

# 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**  
May 25: Jerad Sullivan, Colby, speeding 87, \$174.  
June 3: Ralph Greeson, Sharon Springs, speeding 77, \$108.  
July 15: Hector Alvarez, Grand Island, Neb., speeding 75, \$97.  
July 16: Brenda Herrman, Cimarron, speeding 89, \$192; Steve Labaty, Prescott, Ariz., speeding 77, \$108; Kerry Papendick, Rapid City, S.D., speeding 80, \$126.

**Limited Action**  
High Plains Veterinary Services vs. Kathy Hadley, \$227 plus costs and interest, etc.  
CMA Distributors vs. Shane Johnson, \$486 plus costs and interest, etc.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**  
Charles and Donna Lincoln to

Charles and Donna Lincoln, as joint tenants, 1/9 interest in the NW 1/4 of Sec. 25, and the NE 1/4 of Sec. 26, all in T3S, R27W.  
Virgil and Joyce Price, quitclaim to Price Family Trust, Lots 7 and 8, Block 14, Original Town, Norcat. Dewight Persinger, quitclaim to Debra Davis, the E 84' of Lot 1, Block 7, Sappa Addition, City of Oberlin.  
F. James Herl, quitclaim to John and Helen Karls, as joint tenants, the NE 1/4 of Sec. 35, T5S, R28W.  
Linda and Willis Bywater, Steven and Cyndi Brown, and Charles B. Brown and Doris A. Brown Family Trust to Doyle B. Brown and Kay A. Brown Revocable Trust, the NW 1/4 of Sec. 22, T3S, R27W.  
Polish Traders LLC to Melissa Thorner, Lots 4, 5 and the E 20' of Lot 6, all in Block 5, Garwood Addition, City of Oberlin.

Thursday: Thomas Vilar, Oberlin, disobeyed traffic signal, \$115; Daryl Banzet, Oberlin, reckless driving, \$500 fine, \$55 court costs, five days.

**POLICE BLOTTER**  
The Oberlin City Police Department worked this call last week:  
• Bob Timmons, 60, backed his 2006 Dodge Ram 3500 pickup, pulling a 30-foot trailer, into a parked 2006 Chevy Silverado pickup belonging to Demmer Farms in the parking lot at Ron's Tires around 9:32 a.m. on Thursday. Police Chief Wade Lockhart said there was minor damage to the passenger-side rear corner panel of the Silverado. No ticket was given.

**Federal Court**  
**BANKRUPTCIES**  
(Chapter 7 unless otherwise noted)  
Rhonda White, Oberlin, liabilities \$39,098, assets \$1,515.

## City Hall MUNICIPAL COURT

## Town Crier

**Today:** Farmers Market, 8 a.m., in front of Chamber of Commerce office, 101 S. Penn.  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.  
**Sunday:** Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Decatur County Fair, enter all 4-H and open class exhibits, except floriculture, 8 a.m. to noon.  
Jody Tubbs, Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., courthouse.  
All fair booths in place, noon.  
Fair exhibits open, 6 to 10 p.m.  
4-H food auction, 6:30 p.m., east of 4-H building.  
Carnival open, 7 p.m.  
**Next Wednesday:** Fair bucket calf show, 8 a.m.  
Open class and 4-H floriculture entered, judging to follow, 8 to 10 a.m.  
Dairy/beef show, livestock barn, 9 a.m.

Sheep show, livestock barn, 5 p.m.  
Register for kids tractor pull, 5 p.m.  
Kids tractor pull, 5:30 p.m., sponsored by Farm Bureau, south of livestock barn.  
Exhibits open, 6 to 10 p.m.  
Carnival open, 7 p.m.  
The Gospel Hour, 7:30 p.m., grandstand.  
**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 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday 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.

**SENIOR MENU**  
**Today:** baked fish, green beans, rice pilaf, bread, orange-pineapple salad.  
**Thursday:** liver and onions, creamed potatoes, peas, bread, cranberry fluff.  
**Friday:** bierock casserole, seasoned carrots, fruit cup, gingerbread with topping.  
**Monday:** baked spaghetti, Italian-blend vegetables, tossed salad, bread sticks, rosy pears.  
**Tuesday:** Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed fruit, rolls, pineapple upside-down cake.  
**Next Wednesday:** ham, sweet potatoes, four seasons fruit cup, bread, cookie.

