

# Obituaries

# From the Record

## Courthouse

These transactions were taken from the records in the offices of the Decatur County clerk, sheriff and register of deeds:

### DISTRICT COURT

**Traffic**  
Dec. 11, 2004: Mitchell Higley, McCook, no registration, no insurance, \$370.  
Feb. 3: Tracey Weber, Cambridge, Neb., speeding 78, \$108.  
March 9: Seung Yu, Aurora, Colo., speeding 78, \$114.  
March 12: Laurie Hall, Kirksville, Mo., speeding 80, \$120.

### JAIL BOOKING

The following person was booked into the Decatur County Jail last week:  
Charles Forbes, 37, Norcat, April 2, driving under the influence, Decatur County Sheriff's Office.  
**SHERIFF'S BLOTTER**  
This last week the Decatur County Sheriff's Office:  
• Arrested Chuck Forbes, 36,

Norcat, for driving under the influence. Undersheriff Michael French said Deputy Barry Richards stopped Mr. Forbes two miles east of Jennings on K-383 around 9 p.m. Saturday. He said Deputy Richards flashed Mr. Forbes to signal to him to go from his high beams to his low beams. When Mr. Forbes turned his high beams to his low beams the headlights went out. Deputy Richards stopped him after that. Mr. Forbes was held overnight in the Decatur County Jail and was released Sunday morning.

### REGISTER OF DEEDS

John Juenemann, trustee of the Juenemann Family Trust, to Gary and Jennif Juenemann, as joint tenants, tract of 13.81 acres in the NE 1/4 of Sec. 14, T3S, R29W.

### AMBULANCE CALLS

These calls were reported last week by the Decatur County ambulance crew:  
March 28: 6:41 p.m., trauma, W. Cedar, to Decatur County Hospital.

Last Wednesday: 12:54 a.m., medical, Norcat, to Norton County Hospital; 12:38 p.m., medical, E. Oak, to Decatur County Hospital; 9:45 p.m., trauma, E. Ash, no transport.

Thursday: 10:34 a.m., trauma, S. Wolf, to Decatur County Hospital; 1:36 p.m., from Decatur County Hospital to Hays Medical Center; 7:04 p.m., medical, S. Marks, no transport.

## City Hall

### POLICE BLOTTER

These reports came into the Oberlin Police Department last week.  
• Steve Haynes reported fraudulent use of a Nor West Newspaper credit card, by someone who obtained the number off the internet.  
• A Persian rug was stolen from behind Times Past on Main Street. The rug was taken from outside the store sometime between 5 p.m. on Monday, March 28 and 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 30. The value of the rug is around \$250.

## Capt. Michael Fiscus

Capt. Michael Todd Fiscus, 36, a 1986 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died in the line of duty on March 26, 2005, at Kabul, Afghanistan.



Capt. Fiscus

He was born April 17, 1968, at Vincennes, Ind., the son of Sharon M. Smith and James Michael Fiscus. He had lived in Robinson, Ill.; Oberlin; Indianapolis, Ind.; and Milford, Ind. He married Paula Smith on June 18, 1994, and she survives. He had served as a charter pilot with Image Air in Warsaw, Ind. He earned a bachelor of arts and was also a graduate of Volunteer Flight School. He was a member of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Syracuse, Ind. He was a member of the Indiana Army National Guard, where he served as a captain for the 76th Brigade Headquarters Company out of Indianapolis. He was called to serve in Afghanistan in June 2004 and his mission was to help train members of the Afghan army as part of the Coalition Joint Task Force Phoenix III. While on a scouting trip, the vehicle in which he was traveling struck a land mine and all four soldiers in the vehicle were killed. He had also served a tour of duty in Bosnia.

Survivors include his wife, Paula, Milford; two daughters, Alexandra and Gabrielle, both of the home; his mother, Sharon Smith, Vincennes, and his father, James Fiscus, Plainfield, Ind.; his maternal grandparents, Gale and Martha Seber, Lawrenceville, Ind.; two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Calvary United Methodist Church in Syracuse with Pastor Leroy Wise officiating. Military honors followed at the Warsaw Airport.

