

THE OBERLIN HERALD — From the Record

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Courthouse

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

DISTRICT COURT
Traffic
Aug. 19: Dewayne Ogden, Oakley, no trailer lights, \$90.
Aug. 22: Charles Denny, Colby, speeding 83, \$132.
Sept. 4: Donald Badry, Red Deer, Ala., speeding 82, \$132.
Sept. 5: John Moore, Tulsa, speeding 83, \$138.
Sept. 15: Charles Betza, Fort Lee, N.J., speeding 79, \$114.
Sept. 18: Roger Pritzel, Lake-wood, Colo., speeding 80, \$120.
Sept. 19: Dianne Emily Williams, Oberlin, speeding 80, \$120.
Sept. 20: Roxanna Campbell, Arapahoe, Colo., speeding 76, \$96; Gerald Wright, Henderson, Texas,

speeding 77, \$108.

Limited Action
The Bank vs. Charles Forbes Jr., filed Sept. 27 (30 days to answer), Count I — \$1,510; Count II — \$448; Count III — 1994 GMC Pickup and 1993 Ford two-door vehicle.

JAIL BOOKINGS
These persons were booked into the Decatur County Jail last week:
Terry Herbert, 38, Arapahoe, Neb., Sept. 28, theft, Red Willow County.
Adam Miller, 19, Dresden, Oct. 1, theft, Decatur County Sheriff's office.
Christian Towne, 32, McCook, Oct. 3, probation violation, Red Willow County.

REGISTER OF DEEDS
Rodney and Lisa Leichter to Richard and Tad Wicker, as joint tenants, Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 8, Kenney Addition, City of Norcat-ur.

AMBULANCE CALLS
These calls were reported last week by the Decatur County ambulance crew:
Sept. 26: 1:58 p.m., trauma, S. York, no transport.
Sept. 27: 4:20 p.m., medical, E. Ash, to Decatur County Hospital; 11:40 p.m., trauma, S. York, no transport.
Thursday: 5:23 p.m., standby, junior high football game; 6:59 p.m., trauma, football field, to Decatur County Hospital; 9:46 p.m., medical, S. Beaver, to Decatur County Hospital.
Friday: 9:45 p.m., medical, S. Beaver, to Decatur County Hospi-tal.
Saturday: 2:13 p.m., trauma, Jen-nings, to Norton County Hospital; 4:42 p.m., transport from Decatur County Hospital to Hays Medical Center, Hays.

Roger Lynn Blau
Roger Lynn Blau, 55, father of David Blau of Oberlin, died Satur-day, Oct. 1, 2005, at Citizens Medi-cal Center in Colby as the result of injuries received in a motorcycle-vehicle collision.
The story can be found on page 8A.

Virgil E. Davison
Virgil E. Davison, 86, a 1940 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Sept. 27, 2005, at Midland Hospice House in Topeka.
He was born Dec. 5, 1918, in Rawlins County, the son of Ellis A. and Hulda L. (Swanson) Davison. He was an Army veteran of World War II.
He married Edith F. Morford on July 6, 1942, in Manhattan. They moved to Topeka in 1956. He retired from Unified School District 501 in 1983, where he was employed for 23 years. He was a member of the Baptist Church and Capital American Legion Post.
Survivors include his wife, Edith; two sons, Larry and Linda Davison, Clinton, Mo.; and Evan and Peggy Davison, Burdick; two daughters, Janet and Chris Nordgren, Sioux Falls, S.D.; and Judi Tenpenny, Powell, Texas; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were held Satur-day morning at Penwell-Gabel Southeast Chapel in Topeka. Burial was in West Lawn Memorial Gar-dens.
Memorial contributions may be given to Midland Hospice Care, 120 SW Frazier Circle, Topeka, Kan., 66606.

