

Obituaries

From the Record

Courthouse

These transactions were taken from the records in the office of the Decatur County clerk and deeds recorded in the register of deeds' office.

DISTRICT COURT Traffic

April 4: John D. Todd, Rexford, speeding 78, \$70.
 April 18: Frances C. Nothdurft, Oberlin, speeding 74, \$64.
 Last Wednesday: Nathaniel P. Minnick, Goodland, registration not current, \$64.
 Thursday: Kelly R. Rippe, Goodland, speeding 78, \$70.

Marriage License

April 13: Jonathan Christopher Fick and Mandi Lynn Matchett, both of Oberlin.

Small Claims

Kenneth C. Miller vs. James L. and Kay Betts, \$800 plus interest, costs and any damages.

Register of Deeds

John G. and Joan L. Thompson to

John G., Joan L. and Toby J. Thompson as joint tenants with right of survivorship, E/2, Lots 7, 8, 9, 19, Block 14, Johnson's Addition, Oberlin.
 Anthony J. Richards, quit claim to Joseph A. Broncucia, Lot 7 and N/2 of Lot 8, Block 15, Oberlin.
 Barbara J. Young, trustee of the Barbara J. Young trust, to Jerry W. and Jolene K. Fortin, S/2, Sec. 10, T3S, R28 in Decatur County.
 Robert D. and Helen A. Gaines to Robert D. Gaines Trust, undivided 1/2 interest in Lots 5, 6, Block 13, Marks-Cole Addition, Oberlin.

City Hall

MUNICIPAL COURT

Saturday: Kieth Alstrom, Oberlin, failure to stop for stop sign, \$55; Dewayne Jackson, Norcatour, parking ticket, \$40; Tyler Woolsey, Oberlin, obstructed windshield, \$55; Ryan Leitner, Oberlin, inattentive driving, \$55; Austin Gould, Oberlin, speed-

ing, \$80; Carl Wilson, Oakley, speeding, \$68.

Hospital

These were the admissions and discharges from the Decatur County Hospital this week:

ADMISSIONS

April 23: James Bryan, Oberlin.
 April 24: Lee Don Scott, Harold Rehm, Thelma Karthaus, Oberlin.
 Last Wednesday: May Sabatka, Atwood.
 Thursday: Lottie Wiltfong, Norton.
 Sunday: Glenda Macy, Max Area, Justin Evans, Oberlin.

DISMISSALS

April 23: June Saum, Oberlin; Josephine Kinsler, Clayton.
 April 24: Joanne Reeves, Doris Miller, Oberlin.
 Last Wednesday: Lee Don Scott, Oberlin; Leona Bollinger, Cedar Living Center.
 Thursday: Harold Rehm, Oberlin.
 Friday: Lottie Wiltfong, Norton.
 Saturday: James Bryan, Oberlin.

Business owner adds new excavator

With a new excavator purchased in January, Dave Bose, owner of Dust Cloud Construction Inc., is trying to expand his business into farmstead clean up.

The construction business has been open since November 1995, said Mr. Bose, mainly doing terracing, road work and digging building sites. With the new piece of equipment, he said he would like to expand to include farmstead clean up and trenching, basically anything which needs a big hole dug for it.

Mr. Bose described the piece of equipment as a big back hoe on tracks instead of tires. He is the only one he is aware in Decatur County who can do this kind of work. Mr. Bose said he used the excavator at Oberlin Fertilizer on U.S. 83 to dig a hole for a new fertilizer mixer building. He said he had to dig through 32 inches of frost, which took about five hours.

The excavator has also been used at his new house north of town after it was moved from a farmstead on the Danbury-Kanona road.

Although he has been doing terracing for years and still does that type of work, he said business has slowed down. What was once a full-time job is becoming a part-time one, said Mr. Bose, noting that government cost share money has dwindled after years of bad crops. He said without the cost share money, there hasn't been as much terracing to do, which is one of the reasons he branched out and bought the excavator.

To contact Mr. Bose, call his home at 475-2394.

