

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

Nov. 24: Gomer Hill, Fort Lupton, Colo., transporting an open container, \$160; Patrick Pentecost, Casper, Wyo., speeding 80, \$120.

Limited Action

D&M Sinclair vs. Jesse Carlisle, \$374 plus costs and interest, etc.
City of Norcat vs. Scott and Deb Tavis, \$167 plus costs and interest, etc.

D&M Sinclair vs. Jeremy Jensen, \$898 plus costs and interest, etc.
D&M Sinclair vs. Randy Peters, \$698 plus costs and interest, etc.

Decatur Health Systems vs. Shayla and Doug Williby, \$693 plus costs and interest, etc.
Decatur Health Systems vs. Edward and Vivian Russ, \$315 plus costs and interest, etc.

Decatur Health Systems vs. Kendall Peacock, \$523 plus costs and interest, etc.
Decatur Health Systems vs. Walter and Lillian Mosier, plus \$4,248 plus costs and interest, etc.

Decatur Health Systems vs. Tony and Beth Miller, \$922 plus costs and interest, etc.
Decatur Health Systems vs. Kimberly and David Haresnape, \$1,350 plus costs and interest, etc.

Decatur Health Systems vs. Richard Garrett, \$920 plus costs and interest, etc.
Decatur Health Systems vs. Jerry Bishop, \$505 plus costs and interest, etc.

Small Claims

Farmers Coop vs. Dana Winstead, \$638 plus costs and interest, etc.
High Plains Veterinary vs. Carolyn Hackney, \$173 plus costs and interest, etc.

High Plains Veterinary vs. Lyle Hackney, \$99 plus costs and interest, etc.
High Plains Veterinary vs. Darla Lively, \$80 plus costs and interest, etc.

High Plains Veterinary vs. Diane Specht, \$145 plus costs and interest, etc.
Heather Wilson vs. Brian Hileman, Jerry Bishop, and H&B Construction, \$3,932 plus costs and interest, etc.

Gary Fredrickson DMD vs. Tisha Masoner, \$140 plus costs and interest, etc.

JAIL BOOKINGS

The following person was booked into the Decatur County Jail last week:
Jamie Marshall, 21, Oberlin, Dec. 17, probation violation, Decatur County sheriff's office.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Donald and Marie Aschwege to Craig Messinger, NW 1/4 of Sec. 4 and NE 1/4 of Sec. 5, T1S, R29W.
Mary Joan Cecil, quit claim to John Bradley Cecil, NW 1/4 of Sec. 15 and SW 1/4 of Sec. 10, T3S, R29W; and NW 1/4 of Sec. 30, T3S, R26W.

AMBULANCE CALLS

These calls were reported last week by the Decatur County ambulance crew:
Dec. 14: 4:36 a.m., trauma, E. Commercial, transport to Decatur County Hospital; 6:56 a.m., trans-

port from Decatur County Hospital to Community Hospital, McCook; 9:33 a.m., trauma, S. Wolf, transport to Decatur County Hospital.

Thursday: 7:31 a.m., medical, E. Ash, transport to Decatur County Hospital; 3:14 p.m., transport to Great Plains Regional Medical Center, North Platte, Neb., and return to Decatur County Hospital.

Sunday: 12:22 p.m., trauma, W. Ash, transport to Decatur County Hospital.

City Hall

POLICE BLOTTER

The Oberlin Police Department received these calls:

• Around 2:32 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, a call came in that there was an accident on W. Maple. Sharon Adleman, 63, was driving a 2001 Lincoln on N. Rodehaver and stopped to turn east onto Maple. She saw a piece of farm machinery, but thought it wasn't moving. She turned and the two ran into each other. The machinery was driven by David Messimer, 43.

There was over \$500 worth of the damage to the car. There were no tickets given.

• Around 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Margie Applegate, 84, of Norton, driving a 1987 Mercury eastbound on W. Commercial, ran into a 1989 Ford 150 driven by Henry Edgett, 81, who was westbound on Commercial Street. Ms. Applegate was driving close to the curb on the north side and slowed down. Mr. Edgett thought she was stopping, and went to pass her. When she turned, the two vehicles collided. Ms. Applegate received a ticket for improper turning.