Memorials were established to his name. Contributions may be sent to Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Homes, 461 W. 900 N., Milford, Ind., 46542.

## Ruth L. McMullen

Ruth L. McMullen, 94, a former Oberlin resident and aunt of Jody Betts, died March 26, 2005, in Bakersfield, Calif.



R. McMullen

She was born April 7, 1910, at Topeka, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William John Rickenbacher. She was reared on a farm near Topeka and graduated from Washburn University with a degree in public school music. She taught music for three years at Oberlin Elementary School and also gave violin and piano lessons.

She married George McMullen on March 17, 1933, and after they moved to Topeka, she taught music in the public schools there. The family moved to California in 1954, where she earned her master's degree in education from Cal State, Northridge. She taught in the Los Angeles Unified School District for 25 years, as well as in Watts. Following her husband's death, she joined Volunteers in Service to America and also worked with an abused women's center in Ventura.

Survivors include five children, David and Sharon McMullen, San Pedro, Calif.; Sylvia and Jerry Griffith, Sun City, Calif.; Phil and Nancy McMullen, Bakersfield, Calif.; John and Cathy McMullen, Brentwood, Calif.; and Steve McMullen, Torrance, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Rose Hills Mortuary in Whittier, Calif., at the Hillside Chapel on March 30 with Dr. Ed Nichols officiating.

ciating. A memorial was established to the First Presbyterian Church of Bakersfield.

## Erma I. Holt

Memorial services will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin for Erma I. Holt, 87, who died March 26, 2005, at the center.

A complete obituary was carried in the March 30 issue of *The Oberlin Herald*. Pauls Funeral Home, Oberlin-Selden, is in charge of arrangements.

## Neva Campbell

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin for Neva Campbell, 91, who died Sunday at Decatur County Hospital.

Pastor Keith Reuther will officiate and burial will be at the Oberlin Cemetery.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Ann and Gary Erickson, Oberlin; two step-sons, Dennis and Betty Campbell, Tucson, Ariz.; and Jack and Greta Campbell, Lake Tahoe, Nev.; a sister, June Saum, Oberlin; a sister-in-law, Anna Brown, Indianola, Neb.; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial was established to the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

A complete obituary will be carried in next week's paper.

## Markets

**April 4, 2005 closing markets**  
Wheat, \$2.86 bushel  
Milo, \$2.85 hnd weight  
Corn, \$1.85 bushel  
Soybeans, \$5.40 bushel  
Sunflowers, (unavailable)

## Honor Roll

Welcome and thanks to these recent subscribers to The Oberlin Herald:

**Colorado:** Rex Olson, Jean Earlywine, Louisville; Anita McCray, Lakewood; Betty Rall, Colorado Springs; Maurice Anderson, Westminster; Mrs. Max Brooks, Denver;  
**Nebraska:** Laverne Rippe, Lebanon; Naomi Peters, Dennis G. Berry, Mildred McMains, McCook; Bill Lohofener, North Platte;  
**Elsewhere:** Mrs. Jennie Canfield, Grinnell, Ind.; Terri Spesser, Calhoun, Tenn.;  
**Kansas:** Pratt Real Estate, Pat Herl, Hoxie; Charles Mumm, Gem; John R. Moellering, Grinnell; Edna Smith, Lawrence; Mr. and Mrs. Kendal Carman, Francis Ritter,

Gerard Meitl, Jim Herl, Leo Weis, Dresden; Darlene Ramsey, Topeka; M.J. Ritter, Doyle Fredrickson, Wichita; David J. Hutfles, John W. Grafel, Herndon; Craig Reeves, Chanute; Wava Williams, Hastings; Ben Richardson, Salina; Jeff White, Goddard; Tom Vacura, Louise Cressler, Mildred Tacha, Daryl Hartzog, Jennings; Marlin Wahrman, Atwood; Gail Bailey, Kathryn Van Meter, Norcat; Home Oil Company, Bill Bainter, Earl Brown, James Carswell, Selden; Frances Mosier, Joyce Sumner, Norton; Judy Easton, Quinter; Harold Carswell, Osborne; Ray Larue Jr., Clayton; Jerry Fidele, Dodge City;  
**Oberlin:** Hirsch and Pratt, Jeff Magers, Gary Orr, Gary Waldo, Loyd Moore, Mabel Bailey.

