

# THE OBERLIN HERALD — From the Record

## Courthouse

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

### SHERIFF'S REPORT

A Jennings man got a ticket for failure to report an accident Dec. 22 after his truck ran off a township road seven miles east and 10 3/4 miles south of Oberlin about 8:30 p.m. Deputy Jay Tate reported that Eric W. Green, 28, was westbound when his 2002 Ford F150 failed to make a right-angle turn. Mr. Tate said the driver was unable to stop because of ice and snow, but did not report the accident until the next day. There were no injuries.

### REGISTER OF DEEDS

First Presbyterian Church of Manhattan to Brock Peterson, Bronz Peterson, and Brandy Peterson, the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 16, T5S, R27W.

Mary Stone to Lucille Stone and Shannon Masoner, as joint tenants, Lots 9-16, Block 1, Bremer's Addition, City of Dresden.

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Kendall and Tammy Neal, quitclaim to Varlan E. and Catherine Neal, Lot 7 and W 20' of Lot 6, Block 16, Summit Addition, City of Oberlin.

W.E. and Deborah Jernigan to Carla Britton, Lot 11, Block 7, Rodehaver's Addition, City of Oberlin.

### AMBULANCE CALLS

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

Dec. 26: 10:33 p.m., medical, W. Sappa, to Decatur County Hospital.

Last Wednesday: 2:01 p.m., medical, N. Cass, to Decatur County Hospital; 9:38 p.m., Decatur County Hospital to airport for air ambulance.

Friday: 12:52 p.m., Decatur County Hospital to Hays Medical Center.

Saturday: 5:47 a.m., medical, W. Ash, to Decatur County Hospital; 10:21 a.m., medical, S. Cole, to Decatur County Hospital.

## City Hall

### MUNICIPAL COURT

Thursday: Bruce Eskew, Oberlin, prohibited animal, \$155; Joan Glading, Oberlin, inattentive driving, \$130; Gina Montgomery, Jennings, speeding 47 in 30 mph zone, \$133; Larry Kenney, Phillipsburg, failure to report accident, \$205; Myrna Jones, Oberlin, speeding 42 in 30 mph zone, \$97, no insurance (showed proof, dismissed), court cost of \$55; Carolyn Hackney, Oberlin, illegal tag, \$155, no liability insurance, \$355.

### POLICE BLOTTER

Misdemeanor battery charges were filed against three Oberlin men after a fight Dec. 14 which began at the American Legion club and moved to 706 N. East. Police Chief Wade Lockhart said George McCullough, 45, told Officer Cody John he and a friend had had words with three men at the bar. He told officers the men followed him to his house about 1 a.m., where their car hit his van, and he got out with a pipe to defend himself.

Charged in district court with one count each of battery were Mr. McCullough; Kyle Inman, 22; and Chauncey Stagemeier, 26. The third member of the group, Jeremy Karnopp, 23, was not charged. Officers said Mr. McCullough called an ambulance to take him to the hospital.

Dec. 8, Kelly Wasson of Dresden reported criminal damage to the hood of her car, which was parked outside Fair Chiropractic on Penn Avenue. When she went to lunch, she said, she noticed that someone apparently had stepped on the hood.

Crossroads Express reported a \$15 gas skip about 12:10 p.m. Dec. 20. The vehicle, a late-model Ford F150 extended cab pickup, two-tone red, went south.

Last Wednesday, officers arrested a 16-year-old from Finney County for probation violation at the 180 House. He was turned over to the sheriff, and officers took him to juvenile detention in WaKeeney.

About 1:30 p.m. last Wednesday, Gene Talley reported two driver's-side hubcaps stolen off his 2001 Dodge pickup. He told officers they were taken sometime between 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve and 7 p.m. Christmas Day while the truck was parked at 215 S. Beaver.

Officers found an aluminum "E" on the sidewalk outside their office on Friday.

Joan Glading, 49, Oberlin, backing a 2002 Ford Windstar from a space in the high school parking lot, hit a 1996 Mercury owned by Tina Williams, 36, Oberlin, about 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 1. She was charged with inattentive driving.

Dan Wasson, 54, Selden, driving a 2004 Dodge Ram pickup south on U.S. 83 near Adams Street, reported hitting a deer which ran out of the east ditch about 1:52 a.m. Dec. 6. The deer was killed.