Correction

A paragraph near the end of the story of the 50th anniversary of the Pi Alpha Club on the OH! Page in the second section of this week's *Oberlin Herald* should have read: Those who died while active members were Eula Waldo, Hazel Guinn, Iral Cushenbery, Lela Robison, Ellnette Rydquist and Nila Brunk. The name of a current member, Joyce Ploussard, was inadvertently omitted. These were reporting errors.



The Oberlin Herald will correct or clarify any mistake or misunderstanding in a news story. Please call our office at 475-2206 to report errors. We believe that news stories should be fair and factual, and appreciate your calling errors to our attention.

Town Crier

Today: Boys physicals, 7-9 p.m. at Oberlin Clinic.
 Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., south ambulance barn.
 TACT Senior Farewell in City Park (Mrs. Adleman)
Thursday: Jerry Johnston lyceum, 9 a.m., in auditorium.
 Vita-Band aerobics at the ambulance barn, 9 a.m. For details, call 475-3395.
 High school golf, 3 p.m. at Colby.
 Junior high track, 3 p.m., at St. Francis.
Saturday: State Speech Festival and Championships, 7:30 a.m. at Wichita.
Sunday: Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m., grads lead.
Monday: High school golf, 8:30 a.m. at Thomas More Prep.
 Junior varsity golf, 1 p.m., high school track, 4 p.m., at Hill City.
 5-8th grade band concert, 7:30 p.m. in senior high gym.
Tuesday: Story Time for pre-school children and parents, 10:30-11 a.m. weekly, at Oberlin City Library.
 High school band concert, 7:30 p.m. at bandshell.
 Oberlin Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church.
Wednesday, May 9: Forensics Awards, 5:30 p.m., in City Park.
 Girls physicals, 7-9 p.m., at Oberlin Clinic.
Monday-Friday: 1 p.m. at Golden

Age Center: Monday, pinochle; Tuesday, pitch; Wednesday, pinochle; Thursday, bridge, racehorse, pinochle; Friday, pitch, Jigsaw puzzles everyday.
Monthly: A representative of the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group will be in the county once a month. For free will evaluation or samples call the County Health Department, 475-8118, for details.

Weather

National Weather Service
 Wednesday: 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy. Cool with high 55 to 60. Wednesday night: Rain likely. Cloudy, cool. Low 40 to 45. Chance of rain 79 percent. Thursday/Friday: Chance of rain. Low in 40s. High in 50s. Saturday/Sunday: Chance of thunderstorms. Low in 40s. High around 60. Monday: Chance of thunderstorms. Low around 50. High around 70.
 (Readings taken daily at 7 a.m.)

April	24	60	35
	25	71	41
	26	79	40
	27	79	47
	28	86	49
	29	84	59
	30	86	56 .03

Precipitation totals for the week, 0; for the month 3.80; for the year, 5.87; A year ago, 3.83.

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Arlene Clark

Arlene Clark, 84, a native of Norcatour, died April 25, 2001, at the Norton County Hospital.

She was born Feb. 29, 1917, in Norcatour, the daughter of Willis Levi and Ida May (New) Shirley. She attended Norcatour High School.

She married Kenneth L. "Ben" Clark in Oberlin on Oct. 29, 1935. They made their home in Norcatour until 1939 when they moved to Mishawaka, Ind. They returned to Norton in 1944, where she was employed at the First State Bank until 1982. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Norton.

Survivors include two sons, Ken L. Clark, Houston, Texas, and Robert L. Clark, Bel Air, Md.; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a daughter, Sheryl Sue Steele, and five sisters, Nellie Childers, Vinna Poole, Lora Near, Florence Belt, and Lulu Hix.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton with Pastor Lew Van Der Wege officiating. Burial was in the Norcatour Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Norcatour High School Alumni Association.

Ethel Aliene Ellis

Ethel Aliene Ellis, 90, mother of Myrna Jones of Oberlin, died April 23, 2001, at her home in Oberlin.

She was born Dec. 14, 1910, at the family farm near Lenora, the daughter of Ira Arthur and Cathryn Iva (Kathy) Burroughs. She was reared on the farm, which was between Lenora and Clayton and attended a rural school southeast of Clayton. She married Leslie Ellis on May 16, 1928. They lived in Clayton and he preceded her in death in 1988. She moved to Oberlin in 1991. She was a member of the Clayton United Methodist church; Royal Neighbors of America; Rebekah Lodge, and United Methodist Women.

