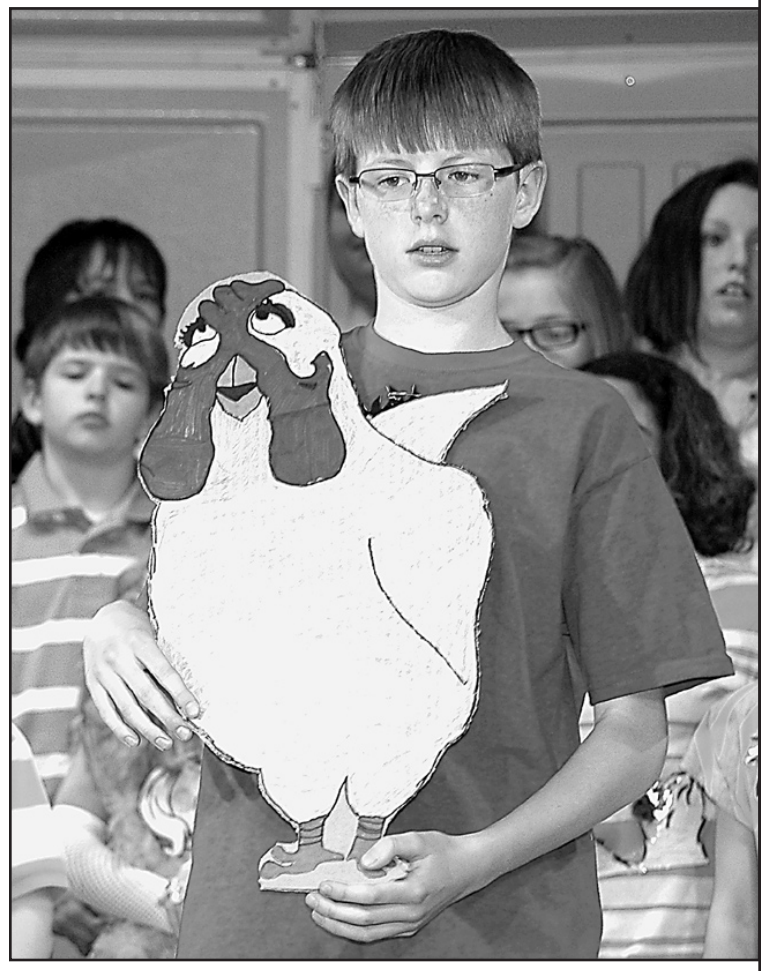




Students entertain at concert

PREPARING FOR THE ELEMENTARY SPRING CONCERT last Monday afternoon at the high school auditorium, Oberlin Elementary School students Lea Jimenez (above left) and Katrina Neal pretended they had ducks in their hands for a run through of the "Rubber Ducky" song. Then at the concert that night, sixth-grader Zach Corbett (right) had a chicken for his part.

— Herald photos by Cynthia Haynes and Susan May



Website should list all community events

By STEPHANIE DeCAMP
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Ever wish that you could reference a calendar that had every event Oberlin had to offer on it? Well, your wish is Decatur Tomorrow's command.

Two members of the organization, Jeff Leitner and Jo Ann Lerew, have taken on the task after they were designated as an action team, the latter said.

But they're still trying to get in touch with every organization and person who wants to be listed on the calendar, which can be found at oberlinks.com.

"Now we're trying to get the groups together," Ms. Lerew said. "The way it's set up, we connect to their calendar and pull events out of it and into ours. It's a work of progress because it takes time to get everyone hooked up, and of course you have to work through some glitches.

"So far we have the school, the

Golden Age Center, the Last Indian Raid Museum, the Oberlin Pool Project and the Oberlin Gun Club.

"We'll also have the exercise classes and swim meets on there soon.

"If anyone out there is part of an organization that would like to be regularly set up on the calendar, they just have to get in touch with Jeff or me and we'll get it all set up."

Ms. Lerew said that people can reach her at (970) 462-5234 or at info@oberlinks.com.

"It's wonderful," said Sharleen Wurm, the director of the museum. "Every organization in town needs to get on it so we can all go to one place for everything. It's just so useful."

Ms. Lerew said that the calendar has a lot of great features, too. It can get a little crowded with events sometimes, she said, so you can select which organizations' events you want displayed and take off the ones you don't care about.

You can also submit a single event if you're holding one, and after it's approved by one of the administrators, it'll be published alongside the rest.

"Hopefully this will prevent any conflicting schedules," she said.