# Registered nurse assisting with ambulance life support

By CYNTHIA HAYNES  
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A registered nurse from Colorado, now working with her husband in ASC Towing and Repair, is helping the ambulance crew use advanced life support during transports, Decatur County commissioners heard.  
Ambulance Director Linda Manning told commissioners at their meeting July 17 that Suzanne Harms can monitor intravenous transfusions with medication while patients are transported to other hospitals. The regular emergency medical crews can only monitor transfusions with normal saline or the like, she said, and they can't start the injections.  
Ms. Harms has a temporary permit to work on the ambulance, Ms. Manning said, but will be taking the emergency medical technician course when it starts in September.  
Although she was gone when a tabletop emergency exercise was conducted earlier this month, Ms. Manning said she'd been told that it went well by Commissioner Ralph Unger, who took part.  
The exercise simulated response to a bus overturned on U.S. 83 in a snowstorm and multiple casualties being brought to the hospital in ambulance driving behind road graders

because of the depth of the snow and ice.  
The exercise ended early, however, because a real accident on U.S. 83 took precedence.  
Not everything worked perfectly, Mr. Unger said. During the exercise, they needed people to step forward and take command, he said.  
To keep people on their toes, those running the exercise would throw in new problems, such as all telephone land lines going out.  
"There were problems, but mostly everyone did well," he said. "Some of the kinks they threw in absolutely could happen."  
"Now we know what we need to work on," added Commissioner Doyle Brown.  
Mr. Unger asked Ms. Manning to talk to her crews and see what they would change in how they handled the exercise.  
In other business, the commissioners:  
• Learned that the Kansas Department of Transportation grant for the county transit bus has been approved through June. The grant usually comes through in February, said County Clerk Marilyn Horn, and she had no explanation as to why it was so late this year.  
• Asked Jeff Younger of Seminole Energy Services out of Hays to lock

in a price for half of the county's natural gas requirements for next year. The range is now between \$8.10 and \$8.30 per million British thermal units, Mr. Young said.  
"I would go with 40 to 60 percent," he told commissioners by conference call. "I wouldn't lock in 100 percent. If we don't get any weather, the price will come down."  
• Discussed extending electric lines from Wheat Ridge Retirement Apartments to the horse arena at the fairground to get lights and power at that facility.  
• Decided to ask for a certificate of liability insurance from the Tripple Creek Riders, which is leasing the horse arena from the county.  
• Signed a letter of support for an "e-waste" facility for computers and other electronic gear in Colby through Northwest Kansas Recycling for a grant from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.  
The grant would cover Decatur, Sheridan, Rawlins, Cheyenne, Logan, Thomas and Gove counties, Mrs. Horn said, and would cover most electronic and computer equipment.

# Obituaries

**Lottie Laverne Shields**  
Lottie Laverne Shields, 85, a former resident of Jennings, died Sunday, July 29, 2007, at the Andbe Home in Norton.  
She was born July 20, 1922, in Colby, the daughter of Henry and Mary (Ramberger) Rogers. She grew to womanhood in the Colby area and attended Colby schools.  
She married Dennis Dean Shields of Jennings on March 31, 1951. They lived in Jennings and Alma.

She was a member of the Royal Neighbors Lodge of Norcat and the United Methodist Church of Alma.  
She is survived by a sister, Viola Newman, Colby, and nieces and a nephew.  
She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, a sister, and two brothers-in-law.  
Graveside services and burial will be at 10 a.m. today at the Jennings Cemetery. The Rev. Gilstrap will officiate.

Memorials were established to the Almena United Methodist Church and the Andbe Home of Norton. Contributions may be sent to Enfield Funeral Home, 215 W. Main, Norton, Kan., 67654.  
**Aloysius Vahling**  
Funeral services are pending for Aloysius Vahling, 93, who died Monday, July 30, 2007, at the Andbe Home in Norton.  
Pauls Funeral Home of Oberlin is in charge of arrangements.

# Commissioners discuss fairgrounds and insurance

The Decatur County commissioners talked a little about the way the fairgrounds look last Tuesday, with the fair only a few weeks away.  
Commissioner Stan McEvoy said the last time he was at the fairgrounds, some of the areas didn't look very neat. Commissioner Ralph Unger said there are some big weeds on the track.  
They agreed that the area needs to be mowed.  
Mr. McEvoy said he asked County Clerk Marilyn Horn to get in touch with Ward Votapka with the Amusement Authority to talk about insurance.  
The commissioners discussed insurance for the rides. Mr. McEvoy said he thinks there is liability coverage just on the rides. So if some-

