

Obituaries

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
 August 28: Daniel Foster, Colby, speeding 82, \$132.
 August 29: Marvin Kay, Golden, Colo., speeding 78, \$108.

Small Claims
 Gary Fredrickson DMD vs. Kristin O'Hare, \$71.

Marriage License
 July 7: Jerry Allen Bishop and Erin Lynn Anderson, both of Oberlin.

July 13: Dustin Jacob Armbruster and Wendy Jo Freeborn, both of Oberlin.

JAIL BOOKINGS
 This person was booked into the Decatur County Jail last week:
 William Galitz, 27, Oberlin, probation violation, Decatur County.

SHERIFF'S BLOTTER
 This call was reported by the Decatur County Sheriff's Office last week:
 • Received a call around 9:20 a.m. Saturday that there was a car in the creek bottom three miles west and three and a half miles south of town. Sheriff Ken Badsy said there wasn't anyone around the vehicle. The 1993 Toyota Celica was towed to town. The tags were run and the car is registered to Doyle Turner of Bailey, Colo. Sheriff Badsy said it looked like someone had driven the car right off the bridge. He said something about it was fishy though

because the car wasn't reported missing until just a few minutes before he ran the tags. It is under investigation.

REGISTER OF DEEDS
 Steven and Anita Hirsch to Johnny Wallace, S 1/2 of Lot 4, Lots 5 and 6, Block 16, Johnston's Addition, City of Oberlin.
 David Simpson, transfer on death to Michael Simpson, Kathy Carroll, Carol Lennington and Donald Simpson, NW 1/4 of Sec. 6, T3S, R27W.
 David Simpson, transfer on death to Kathy Carroll, Carol Lennington and Donald Simpson, N 1/2 of Sec. 16, T3S, R27W.
 David Simpson, transfer on death to Michael Simpson, Kathy Carroll, Carol Lennington and Donald Simpson, SW 1/4 of Sec. 5, T3S, R29W.

David Simpson, transfer on death to Michael Simpson, N 1/2 of NW 1/4, Sec. 8, T3S, R29W.
 David Simpson, transfer on death to Michael Simpson, Kathy Carroll, Carol Lennington and Donald Simpson, W 1/2 of Sec. 8, T3S, R29W.
 Vivian and Marvin Hansen, trustees of Revocable Inter Vivos Trust of Vivian I. Hansen, and Marvin and Vivial Hansen, trustees of Revocable Inter Vivos Trust of Marvin A. Hansen, to A. Luella Sloan, Lot 2, Block 6, Garwood Addition, City of Oberlin.
 Cinda and Vernon Flax, Terry and Sandy Rush, and Kevin and Michelle Rush, quit claim to Cinda Flax, Lot 6, Block 23, Rodehaver Addition, City of Oberlin.

Decatur Health Care Foundation Inc to Charles and Winona Doeden, as joint tenants, Lots 32 and 33, Block 5, Original Town, City of Oberlin.

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

Sept. 6: 7:15 a.m., medical, W. Sappa, transported to Decatur County Hospital; 2:09 p.m., transport from Decatur County Hospital to Good Samaritan Hospital, Kearney, Neb.
 Friday: 11:45 a.m., medical, Jennings, no transport; 12:53 p.m., motor vehicle accident, 12 miles east and 1 mile north of Oberlin, transported two to Decatur County Hospital; 1:47 p.m., medical, Jennings to Decatur County Hospital; 5:39 p.m., trauma, Sappa Valley Youth Ranch to Decatur County Hospital.

City Hall

MUNICIPAL COURT
 Thursday: Bev Reiter, Oberlin, dog at large, \$60; Ronald Jarrett, Wahoo, Neb., limitation on backing, \$95; Jacob Padgett, minor in possession of cigarettes, \$60; Dana Winstead, Oberlin, battery, \$285; Karen Padgett, two dogs at large, \$120.

Federal Court

BANKRUPTCIES
 Timothy Davis, Brenda May Davis, Oberlin, liabilities \$70,527, assets \$66,010.