The duo is also working on a new business directory the site has, and encouraged business owners to go online and check their information to make sure it's correct.

If your business isn't listed, she said, you only need to call her. You can even submit a photograph of your business to display alongside its information.

The same goes for the organizations link on the site, she said. Right now, they only have the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp., the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce and the Oberlin Gun Club listed, so again, she said, if you want to be included, just give one of them a ring.

Former Oberlin lawyer returns to practice here

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It was in the hospital, by all accounts near death, that lawyer Allen Shelton finally got called out.

"I was sitting there, and the doctor is telling me that the blocked arteries they've discovered could kill me at any moment," he recalled. "I mean, after looking at my results, he just walked in and said 'You have to stay.'

"But the surgery to fix the problem couldn't be scheduled until Tuesday, and this was a Friday. So I said, 'Listen, if you're going to tell me I could drop dead any moment, then I want to spend my weekend with my wife in a nice hotel room, not in a hospital with all this horrible food.'

"We argued and argued, and soon another doctor was in there, and I'm telling them they can't hold me. Finally, my wife gets up and says, 'Darn it Allen, can't you quit being a lawyer for just once?'"

He did end up staying in the hospital, but Mr. Shelton will be darned indeed if he'll quit being a lawyer.

Coming up on 70, the former Oberlin resident and longtime litigator says he suffered a slew of surgeries in the last decade, including 10 alone on his spine. After living and working in Smith and Graham counties, he's returned to Oberlin, and has set up shop in Elmo Lund's old office on Hall Street just west of Penn Avenue.

"Oh, me and Elmo," he said chuckling, "we've definitely fought it out a couple of times in the court-

room.

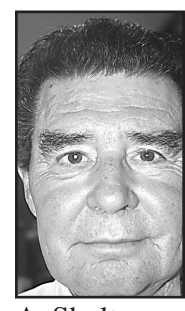
"After we decided to move back here, I gave old Elmo a call to give him the news, and he said, 'Well thank goodness. I'm ready to quit!'"

Part of Mr. Lund's reticence to retire too quick was that his doing so would have made Oberlin a one-lawyer town, Mr. Shelton explained.

With Steve Hirsch the lawyer for both the City of Oberlin and Decatur County, there was no one in town to represent the other side. But not anymore.

Mr. Shelton said he does all kinds of legal work, anything someone in a town like Oberlin might need, from defense in court to tax law, and everything in between.

If you'd like to reach him, you can stop by his new offices at 118 W. Hall St. or call him at (785) 475-8952.



A. Shelton

Shop to hold open house week

The Bargain Box Plus, Decatur County's nonprofit thrift store, plans a dedication ceremony at 9 a.m. Monday and a 20-percent off sale for the day to mark completion of its remodeling and will kick off a week-long open house.

Refreshments will be served, said volunteer Franci Miller, and daily specials will kick off each day to last through the week. Also at the ceremony will be a drawing for "Bargain Box Bucks," she said.

"The place looks so much better," Mrs. Miller said. "It's so much brighter and more welcoming. I really think people are going to like it."

The daily sale specials will only last through Friday, May 10, she said, but afterward the store will continue with its regular 25-cent Wednesday specials.

The Bargain Box Plus says it is the only fully nonprofit thrift store in Decatur County. The store donated over \$15,000 last year to area organizations, including libraries, fire departments, museums, civic organizations and the Decatur County Food Pantry.

If you would like to volunteer at the store or inquire about how to receive a grant for yourself or an organization you are part of, call the store at (784) 475-3432 or stop by

sometime between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The sales featured this week at the store are:

- Monday: Twenty percent off total purchase
- Tuesday: Bring a non-perishable food item for the Decatur County Food Pantry and get three clothing items free
- Wednesday: Quarter Day — All purchases are \$.25 per item
- Thursday: Buy one clothing item and get one free
- Friday: Five clothing items for \$1
- Saturday: Fill a bag for \$3

Nebraska firm to make benches for downtown

By STEPHANIE DeCAMP
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Oberlin and Decatur County will be getting some new benches this summer for downtown Oberlin and at the county fairground, and at no cost to either.

Walter Lewis of JLB Welding in McCook told the commissioners at their meeting last Tuesday that for his company, the project is more about helping businesses do something for the community than making a buck.

"The city here contacted us and said they need some around town," he said, "so they brought me on as sales director and I started contacting businesses. We didn't want to be a part of it if we were charging a monthly or annual fee. We think if the sponsor just wants to buy the bench and give it back to the city, they're not only being philanthropic but getting lifelong advertising.