Obituaries

John F. Helm

John Francis Helm, 89, a cattleman and farmer in the Lyle area, died Dec. 11, 2004, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.



He was born Aug. 19, 1915, to Walter H. Helm and Susie M. (Malleck) Helm at Red Willow Station, Red Willow County, Neb. They moved to a farm near Bartley, John Helm Neb., in 1920.

He attended Bartley schools and graduated with the class of 1933.

He joined the Army in January 1941, serving in the United States, England and France. He was discharged as a master sergeant in September 1945. He was married to Helen Margaret Hughrou on Oct. 10, 1942, at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Indianola, Neb., and they became parents of eight children.

They lived four years in the Indianola, Neb., area, and then they bought their farm and moved to the Lyle community in Kansas in March 1949.

He served on the Grant Township board, Spring Branch School board, and was on the board of directors of the Wheat Growers Association for Decatur County when it was established. In 1959, he received the Bankers Award for Soil Conservation.

He was a lifetime member of Jack Helt American Legion Post ; the Beaver Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post ; McCook Elks Club and the Knights of Columbus. He attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oberlin, and St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Indianola.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; four sons: Jim and Yanis Helm, Danbury, Neb.; Fred Helm, Hilo, Hawaii; John and Pam Helm, Redmond, Wash.; and Mike and Deb Helm, Norcat; four daughters: Mary Helm, Tucson, Ariz.; Kathy and Robert Hezzy Brashears, Curtis, Neb.; Ceanne and Martin Rinehart, Colby; and Laurie Helm, St. Joseph, Mo.; 18 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 15, 2004, at St. Catherine's in Indianola. Father Nicholas Baker and Father Dana Clark officiated. Burial was at St. Catherine's Cemetery.

A memorial was established in his name. Contributions may be sent to Carpenter Breland Funeral Home of McCook, which was in charge of the arrangements.

Catharine L. Munson

Catharine L. Munson, 101, a longtime resident of Oberlin, died

Monday, Dec. 20, 2004, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

She was born Jan. 26, 1903, in Cottonwood Falls, the daughter of Perry W. and Charlotte (Featherstone) Laport. She was reared there and attended Cottonwood Falls Grade School and Chase County High School, then attended Emporia Normal School for two years.

She married Willard D. Munson on Jan. 17, 1924, in Emporia. She lived in Madison, Haven, Wichita, Canton, Nickerson and Mulvane before moving to Oberlin.

She was a member of the Oberlin United Methodist Church; United Methodist Women; and P.E.O. Sisterhood.

Survivors include two daughters-in-law, Martha Munson, Oberlin, and Joyce Munson, San Diego; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

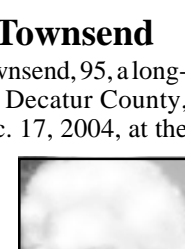
She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons, Myron J. "Mike" Munson, and Roger D. Munson; a granddaughter, Debra Munson; two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. Doug Hasty will officiate and burial will be at the Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorials have been established to Cottonwood Home Health, the Golden Age Center or the Decatur County Museum. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Neva June Townsend

Neva June Townsend, 95, a longtime resident of Decatur County, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2004, at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.



She was born June 18, 1909, in a sod house on a ranch near Ainsworth, Neb., the fourth daughter of five of Clare G. and Himla (Gustafson) Crook. She moved with her parents to Decatur County when she was 11.

She attended grade school at Mount Center in Sherman Township and high school in Danbury, Neb.

She married Densel Townsend on July 15, 1925, in Norton. They made their home on a farm in Decatur County. The couple moved to Oberlin in 1962 and he preceded her in death on July 30, 1981.

She cooked for many years in area cafes and was a Cancer Crusader. She was a charter member of the Liberty Star Club. She qualified in bowling at the Senior Olympics. She and her husband spent the winter months in Apache Junction, Ariz., and she swam over 500 miles

during those years.

