

THE OBERLIN HERALD — From the Record

Courthouse

These transactions were taken from the records in the offices of the Decatur County court clerk, sheriff and register of deeds:

DISTRICT COURT
Traffic

Last Wednesday: Danny Freeman, Hanover, speeding 84, \$143.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Starla and Larry Swager to William and Lois Heilman, SW 1/4, except the N. 25 acres of the SW 1/4, and the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 30, T3S, R26; plus the SE 1/4 of Sec. 25, T3S, R27W.

AMBULANCE CALLS

These calls were reported last week by the Decatur County ambulance crew:

May 19: 6:54 a.m., medical, E. Ash.

Sunday: 7:15 a.m., medical, S. Broadway.

Monday: 9:43 a.m., medical (no transport), N. Elk.

City Hall

MUNICIPAL COURT

Thursday: Jess and Kris Randel, Oberlin, dog at large, \$60, no pet license (dismissed-has current license); Gordon Anderson, Oberlin, failure to stop at red light, \$95;

Christopher Rombach, McCook, minor in possession of alcohol, \$235.

Corrections

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Judge, clerk visit City Council

City Judge Paul Lueschen came to the Oberlin City Council meeting Thursday, since many of the members had never met him.

Judge Lueschen lives in Norton, where he worked at the state prison before he retired. He told the councilmen that he has been the municipal judge for the city for over 20 years. He brought his clerk, his daughter, Lisa Edgerton of Oberlin, to the meeting with him.

The two hold court at the police office downtown the second and fourth Thursday of the month. He is also the judge in Norcat, Jennings and Logan.

Mayor Ken Shobe asked about the handling of city dog tickets.

Judge Lueschen said he loves dogs and he has a hard time after a third offense saying that a dog has to be put to sleep. He said he would rather have the dogs taken to the Humane Society so a home could be found for them.

Councilman Stan McEvoy, whose idea it was to have a regular part-time dog catcher, said he wanted to know why so many dog tickets are dismissed in court and there aren't many fines issued.

Judge Lueschen said he would have to have a name of the person

who received the ticket because he doesn't know of any who don't pay a fine. He said he does tell people who don't have their dog tagged that they can get it tagged before coming to court.

Mr. McEvoy said he thought there were around 150 tickets written that didn't make it to court, according to the numbers the council received from the dog catcher.

The court doesn't even get that many dog cases in a year, Judge Lueschen replied.

Would increasing the fines be a deterrent to people? asked Mayor Shobe.

Judge Lueschen said if it was him, he would pay more to get his dog back, but it might be a deterrent if the fines went up to \$50, \$100 and \$200 instead of \$25, \$50 and \$100.

Any person who has a dog impounded pays \$40 to get the dog out, said Police Chief Wade Lockhart, and then \$35 for the court cost, plus the fine.

Judge Lueschen came back at the end of the meeting. He said he had checked the docket book and said that between 1999 and the present, there have been 59 dog cases. He said the books are always open if the council ever wants to check.

Town Crier

Today: Coffee hour, 9-11 a.m., Hirsch and Pratt Law office.

Summer driver's education classroom, 9-11:30 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., south ambulance barn.

Thursday: Summer driver's education classroom, 9-11:30 a.m.

Friday: Summer driver's education classroom, 9-11:30 a.m.

Summerfest Cruise at A&W, 7 to 10 p.m.

Saturday: State track.

Museum Summerfest Car Show and Swap Meet, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Chamber vacation drawing, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, June 2: Individual Summer Reading Program begins at Oberlin City Library, and continues weekly through Aug. 4. For details, call 475-2412.

Monday-Friday: 1 p.m. at Golden Age Center: Monday, push pinochle; Tuesday, pitch; Wednesday, pinochle; Thursday, pitch; Friday, push pinochle. Last Thursday of month, senior bridge, open. Quilting, puzzles, games daily.

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A representative of the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group will be at the Health Department once a month for free well evaluation including testing well water for bacteria and nitrates. For details call (785) 475-8118.

Markets

(Due to the Memorial Day holiday, these prices are for Tuesday, May 27, 2003.)
closing markets
Wheat, \$3.17 bushel
Milo, \$3.54 hundred weight
Corn, \$2.28 bushel

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Norton County Health Department
801 N. Norton
Norton, KS 67654

WEATHER

Decatur County Forecast for May 27th - June 2nd (National Weather Service)

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
80/55	84/57	88/57	88/56	80/54	76/52	80/53
Normal High	79	Sunrise	6:18 to 6:15am			
Normal Low	50	Sunset	9:01 to 9:06pm			

Temperatures are continuing to move upward as the days lengthen. The jet stream is taking up residence across the northern tier of states, with warm summer air in place south of the jet. This summer will feel a little more humid than last summer and it will be easier to sprout late day thunderstorms. Soil moisture has been replenished and it evaporates during the heat of the day, into the evening hours. This is part of the fuel for those late day summer showers. The showers add more moisture to the soil, continuing a cycle that could last most of the summer.

