

# Obituaries

# 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

Dec. 5, 2004: Vicki Hopp, Longmont, Colo., speeding 86 mph in 65 mph zone, \$159.  
 Feb. 23: Elda Youngs, McCook, speeding 81 in 65 mph zone, \$126.  
 Feb. 24: Mathew Horn, Bellvue Colo., speeding 76 mph in 65 mph zone, \$96.  
 Feb. 28: John Tate Jr., Oberlin, speeding 80 mph in 65 mph zone, \$120.  
 March 11: Jay Fiechtner, Mandan, N.D., speeding 76 in 65 mph zone.  
 March 12: Adele Gard, Loveland, Colo., speeding 80 mph in 65 mph zone, \$120.

### Limited Action

City of Norcat vs. Lyle Auker, \$143 plus costs and interest, etc.  
 Hansen Plumbing and Heating vs. Charlotte Burroughs, \$231 plus costs and interest, etc.  
 Hansen Plumbing and Heating vs. Richard and LaVenna Dingey, \$244 plus costs and interest, etc.  
 Hansen Plumbing and Heating vs. Dr. Terry and Kathy Hadley, \$2,181 plus costs and interest, etc.  
 Hansen Plumbing and Heating vs. Troy Horinek, \$169 plus costs and interest, etc.  
 Capital One Bank vs. Wanda Dickinson, \$1,054 plus costs and interest, etc.  
 Oberlin-Decatur Area Economic Development vs. Angela Weller, \$398 plus costs and interest, etc.

### Small Claims

Delia Ruhter vs. Jeff Burmaster, \$581 plus costs and interest, etc.  
 Bob's Plumbing vs. Steve Kathka, \$208 plus costs and interest, etc.  
 The Bank vs. Lavonne Baker, \$298 plus costs and interest, etc.  
 Ronald Jensen vs. Mark Fraker, \$500 plus costs and interest, etc.

### Marriage License

March 14: Max Carman and Veanna Orr, both of Oberlin.

### JAIL BOOKINGS

These persons were booked into the Decatur County Jail last week:  
 Myron Lockhorn, 50, McCook, March 17, driving under the influence, Red Willow County.  
 Eric Knight, 23, McCook, March 17, assault, Red Willow County.  
 Dustin Stuck, 22, McCook, March 17, assault, Red Willow County.  
 Pamela Newton, 48, Imperial, Neb., March 17, driving under the influence, Red Willow County.

### SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

This call was reported to the Decatur County Sheriff's office last week:

- Around 6 p.m. Saturday, the sheriff received a report of damage to a metal building three miles east of Jennings and a little north. Sheriff Ken Badsy said it looked like someone backed a vehicle into the door, causing around \$750 worth of damage. A little farther east on the old highway, someone knocked over a mailbox at Jay Griffith's. The damage is around \$100.

### REGISTER OF DEEDS

Donna Guinn to Jimmy and Lillian Koger, as joint tenants, Lots 11 and 12, Block 5, Summit Addition, City of Oberlin.

Angela Weller to Marlin and Charlotte Bowen, as joint tenants, Lot 29, Block 5, Original Town, City of Oberlin, with party walls partly situated on Lots 30 and 28.

Raymond and Ardith Scheetz, quit claim to Scheetz Brothers Inc., SE 1/4 of Sec. 1, T5S, R26W.

Lee and Elisabeth Copeland to Corporate Relocation Services Inc., Lot 4 and S 1' of Lot 5, Block 31, Johnston Addition, City of Oberlin.

### AMBULANCE CALLS

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

March 21: 10:29 p.m., trauma, Jennings, no transport.  
 Last Wednesday: 1:55 p.m., medical, N. East, transported to Decatur County Hospital.  
 Thursday: 2:15 p.m., medical, S. Waldo, transported via private car to hospital.  
 Friday: 10:25 a.m., medical, Jennings, transported to Decatur County Hospital.

## City Hall

### MUNICIPAL COURT

Thursday: Tawni Davis, Oberlin, basic speed, \$95; Tyler Mercer, Oberlin, speeding, \$107, reinstatement fee, \$50; Larry Oconnor, Brewster, speeding, \$89; Blaine Urbaniek, Oberlin, disobeyed stop sign, \$95; Jim Dowling, Oberlin, dog at large, \$60; Phyllis Screen, Oberlin, failure to yield right of way, \$95; Reginald Walters, Julesburg, Colo., transporting open container, \$335; Angela Weller, Wichita, driving while suspended, \$605, reinstatement fee, \$100, dog at large, \$60, no tags for dog, \$60.