Survivors include her son, Gary, and Lucille Townsend, Danbury; four grandsons; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Betty June Archer on Dec. 17, 2003, and four sisters, Ida Crook, Lucille Crook, Irene Horn and Bernice Copley.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. Mike McVay officiated and burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the Golden Age Center in Oberlin. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

Sunflower Cinema
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Sun., Dec. 26
2 p.m.

Christmas with the Kranks
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Closed Christmas

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Town Crier

Today: Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.
Thursday: No school, Christmas vacation until Monday, Jan. 3.
Saturday: Christmas Day.
Tuesday: Storytime, 4 to 4:30 p.m., Oberlin City Library.
Weight Watchers, 12:30 to 1:30

p.m., Medical Arts Building.
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.

Avoid mistakes with evergreens

Americans are once again decking the halls, and we all want to avoid mistakes and senseless tragedy with our fresh Christmas trees.

If your tree is already in place, read on to see if you decked your halls safely or if you might need to make some changes.

Buyers make their first mistake if they select a harvested evergreen that is dehydrated and already a fire hazard. With some help, cut trees can remain hydrated for weeks, but they often come from farms far from the lot.

Watch for these signs that a tree is "too far gone":

- The needles are grayish-green, dull looking (which can be hard to determine if they've been treated to make them look greener, or are snow-covered).
- The needles feel stiff and brittle.
- The needles pull easily from the tree.
- When wrapped around a finger, the needles break, rather than bend.
- When torn apart and squeezed, needles do not ooze pitch.

As soon as you get your tree home, immediately place it in a container of warm water.

Tree location is the next step. Keep the tree as cool as possible. Avoid areas that will result in rapid moisture loss.

You should keep the tree three or more feet away from candles.

Make sure you've got the newer tree lights which don't become warm. Still, make it a rule to never leave the tree unattended while

Home Time

By Tranda Watts
Multi-county Extension Agent

lighted. Research has found no evidence that adding aspirin, copper pennies, soda pop, sugar or bleach to the water reservoir will prolong a tree's life.

Be sure the reservoir stays filled. When a cut tree finally dries out, it must leave the house immediately. Unfortunately, needle drop isn't always the best gauge for judging when holiday decor must go. You should judge dryness by the same factors used when buying a tree.

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Corrections

A photo caption in the Dec. 15 edition of *The Oberlin Herald* incorrectly identified one of the children from Head Start as Caleb Bryan. The boy actually was Trevor Bruhn Boling. This was a reporter's error. ☆☆☆☆☆

An article in the same edition listed the price of fuel the county road and bridge department bought from the Decatur Co-op Jennings branch as \$1.045 per gallon. It was actually \$1.405 per gallon. This was a reporter's error. ☆☆☆☆☆

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.

Markets

December 20, 2004 closing markets
Wheat, \$3.15 bushel
Milo, \$2.90 hnd weight
Corn, \$1.84 bushel
Soybeans, \$4.88 bushel
Sunflowers, \$12.25 bushel

WEATHER

Decatur County Weather for December 21st-27th

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
32/10	20/5	15/0	25/8	35/18	45/23	48/25

Normal High 40
Normal Low 16
Sunrise 8:00 to 8:02am
Sunset 5:21 to 5:25pm

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

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
Dec. 14	38	9	
Dec. 15	47	9	
Dec. 16	51	26	
Dec. 17	49	21	
Dec. 18	50	26	
Dec. 19	50	22	
Dec. 20	39	22	

Prepare for an Arctic blast over the first official week of winter! A surge of cold air today will be followed by another tomorrow. Highs in the teens, lows near zero and wind chills below zero can be expected. We will see flurries, while chances for accumulating snow will be mostly in the foothills, southeast Colorado and southwest Kansas. Christmas Day we may get back to the freezing mark and sunshine will make spirits brighter. Sunday and Monday we will see a brief warm-up ahead of a second storm system that will bring back the cold air and chances for accumulating snow by midweek!
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