About 3:30 p.m. Dec. 23, Roberta Johnson, 66, Oberlin, was southbound coming out of Dale's Fish 'n' Fun when her 2000 Chevy struck a 1997 Ford four-door driven by Amy Ritter, 16, Oberlin, who was coming into the lot. There was damage to the back door on the driver's side, the chief said.

Greg Long, 48, Oberlin, was backing from a driveway at 310 W. Ash Street in a 2005 Chevy Silverado pickup about 10:03 p.m. Dec. 26 when it struck a 2002 Ford pickup owned by Jared Walters, Tulsa, parked on the street. Mr. Long received a ticket for inattentive driving and no proof of insurance.

# THE OBERLIN HERALD — Obituaries

## Obert Skarphol

Obert Skarphol, 91, of rural Madelia, Minn., father of Carol Morford of Oberlin, died Nov. 22 at his home.

He was born Sept. 29, 1915, to Oscar and Thea (Hagestande) Skarphol in Riverdale Township, near Madelia.

He attended rural schools in Madelia and Dalton and Dr. Martin Luther College, a boarding school, in New Ulm, Minn. He married Cora M. Alford on Jan. 28, 1940, at the Lake Hanska Lutheran parsonage. He was a longtime member of the Lake Hanska Lutheran Church. He farmed near Madelia and Truman, Minn., and worked at the Madelia turkey plant and Kraft Foods in New Ulm until he retired.

He enjoyed gardening, traveling, cooking for his family, reading and contributing to charities. He specialized in making crispy rice bars for visitors.

Survivors also include two other daughter, Murial and Vernon McGuire, Wasco, Calif.; and Julie and Mark Fleischhacker, Tonka Bay, Minn.; seven sons, Milan and Geri Skarphol, Mankato, Minn.; Lloyd and Sandy Skarphol, Springfield, Minn.; Allen and Bonnie Skarphol, Sioux Falls, S.D.; James and Karen Skarphol, Windom, Minn.; Norman Skarphol, Madelia; Paul Skarphol, Bakersfield, Calif.; and Mark and Yvonne Skarphol, LaSalle, Minn.; a brother, Marlow Skarphol, Glenn Burnie, Md.; 19 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; 23 step-great-grandchildren; and a step-great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, four brothers, Erwin, Harold, Lyle and Joel Skarphol and a great-grandson, Zachary Davis Skarphol.

A memorial service was held Friday, Dec. 23, 2006, at the church with Pastor Eugene Anderson officiating and burial in the Lake Hanska Lutheran Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials to a charity of the donor's choice.

## Raymond G. Stramel

Raymond George Stramel, 86, McCook, who married the former Betty Berdine Metcalf of rural Oberlin, died Dec. 28 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

He was born in Topeka to Clement and Anna Marie (Gibler) Stramel on Feb. 13, 1920, and grew up in Hays. He graduated from Hays High School in 1938 and Fort Hays Kansas State College in 1942 as a physical education teacher and coach.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps in World War II and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in charge of a machine gun platoon in K Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Regiment of the 1st Marine Division. In 1944, he was part of the landing assault operation at the Battle of Peleliu. He was promoted to first lieutenant prior to the landing at Okinawa, then later to captain and served in China as the company's executive officer.

In 1946, he married Miss Metcalf in Denver and they lived in McCook. She died on March 23, 1965, and he married Nadine (Hoyt) Young on July 30, 1966. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service until he retired.

He was a member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, McCook, and was a chalice bearer and lay reader, a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and a former Sunday School superintendent. He was a member of the First Marine Division Association, and the Chris-

Hanson American Legion Post and the Benevolent Order of Elks, McCook.

He was an avid golfer and a member of Heritage Hills Golf Course, McCook, and the Central Nebraska Senior Golf Association.

He is survived by his three sons, Stephen Stramel, and Daniel and Leslie Stramel, McCook, and Randy Stramel, Lincoln, Neb.; a daughter, Marcia Morell, McCook; a stepson, Alan and Marilou Young, Huntington Beach, Calif.; three brothers, Eugene Stramel, Cortez, Colo., James Stramel, Hays, and Frank Stramel, Glenn Elder; two sisters, Irene Walters, Hays, and Rita Schmidtberger, Lawrence; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wives; a son Samuel; a stepdaughter, Teresa (Young) Speake; and three brothers, Bernard, Gilbert and Clement.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today at the church with the Rev. Samuel R. Williams officiating and burial in Memorial Park Cemetery, McCook.

