

# 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

April 4: Ashley Madrid, Longmont, Colo., speeding 76, \$96.  
June 30: James Houston, Florence, Colo., speeding 76, \$96.  
July 9: Lin Manuel, Cathedral City, Calif., speeding 82, \$138.  
July 16: Kyle Franz, Burlington, Colo., speeding 83, \$144.

#### Limited Action

Decatur Health Systems Inc. vs. Stephanie and Jeffrey Vineyard, \$2,543 plus costs and interest, etc.  
Dillon's vs. Irene Wessel, \$193 plus costs and interest, etc.  
Jason Ketterl, quiet title on 1951 Jeep.

#### Small Claims

James Reeves vs. Francis Farr, \$1,640 plus costs and interest, etc.  
Warren C. Bainter vs. Carolyn Hackney, \$85 plus costs and interest, etc.  
Warren C. Bainter vs. Brian Hileman, \$332 plus costs and interest, etc.  
Warren C. Bainter vs. Leslie Plotts, \$190 plus costs and interest, etc.  
First National Bank vs. DeLane Sauvage, \$4,131 plus costs and interest, etc.

#### JAIL BOOKINGS

The following was booked into the Decatur County Jail last week: Jack Thayer, 34, McCook, July 21, driving under the influence, Red

Willow County.

### REGISTER OF DEEDS

Gary and Carol Gordon to Jeanne Isbell, the N 85' of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 9, Summit Addition, City of Oberlin.

Virgil and Nadene Lafferty to Virgil and Nadene Lafferty as joint tenants, the E 1/2 of Sec. 24, T1S, R28W.

D & L Farms to Leonard and Doris Fleckenstein, as joint tenants, the SW 1/4 of Sec. 5, T5S, R28W; and the NW 1/4, the W 1/2 of the NE 1/4, and the S 1/2, all in Sec. 8, T5S, R28W.

Ethel Dwyer, trustee of the Ethel M. Dwyer Family Trust, to Judith Albright, 1/3 interest in the S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 16, T5S, R26W.

Nelson Land Co., quit claim to Richard and Sheryl Patterson, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, all in Block 7, Kenney's Addition, City of Norcat.

Delphia Nowels to David Swank, Lots 23 and 24, Block 7, Original Town, City of Oberlin.

Galen and Jacqueline Lafferty to Galen and Jacqueline Lafferty, as joint tenants, the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4, and the NE 1/4, both in Sec. 25, T1S, R28W; and the S 1/2 of Sec. 19, the W 1/2 of Sec. 8, and the SW 1/4 of Sec. 5, all in T1S, R27W.

### AMBULANCE CALLS

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

Last Wednesday: 12:41 p.m., Decatur County Hospital to Great Plains Regional Medical Center, North Platte, Neb., and return; 6:21 p.m., standby at airport for flight.

Saturday: 6:59 p.m., standby at fairgrounds for races.

## City Hall

### POLICE BLOTTER

The Oberlin Police Department worked the following calls last week:

- A 16-year-old boy was found passed out in City Park at 6:14 p.m. Friday. After taking the youth to the Decatur County Hospital for a blood test, he was taken to the youth facility in WaKeeney. Public drunkenness and other charges are pending the results of blood tests, said Oberlin Police Chief Wade Lockhart.

- A 13-year-old boy was arrested for domestic battery at 11:45 a.m. Saturday. The youth was removed from his home and placed out-of-home.

- A 16-year-old boy was arrested for domestic battery on a 19-year-old girl at 1:01 p.m. Sunday. He was held for several hours before being released to his parents.

- Eric Farr, 21, and Scotty Zeiger, 28, were cited for disorderly conduct at 1:57 a.m. Sunday. The pair had apparently been fighting in an apartment at the Sappa Valley Manor, Chief Lockhart said. No one was arrested but both men were summoned to appear in city court.

- Someone put a football-sized hole in the west wall of the Pizza Hut building sometime before last Thursday afternoon. Chief Lockhart said the damage must have been done with a vehicle.

items are always needed.

Monday-Friday: At 1 p.m. at Golden Age Center, Monday, pinochle; Tuesday, pitch; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, pinochle. Last Thursday of the 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 evaluations, including testing water for bacteria and nitrates.

For details call (785) 475-8118.

## Town Crier

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday,** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., FROGS Day Camp, City Park, for children in grades 1-6, through July 28, sponsored by Oberlin Covenant Church.

**Today:** Red Devils Football camp, 8-11 a.m., high school football field.

Farmers Market, 8 a.m., Business Enhancement Center drive through. Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.

**Thursday:** Red Devils Football camp, 8-11 a.m., high school football field.

Open bridge, 1 p.m., Golden Age Center.

**Friday:** Red Devils Football camp, 8-11 a.m., high school football field.

Oberlin Business Alliance Beach party, 6:30 p.m. in front of Stanley hardware. Food vendors, games, contests, beach volleyball, followed by street dance.

Homemade ice cream and pie benefit for Everett Urban, 6:30 p.m., drive-through north of Johnson Realty.

