

# Obituaries

## 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

July 16: Ronald Uehlin, Danbury, Neb., speeding 75, \$96.  
 July 19: Shannon Titus, Clayton, child restraints, \$126.  
 Aug. 11: Buddy Plotts, Goodland, speeding 79, \$120.

##### Marriage Licenses

Aug. 3: Aaron Scott Woods and Kayla Jo Sauvage, both of Inman.

#### REGISTER OF DEEDS

Decatur County Sheriff to HSBC Mortgage Services Inc., E 70' of Lots 1 and 4, Block 11, Rodehaver Addition, City of Oberlin.

Kermit and Shirley Stein to Jerald Stein, Lots 7 and 8, Block 27, Johnston's Addition, City of Oberlin.

Leland and Patricia Scott to Cole Stragey, the N 50' of Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block 19, Rodehaver's Addition, City of Oberlin.

Mae Guy to Zeke Ruzicka and Nancy Vath, as joint tenants, Lot 4 and Lot 9, Block 19, Summit Addition, City of Oberlin.

Estate of Mary Smith, quit claim to Jacob and Jennifer Fahrenbruch, S 70' of Lot 8 and Lot 9, Block 5,

Garwood Addition, City of Oberlin. Lloyd Donald to Jeanie Stevens, Lots 5 and 6, Block 20, Original Town, Norcatour.

Erma B. Ford Revocable Trust, quitclaim deed to Erma Wenzel, the SE 1/4 of Sec. 34, T1S, R29W.

Lloyd Wishon and Jon and Ana Wishon, to Jon and Ana Wishon, as joint tenants, Lot 1 and the N 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 31, Johnston's Addition, City of Oberlin; Lots 21 and 22, Block 7, Original Town, City of Oberlin; the NW 1/4 of Sec. 9, T2S, R29W; the S 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 30, T1S, R27W; the NE 1/4 of Sec. 8, T5S, R27W; and the NW 1/4 and the N 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 30, T1S, R27W.

Larry Vavroch, and Greg and Lynn Vavroch to James and Virginia Klein, as joint tenants, the SE 1/4 of Sec. 14, T4S, R28W.

Decatur County Sheriff to U.S. Bank National Association ND, Lot 18, Block 7, Original Town, City of Oberlin.

### City Hall

#### POLICE BLOTTER

The Oberlin Police Department worked these calls:

• Around 8:05 p.m. Saturday, Frank Reuther, 44, driving a 2000 Peterbilt pulling two trailers, hit a light pole at the intersection of U.S. 36 and U.S. 83, breaking the pole.

Mr. Reuther was driving south on U.S. 83 when he went to make a right turn at the intersection onto U.S. 36 and hit the pole, breaking it and the light. Police Chief Wade Lockhart said the accident also dented a cable television line.

Mr. Reuther received a ticket for inattentive driving. When the pole went down, a short in the line apparently caused a power bump in parts of town. Lights flickered off and came back on.

• At 7:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, Jeremy Stoney, 31, in a 1988 Chevy pickup ran into the rear of a 1997 Chevy van driven by the Rev. Richard Langness, 44, on west-bound U.S. 36. Mr. Langness, said Chief Lockhart, saw the vehicle behind him coming quickly, but said he couldn't get out of the way because of construction. Mr. Stoney's vehicle hit the Langness van, knocking it 278 feet. Mr. Stoney's pickup went 100 feet after impact, and both ended up north of the highway.

Chief Lockhart said there were possible injuries, although no one was taken to the hospital by ambulance. Mr. Stoney received a ticket for inattentive driving.

• Received a report that someone hit the awning at the car wash on U.S. 36 sometime on Thursday, Aug. 16. Chief Lockhart said the accident was a hit and run.

### Marian Lee Howland

Marian Lee Howland, 80, of Bird City, a 1944 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2007, at Memorial Central Hospital in Colorado Springs.

She was born Oct. 20, 1926, in Decatur County, the daughter of Glenn and Laura (Fleming) Area. She married John Howland and he preceded her in death in 1986. She worked in Bird City as a school cook.