## Correction

In the March 30 edition of *The Oberlin Herald*, an election article said incorrectly that Lawrence Carter, Sarah Carter, Sheila Rhodes and Aden Schillig were running for the Jennings School Board. The only candidate for the board is Frances Bader; the rest of the seats will be elected as write-ins. The error was the result of incorrect information given to the newspaper.

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# Districts need new boundaries

Decatur County commissioners may even out the three districts by taking Center, Olive and Roosevelt townships out of District 1 and putting them in District 3.

County Clerk Marilyn Horn said, according to 2005 county census figures, commissioner District 1 which is Oberlin City No. 2, Center, Olive and Roosevelt Township which has 1,224 people, District 2 which is Oberlin City No. 1, Beaver, Liberty, Logan, Finley and Sappa Townships has 1,042 and District 3 is everything else in the county and has only 1,000 people;

To even things out, she suggested taking a few townships from Commissioner Patricia Glenn's District 1 and adding them to Commissioner Doyle Brown's District 3. The change, said Mrs. Horn, would give District 1 around 1,090 and District 3 around 1,134, which would match

a little better with the population in District 2, represented by Commissioner Ralph Unger.

The commissioners decided not to make any decision at the meeting last Tuesday to see if there is any public comment on the issue.

Decatur County will soon have a recycling trailer for plastics, glass and paper. The county wrote a check for \$3,470, or \$1 per resident, for the recycling program.

The county will get a trailer from Gove County because they are putting in a recycling building.

County Clerk Marilyn Horn said people with the Northwest Kansas Regional Recycling Group thought the trailer would be ready to come here in about a month.

In other business, the commissioners:  
• Signed a contract with Don and Paula Bolt of Jennings as promoters

for the race track. The contract had been sent on by the fair board for commissioner approval.

• Ratified a purchase of a load of off-road diesel fuel by Road and Bridge Supervisor Tim Stallman for over \$13,000.

• Approved the purchase of six used beams at \$1,615 apiece and five used beams at \$500 apiece from Oden Enterprises out of Nebraska for county bridges. The total was \$12,190.

• Approved the purchase of a new vacuum for the courthouse for \$565 which is a Windsor.

• Agreed for some of the cast iron sewer line in the basement to be replaced and updated. The job will be done by Hansen's Heating, Plumbing and Air Conditioning.

• Approved a bill from the Golden Age Center for \$150 for a larger water softener.

# WEATHER

**Decatur County Weather ----- April 5<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>**

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
53/35	58/28	65/35	70/40	65/43	58/38	65/40

Normal High 60  
Normal Low 32

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

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
Mar. 29	76	35	
Mar. 30	74	41	0.22
Mar. 31	61	36	
April 1	54	28	
April 2	62	27	
April 3	78	28	
April 4	74	31	

An active weather pattern will have the frogs chirping this week! A strong cut-off low will move through today and tomorrow producing hurricane like north winds and 1" to 3" of rain. Thursday and Friday the skies clear ahead of a weekend storm system. Saturday we could see thunderstorms and Sunday more rain showers. It looks like we may get all the rain we need for April right of the bat. Temperatures will remain seasonal for this time of the year.

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Precipitation totals: for the week, 0.22; for the month of March, 1.87; for the current month, 0.00; for the current year to date, 3.08; previous year to date, 2.44.  
For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.475 mhz.

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

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