

# 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

March 31: Evan Brown, Lolo, Mont., speeding 76, \$91.

#### JAIL BOOKINGS

The following person was booked into the Decatur County Jail last week:

David Clovis, 25, Jennings, April 20, bond revocation, Decatur County.

#### REGISTER OF DEEDS

Gregory and Jennifer Unger, quit claim to Gregory and Jennifer Unger, trustees Gregory and Jennifer Unger Living Trust, Lots 11 and 12, including S 20' of vacated Elm Street adjacent thereto, Block 3, Summit Addition, City of Oberlin.

John and Barbara Kappers to V.W. Sauvage, Frances Nothdurft and Rosemarie A. Rye, as joint tenants, Lots 1 and 2, less W 25' of Lot 2, Block 13, Marks-Cole Addition, City of Oberlin.

Dolores Depperschmidt to Roberta and Mathew Schillig, Lots 1-

7, Block 2, Bremer Addition, City of Dresden.

#### City Hall

##### MUNICIPAL COURT

Thursday: Vinson McCobb, Russell, no parking zone, \$65.

#### Federal Court

##### BANKRUPTCIES

Wayne Earl Fritsche, Georgie Ann Fritsche (aka Georgia Ann Buhr), Herndon, liabilities \$40,644, assets \$7,410.

Linda K. Manning, Oberlin, liabilities \$27,544, assets \$1,926.

# Town Crier

**Today:** Oberlin School District appreciation dinner for five-year employees, 7 p.m., high school cafeteria.

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

**Thursday:** Junior high track, 3 p.m., at Colby.

**Friday:** Elementary track, grades 1-6, 4 p.m., high school track.

FFA banquet, 6:30 p.m., high school cafeteria. All alumni invited.

**Saturday:** Scrapbook work day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Decatur County Museum.

High school state speech, all day, Bethel College, Newton.

High school golf, 9 a.m., Atwood.

Royal Neighbors benefit food sale for Girl Scouts, 10 a.m., Raye's Grocery.

Junior high dance, 7-10 p.m., sponsored by Junior High Stuco.

**Sunday:** Northwest Kansas Family Shelter fund raiser, and the Dresser style show, 3:30 p.m., The Gateway.

Tripple Creek Riders Trail Ride; meet at 2 p.m. at Crossroads Express. Call 475-2850 for details.

Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.

**Monday:** High school golf, 8:30 a.m., Thomas More Prep, Hays.

9-10 track meet, 3 p.m., at Atwood.

**Tuesday:** Rotary, The Gateway, noon.

Oberlin Invitational track meet, 3:30 p.m.

High school golf, 3:30 p.m., at Oakley.

Story Time, 4-4:30 p.m., Oberlin Library.

Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m., Medical Arts Building.

**Wednesday, May 5:** High school

speech awards, 6 p.m.

Boys sports physicals, 7-9 p.m., Oberlin Clinic.

**Fourth Thursday:** Interagency Team, a group of agencies and individuals in Decatur County, meets at noon at LandMark Inn to work on fighting drugs, alcohol, tobacco, domestic and child abuse. Everyone welcome.

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

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

# School board approves teacher contracts for year

The Oberlin School Board approved contracts for teachers and other certified staff at the grade and high schools at its meeting April 12. Superintendent Kelly Glodt said the board only needed to approve the ones who will be given tenure, but traditionally, the board has approved all of the contracts. Members decided, with the reduction layoffs and budget cuts this year, that they would vote to approve all of the renewals.

At the grade school that included teachers Carol Brown, Jim and Jeri Buchholz, Steve Cullen, Carol Dixon, Cynthia Matson, Jennifer Monaco, Christie Morris, Paul Nepodal, Dave Olson, Marty Olson, Audrey Pavlicek, Sherri Ruf, Cindy Sattler, Kathy Tacha and Carol Wasson and counselor Sheila Janssonius for a part-time contract.

At the high school, contracts were approved for teachers Dick Ahlberg, Brenda Breth, Mark Bricker, Leigh Davis, Pat Dorshorst, Linda

Glaze, Aurelia Jackson, Susan Nelson, Maria Sanden, Terri Woolsey, Jim Andersen, Tim Breth, Nathan Copeland, Candy Dejmaj, Joe Dreher, Keith Grafel, Marlene Moxter, Randy Olson, Judy Shike. Counselor Nita Lavielle and teachers Susan May and Elaine Marcuson got half-time contracts.

The board approved giving tenure and renewed the contracts of teachers Deanne Spanier, Caleb Howland, Wendy Scott and Trevor Williams, and Tina Williams as half-time.