The Decatur County Food Pantry is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Thursday, at the United Church, 109 N. Griffith. Gifts of nonperishable food and household

# Obituaries

## Charles Corcoran

Charles Corcoran, 88, died Thursday at Wheat Ridge Terrace apartments in Oberlin. (See story on page 1A.)

## Margaret M. Edwards

Margaret M. Edwards, 89, a cousin of Marion, Clifford and Lawrence Wenger and Estella Waldo of Oberlin, died Saturday, July 22, 2006, at the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center in Goodland.

She was born Nov. 19, 1916, at the family farm southwest of Oberlin, the daughter of Harry Roberts and Lorena (Myers) Hanchett. She graduated from Colby High School and attended Fort Hays State University and Kansas University. She taught at one-room schools in Thomas and Rawlins counties before teaching in the Gem, Kinsley and Garden City school systems.

She married Arlo Vinton Edwards on Jan. 15, 1944. After returning from serving with the U.S. Army in Europe, they farmed, ranched and raised registered Appaloosa horses in Rawlins County. She was a member of the Atwood United Methodist Church and had served as president of the Atwood United Methodist Women. The couple retired and moved to Colby in 1977.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and a brother, Merlin Hanchett.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today at the Wesleyan Church in Colby with the Rev. Eugene Rothfuss presiding. Burial will be in Atwood Fairview Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center. Contributions may be sent to Brantley Funeral Home, 215 S. Fourth, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

## Mildred D. Fortin

Mildred Dorothea Fortin, 79, a longtime Oberlin resident, died Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin. She was born Feb. 22, 1927, at the

farm home of her parents, Ernest H. and Martha D. (Voelker) May, in Logan Township in Decatur County.

She attended St. John's Parochial School, graduated from Decatur Community High School and attended St. John's College in Winfield. She received a degree in cosmetology and began working in Aurora, Neb.

She married Melvin Beishline in Aurora, Neb., and they became the parents of two daughters. After they divorced, she and her daughters moved back to Oberlin.

She married Howard Morton. When she was expecting their son, her husband was struck by lightning and died.

She married Jack E. Fortin on Sept. 16, 1960 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Oberlin. They became the parents of two sons. They made their home in Aurora, Colo., where she worked as a school cook for the Aurora School system. After retiring, she and her husband and son, Charles, moved back to Oberlin. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Survivors include her husband, Jack E. Fortin, Oberlin; three sons, Charles Fortin, Oberlin; Everett Fortin, Spokane, Wash.; and Dan Morton, Nebraska; a daughter, Linda Whitecotton, California; two brothers, Martin and Evelyn May, and Arthur and Alice May, and a sister-in-law, Wilma May, all of Oberlin; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Sandra Verzani; and two brothers, Elbert and Harlan May.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the church in Oberlin. The Rev. Rick Langness officiated and burial was at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, rural Oberlin.

Memorials were established to the church or Decatur Health Systems. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

### CARD OF THANKS

Thank you to Decatur County Hospital, nurses, staff and Dr. Sliter for Mildred's good care.

Jack E. Fortin

## Erma E. Pankaskie

Erma E. Pankaskie, 89, a native of Jennings, died July 18, 2006, in Wichita.

She was born March 8, 1917, at Jennings, the daughter of Matt and Minnie (Heilman) Kaspar.

She married Bernard Pankaskie and he preceded her in death on Dec. 24, 2003.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara and John Moyer, and son, Steve and Nancy Pankaskie, Wichita; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and two sisters.

Graveside services were held Fri-

day morning at White Chapel Cemetery. Pastor Dennis Turner and Donna Berry officiated. Broadway Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

A memorial was established to Hospice Care of Kansas, 3241 Victor Place, Wichita, Kan., 67208.

## Public Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
(Published in The Oberlin Herald  
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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF  
KANSAS  
NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: Great Plains Energy, Inc. - Application for order to permit injection of salt water into the Sauvage #2, located in Decatur County, Kansas.

TO: All Oil and Gas Producers, Unleased Minerals Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomsoever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that Great Plains Energy, Inc. has filed an application to commence the injection of salt water into the Cedar Hills formation at the Sauvage #2, located in the SE/4 of 35-04S-30W, Decatur County, Kansas.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protests with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within fifteen (15) days from the date of this publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the state of Kansas. If no protests are received, this application may be granted through a summary proceeding. If valid protests are received, this matter will be set for hearing.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

Great Plains Energy, Inc.  
P.O. Box 292  
Wahoo, NE 68066  
402-443-5373

## Sunflower Cinema

220 N. Penn • Oberlin  
785-475-3374

Fri., July 28  
7 p.m.

Pirate of the  
Caribbean II  
Dead Man's Chest  
Rated PG 13

Sat., July 29  
7 p.m.

Ticket Price: \$3<sup>00</sup>  
Summer Hours  
Friday & Saturday - 7 p.m.

This advertisement sponsored by:  
ADDELMAN DRUG STORE

## Internet tonight!

Call 475-2206

## Water use goes up with temp

With less than a quarter inch of rain and temperatures soaring, water use in Oberlin was over 700,000 gallons five out of seven days last week.