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
May 20	62	42	.02
May 21	60	36	
May 22	71	39	
May 23	76	50	trace
May 24	75	57	.13
May 25	77	54	trace
May 26	73	53	

Precipitation totals for the week, 0.15; for the month of May, 2.73; for current year to date, 6.93; one year ago, 4.07.

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THE OBERLIN HERALD — Obituaries

Eugene C. Alexander

Eugene Carroll Alexander, 73, brother of Patty McIntire of Oberlin, died May 6, 2003, at his home in Las Vegas, Nev.

He was born Sept. 6, 1929, in Bassettville Township, in Decatur County, the son of Loran and Lois (Roberts) Alexander. He attended Oberlin schools.

He married Dorothy Haag on Nov. 26, 1952, in Wichita. He was in the grocery business most of his life, including operating a grocery store at Lebanon, Neb. They also lived in Wichita and Denver before moving to Las Vegas.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; four children, Eugene Jr. and Carla Alexander, and Bill Alexander, Denver; Debra and Bruce Rahe, and Robert Alexander, Las Vegas; two grandsons, Ryan and Carrie Alexander, Aurora, Ill., and Shaun and Tanya Alexander, Denver; three sisters, Marjorie and Glenn Ankenman, Federal Way, Wash.; Patty and Melvin McIntire, Oberlin, and Sue Nitcher, Towanda, and three brothers, Jim and Delores Alexander, Denver; Mike Alexander, Bismarck, N.D., and Dean Alexander, Centennial, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Joe.

Neptune Society, which specializes in cremations, was in charge of arrangements in Las Vegas. Inurnment will follow at a later date.

Douglas F. Ward

Douglas F. Ward, 44, a native of Norcat, died May 12, 2003, of a

massive heart attack in Denver.

He was born April 20, 1939, at Norcat, the son of Kenneth and Jaquetta (Railsback) Ward.

Survivors include his parents, Kenneth and Dorothy; wife, Paula Goodman Ward; his children, David and Sandra Ward, Diana Ward, Leanne Preblud, Kevin and Stacy Preblud; grandchildren, T.J., Jordan, Joe, Anna; a sister, Lora Linn Leichliter, and a brother, Mark Ward.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jaquetta Railsback Ward.

Funeral services were held May 15, 2003, at Fairmount Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Del Paulson officiating. Rabbi Raymond Zwerin officiated at graveside services at Emanuel Cemetery in Denver.

Memorials were established to the American Heart Association, National Jewish Hospital, or charity of donor's choice.

Florence Yepsen Wyld

Florence Yepsen Wyld, 100, a longtime Jennings correspondent for *The Oberlin Herald*, died Monday, May 26, 2003, at Royal Oaks Health Care Center in Kewanee, Ill.

She was born Oct. 2, 1902, in Cawker City, the daughter of Moritz and Louisa (Zimmerman) Nauer. She married Arthur L. Yepsen on Feb. 14, 1930, and he preceded her in death on March 20, 1988. She married Leroy "Babe" Wyld on July 23, 1957, in Kewanee and he preceded her in death on March 20, 1988.

She attended business college in

Salina. She had worked as a school teacher and for the J.C. Penney store in Kewanee from 1949 to 1957. She moved to Kansas in 1957, where she worked as a reporter for two Kansas newspapers, *The Norton Telegram* and *The Oberlin Herald*. She also helped her husband, Leroy, farm in Kansas until 1988. She moved back to Kewanee in 1993. She was a member of the United Methodist Women and attended St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kewanee.

Survivors include three sons, Maurice and Pat Yepsen and Dennis and Nancy Yepsen, both of Kewanee, and Wendell and Pat Yepsen, Neponset, Ill.; two daughters, Leta and Jack Burrow, Neponset, Ill., and Myrtle and Jim Robison, Bradford, Ill.; 28 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren, and 24 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Agnes Duesburg; a brother, Paul M. Nauer, a foster brother, Terrance Curtin; a son, Paul R. Yepsen, an infant daughter, Darryl Yepsen; two grandchildren, Diane Robison Headley and Nathaniel (Nate) Yepsen, and an infant great-granddaughter, Julie 'Burrows.

A funeral mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. on Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kewanee. Burial will be in Elm Lawn Memorial Park in Princeton, Ill.

Memorials were established to the Floral Hill Cemetery in Neponset, Ill., or to a charity of donor's choice. Rux Funeral home in Kewanee was in charge of arrangements.

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