"We don't do your typical bench, either. They're 180-pound steel benches, powder coated. They're really neat. We take the business's insert, do it in vinyl and put it in the bench. They've even done a couple news articles on them."

Mr. Lewis came to the commissioners to see if they would be interested in having benches put in around the county fairground. The commissioners said they're all for the deal, but wanted to have County Attorney Steve Hirsch look over the paperwork before they committed to it.

The city or county would be responsible for pouring the concrete bases that will hold the benches and taking care of the area around them, Mr. Lewis said, adding that they will

probably be installed by July.

"We offer the entire package to the sponsor for \$800," he said "That's with every bell and whistle. They can break it up in payments or put it on credit, and it's a one-time charge. I've seen them sell for up to \$1,500, but we manufacture them ourselves so that's how we keep the prices down. It's also completely tax-deductible for the sponsors.

"It's completely my responsibility to bring in the companies that want to participate. We won't be talking to any tobacco or alcohol companies. I have an existing customer base, but of course we're also going to contact all of your local businesses."

Sponsors will have the option of six colors, as well as the structure and style of the bench they want to purchase, he said, adding that he would like to see six to eight benches up at the fairgrounds.

"It looks like there's a need for benches up there," he said, "and like I said, this is at no cost to the county whatsoever."

Commissioner Stan McEvoy told him that the county also owns the grounds of the Golden Age Center, the Decatur County Hospital and Family Practice Clinic and the Good Samaritan and Cedar Living Center nursing homes.

"I would recommend that you make an appointment with the fair board," Mr. McEvoy advised. "They operate the fairground, and they'll know where to put the benches, especially since you want them on concrete, and they have freestanding ones that they just pack away at the end of the season."

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This month at Decatur Health Systems

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 2013 Complete Care Schedule: Hospital, Family Practice Clinic & Specialty Care Clinic				
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		FP Clinic: Dr. Rosin Dr. Hooper	FP Clinic: Dr. Rosin Dr. Hooper Lynnetta	FP Clinic: Dr. Rosin Dr. Hooper Lynnetta
		Surgery: Dr. Eskildsen SONO Cardiac Rehab	Dietician Diabetic Support MRI	Cardiac Rehab
6	7	8	9	10
FP Clinic: Dr. Rosin	FP Clinic: Dr. Rosin Tricia	FP Clinic: Dr. Rosin Dr. Hooper	FP Clinic: Dr. Rosin Dr. Hooper	FP Clinic: Dr. Hooper
Pro-Time Monday Cardiac Rehab	Cardiology: Dr. McGowan	Surgery: Dr. Eskildsen SONO Cardiac Rehab	MRI	Cardiac Rehab
13	14	15	16	17
FP Clinic: Dr. Rosin Lynnetta	FP Clinic: Dr. Rosin Lynnetta	FP Clinic: Dr. Rosin Dr. Hooper	FP Clinic: Dr. Rosin Dr. Hooper	FP Clinic: Dr. Hooper Lynnetta
Pro-Time Monday Cardiac Rehab	Foot Care Clinic: Golden Age Ctr Bone Density	Surgery: Dr. Eskildsen SONO Cardiac Rehab	Community Walk: Sappa Park, 4:30-7p.m. Girls Sport Physicals 4-6:30 p.m. MRI	Cardiac Rehab
May 12-18: National Hospital & National Nursing Home Week!				
20	21	22	23	24
FP Clinic: Dr. Rosin Lynnetta	FP Clinic: Dr. Rosin Lynnetta Tricia	FP Clinic: Dr. Rosin Dr. Hooper	FP Clinic: Dr. Rosin Dr. Hooper Lynnetta	FP Clinic: Dr. Hooper Lynnetta
Pro-Time Monday Cardiac Rehab	Boys Sport Physicals: 4-6:30 p.m. Cardiology: Dr. Hoos-Thompson	American Red Cross Blood Drive: The Gateway, noon-5 p.m. SONO Cardiac Rehab	MRI	Cardiac Rehab
27	28	29	30	31
Memorial Day Clinic closed.	FP Clinic: Dr. Rosin Lynnetta	FP Clinic: Dr. Rosin Dr. Hooper	FP Clinic: Dr. Rosin Dr. Hooper	FP Clinic: Dr. Rosin Dr. Hooper Lynnetta
Cardiac Rehab		SONO Cardiac Rehab	MRI	Cardiac Rehab

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