Survivors include her son, Jim and Karen Howland, Palco; four daughters, Jan and Royce Rambat, Bird City; Joan and Kent Banister, and Jacque and Mark Roesener, McDonald, and Julie and Ed Brunk, St. Francis; her twin sister, Marie McConnell, Idaho Falls, Idaho; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by

her parents; a son, John Howland in 1983; a grandson, Gage Roesener in 1996; and two infant grandsons in 1973 and 1984.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Wesleyan Community Church in Bird City. Pastor Dan Carson will officiate and burial will follow in the Bird City Cemetery.

A memorial was established in her name. Contributions may be sent to Knodel Funeral Home, 202 S. Benton, St. Francis, Kan., 67756.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

### William C. Solko

William C. Solko, 82, a native of Herndon, died Aug. 18, 2007, at Pleasant View Nursing Home in Inman.

He was born Oct. 12, 1924, at Herndon, the son of Joseph H. and Elizabeth (Neuburger) Solko. He attended school in Herndon and

graduated from Herndon High School. He worked for the Rawlins County Road Department for Phil and Jerry Niemeth of Herndon. He was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Herndon and the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include a son, Bill and Schelly, Bakersfield, Calif.; a daughter, Virginia and Bob McDowell, Hutchinson; four grandchildren; and three great-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two infant children; five sisters; four brothers; and a son-in-law, Bill Silgar.

Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday at the church in Herndon with the Rev. Galen Long as celebrant. Burial was at the church cemetery at Herndon.

Memorials were established to the St. Mary's Cemetery Fund and contributions may be sent to Williams Funeral Home, 109 N. 2nd, Atwood, Kan., 67730.

# Science curriculum discussed

The Oberlin School Board heard information last Monday about a new science curriculum that will be presented at the September meeting.

Elementary Principal Duane Dorshorst, head of the district curriculum committee, said the science curriculum is unique because there are more state standards for science than in other areas.

The new curriculum means the kids will learn different things at different grade levels than they have in the past, he said. The changes meant some realignment of where things are taught because they are tested by the state at different levels. This year, the district will order new science books and materials to be in place for next year.

Starting this year, he said, students will be tested in the fourth and seventh grades and at each level in high school. This way, Mr. Dorshorst said, the students will have learned what they need to know by the time they take the state test.

Mr. Dorshorst said he worked with a committee including one teacher from each level at the grade school and all of the science teachers at the high school to write the standards.

He said it has been a struggle to

get all of that pulled together, but it is just about ready.

This month, said Mr. Dorshorst, he wanted to just give the board some information, with the idea of adopting the curriculum next month.

There might be some changes from what he has now by next month, he added, but they will be minor.

There are seven standards in the curriculum, Mr. Dorshorst said, including science as inquiry, physical science, life science, earth and space science, science and technology, science in personal and environmental perspectives and history and

nature of science.

Probably the weakest area for the district, said Mr. Dorshorst, is earth and space science.

Included in the curriculum, he said, are the standards and benchmarks for what students should know by the fourth grade and for grades eight through 12. The information included standards for kindergarten through second grade. New this year is vocabulary for the lower grades to learn, he said, adding that he thought the vocabulary part is a good idea.

He said he would be back next month for the curriculum to be adopted.

## Summer projects completed

The Oberlin School Board talked about projects completed over the summer and others to come at its meeting last Monday.

The superintendent said there are some projects at both of the schools that need to be looked into this year.

The conduit which carried power for a heat strip for the down spouts around the top of the high school needs to be replaced, he said. The conduit is hanging off of the building, he said, adding that he will ask for bids to repair it.

Dr. Cullen said he has called a contractor from Hays to come in and look at water damage on the high school gym floor. Floor coverings at both schools also need to be looked at, he said.

Some of the radiator traps need to be replaced, he said, and the steps on the east side of the grade school need to be checked.

The second round of the roofing project was finished over the summer, said Dr. Cullen, including the roof on the kindergarten building.

## Town Crier

**Today:** Farmers Market, 8 a.m., in front of Chamber of Commerce office, 101 S. Penn.

Colby Community College enrollment, 7 to 8:30 p.m., high school. Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.