Survivors include three sons, Leslie and Sally Ellis Jr., Clayton; Robert and Barbara Ellis, North Platte, Neb., and Von and Helen Ellis, Aurora, Colo.; a daughter, Myrna Jones, Oberlin; three brothers, Lyman and LaVon Troutner, Lenora; Calvin and Ruth Troutner, Farmington, N.M.; and Dallas and Vivian Troutner, Lenora; three sisters, Irene Shewmake, Valley Center; Mary and Roy Gnagy, Norton, and Jean and George Blain, Northglenn, Colo.; 15 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Loren Troutner,

and sister, Nelda Shepard.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at the church in Clayton. The Rev. Dale Thiele and Pastor Royce Leitner officiated and burial was in the Clayton Cemetery.

A memorial was established in her name and contributions may be left at Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank all of the people who made the passing of our mother and grandmother more bearable — the EMT's, doctors, nurses, funeral directors, clergy and friends. We learned what true friendship and caring means through our sorrow. Thank you all and God Bless you.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ellis Jr. and family
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellis and family
 Mr. and Mrs. Von Ellis and family
 Myrna Jones and family

Father Emil Fischer

Father Emil Fischer, 60, a former priest at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon, died April 23, 2001, at Vincentian Nursing Home, North Hills, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

He was born William Fischer Jr., on Jan. 21, 1941, in Pittsburgh, the son of William and Virginia Fischer. He attended St. Kieran Elementary School in Pittsburgh, Pa., and St. Mary School in Beaver Falls, Pa., before attending St. Fidelis Seminary High School and College in Herman, Pa. He entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in 1960, took the name of Emil and took vows on July 14, 1961. After studies at Capuchin College in Washington, he was ordained in Herman, Pa., by the late John Cardinal Wright on Oct. 22, 1966.

His first assignment was to youth ministry in Victoria, where he worked as professor at St. Fidelis High School Seminary from 1968-'70, and as recruitment director for St. Thomas More Preparatory School in Hays in 1970-'71. Among other parishes which he served were at Atwood, Bird City, and St. Francis. He received a Certificate in Law Enforcement from Colby Community College and served as Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in Rawlins County from 1971-1977.

Survivors include four sisters, Dottie Petrosky, Volant, Pa.; Brenda Fischer and Ruth Ann Ranker, Kingsport, Tenn., and Ginger Riley, Chesapeake, Va.; 10 nieces and nephews, and five grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Funeral services were held on Friday at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, St. Augustine Church, in Pittsburgh, Pa. Burial was in the friar's plot at St. Augustine Cemetery, Millvale, Pa.

A memorial was established to the Capuchin Development Center, Box 15099, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15237.

Rena Hickson

Rena Eva Aileen Hickson, 90, a lifetime resident of Decatur County, died April 29, 2001, at Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.

She was born Sept. 13, 1910, in the Lund Community, south of Oberlin, the daughter of Eugene and Clara (Lundquist) Rydquist.

She married Richard Glee Hickson, on Jan. 26, 1930, at the courthouse in St. Francis. They lived on a farm in the Lund Community until 1957, when they moved to Oberlin. She was employed at Campbell's Draperies, and cleaned houses, motel rooms, her church and later the Farmers National Bank.

The couple moved to Sappa Valley Manor in 1969, a month before his death. She continued to live there until moving to the Good Samaritan Center in 1998. She was a member of the Lund Covenant Church and later the Evangelical Covenant Church in Oberlin and had also been a member of Covenant Women's Ministries.

Survivors include two daughters, Jeanice and Bob King, Ellmore, S.C., and Carolyn and Vic Nelson, Clay Center, Neb.; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Kenneth Rydquist, Oberlin; and three sisters, Goldie Raulston, Oberlin; Eunice Dunn, Red Cloud, Neb., and Nevada Brown, Woodland, Calif.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Gerald Hickson; her parents; a brother, Norris, and a sister, Muriel.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. Pastor Heide Wiebe officiated and burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery.

A memorial was established in her name and contributions may be left at Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Markets

April 30, 2001 closing markets
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