

# Thirsty, messy burglars strike in Norcatatur

Burglars ransacked two Norcatatur businesses last week and tried to break into a third, but got away with less than \$130 in change and bills.

The damage they did, said Undersheriff Michael French, will cost more to repair than that.

No arrests had been made, but the undersheriff said a Salina couple now residing in the Rawlins County jail, may be connected to the case. He said he'd sent some evidence to the KBI lab, hoping to make a connection. Last Monday, Dec. 28, someone tried to

break into D&M Service, he said, damaging the door. Burglars broke a window at the office of Norcatatur Grain, taking about \$5 in petty cash, but tearing up the place.

"They did more damage than they got," he said.

At the Cardinal Bar and Grill, operated by Brian and Tammy Cook, the thieves didn't do much damage, he said, but they apparently made themselves at home. Someone had turned a chair toward the television, he said, and drank an O'Douls nonalcoholic beer before leaving.

He said the burglars used a screwdriver to jimmy the door, and took \$100-\$125 in change from over the refrigerator.

"They're not getting much," he said. "They did a real sloppy job at the elevator."

A couple of days later, early Thursday, a citizen spotted a suspicious vehicle in downtown McDonald and followed it south out of town on a county road. A Rawlins County sheriff's deputy stopped the vehicle about five miles out, arresting the Salina couple.

Undersheriff Ken Higley said someone

had broken into the grocery in downtown McDonald. The couple appeared on surveillance tapes from cameras the city has mounted on Main Street.

"We're pretty sure they're the ones," he said. "We found items from the store in the back of the pickup. They had a pick ax and a pipe wrench."

He identified the couple as Jennifer Cain, 43, and Clifford Anglin, 74. Both are being held on \$100,000 bond, he said, and have court-appointed attorneys. Charges include theft, burglary, aiding and abetting a felony,

no driver's license and no proof of insurance, he said, four counts against her and six against him. A preliminary hearing is set for Monday, but may be put off.

The couple had about \$350 on them when they were stopped, Mr. Higley said. Cigarettes and some cash had been taken from the grocery store.

The undersheriff said there had been burglaries at the elevators at Beardsley, in Rawlins County, and Wheeler, in Cheyenne County. Officials in Gove and Thomas counties want to talk to the pair, he said.

## Flu shots available to anyone

The Decatur County Health Department has flu shots available to anyone who still wants or needs one.

Marilyn Gamblin, county health nurse, said the high risk group has been covered, and the 30 doses that are left are available for anyone interested.

The shots costs \$17 each. Medicare or Medicaid will pay for them, but the health department doesn't bill private insurance companies.

Ms. Gamblin said the flu shots will prevent a person from getting the flu or keep them from getting a bad case. The vaccine is designed to prevent respiratory flu that sometimes can turn into pneumonia.

Anyone interested in getting a shot should call the department beforehand at 475-8118. People can get the shots if they have a cold, Ms. Gamblin said, but not if they are running a fever.

## Supper to benefit aviary fund

The Decatur County Good Samaritan Center is raising money to build a new bird aviary for residents.

A benefit soup and pie supper will be held at the center by the Forget-Me-Nots on Thursday to help raise money. The group will match up to \$500 for the new aviary.

Jan Badsky, activities director at the center, said an aviary will cost around \$3,500.

Everyone is welcome to attend the dinner, from 5 to 7 p.m. The price will be a donation, whatever you want to give.

For information, call Mrs. Badsky or Angela Musgrave at 475-2245.

## Pick up pics at newspaper

There are still several World War II pictures at *The Oberlin Herald* which were used in the veteran's section in November.

The staff has been handing back as many as possible, but we still have a few left. If you haven't picked up your family photos, please do so.



**THIS PAIR OF DEER HAD LOCKED HORNS** and couldn't get apart when Jonathon Richards (left) and Nolan May found them during hunting season. Each teen had a license, and they got their animals with the horns still locked.

## Young hunters find two deer locked in truly mortal combat

By KIMBERLY DAVIS

Two Oberlin teens filled their hunting tags this fall with two of the most unusual deer they had ever seen.