Town Crier

Today: Farmers Market, as producers arrive, downtown Oberlin. Blood drive, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., The Gateway. Walk-in donors welcome.
 Diabetes Under Control, 1:30 p.m., United Church.
 Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.
 Weight Watchers, 6-7 p.m., Medical Arts building.
Thursday: Senior high cross country, 5:30 p.m., at McCook.
 Junior high volleyball and football, 4:30 p.m., here, with Quinter.
Friday: Senior high football, 7 p.m., here, with Colby.
Saturday: Covenant Women's Retreat, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oberlin Covenant Church.
 C-team volleyball tournament, 9 a.m., here.
 Benefit auction for moving St. Mark's Lutheran Church to the museum, and the swimming pool, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in front of Rocking R and Fidele Electric and Woodcrafting. Free hot dogs and Pepsi during auction.
 Senior high volleyball tournament, 11 a.m., at McCook.

Sunday: Senior potluck, 12:12 p.m., Golden Age Center.
Monday: Junior varsity football, 5:30 p.m., at Colby.
 "Godspell" musical auditions, 7 p.m. at high school.
Tuesday: Jody Tubbs of the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs will be at the courthouse at 9:30 p.m.
 Senior citizens potluck, 6 p.m., Wheat Ridge Terrace. All seniors welcome.
 "Godspell" musical auditions, 7 p.m. at high school.
Saturday, Sept. 25: Benefit rummage sale for Oberlin Swimming Pool, United Methodist Church. Leave donated items at church on Friday or Saturday.
Tuesday, Sept. 28: Kansas Saves program, 10 a.m., Gateway Community Room, sponsored by Extension Service.
Wednesday, Sept. 29: American Legion meeting for veterans and families, 9:10-9:40 a.m., Oberlin American Legion.
Thursday, Sept. 30: Annual membership drive for Legion, Sons of Legion and Auxiliary members,

6:30 p.m., Oberlin American Legion.
Monday-Friday: 1 p.m. at Golden Age Center. Monday, pinochle; Tuesday, pitch; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, pinochle. Last Thursday of month, senior bridge, open. Quilting, puzzles, games daily.
 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.

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.

Goodland native to entertain troops

A Goodland native will take his rock band on tour overseas to entertain the troops in Iraq.
 David Fairbanks, son of Jerry and Annette Fairbanks of Goodland, will be going on a three-week, six-nation tour, with his Kansas City-based band Pomeroy, to entertain U.S. and allied troops in the Middle East.
 The group will perform Saturday at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson before leaving Sunday on the USO tour. They will go to Afghanistan, Bahrain, Djibouti, Pakistan, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.
 Mr. Fairbanks is the band's lead vocalist and percussionist. The band also includes Matt Marron, guitar/

vocals; Chris Davis, drums; Tyson Leslie, keyboards/guitar; and Dean Hopkins, bass.
 "It's pretty simple why we're down with the cause," Mr. Fairbanks said. "We wake up every day and worry about playing our next show while there are thousands of people our age and younger waking up and worrying if they are gonna get ambushed or hit by a suicide bomber on their next patrol. If the P-Crew sound can give these folks a minute to forget the threat and have a good time, then that's a good enough reason to do it."
 The group's managers sent its CD to Armed Forces Entertainment, he said, and the group was approved to

perform for the troops.
 The mission isn't just the music, Mr. Fairbanks said; it's hand-shaking, morale-boosting and bringing a little bit of America to the soldiers.
 Mr. Fairbanks is a 1994 Goodland graduate. He went on the Kansas State University, where he met Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Marron and Mr. Davis. Mr. Fairbanks and Mr. Marron began putting the band together in the summer of 1997.
 Mr. Leslie was added after the group's second CD, "Cocoon Club," became a success. Their third release, "Identity," was unveiled in 2003 and re-released in June through ADA, a division of Warner Music Group.