**Thursday:** Pressure-cooker gauge checks by area home economist Tranda Watts, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., extension office at courthouse.

Support Our Schools hot dog feed, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Oberlin Elementary School

Oberlin Elementary School Parents Night, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Football Soap Scrimmage, 7:30 p.m., Smick Field. Admission is one bar of soap per person.

**Friday:** High school volleyball, 4:30 p.m., at Grainfield, Hoxie and Grainfield.

**Saturday:** TACT Retreat, to be announced.

**Sunday:** Senior potluck, 12:15 p.m., Golden Age Center.

Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Commodity distribution, 9 a.m., Golden Age Center.

Miss Kansas Bullying assembly, 1 p.m., high school auditorium.

High school volleyball, 3:30 p.m., here, Oakley, Phillipsburg, Leoti.

**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 wa-

ter for bacteria and nitrates. For details call (785) 475-8118.

#### SENIOR MENU

**Today:** cook's choice entree, California blend vegetables, Jello with fruit, bread, lemon bars.

**Thursday:** barbecued chicken, sandwich, hash brown casserole, watermelon, bun, pudding.

**Friday:** pasta, beef and tomato casserole, spinach cheese salad, green beans, garlic bread, peaches.

**Monday:** macaroni and cheese with smokies, broccoli, apricots, bread, cook's choice complement.

**Tuesday:** chicken fajita salad, cantaloupe, tortilla chips, cherry crisp.

**Next Wednesday:** roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, glazed carrots, bread, rosy pears.

## Markets

August 20, 2007

closing markets

Wheat, \$5.78 bushel  
 Milo, \$5.12 hnd weight  
 Corn, \$3.28 bushel  
 Soybeans, \$6.84 bushel  
 Sunflowers, \$16.70 hnd weight

## UPCOMING EVENTS in Kansas

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#### KC Renaissance Festival

Sept. 1-Oct. 14.  
 Weekends, Labor Day & Columbus Day  
 628 N. 126 St., Bonner Springs, KS.  
 (800) 373-0357, www.kcrenifest.com

#### Michael Martin Murphey

Sept. 7. The Great Santa Fe Horse Race Endurance Ride hosts this event.  
 Rodeo Arena, Dodge City, KS.  
 (620) 225-8268, www.visitdodgecity.org

#### Huff and Puff Balloon Rally

Sept 7-9. Annual hot air balloon festival.  
 Lake Shawnee, Topeka, KS.  
 (785) 554-2003, www.huff-n-puff.org

#### National Hart Parr Oliver

Sept 7-9. Collectors Secondary Show featuring Fairbanks Morse Engines & Hart Parr Oliver Tractors.  
 Forest Park, Ottawa, KS.  
 (316) 744-1289, jinhobbs@juno.com

#### Power of the Past

Sept. 7-9. 13th Annual Antique Engine and Tractor Show. 600+ tractors on display, auction, demonstrations, parade and more.  
 Forest Park, Ottawa, KS.  
 (785) 242-2686, www.powerofthepast.com

#### Grandparents Weekend

Sept. 8-9. Kids get in free with paid grandparent. Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure, Salina, KS. (785) 827-9488, www.rollinghills.wildlife.com

#### Auto and Motorcycle Show

Sept 22. Hosted by Lake Garnett Cruisers at Cornstock '07. North Park, Garnett, KS. (785) 448-2273, www.accornfest.com

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## School Menus

August 27-31

#### OBERLIN SCHOOLS

**Monday:** Breakfast: fruit turnover. Lunch: sub sandwich. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: pancake and sausage on a stick. Lunch: chicken nuggets. **Wednesday:** Breakfast: breakfast combo. Lunch: corn dog,

baked beans. **Thursday:** Breakfast: cereal, muffin. Lunch: sliced ham, green beans. **Friday:** Breakfast: waffle, ham patty. Lunch: pizza, vegetable. Juice and fruit served with breakfast. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

## Corrections

An article on Page 6A of the Wednesday, Aug. 15, *Oberlin Herald* titled "Battered drivers claim cash from demo derby" had Johnathan Cressler's name spelled as Dressler. This was a reporter spelling error.