## Town Crier

**Today:** Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.  
**Thursday:** Master Gardeners workshop, "Drying flowers," by Shirley Shields, noon, The Gateway.  
 Junior High band and vocal concert, 7:30 p.m., high school auditorium.  
**Friday:** Decatur County Museum opens for summer.  
 Food Pantry, 9 a.m. to noon, United Church, 109 N. Griffith.  
**Saturday:** Regional Music Festival, Oberlin.  
**Sunday:** Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.  
 Fashion Show by the Dresser, 2 p.m., Gateway.  
**Monday:** Gifted seminar, grades 6-12.  
 Food Pantry, 9 a.m. to noon, United Church, 109 N. Griffith.  
 Fun Night, 6:45 p.m., Oberlin El-

ementary School, sponsored by Supporting Our Schools.  
**Tuesday:** Gifted seminar, all grades.  
 Northwest Kansas League Art Show, all day, Gateway.  
 Storytime, 4 to 4:30 p.m., Oberlin City Library.  
 Weight Watchers, 5-6 p.m., Medical Arts Building.  
**Wednesday:** Northwest Kansas League Art Show, all day, Gateway.  
**Thursday, April 7:** Northwest Kansas League Art Show, all day, Gateway.  
**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.

## Markets

### March 28, 2005 closing markets

Wheat, \$3.06 bushel  
 Milo, \$2.91 hnd weight  
 Corn, \$1.87 bushel  
 Soybeans, \$5.51 bushel  
 Sunflowers, (unavailable)

## Erma I. Holt

Erma I. Holt, 87, a longtime resident of the Norcat area, died March 26, 2005, at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.

She was born May 12, 1917, in Rollowitg, Neb., the daughter of Guy and Zettie (Edwards) Lippencott.

Survivors include three sons, John Metcalf, Norton; Donald Metcalf, Topeka; and Jackie Holt, Nebraska; a daughter, Delphia Rhoades, Palco; a sister, Elsie Thayer, Bunker Hill; 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Walter Metcalf and James Holt; her parents; two children, Danny Metcalf and Carolina Kay Vasquez; and two brothers, John and Edward Lippencott.

Cremation took place and services will be held at a later date. Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin-Selden, was in charge of arrangements.

## Clarice S. Leake

Clarice S. Leake, 98, a longtime resident of Oberlin, died March 22, 2005, at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center.

She was born Sept. 17, 1906, in Cambridge, Neb., the daughter of Peter N. and Birdie (Davis) Fough. During her childhood, she lived with a great-aunt in Parkersburg, West Va. When at teenager, she completed eighth grade, then moved to the Tyrone Community in Red Willow County, Neb.

She married Richard C. Leake, son of Robert and Nettie (Crichton) Leake, on Nov. 1, 1930, in Lexington, Neb. They made their home in Oberlin all of their married life. She was a member of the United Church of Oberlin and Alpha Kappa Club and served on the Oberlin City Library Board.

Survivors include her daughter, Ann and Jay Anderson, Oberlin; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband on May 26, 1989; and two brothers, Ralph Fough and Glen Goreley.

Memorial services were held Thursday morning at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. Mike McVay officiated and burial was at the Oberlin Cemetery.

Memorials were established to the Oberlin Library or Decatur County Good Samaritan Center. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Verrell D. Leeper

Verrell D. Leeper, 80, a former Baptist pastor in Oberlin, died March 21, 2005, at the Lyons District Hospital in Lyons.

He was born July 24, 1924, at Carey, Texas, the son of Gurvaise

and Evva (Corgill) Leeper. He graduated from Junior Baptist College in Decatur, Texas and received his seminary training through Southwestern Baptist Seminary and Golden Gate Seminary in Plainville, Texas. He had served churches in Texas, Dighton and Oberlin, and 15 years at Tooele, Utah, before retiring. He also had a heating and air conditioning business. He served in the Army 1st Division during World War II and was wounded at Curifix Hill.

He married Christina Dymock on Dec. 29, 1945, in Birmingham, England. She preceded him in death on June 11, 1991. He was a member of the Cornerstone Fellowship, Waxahachie, Texas.

Survivors include a son, Dennis Leeper, Mustang, Okla.; a daughter, Jennifer Hoff, Ogallala, Neb.; two brothers, Wilburn Leeper, Quitaque, Texas; and Ben Leeper, Belton, Texas; a sister, LaFern Gibson, Toms River, N.J.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Lloyd and Jackie Leeper, and an infant sister.