Wilbur L. Hix
Wilbur Logan Hix, 88, a native of Norcat-ur, died Sept. 28, 2005, at the Norton County Hospital in Norton.
He was born Oct. 12, 1916, in Norcat-ur, the son of John Wilbur and Cecil Inez (Logan) Hix. He grew to manhood in the Norcat-ur community, attended rural grade school and one year at the Norcat-ur High School.
He married Lula Kintigh on Oct. 12, 1937, in Oberlin, then lived at Norton, where he was a farmer and rancher. He was a member of the National Rifle Association, Sappa Valley Golf Club, and the Norcat-ur Commercial Club.
Survivors include his wife, Lula, of the home in Norcat-ur; one son, Larry Hix and companion, Susan Weinstein, Pasadena, Md.; two daughters, Linda and Bill Young, Conifer, Colo.; and Lynn and Ed Wedow, Scottsdale, Ariz.; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchild-ren; a brother, Francis Arlene Hix, Norcat-ur; and a sister, Betty Reid, Norton.
He was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter; and a brother-in-law, John Reid.
Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today at Enfield Funeral Home in Norton. Pastor Kathy Aello will officiate and inurnment will be at the Norcat-ur Cemetery.
Memorials were established in his name to the Norcat-ur Cemetery Fund, Norcat-ur Highway Fund, and the Norcat-ur United Methodist Church. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.

Mark Wilson Seck
Funeral services are pending for Mark Wilson Seck, 49, formerly of Oberlin, who died Sunday at his home in North Platte, Neb.
His wife is the former Marsha Miller of Oberlin and she and their three children are among survivors.
A complete obituary will be carried in next week's Herald.
Pauls Funeral Home of Oberlin is in charge of arrangements.

Town Crier

Today: Farmers Market, 8 a.m. on Penn Ave., in front of Chamber office.
Super Hero Day at high school.
High school FFA Northwest Area Land and Home Site career develop-ment event, Norton, 9 a.m.
Blood pressure clinic, 11-11:30 a.m., Golden Age Center.
Oberlin Business Alliance, Land-Mark Inn, noon.
College planning night, 7 p.m., high school cafeteria.
Organizational meeting for grief support group, 7 p.m., Decatur County Health Department.
Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple.
Acolytes Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.
Jaycees, Legion hall, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday: High school cross country, 4:30 p.m., at Phillipsburg.
Junior high football and volley-ball, 4:30 p.m., here, with Good-land.
Decatur Food Pantry plant and perennial benefit sale, 5 p.m., by Master Gardeners, Gaylord Shields residence, 407 E. Commercial.
Homecoming bonfire and float building, 7 p.m.

Friday: Spirit Day.
Homecoming assembly, 1:15 p.m., high school auditorium.
Chamber tailgate party, 5 to 7 p.m., City Park.
Homecoming football game, 7 p.m., here, with Oakley.
Homecoming dance, 9 to mid-night, high school.
Saturday: FFA Northwest Dis-trict Kansas Greenhand Confer-ence, 9 a.m., to be announced.
Teens for Christ "The Edge," meet in Rexford 5:30 p.m. for meal and pumpkin toss.
"Barefoot in the Park" comedy, 7:30 p.m., The Gateway, sponsored by Oberlin Arts and Humanities Commission.
Sunday: Antique Engine Club potluck, 6:30 p.m., Sappa Manor.
Monday: No school, teacher training.
Weight Watchers, 5-6 p.m., Med-ical Arts meeting room.
Junior varsity football, 5:30 p.m., at Oakley.
Oberlin School Board, 7:30 p.m., district office.
Tuesday: Rotary Club, noon, The Gateway.
Decatur Business Women's

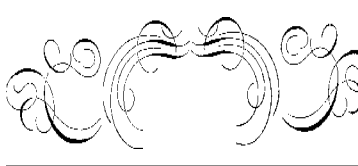
meeting, noon, The Gateway.
High school volleyball, 3 p.m., at Quinter.
Wednesday, Oct. 12: Legion Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m., Legion hall.
Thursday, Oct. 13: Commodity distribution, 9 a.m., Golden Age Center.
Sunday, Oct. 16: Oberlin Teens for Christ benefit soup and dessert supper, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Bohemian Hall.
Decatur County Food Pantry is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, at the United Church, 109 N. Griffith. Gifts of non-perishable food and household items are always needed.
Monday-Friday: At 1 p.m. at Golden Age Center, Monday, pin-ochle; Tuesday, pitch; Wednes-day, 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 Depart-ment once a month for free well evaluations, 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.