Arlin Arthur Kathka

Arlin Arthur Kathka, 89, a brother of Elmer Kathka of Oberlin, died Sept. 9, 2004, in Centennial, Colo.
 He was born July 23, 1915, on a farm west of Oberlin, the son of Julius and Cora (Barrett) Kathka. The family moved to a farm north of Oberlin, where he attended East Liberty Country School. He graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1933, then enrolled at Grand Island Business School in Grand Island, Neb., where he studied until 1937. He started working for the Randall Oil Company in Columbus, Neb., in 1937.

He married Edith Ferne Wilcox in 1938 in Ipswich, S.D. They made their home in Columbus, Neb., until 1998. He and Clyde Birney started the Columbus Oil Company in 1944.

In 1998, they moved to their winter home in Sun City, Ariz. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Sun City, and the United Methodist Men.

Survivors include two sons, David Kathka, and Timothy and Lela Kathka; a sister, Della Carter, a brother, Elmer and Vi Kathka, Oberlin; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Fern on June 22, 2000; three brothers, Gilbert, Lyman and Elmer; a sister, Vonda Thrasher; a son, Michael, and a daughter-in-law, Anne.

A memorial was established to the First United Methodist Church, 2710-14th Street, Columbus, Neb., 68601; First United Methodist Church, 9841-105th Avenue, Sun City, Ariz., 85351; the American Diabetics Fund, 9034 N. 223rd Ave., Phoenix, Ariz., 85021; or donor's choice.
 Memorial services are pending at Columbus, Neb.

Della Belle Carter

Della Belle Carter, 86, a sister of Elmer Kathka of Oberlin, died Sept. 9, 2004, at the home of her son near Ontario, Ore.

She was born Jan. 7, 1918, near Oberlin, the fifth of eight children of Julius Jr. and Cora (Barrett) Kathka. She grew up in the Oberlin area, graduating in 1935 from Decatur Community High School. She took a normal training course in high school which gave her a two-year teaching certificate. She met Lavelle Carter the summer of 1935 at a teacher training meeting in Oberlin and they both began teaching at different schools that fall. They were married Dec. 27, 1936.

In 1942, they began farming the Carter family farm near Jennings. In 1944, they moved to the Kathka farm near Oberlin. They bought their own farm and moved to Gary, Colo., in 1948. They moved to Kuna, Idaho, in 1955 so their children could attend Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa. They farmed, owned and operated a retirement home, and sold real estate.
 After retirement, they were active in the Kuna Senior Citizens organization, serving a co-presidents.

They also conducted monthly worship services at several Nampa and Meridian retirement homes and traveled extensively, visiting all of the lower 48 states.
 They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December 1996, and he died on Sept. 22, 1997. Later she lived at Sunbridge Retirement Center in Nampa, and Wellsprings Retirement Center and Presbyterian Care Center in Ontario, Ore.

She was a member of the Kuna Church of the Nazarene from 1955 to 2002, then became a member of the Ontario Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include five children, Lee and Gerry Carter, Kaiser, Ore.; Gary and Rachel Carter, Meridian, Idaho; Karen and Stan Hiner, Boise, Idaho; Dennis and Pat Carter, Ontario, Ore.; and Gale and Tracy Carter, Boise, Idaho; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; a brother, Elmer and Vi Kathka, and a sister-in-law, Vena and Les Walters, Oberlin; a sister-in-law, Erlene Kathka, Woodburn, Ore.; and a brother-in-law, Darrel and Wanda Carter, Colorado Springs.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Marcella Carter; a sister, Vonda (Kathka) Thrasher; and four brothers, Johnny, Gilbert, Lyman, and Elmer Kathka. Her brother, Arlin Kathka, died on the same day in Centennial, Colo.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday at the Kuna Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Stan Hiner officiating. Burial will follow in the Kuna Cemetery. Chapel of the Chimes of Meridian was in charge of arrangements.

James J. Gilbert

James J. Gilbert, 80, a lifelong resident of the Achilles community in Rawlins County, died Sept. 9, 2004, at his farm home.

He was born at the family rural home in the same area on Nov. 27, 1923, the son of James E. and Ethel A. (Meyers) Gilbert. He attended District 25 country school and graduated from Decatur Community High School in Oberlin in 1943.