Services were held Thursday afternoon at Sillin Funeral Home in Lyons with the Rev. Curtis Fitzgerald officiating. Burial was at the Lyons Municipal Cemetery.

A memorial was established to Tooele Baptist Mission, Tooele, Utah. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 215 West Ave. South, Lyons, Kan., 67554.

## Paul Skoda

Paul Skoda, 93, a longtime resident of Oberlin, died March 28, 2005, at the Decatur County Hospital.

He was born Sept. 30, 1911, in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Anthony and Mary (Skorepa) Skoda. He spent his youth in Cleveland,

where he completed elementary and secondary school. He attended Underwood Sunstrand School in Harrisburg, Pa., then worked as a bookkeeping machine, typewriter and adding machine technician for Underwood in Cleveland. Before the war, he worked for Clark Controller Company on naval gun mounts. He joined the U.S. Army in June of 1942, serving in the Asiatic Pacific area in Alaska for three years during World War II.

He married Maurine Bogart on June 21, 1947, in Oberlin. They made their home in McCook, where he worked for the J.C. Penney Company, then later they lived in Loveland, Colo., and Denison, Texas, where they owned and operated their own businesses. The couple retired and moved to Oberlin in 1983. He was a member of the United Church of Oberlin.

Survivors include his wife, Maurine, Oberlin; a son, Larry and Paula Skoda, Rosenberg, Texas; a daughter, Diane Geer, Denison, Texas; three grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

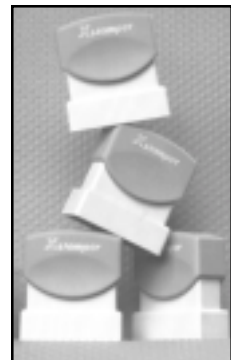
He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother and sister-in-law, George and Loretta Skoda; a sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Elmer Anderson, and a son-in-law, Frank Geer.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. Mike McVay will officiate and burial will be at the Oberlin Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the United Church of Oberlin. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

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## Correction

A story on the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce-KFNF Home Show in the March 23 issue of *The Oberlin Herald* did not mention Mia Bella Soy Candles, one of the participants. The mistake was caused by incomplete information supplied to the paper. Mia Bella shared a booth with Pampered Chef and only the first name appeared on the information sheet.

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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.

# Sports Reporter wanted

Sports enthusiasts, this may be your chance to tell the whole town about the thrill of winning and the agony of defeat.

The Oberlin Herald is looking for a part-time sports reporter, so give us a call at 785-475-2206 for all the details. EOE m/f/h



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Sat., April 2  
 7 p.m.

## The Pacifier

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Sun., April 3  
 2 p.m.

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## BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

Decatur County is taking bids on the construction of six bridges. Details of the project and plans will be available at the Engineer's Office.

Sealed bids are due at 5 p.m. on April 18th, 2005 at the Decatur County Clerk's office.

Decatur County reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Information is available at 785-475-8111.

The Decatur County Health Department will be doing blood draws April 11 & 12.

You must be fasting for these tests.

Please Call The Decatur County Health Department at (785) 475-8118 for your appointment



# WEATHER



### Decatur County Weather — Mar 29<sup>th</sup> — Apr 4<sup>th</sup>

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
60/30	53/28	55/30	65/35	70/40	75/38	65/35

Normal High 48      Sunrise 6:30 to 7:21am  
 Normal Low 22      Sunset 7:04 to 8:10pm

Storm chances this evening and shower chances tomorrow will keep monthly and yearly precipitation at or slightly above normal. Now is perfect timing for moisture, because soon we will be heading into traditionally wetter months. We have to get all we can now before the summer heat returns. After a very mild Easter Sunday and start to the week the next two days will seem cool. Clouds and a cool front will keep temperatures in the 50's through Thursday. Friday high pressure settles in and next weekend we can enjoy 70-degree weather! Spring forward one hour Saturday!

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

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
Mar. 22	40	33	1.06
Mar. 23	38	33	0.02
Mar. 24	42	33	0.02
Mar. 25	45	31	0.01
Mar. 26	37	31	
Mar. 27	46	23	
Mar. 28	63	25	

Precipitation totals: for the week, 1.11; for the month, 1.65; for the current year to date, 2.86; previous year to date, 2.44.

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