The board discussed moving the employee recognition dinner from The Gateway to the school. Mr. Glodt said that the dinner at The Gateway costs around \$1,300. After cutting teachers, he said, he thought that was a lot to spend. He said they could fix steaks, baked potatoes and salad at the high school for a third of the cost.

The board agreed to have the dinner at the high school at 7 p.m. on

Wednesday, April 28.

In other business, the board:

- Watched a slide show prepared by students who went to Washington.
- Decided to wait on the bids for a furnace in the kindergarten building because there are some questions.
- Agreed that board members Monte Moore and Chris Bailey will hand out diplomas.
- Held a 20-minute closed session for non-elected personnel, after which the board approved the reduction-in-force resolutions for the teachers named at the meeting Monday, March 8. The resolutions had to be read since the board had only read the letters of intent at the March meeting.
- Approved having Mrs. May teach English half-time at the high school next year.
- Held a 10-minute closed session to discuss negotiations. There was no action taken.

# Commissioners approve bridge inspection contract

Decatur County commissioners approved a contract for the annual inspection of bridges over 20 feet long at their meeting last Tuesday.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman said the county has two lists of bridges. Those on the county roads are called on system, and those on township roads are listed as off system.

This year, the 37 bridges on county roads will be inspected by Penco Engineering of Plainville.

The contract says the inspection will be completed by the end of June at a cost of \$1,739.

Mr. Stallman said every year the county hires an engineer to inspect the bridges on one list.

Commissioner Patricia Glenn said she has had complaints about a bridge that is 13 miles south and one mile west and a little ways back north on Prairie Dog Creek, that is only 16 feet wide. It is hard for people to get newer farm machinery over it.

Mr. Stallman said there are at least 16 bridges in the county that are 16 feet wide, which is narrower than the roadway. The bridges can still be used.

He said the county is trying to replace them, but with so many, people need to be patient.

Mr. Stallman said the crew has been spot blading both the county and township roads. The crew also

worked on a gravel project in Cook Township and is almost ready to move on to Altory Township.

The commissioners signed first-quarter transfer orders for Bassettville, Finley, Logan, Oberlin, Olive, Sherman and Summit townships for road work.

**Internet tonight**  
475-2206

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## Obituaries

### Darrel John Fortin

Darrel John Fortin, 64, a native of Leoville, died April 19, 2004, at St. Anthony North Hospital in Thornton, Colo.

He was born June 24, 1939, in Leoville, one of seven children born to Eugene and Mabel (Pavlicek) Fortin. He attended school at Olathe School for the Deaf in Olathe, St. Rita School for the Deaf in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Oklahoma State Tech Rehab. After completing his schooling, he returned to Leoville and later lived in many nursing homes. In 1981, he moved to the Denver area, where he lived with his mother. He attended Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Leoville.

Survivors include his mother, Mabel Fortin, Thornton, Colo.; two brothers, Duane and Pat Fortin, Lee's Summit, Mo.; and Donald Fortin, Topeka; four sisters, Carol Bollig, Aliso Viejo, Calif.; Therese and Gene Foland, Topeka; Joyce Fortin, Quartz Hill, Calif.; and Pam and Craig Johnson, Thornton, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1997, and a brother-in-law, Duane Bollig, in 1987.

Mass of the Resurrection was held Saturday morning at the church in Leoville. The Revs. George Kochuevlikkalam and Stan Chapin officiated. Burial was in Mount Calvary Cemetery at Leoville.

A memorial has been established in his name to St. Rita School for the Deaf. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Dresden, the daughter of Grover and Jennie (Walkey) Hoppas. She spent most of her youth in Rexford, where she attended school.

She married Wilbert Hiram "Webb" Thayer in 1934 in Rexford. They lived most of their married life in California, where she worked at a Veterans Administration Hospital as a cafeteria aide before retiring in 1979. She later returned to Rexford to make her home and was a member of the Rexford Senior Citizens. She later became a resident of Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Gormley, Palmdale, Calif., and Jackie and Ray Johnson, Rexford; a sister, Arlene Standley, Rexford; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-grand-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; step-mother, Lucinda Hoppas, and husband, Webb.

Graveside memorial services were held Thursday morning at the Dresden Cemetery with Lane Purcell officiating.

Memorials were established to Prairie Senior Living Complex, Colby; Red Barn Senior Center, Rexford; and Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter, Goodland. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

15, 2004, from Greenwood Salli Lynn Chapel with Pastor Araujo Djalma officiating. Burial was in Greenwood Memorial Park.

### Carl Frank Votapka

Carl Frank Votapka, 80, of Oceanside, Calif., former owner of Northwestern Seed House in Oberlin, died April 6, 2004, in Palomar Hospital in Escondido, Calif., from complications following open heart surgery.