He married Doris W. Stephens on Sept. 12, 1943, in Clayton. A week later, he was inducted into the U.S. Army, serving with the 16th Tank Battalion at Camp Chaffee, Ark.

The couple made their home on a farm near his birthplace all of their married life, where he was a farmer and rancher. He was a member of Farm Bureau and American Legion Post at Oberlin.

Survivors include his wife, Doris; a son, James C. and Janet Gilbert, Vero Beach, Fla.; and Marsha and

Randy Colby, Garwood, Wash.; four sisters, Dorothy Emahizer and Thaine, Ludell; Marion Dempewolf, Donna Guinn and Karon Scott, Oberlin; a brother-in-law, Lawrence Wenger, Oberlin; three grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Cleta Wenger; and brothers-in-law, Jerry Dempewolf and Rollie Scott.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. Jim Plotts officiated and burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery with military committal rites by the Oberlin American Legion.

Memorials were established to Cedar Living Center and the Oberlin American Legion Post. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Eunice S. Kathka

Eunice Simpson Kathka, 88, a sister-in-law of Elmer Kathka of Oberlin, died July 19, 2004, at her home in Nashville, Tenn.

She was born Dec. 29, 1915, in Oberlin, the oldest of four children of Elmer and Bessie Simpson. She attended a one-room country elementary school and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1933. She completed a teacher certification course, then taught in one-room country schools.

She married Gilbert Kathka on June 6, 1938. They moved to Lincoln, Neb., where he was attending Union College. In 1940, they moved to Nashville, where he worked at the Southern Publishing Association and she taught at Nashville Junior Academy.

Survivors include a daughter, Marjory and Ken Johnson; two granddaughters; a brother, Henry Simpson, Fort Collins, Colo.; and a sister, Lois Palmer, Santa Maria, Calif.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Bryson.

Funeral services and burial were at Nashville.

In Memory of Reinhard May

We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new.
 We thought of you yesterday and the day before that too.
 Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part.
 God has you in His keeping.
 We have you in our heart.
 Karolyn Muirhead
 Miranda Long

Markets

September 13, 2004 closing markets
 Wheat, \$3.11 bushel
 Milo, \$3.13 hnd weight
 Corn, \$2.27 bushel
 Soybeans, \$5.10 bushel
 Sunflowers, \$9.85 bushel

Sunflower Cinema
 220 N. Penn • Oberlin
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Sat., Sept. 18- 7 p.m.

Bourne Supremacy
 Rated PG13

Sun., Sept. 19
 2 p.m.

Ticket Price: \$3⁰⁰
Volunteers needed!
Call Jennifer: 475-2824

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First Responder Class

Beginning on October 4, 2004 Decatur County EMS will have a First Responder class. If anyone is interested in the class, call Pat Pomeroy at (785) 475-8126 or Dispatch at (785) 475-8100

Come join the excitement of learning!!!!!!

Volunteering is one way you can help your community and help yourself.

Free to Decatur County Residents



WEATHER

Decatur County Forecast September 14th - 20th

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
83/52	78/50	83/53	85/55	88/56	83/51	85/53

Normal High 77
 Normal Low 49

Sunrise 7:23 to 7:28am
 Sunset 7:42 to 7:52pm

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

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
Sept. 7	83	48	
Sept. 8	86	51	
Sept. 9	87	56	
Sept. 10	93	55	
Sept. 11	92	53	
Sept. 12	90	50	
Sept. 13	98	49	

Precipitation totals: for the week, 0.00; for the month, 0.03; current year to date, 16.82.
 For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.475 mhz.

Storm chances tonight with the passage of a cool front, that will bring some relief to the heat tomorrow. Over the past three days high temperatures have climbed into the 90's. The warmer and dry weather will continue into next week. Another front Sunday may trigger some scattered activity, but until Hurricane Ivan exits the Gulf, the Midwest's weather will continue to be blocked up. If Ivan takes a more westerly course, then we might have some higher rain chances this weekend!

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