Markets

October 3, 2005 closing markets
Wheat, \$3.47 bushel
Milo, \$2.85 hnd weight
Corn, \$1.81 bushel
Soybeans, \$4.96 bushel
Sunflowers, \$10.00



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7 p.m.
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NOTICE OF SALE OF STRAY ANIMAL(S)

Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of September, 2005 certain stray animals were reported to me,

1700# Adult Bull Branded 8LazyM on Left Hip

Unless the owner of such animal(s) appears at my office in the Courthouse In the city of Oberlin in Decatur County, KS. and proves an established ownership of the same, on or before the 17th day of October, 2005, at 12:00 p.m., I will sell such animal(s) as authorized by law, and particularly in accordance with K.S.A. 47-238.

Ken Badsky
Sheriff of Decatur County, KS

Man gets 10 years in sex case

By TOM BETZ
The Goodland Star-News

The judge said he faced few options Friday afternoon as he gave a Goodland man 10 years as a repeat sex offender, turning aside pleas to let the man find a better treatment plan than Kansas offers.

The case began more than two years ago when Kenneth Petrachich, 51, was arrested for sexual misconduct involving a minor in April 2003.

That's 29 months Mr. Petrachich has been in the Sherman County Bastille. He underwent psychological testing as part of the pre-sentencing process before the hearing Friday in Sherman County District Court.

The case has been put on hold several times as the defense requested continuances for mental health evaluations. The most recent delay happened in July when a defense witness could not be present for the hearing.

Mr. Petrachich had admitted taking indecent liberties with a 4-year-old in 2003, exposing himself and having the child touch him.

Judge Jack Burr heard statements from the parents, from a sexual addictions specialist, and from County Attorney Bonnie Selby and defense attorney Jeff Mason before sentenc-

ing Mr. Petrachich to 120 months in the Department of Corrections, with credit for time served.

The parents asked the judge to impose the maximum sentence. The mother said the past two years and five months have been an emotional ordeal for the family.

She said the events have made her daughter not trust people, and she is worried about what will happen to her child as she grows up.

"I failed my daughter when I went to make lunch," she said. "Ken failed my daughter and stole her innocence."

"Judge, please do not fail my daughter. Send a strong message and do not depart downward from the sentencing recommendation."

The girl's father echoed his wife's sentiments.

"I am disgusted with what this man did," he said. "Do not allow him to hurt another little girl. Please give him the stiffest sentence."

"He never apologized or showed remorse. This case has dragged on for over two years and we are frustrated. We do not want this to happen to another child."

In Mr. Petrachich's defense, Mr. Mason had filed an objection to part of the court records which showed two charges of sexual battery in previous cases in Scott County in 1990,

for which Mr. Petrachich had been sent to prison. He said the court documents were unclear as to whether there was one or two charges. If there was just once offense, he said, that would drop the sentence here from 120 months down to 55.

Ms. Selby argued that the Scott County District Court's certified records showed the plea agreement and judgment being for two counts of sexual battery, and that the Sherman County District Court should accept that.

After the parents made their statements, Mr. Mason called Jeff King, a sexual addictions specialist with the Prairie View Center in Newton who had spoken with Mr. Petrachich twice.

In his closing argument, Mr. Mason said Mr. Petrachich needs treatment which is not available in the prison system.

He asked the judge to do some creative sentencing by allowing Mr. Petrachich to remain in the Bastille until he could get him into one of the special programs. After completing the intensive treatment, Mr. Mason said, he should be released to community corrections and be an outpatient at Prairie View.

"Prison is not the best place for him," his attorney said.

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and the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce welcome Blue Sky Car Wash to the business community

The Chamber welcomed Chad and Amy Leibbrandt and Carter, and Steve and Char Wallin and Matalie, co-owners of the new car wash, at the ribbon-cutting during the grand opening Saturday.

WEATHER

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

Decatur County Weather---	Oct 4 th - Oct 8 th			
Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
80/45	55/30	63/38	65/40	70/43
Normal High: 71 Normal Low: 42	Sunrise: 7:41 to 7:45 A.M. Sunset: 7:13 to 7:20 P.M.			

Precipitation totals: for the week, 0.04; for the month, 1.84; current year to date, 22.38; previous year to date, 21.19.

National Weather Service: Sept. 30, 1985. "It was a record breaking cold morning... Records... were set at... Yuma Colo. which dropped to 14 degrees... Goodland at 19 degrees... Burlington Colo. at 20 degrees... and Colby at 21 degrees."

By Charlotte Meints, local observer

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