thing happened and a ride was destroyed, said Commissioner Doyle Brown, then the authority would have to start over?  
Mrs. Horn said she saw signs near the horse arena stating that people who ride a domestic animal ride at their own risk. She said she was told County Attorney Steve Hirsch provided the information for the sign. Mr. Hirsch said there is a state law on that.  
What if someone were to fall on the bleachers, she said, is that on county land? Yes, said Mr. Hirsch, and it would be covered under the county's liability insurance.  
What about the antique club, which organizes the annual Mini-Sappa Days in the fall? asked Mr. Hirsch. Mr. McEvoy said he thought

the antique club, amusement authority and 4-H were together on insurance which covers spectators, but not participants. The commissioners said they wanted to get more information on this subject.  
In other business, the commissioners:  
• Held two 15-minute closed sessions for attorney-client privilege with Mr. Hirsch. There was no action taken afterward.  
• Talked with Ambulance Director Linda Manning, who said the service has been busy.  
Mr. Brown asked her if she was teaching someone to back her up as director just in case she was unable to work or was out of town. Ms. Manning said she does have someone in mind.

## Correction

A story on an airport meeting in the July 25 edition of *The Oberlin Herald* incorrectly said that Decatur County Commissioner Ralph Unger responded to a question on closing a road. Commissioner Unger was not at the meeting. Commissioner Doyle Brown said there would prob-

ably be no problem with closing the road in question since a major user, Greg Lohofener, had said it wasn't a problem for him.  
The mistake was a reporting error.  
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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.

# Loan officer completes school

Kevin Rippe, loan officer at the Bank in Oberlin, recently completed the 2007 Agricultural Lending School held in Topeka July 16-20.  
The school is sponsored by the Kansas and Nebraska Bankers associations and endorsed by the Colorado, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Texas, West Virginia and Wyoming Bankers asso-

ciations.  
Course content is designed to instruct students in agricultural lending concepts and practices to enhance their effectiveness as agricultural loan officers. Completion helps them develop skills which allow them to better serve their customers' multiple financial needs.  
The course was put on by the

Schools of Banking, of Lincoln, Neb., a jointly owned subsidiary of the Kansas and Nebraska Bankers associations.

# Rotary hears update

Program chairman Joe Stanley gave an update on the progress of the airport expansion and Bus and Coach International during his time as mayor for members of the Oberlin Rotary Club at the July 24 meeting at The Gateway.  
Greg Lohofener added comments on activities being explored by the Economic Development Corp. Ralph Unger thanked Doug Fair, John Bremer, Warren Bainter and Stan McEvoy for their help in removing the safety netting over the children's playpen at the ballpark.

Schedules were distributed for the ferris wheel at the Decatur County Fair. Dr. Pat Cullen, the new school superintendent, was a guest.

Internet tonight  
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**Markets**  
**July 30, 2007**  
closing markets  
Wheat, \$5.63 bushel  
Milo, \$4.94 hnd weight  
Corn, \$3.21 bushel  
Soybeans, \$7.06 bushel  
Sunflowers, \$17 hnd weight

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**Fri., Aug. 3**  
7 p.m.

**Harry Potter & The Order of the Phoenix**  
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**Sat., Aug. 4**  
7 p.m.

**TICKETS ARE \$3<sup>00</sup>**  
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# WEATHER

**Decatur County Weather — July 24<sup>th</sup> — July 28<sup>th</sup>**

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
96/65	98/66	98/64	88/62	90/63

Normal High: 90  
Normal Low: 60  
Sunrise: 6:33 to 6:37am  
Sunset: 9:00 to 9:04pm

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

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
July 23	95	70	
July 24	93	66	
July 25	93	66	
July 26	96	68	
July 27	83	68	
July 28	85	65	0.17
July 29	85	65	1.30

Precipitation: for the week, 1.47; for the month of July, 3.80; for the year, 15.41.  
For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.475 mhz.  
By Melvin Martin — NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer

The heat continues with only a scattered chance for rain Friday! High temperature readings 95 to 100 the next three days will drop into the upper 80's following a cool front Thursday night. The best chances for storms will be associated with the passing on Friday. South winds will blow 10-20 mph and humidity will remain high through the period too.

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**THE OBERLIN HERALD**  
and the Decatur County Area Chamber of Commerce  
welcome Home Range Real Estate  
to the business community

*The Chamber Board welcomed Gary and Marsha Richards, who have opened Home Range Real Estate in the Stellars Sales building at the junction of U.S. 36 and U.S. 83 Highways. They handle all types of residential, commercial and farm properties.*