on Friday, July 1, 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 which can be spent only at sponsor-



# Cable company wants agreement

Two representatives from Eagle Communications talked with the Oberlin City Council about renewal of the firm's franchise agreement, although nothing was decided.

At a council meeting Thursday, May 18, Travis Kohlrus of the Hays office and Marty Melia from the Goodland office represented Eagle. Mr. Kohlrus said the Hays firm has 32 cable systems and 25 radio stations.

The company bought the Oberlin system in July 2006 from Cebridge Communications. In the last five years, he said, Eagle has done a fair amount of improvements to the system, including putting in a backup generator at the tower south of town.

Mr. Kohlrus said they have a large battery that keeps the system running until the generator turns on.

Eagle provides cable, Internet and telephone service, the men said. A local ad channel, he said, is hosted at The Gateway. The quality of that channel wasn't very good, they said, but after some work, it improved. Mr. Kohlrus said they plan to work with the school system on its channel.

Mayor Bill Riedel said he's heard complaints about the outages with the phone service.

"Are you willing to do the best you can for Oberlin?" he asked.

Yes, replied Mr. Kohlrus. As technology changes, they will continue to make changes to the service.

The franchise agreement, said Mr. Kohlrus, basically gives the company the right to use the city's street and utility easements. A fee is passed on to the customers, collected by Eagle and paid to the city. The contracts typically include customer service standards.

The firm's old franchise agreement doesn't expire until this fall, noted City Administrator Karen Larson.

City Attorney Steve Hirsch asked if Mr. Kohlrus has a proposed renewal. Mr. Kohlrus said he has the agreement that they took over when Eagle bought the system from Cebridge.

The franchise fee, said Mr. Kohlrus, is typically 3 to 5 percent of the cost of a standard package for each subscriber. Mrs. Larson said the current agreement has it set at 3 percent.

The council asked Mr. Kohlrus what would need to be done to have the council meetings on the cable system again. He said he would look into it.



ON MAIN STREET in Selden Sunday Lowell Holmberg (above) drove his tractor towards the city park. Mr. Holmberg was one of the exhibitors in the 18th annual Antique Tractor and Classic Car show. Jacque Boultinghouse (below) helped serve lunch.

— Herald staff photos by Kimberly Davis

## \*Show draws crowd

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Another favorite activity for kids was the pedal tractor pull. This event had three age divisions with nearly 40 competitors.

In the first division, kids five to six-years-old, Dashiell Brown took first, Jaren Adelman, second and Will Bruggeman, third. In the age seven to eight year old group, BJ Rogers took first, Ashley Stoll, second and Ashton Schiltz, third. In the nine to 10 age group Jeron Schutte took first, Jyle Adelman, second and AJ Camacho, third.

In the Barrel Roll competition, said Mrs. Rogers, competitors pushed a barrel with their tractor through the marked course. Bill Anderson finished with the quickest time followed by Glenn Morgan.

In the Washer Drop competition, Rodney Marshall claimed first place and Mr. Morgan again finished in second. Greg Bruggeman won the slowest tractor challenge.

Special prizes went to:

- The Aschenbrenner Family for the most cars entered.
- The Bruggeman family for the most tractors entered.
- Dan Baalman for the most engines entered.
- Varlan Neal for the oldest exhibitor.
- Will Bruggeman for the youngest exhibitor.
- Jerry Bier for bringing the car from the furthest distance, St. Francis.

• Merlin Hussey for entering the tractor from the furthest distance, Wichita.

• Galen Hansen and Mr. Baalman for the small engine exhibits.

Plaques given for the top five tractors and vehicles included:

- Jerry Hill, Norcat, for a 1939 John Deere A with L Spreader.
- Norman Wendel, Almerna, 1943 Allis Chalmers WC.
- John and Steven Boxler, Norton, 1951 International H.
- Bill and Peggy Anderson, Superior, Neb., 1965 Massey Ferguson 21.
- Stan and Grace Kauk, Colby, 1959 John Deere Model 430.
- Travis Thrasher, Oakley, 1970 Ford Mustang Mach I.
- Randy Rose, Oakley, 1960 Chevy Impala.
- Alvin Koenig, Colby, 1949 Chevy Fleetline.
- Jaunita Aschenbrenner, Brewster, 1968 Mercury Cougar.
- Wes and Jeanette Bencken, Rexford, 1954 Ford.



## Conversation set to talk healthcare

Decatur Tomorrow plans to host a community conversation next Wednesday.

The conversation about the community's role in supporting healthcare, starts at 6:30 p.m. at The Gateway.

Prior to the meeting there will be a dinner at 5:30 p.m. prepared by the Teens for Christ for a donation. The money will be used to purchase

a van for the group.

Deanna Castle, committee member, said everyone is encouraged to attend to show their support and be involved in the brainstorming process to enhance the healthcare system.

"It will be a chance to learn how we, as a community can help support and promote our healthcare system," she said.

## Lions food drive starts

The Oberlin Lions Club is sponsoring a summer food drive to benefit the Decatur County Food Pantry.

The drive will last until Thursday, June 30. At the end of the drive all the items will be taken to the food pantry at the United Church on N. Griffith.

Canned goods, paper products, household items and cleaning sup-

plies may be dropped off during office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the United Federal Credit Union on Main Street. Donations will be on display in the south window and the club will keep a tally of the total.

Those who can't get their items to the Credit Union can bring them to the concession stand at the ball field or call a Lions Club member.

## Partnering To Bring Medical Specialists To Oberlin

### Oberlin Outreach Clinic Schedule

**Decatur County Hospital**  
810 W. Columbia - Oberlin

**Cardiology - Dr. Jeffery Curtis**  
Monthly - (785) 625-4699

**Orthopedic - Dr. Robert Bassett**  
Monthly  
(785) 261-7599 or (866) 428-8221

**Urology - Dr. Darrell Werth**  
Monthly  
(877) 312-1619 or (785) 628-6014

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