Jonathon Richards, 17, and Nolan May, 15, both had tags for any kind of deer. Both had been out hunting before Saturday, Nov. 13, Jonathon said, but hadn't actually had the chance to shoot anything.

That Saturday, Nolan was pheasant hunting southwest of Oberlin when he saw something in the distance. Jonathon said at first they thought the deer were does, but as the hunters got closer, they shot a few pheasants and the deer didn't run off.

It turned out they couldn't run. The two bucks were locked together by their antlers.

Jonathon said Nolan jumped in his vehicle and drove 20 miles to his house. He got his bow and they went back to the field.

Each of the young men shot one of the two deer, filling their tags. Jonathon said his was a 9 point buck and Nolan's was an 8 pointer.

Jonathon said it looked like the deer hit so hard that the antlers expanded and then contracted right away,

and before the deer knew it, they were wrapped together. When the young men got back to the field, he said, the two bucks were throwing each other around again.

He said he thought they had been like that for probably an hour. If the struggle had gone on much longer, he said, he thought they would have died of exhaustion.

Normally, said Jonathon, they keep the meat from their deer, but the meat from the two bucks smelled bad since it was full of adrenaline. Both of the young men went and got tags for a doe. Nolan has filled his, but Jonathon hasn't yet.

Jonathon said this is the first time he has ever seen anything like this. The young men have asked around and no one has seen two deer locked together before.

Both of the bucks received a score which Jonathon thought they could enter into the Pope and Young record books, but they haven't yet. Jonathon's scored a 135 and Nolan's a 133.

Archery deer season ended Saturday.

## Commissioners talk about land for ambulance

Decatur County commissioners met behind closed doors for 10 minutes last Tuesday with the ambulance director to discuss possible land acquisition, but no action was taken.

Ambulance Director Patrick Pomeroy told commissioners the old ambulance is still at the old county shop. Commissioner Ralph Unger said if the county has other vehicles they're not using, they should have an auction to sell them. The department heads will be asked to provide a list of all surplus vehicles for the commissioners by the next meeting.

Commissioner Patricia Glenn asked if the resolution to write off unpaid ambulance bills was finished. Mr. Pomeroy said he would have to check with Karen Eskew.

The commissioners took care of end-of-the-year business, since last Tuesday's meeting was their last one in 2004.

They reviewed the annual township reports and signed them. The commissioners signed an end-of-the-year transfer resolution for the county general, courts, road and bridge, health, noxious weed, ambu-

lance and rural fire district funds to make transfers to the special equipment fund. The resolution will not take effect until the 2004 audit is completed.

## County Roundup

At a meeting last Tuesday, Decatur County commissioners:

- Decided not to close a road in Harlan Township when two residents of the township protested during a public hearing. Story below.
- Met behind closed doors to discuss possible land acquisition with the ambulance director, although no action was taken. Story at left.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Signed a holiday resolution for the new year, giving employees time off for county holidays.
- Decided not to meet on Tuesday, Feb. 1, since two of the commissioners will be gone.

## Neighbors protest, so road will stay open

After two neighbors appeared to protest the planned closing of the road between sections 34 and 35 in Harlan Township last Tuesday, Decatur County commissioners decided to leave it open.

Joe Metcalf and Lynn Rippe, who live nearby, appeared for a road closing hearing. Both men wanted to see the road remain open. Landowners, said Mr. Metcalf, need to have the road open to get to their fields.

The commissioners agreed to not close the road.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman said he has two pieces of

machinery that need repair. The Mack truck needs brake shoes, a drum and radiator repairs. He said it will cost around \$1,200. Hoxie Radiator will be replacing the old radiator with a new steel one.

The commissioners approved the expense.

Mr. Stallman said the FR15 loader will not start. A mechanic is coming here to check the timing. The cost will be around \$500, which the commissioners approved.

Commissioners also approved Mr. Stallman purchasing over \$500 of oil to get his inventory back up.

## Council amends city budget to pay for new air equipment

The Oberlin City Council met for seven minutes Thursday night to tie up three end-of-the-year activities.