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An article on Page 3A of the Aug. 15 issue said that Brad Burmaster, the new Oberlin police officer, is a lieutenant at the state prison in Norton. He is a first sergeant. This was an editing error.

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The *Oberlin Herald* will correct or clarify any mistake or misunder-

standing 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.

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 785-475-3374

**No Movie until after Labor Day!**

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**Internet tonight 475-2206**

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Please pick up an application at Oberlin Medical Arts, PA 902 W. Columbia Oberlin, KS 67749

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**Call Pat to place your classified ad today! 475-2206**

# WEATHER

**Decatur County Weather ----- August 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>**

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
98/65	92/63	88/60	86/59	89/63

**Normal High: 86**  
**Normal Low: 58**

**Sunrise: 6:59 to 7:03am**  
**Sunset: 8:25 to 8:31pm**

One more hot and humid afternoon today with relief coming tomorrow. A frontal boundary will stall over the area starting tomorrow afternoon and remain through Friday, thus bringing closer to normal temperatures and increased chances for precipitation. A ridge with warmer and drier air will settle in over the weekend followed by a second surge of cooler air early next week. Some storms may be severe with hail and produce locally heavy rain do to slow storm movement.

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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.
August 13	103	70	
August 14	102	68	
August 15	96	73	
August 16	89	70	trace
August 17	93	67	0.11
August 18	93	68	
August 19	96	68	0.03

Precipitation: for the week, 0.14; for the month of August, 1.02; for the year, 16.43.

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

*By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer*

**2007 NOTICE FOR 2008 TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARINGS**

The governing bodies of the following Decatur County Township Boards will meet on the 6th of September, 2007 at 8 p.m. at the following listed homes for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Levy may change due to final adjusted November Valuations.

Detailed Budget Information is available at the Office of the Decatur County Clerk and will be available at these hearings.

**BASSETTVILLE TOWNSHIP BUDGET SUMMARY - Amended**

Proposed Budget 2008 Expenditures and Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax to establish the maximum limits of the 2008 budget. Estimated Tax Rate\* is subject to slight change depending on the final assessed valuations.

Fund	2006		2007		Proposed Budget 2008	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate	Expenditures	Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax
General	900	-0-	10,000	-0-	9,000	2,850
Road	9,321	15.291	20,000	15.901	25,000	22,140
Spec Road	3,385	5.000	6,997	4.999	18,250	14,310
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>13,606</b>	<b>20.291</b>	<b>36,997</b>	<b>20.900</b>	<b>52,250</b>	<b>39,300</b>
Total Tax Levied	13,959		14,043		39,300	
Valuation	689,646		671,910		2,862,764**	

**PRAIRIE DOG TOWNSHIP BUDGET SUMMARY - Amended**

Proposed Budget 2008 Expenditures and Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax to establish the maximum limits of the 2008 budget. Estimated Tax Rate\* is subject to slight change depending on the final assessed valuations.

Fund	2006		2007		Proposed Budget 2008	
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate	Current Year Est. of Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate	Expenditures	Amount of 2007 Ad Valorem Tax
General	2,228	1.925	3,000	0.977	3,000	1,815
Road	15,918	20.132	19,500	8.103	30,000	22,939
Spec Road	844	5.000	10,000	5.000	10,000	5,701
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>18,990</b>	<b>27.057</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>14.080</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>30,455</b>
Total Tax Levied	18,141		18,165		30,455	
Valuation	670,568		1,294,371		1,140,129	

NOTE: Tax Rates are expressed in mills.  
 \*\* Due to rise in valuation which decreased levy a resolution - a resolution was adopted to increase levy for 2008 budget.

Trustee - Home of Steve Brown

There is NO Debt Service for this Township.

Treasurer - Terry Lippelmann

Clerk - Rod Alstrom

NOTE: Tax Rates are expressed in mills.  
 Trustee - Rick Hickert

There is NO Debt Service for this Township.

Treasurer - Home of Betty Hickert

Clerk - Kent Ashley

NOTE: Tax Rates are expressed in mills and that means per thousand dollars worth of valuation.  
 Published by Marilyn Horn, Decatur County Clerk