Hermann Funeral Home, McCook, was in charge of arrangements.

Instead of flowers, memorials may be made to the Ray Stramel Memorial, in care of Marcia Morell, 1209 West Second St., McCook, Neb. 69001.

## Town Crier

**Today:** No school today due to road conditions.

Senior menu: Swiss steak w/tomatoes, baked potato, corn w/green peppers, apricots.

Outreach enrollment for Colby Community College, 7-8:30 p.m., room 112 at the high school.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.

**Thursday:** Senior menu: Beef and noodles, tossed salad, strawberries and bananas, brownie.

Junior high scholar bowl, 2:30 p.m., at Oakley.

High school scholar bowl, 5 p.m., at Oakley.

Outreach enrollment for Colby Community College, 7-8:30 p.m., room 112 at the high school.

**Friday:** Senior menu: Hot dog and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, Jello w/fruit, cookie.

High school basketball, 6:30 p.m., at Atwood.

High school wrestling, 6:30 p.m., at Atwood.

Speech lock-in, 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Saturday, high school cafeteria.

**Saturday:** High school junior varsity wrestling tournament, 10 a.m., at Dundy County High in Benkleman.

**Monday:** Gifted seminar, sophomore to senior, high school.

Senior menu: Hamburger mushroom stroganoff over noodles, peas and carrots, mandarin oranges.

High school Northwest Kansas League scholar bowl, 4 p.m., at Colby.

High school "C" team basketball, 5 p.m., Goodland.

**Tuesday:** Senior menu: Ham, sweet potatoes, coleslaw, peaches.

High school basketball, 6:30 p.m., at Hoxie.

**Next Wednesday:** Senior menu: Lemon-baked fish, Spanish green beans, rice pilaf, five-cup salad.

**Monday-Friday:** At 1 p.m. at Golden Age Center, Monday, pinochle; Tuesday, pitch; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, pinochle. Third Thursday of the month, senior bridge, open. Quilting, puzzles, games daily. Senior lunch at the center, 220 N. Penn Ave., at 11:30 a.m.

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 items are always needed.

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.

## 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

January 2, 2007 closing markets

Wheat, \$4.50 bushel  
Milo, \$6.18 hnd weight  
Corn, \$3.71 bushel  
Soybeans, \$5.97 bushel  
Sunflowers, \$12.75 hnd weight



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## School Menus

Jan. 8-12  
OBERLIN SCHOOLS

**Monday:** Breakfast: waffles, ham patty. Lunch: Little Smokies, scalloped potatoes, dinner roll.

**Tuesday:** Breakfast: Breakfast Bites. Lunch: spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, breadsticks.

**Wednesday:** Breakfast: Breakfast Hot Pockets. Lunch: hamburger

with bun, French fries. **Thursday:** Breakfast: oatmeal, scrambled eggs. Lunch: sliced turkey, mashed potatoes, dinner roll. **Friday:** Breakfast: pancake, sausage patty. Lunch: tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich. Juice and fruit served with breakfast. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

**Sunflower Cinema**  
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**Sat., Jan. 06**  
7 p.m.

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**Sun., Jan. 07**  
2 p.m.

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# WEATHER

(National Weather Service)

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

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
Dec. 25	34	20	
Dec. 26	42	24	
Dec. 27	44	24	
Dec. 28	39	32	0.84(rain, ice)
Dec. 29	39	23	0.5 (7"/snow)
Dec. 30	26	12	1.5 (14"/snow)
Dec. 31	26	17	

Precipitation: for the week, 2.84; for the month, 4.14; for the year, 24.80.

Weather History: Jan. 2, 1999 - A strong Arctic air mass combined with brisk winds to produce wind chill readings of -35° across the tri state area.

By Jim Merriott - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer

**Decatur County Weather - January 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>**

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
35/18	40/20	35/13	38/15	40/18

Normal High: 38  
Normal Low: 15

Sunrise: 8:03am  
Sunset: 5:30 to 5:34pm

**Happy New Year!** A storm of historical proportions has the area digging out of 15" to 24" of snow and 4" to 6" drifts. Afternoon highs will climb above freezing this week, but only for as short period of time, thus the melting process will be slow. A weak frontal system Friday may squeeze out some additional light snow, but for the most part the first 10 days of 2007 will be dry with normal temperatures. With two December storms, 2006 annual precipitation totals will finish with normal amounts of 20" to 25".

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