He was born June 12, 1923, at Jennings, the son of Frank and Lioba (Heitmann) Votapka. He graduated from Jennings High School in 1941, then attended Kansas State University. He left to do defense work in Hutchinson, then enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served from 1942-1946. Returning to Kansas, he owned Northwestern Seed Company until 1963.

He married Betty Peterson on April 17, 1948. They lived in Billings, Mont., from 1963 to 1981, where he was a real estate broker. The family moved to Escondido, Calif., where they lived from 1981 to 1986. They moved to Oceanside, Calif., in 2001, where he was engaged in real estate. He was active in Boy Scouts and organized and headed Sheriff's Auxiliary in Billings.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; three children, Frank and Jenny Votapka and family, Libby, Mont.; Gary and Sue Votapka and family, Fallbrook, Calif.; and Carlen Huntington and family, Starkville, Miss.; and a sister, Francis Montieth, Stockton; three sisters-in-law, including Mary Votapka, Jennings; and one brother-in-law; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery.

### Elden Vanover

Elden Vanover, 86, a native of the Lyle community, died Jan. 11, 2004, in San Diego County, Calif.

He was born Feb. 12, 1917, at Lyle. He grew up in the Clayton area and graduated from Norcat High School in 1935. He attended the University of Missouri and did post-graduate studies in pharmacology at the Pharmacy College in Kansas City.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy from January 1942 to February 1949, working in the Marine Pharmaceuticals Division. He was a district manager for Bristol Myers-Squibb for 31 years, supervising the southern California area, the southern part of Texas, as well as the states of Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico.

He married Wilma F. Corzine and they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 14, 2003.

Funeral services were held Jan.

### Jay Jones

Memorial services will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday at the Jennings United Methodist Church for Jay Jones, 52, who died Monday at Jennings.

His parents were the late Montra and Dorothy (Tacha) Jones.

A complete obituary will be carried in next week's paper. Pauls Funeral Home of Oberlin is in charge of arrangements.

### Corrections

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 to our attention any failure to live up to this standard.

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### Elizabeth E. Thayer

Elizabeth Ellen Thayer, 89, a 1932 graduate of Rexford High School, died April 18, 2004, at Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby.

She was born Oct. 19, 1914, in

### Markets

**April 26, 2004 closing markets**

- Wheat, \$3.45 bushel
- Milo, \$4.65 hnd weight
- Corn, \$2.84 bushel
- Soybeans, \$8.90 bushel
- Sunflowers, \$11.25 bushel

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### Sunflower Cinema

220 N. Penn • Oberlin  
785-475-3374

Sat., May 1 - 7 p.m.

### Home On The Range

Rated PG

Sun., May 2  
2 p.m. - Matinee

Ticket Price: \$3<sup>00</sup>  
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785-475-2824

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### City accepts well bid

The Oberlin City Council received three bids for test holes to be drilled around well No. 9 east of town at its meeting April 15, and approved the lowest bid from Woofter Pump and Well of Hoxie.

The three bids came from Woofter at \$9,380, Sargent Drilling Co. at \$9,480 and Layne-Western Co. at \$9,795. All were given a May 10 deadline to complete the project.

The council approved a temporary liquor license for Kenneth Morgan of the Red Crown for an event at The Gateway being hosted by the *High Plains Journal* on Thursday,

### SECOND CHANCE HOMELESS PET SOCIETY

"Lady" is a registered German Shorthair with papers, 4 yrs. old



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291 15th Street  
Burlington, CO

Wed., May 5  
& Sat. May 8

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## WEATHER

### Decatur County Forecast for April 27<sup>th</sup> - May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
82/45	85/43	58/35	60/36	65/38	68/40	73/42

(National Weather Service)  
(Information below is for period ending Mon. 7 a.m. Maximum temperature is for previous day.)

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
Apr. 20	71	39	0.01
Apr. 21	73	35	
Apr. 22	68	36	0.23
Apr. 23	54	42	0.31
Apr. 24	56	41	0.64
Apr. 25	48	33	0.14
Apr. 26	62	34	

Nice rains last week anymore this week? High pressure will keep us dry and warm today and tomorrow. Southwest winds will become breezy tomorrow afternoon ahead of a cold front that will produce isolated thunderstorms tomorrow night and Thursday. Colder air will settle in to finish the week and remain through the weekend. Could see some scattered showers Friday then again Saturday night and Sunday. Warmer drier weather returns early next week.

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Precipitation totals: for the week, 1.33; for the month of April, 1.93; current year to date, 4.37.  
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