With Councilman Stan McEvoy standing in for Mayor Ken Shobe, who was absent, the council approved an amendment to the 2004 budget to cover expenses for new air conditioners at The Gateway.

Mr. McEvoy said the council hadn't planned for the expense.

The \$167,230 budget for The Gateway was amended to \$197,960, an increase of \$30,730.

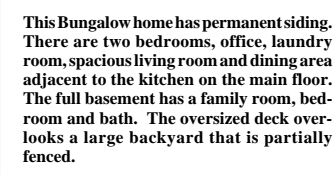
The council also approved payment of the end-of-the-year bills of \$45,136. The council approved an application by Keeno's Roadhouse to sell beer. City Clerk Deanna Castle said they had filed the application and check with the city office.

### HOMES IN NORCATATUR!

This two-story house with a new basement in 1995 is located on a double corner lot with lush lawn, maturated trees and double detached garage. The main level has a large open living and dining room, two bedrooms, bath, beautiful new oak kitchen and service porch. The upper level is a private retreat with walk-in closet. The new lower level offers two bedrooms, bath, family room and laundry room.



This lovely 3-bedroom Bungalow sits on 2-1/2 lots. It has two baths, new kitchen with oak cabinets, new linoleum, large pantry and includes all appliances. The fireplace has a wood-burning insert. A new 2-car carport and a single car detached garage with workshop. There are many nice features in this home.



This Bungalow home has permanent siding. There are two bedrooms, office, laundry room, spacious living room and dining area adjacent to the kitchen on the main floor. The full basement has a family room, bedroom and bath. The oversized deck overlooks a large backyard that is partially fenced.

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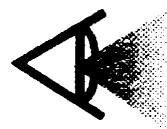
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**Enrollment: Monday, January 3, and Wednesday, January 5, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Decatur Community High School Room 112. Candy Dejmal, 785-475-2179 (home) or 785-475-2231 (school). Classes not listed may be offered if sufficient interest exists.**

No.	Course	CR.	Instructor	Place	Time/Day
CO126	Presentation Software PowerPoint	1	C. Dejmal	Hi Sc	7:00p/Mon 3
CO176	Computer Concepts & Applications	3	M. Larue	Hi Sc	7:00p/Wed 2
AC101	Accounting Fundamentals	3	C. Dejmal	Hi Sc	7:00p/Wed 2
EN177	English Composition II	3	B. Breth	Hi Sc	7:00p/Mon 2
EN110	Medical Terminology	1	L. Doeden	Hi Sc	7:00p/TBA 1
HE101	Basic Nutrition	3	M. Moxter	Hi Sc	7:00p/Wed 2
PS176	General Psychology	3	T. Woolsey	Hi Sc	7:00p/TBA 2
PS276	Developmental Psychology	3	T. Woolsey	Hi Sc	7:00p/TBA 1
AR117	Art Appreciation	3	T. Woolsey	Hi Sc	7:00p/TBA 1
ED277	Children's Literature	3	Staff	Hi Sc	7:00p/TBA 1
SO176	Introduction to Sociology	3	J. Wenger	Hi Sc	7:00p/Thr 2
MU176	Introduction to Music	3	Staff	Hi Sc	7:00p/TBA 1
ML101	German I	5	Staff	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA 1
ED177	Foundations of Modern Education	3	Staff	TBA	7:00p/TBA 1
CH176	Fundamentals of Chemistry	5	G. Sanden	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA 1
CH176L	Fundamentals of Chemistry	0	G. Sanden	Hi Sc	TBA/TBA 1
SO123	Criminology	3	J. Wenger	Hi Sc	7:00p/Tue 2
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- 1 Night and starting date will be determined by the enrollment.
- 2 Class will meet from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Starting date determined by enrollment.
- 3 Class will use IBM computers and PowerPoint Software. Class will meet 5 times at 7:00-10:00 p.m.
- 4 Adult Basic Education and G.E.D. classes meet at the Decatur Community High School Art Room. Classes are provided free of charge. The G.E.D. test fee is \$65. Call 785-460-4663 for information.

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