Although Monday, the "no-watering" day, started the week out well, hot weather soon had the flow up with the temperatures.

By the end of the week, somewhat cooler temperatures and a little moisture helped to bring things back down.

The city is still on water restrictions, which means those with even addresses can water outside Wednesday, Friday and Sunday and



those with odd addresses on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. People

can water from midnight to 9 a.m. and from 8 p.m. to midnight.

No outside water use — watering, washing cars, filling pools and the like — is allowed on Monday.

The city pumped:

- 333,000 gallons on Monday, July 17.
- 898,000 gallons on Tuesday, July 18.
- 904,000 gallons last Wednesday.
- 857,000 gallons on Thursday.
- 720,000 gallons on Friday.
- 751,000 gallons on Saturday.
- 685,000 gallons on Sunday.

## 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

**July 24, 2006 closing markets**  
Wheat, \$4.54 bushel  
Milo, \$3.36 hnd weight  
Corn, \$2.15 bushel  
Soybeans, \$5.02 bushel  
Sunflowers (unavailable)

## VOTE ELECTION

## DECATUR COUNTY ELECTION NEWS for the PRIMARY ELECTION - AUGUST 1, 2006

New for 2006 Primary Election Voting — All Offices Listed on One Ballot for each individual Precincts. Blue Pens to be used for Marking Ovals on Ballots! Unaffiliated Voters may vote a Democratic Ballot or affiliate to vote a Republican Ballot. New Voter Registration Cards were mailed out to all registered voters — It is not necessary to bring them to the polls! Each area precinct will vote at a table as they have in the past. Look for your Table and the election workers will see you receive a ballot. Call Dispatch (8100) ahead of time to schedule a ride to the Polls!! Act upon your Freedom to Vote — Get out and cast your ballot!!

SEE YOU AT THE POLLS ON THE 1st!!

# WEATHER

**Decatur County Weather ----- July 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>**

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
98/66	95/65	93/63	95/65	98/68

**Normal High: 91  
Normal Low: 62**

**Sunrise: 6:34 to 6:38 A.M.  
Sunset: 8:59 to 9:02 P.M.**

**Dry weather and hot afternoons are going to be with us for the next 7 to 14 days. This is not what the corn and milo producers wanted to hear. Most of the afternoon and evening storm activity will remain out over eastern Colorado through the period. Except for a few scattered storms later this evening and Thursday evening Decatur County looks bone dry through the weekend. Afternoon highs will run 95 to 100 degrees and overnight lows 65 to 70 degrees.**

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**(National Weather Service)**  
(Information below for period ending 8 a.m. Mon.; maximum temperature for previous day.)

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
July 17	94	63	
July 18	105	81	
July 19	107	70	0.08
July 20	90	63	0.13
July 21	80	64	
July 22	84	57	
July 23	92	64	

Precipitation: for the week, 0.21; for the month, 0.27; for the year, 7.70.

Weather History: July 20, 1932-The temperature soared to 114° in McCook, the all time record for this date in the tri-state area.

For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.475 mhz.

By Jim Merriott — NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING							
The governing body of OBERLIN							
will meet on the 17th day of August, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gateway Civic Center for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.							
Detailed budget information is available at the City Office and will be available at this hearing.							
BUDGET SUMMARY							
Proposed Budget 2007 Expenditures and Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2007 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.							
Fund	2005		2006		Proposed Budget 2007		
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Amount of 2006 Ad Valorem Tax	Est. Tax Rate*
General	564,465	40.485	577,350	27.786	700,930	285,709	41.808
Employee Benefits	98,430	9.765	109,850	13.943	118,200	82,309	12.044
Library	39,000	3.476	38,000	3.493	38,000	24,377	3.567
Special Liability							
Bond & Interest	188,781	13.404	298,295	28.202	533,171	111,070	16.253
Special Parks	32,443		49,200		50,400		
Special Streets & Recreation	2,037		3,500		5,590		
Gateway Civic Center	211,992		188,600		192,100		
Tourism and Convention	5,688		6,000		6,000		
Sewer & Disposal	103,832		644,326		403,672		
Electric Fund	1,436,758		2,034,599		1,763,504		
Water Fund	285,534		339,000		354,016		
Sappa Valley Youth Ranch	69,640		70,500		52,000		
Community Growth Fund	25,000		10,000		25,000		
Risk Management Fund	223						
Equipment Fund	56,166						
Totals	3,119,989	67.130	4,369,220	73.424	4,242,583	503,466	73.672
Less: Transfers	258,000		300,914		370,414		
Net Expenditure	2,861,989		4,068,306		3,872,169		
Total Tax Levied	466,362		507,955		xxxxxxx000000x		
Assessed Valuation	6,955,094		6,918,192		6,833,761		
Outstanding Indebtedness,							
January 1,	2004		2005		2006		
G.O. Bonds	1,989,133		1,882,244		1,464,755		
Revenue Bonds	190,000		155,000		120,000		
Other	200,000		200,000		200,000		
Lease Purchase Principal	46,657		19,507		0		
Total	2,425,790		2,256,751		1,784,755		

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills

Deanna M. Castle  
City Clerk