

# Rain makes everyone smile

Oh, the rain came down very nicely and in a good amount to soak into the thirsty ground. This will add some subsoil moisture, which we are in dire need of.

I know it's time to get the fall crops in, but maybe we can have some spring crops now. One grandson said he didn't really want to be harvesting at Christmas and his dad told him to hush up, we need the rain.

Halloween has come and gone. The spooks were running around town trick-or-treating for all the sweets they could get. Mom, this comes only once a year and they looked so cute.

Pheasant season is the next thing on all of our minds. Will the birds be plentiful, and will the fields be too wet to get into them? This time of year we all need to take care where we hunt and what we are shooting at. Just one careless shot and someone gets hurt. Good luck to all.

Oberlin Business Alliance, with the help of some 4-H members, will be decorating downtown Main Street at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5.

## Chamber News

By *Glenva Nichols*

This starts the busy season for all.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped with the Adopt-a-Wreath project. The wreath brackets have been made new, thanks to Bob Shick and his machine shop; LaMoine Wolfram did the hauling and put in new light bulbs; and others showed up to put on the new bows.

The wreaths are ready to hang in time for the holiday season. City employees are in the process of hanging brackets. The people of Oberlin and Decatur County care about the appearance of the town and came through like troopers.

The Business-to-Business tour will be held Sunday, Nov. 12, starting at the Chamber office at 4 p.m. We have at least 15 businesses that would like us to see what they have for your Christmas list. We will end

up at the LandMark Inn for soup, sandwich, drink and dessert. Cost of the meal is \$6.50.

The tour is open to anyone who would like to attend. Just let me know so I can make reservations at the LandMark by Thursday, Nov. 9.

Remember that the Light Parade is coming up. You will want to get your float, vehicle or machinery lit. Call the Chamber office for more information, (785) 475-3441.

On Nov. 24, Stanley Hardware will have Coffee Hour; Lions Club, its annual soup supper; the Light Parade will take place; and the last, but most important, part of the evening is SANTA CLAUS. He will be holding court on the first floor of the courthouse.

Stop in, the pot is on. Pick your new phone book and visit a bit.

## Good Samaritan Center

Have you ever thought about what life will be like for you in a nursing home? What kind of activities will you want when you come to live here? Will you need your own laptop computer? An iPod? A cell phone? Is bingo a huge draw or will Sudoku need to take its place? It is an interesting question, isn't it?

The next generation of residents won't delight in churning butter or reminiscing about milking cows, canning, or living through the Dirty Thirties.

So how will the programming need to change in order to give you meaningful activity that promotes independence and vitality, preserving your rights and recognize you as a valuable member of the community ... even though you have had a change of address? Probably not as much as you might think.

It is exciting to be a part of this whole "culture change" that nursing homes are experiencing all over the country. We are providing meaningful activity to the residents who are already in our care. We make it our business to include a wide variety of opportunities, to make them

aware of the fact that they are valuable not only to their families, but to the community.

They are still capable of learning, loving, teaching, worshipping, dancing, singing, creating and giving ... they are truly an awesome group that God is still using in a mighty way to enhance the lives of those around them! Just as we program for the interests of this older generation, we will program for you and your interests when you get here ... so start jotting down some ideas to bring with you!

On Saturday night we held a Murder Mystery Dinner for the residents and staff. The purpose was to allow them to have fun with one another, build friendships, enjoy a special meal and use their reasoning skills to figure out who murdered the Great Chef.

Under the direction of Anita Hirsch, a quite complicated mystery unfolded. Actors included staff members Lisa Stacy and Coleen Rippe; friends from the community, Shane Hollars, Penny Arnoldy, Serena Stacy, Rob McFee, Steve and Arian Arnold, Deb Marshall,

Steve and Joe Hirsch, Joyce Ploussard, and Bill Duncan; and one of our residents, Thelma Spiers. The dining room was decorated, complete with a chalk outline of the "victim." The kitchen staff did a wonderful job serving a special menu for the event.

Tonight (Wednesday) at 6 p.m., we will be hosting a special speaker. Staff Sergeant David McConnell will be sharing his perspective of serving in Iraq. The public is invited to come and enjoy refreshments after the program.

This is to give us an insight to the service project the residents will be doing, sending Love Packages to soldiers overseas. The Rock-a-Thon fundraiser will take place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11. If you would like to be a part of this event by sponsoring the "rockers," providing entertainment or by giving us the name of a soldier you would like a package to be sent to, please contact Lisa Stacy for more information.

You won't find much "twaddle" happening here, now or when you get here, either!

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