

# 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**  
Nov. 13: Brenda Schwarz, Oakley, speeding 80, \$126.  
Nov. 29: Tomasita Segura, Selden, speeding 75, \$96.

Dec. 9: Lipton Rivet, Sumrall, Texas, failure to give notice of accident, unreasonable speed, \$196.

### Marriage Licenses

Nov. 26: Dwayne Ray Dickinson and Kelli Jane Strop-Horst, both of Oberlin.

### JAIL BOOKINGS

The following was booked into the Decatur County Jail:

Alyssa Kerr, 19, Arapahoe, Neb., Dec. 13, parole violation, Red Willow County.

### SHERIFF'S BLOTTER

The Decatur County Sheriff's office worked this call:

• Around 8 a.m. Sunday, Ada Peckham, 39, of Indianola, Neb., lost control of her 2000 Chrysler Town and Country because of snow as she was northbound on U.S. 83, just south of Cedar Bluffs. Ms. Peckham ended up in the west ditch. There was minor damage to her vehicle but no injuries. The van was towed from the ditch by a farmer.

## City Hall

### MUNICIPAL COURT

Thursday: Elwood May, Oberlin, disobeyed traffic signal, \$115; Gregory Cundiff, Oberlin, disobeyed traffic signal, \$115; Leonard Ewing, Newkirk, Okla., failure to yield right of way, \$115; D.J. Banzet, Oberlin, basic speed, \$115; Wendy Allen, disobeyed traffic signal, \$115; Dustin Kappelman,

Grand Island, Neb., speeding 44 in 30 mph zone, \$109; Rebecca Wilson, Lawrence, no drivers license, \$305.

### POLICE BLOTTER

The Oberlin Police Department worked this call:

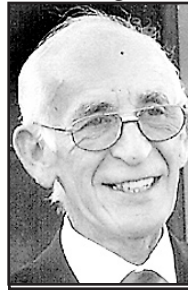
• Around 9:22 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7, Sharon Addleman, 66, was driving her 2004 Lincoln LS south on Rodehaver when she stopped at the stop sign before crossing Commercial Street. Police Chief Wade Lockhart said Mrs. Addleman had some snow on her windshield when she pulled into Commercial and did not see Robynn Wessel, 26, who was driving a 2000 Oldsmobile Alero eastbound on the cross street. He said the streets were snowpacked and icy.

Mrs. Addleman received a ticket for failure to yield. There was minor damage to the vehicles.

# Obituaries

## Bart Snyder

Bart Snyder, 67, a farmer northeast of Oberlin, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007, at Hillcrest Nursing Home in McCook.



Bart Snyder

He was born Nov. 18, 1940, in Grangeville, Idaho, the son of Alvin William and Frances Eileen (Tourelle) Leist. As a young child he and his brother were adopted by Vern Snyder. He graduated from Walla Walla High School, Walla Walla, Wash., in 1958 and attended one year of college. He worked in several grocery stores until the mid 1960s, when he returned to the family farm near Oberlin and was farming at the time of his death.

He married Mary "Annette" Lepper on Jan. 13, 1984. He was a member of Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church and served on the Sherman Township Board and Cemetery Board. He also served two terms on the Danbury Coop Board.

Survivors include his wife, Annette, Oberlin; daughters, Teresa Meitl, Kansas City, Mo.; Yvonne Salvarria and fiancé, Leo Johnson, Queen Creek, Ariz.; Tami Ehrman, Blue Hill, Neb.; and Linda and Greg Parde, McCook; sons, Mike and Melinda Nicholson, Moore, Okla., and Jeff and Marilea Nicholson, Marilea, McCook; his mother, Eileen McClenny, Walla Walla; a brother, Dennis and Carol Snyder, Walla Walla; 15 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alvin, and daughter, Kim Atkinson.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at Carpenter Breland Chapel in McCook with Rev. Doug Hasty officiating. Burial was in the Sherman Cemetery, rural Oberlin.

Memorials may be given in his name. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 305 West C, McCook Neb., 69001.

## Etta Ruth Wright

Etta Ruth Wright, 75, a sister of Marie Bailey of rural Jennings, died Nov. 21, 2007, at the Hillcrest Nursing Home in Wray, Colo.

She was born Jan. 11, 1932, in Norcat, the daughter of Frank and Nyra (Garton) Green. She graduated from Norcat High School in 1949.

She married Dale Spencer Wright on Sept. 23, 1949. They farmed at Jennings before moving to Wyoming, where he was employed by Foster Lumber Company. The family moved to Holyoke, Colo., on May 1962, and she worked at the Holyoke Co-op as a bookkeeper for six years. They later milked cows for a dairy, then operated a Dairy King and started a Kwik Shop.

Survivors include a son, Robert, Holyoke, Colo.; two daughters, Laura, Holyoke, and Lynne and Gary Denbo, Lamar, Neb.; three grandchildren; seven grandchildren; three sisters, Rose Jenkins, Stockton; Marjorie Tolle, Kansas City; and Marie Bailey, Jennings; a brother, James and Holly Green, Kansas City; and a sister-in-law, Sharon Wright, Englewood, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Dale Jr.; a sister, Bertha; and three brothers-in-law, Don Jenkins, Richard Tolle and Marvin Bailey.

Funeral services were held Nov. 27, 2007, at Gerk Funeral Home in Holyoke with Pastor Jim Blake officiating.

A memorial was established in her name. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, Box 201, Holyoke, Colo., 80734.

## H.E. 'Gene' Rogers

H.E. "Gene" Rogers, 91, a lifelong resident of the Selden-Rexford area, died Dec. 10, 2007, at the Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

He was born Hugh Eugene Eavis on Nov. 23, 1916, in Sheridan County, the son of James and Minnie (McCoy) Eavis. At the age of two, he was adopted by Eber and Annie (Kemper) Rogers after the death of his mother.

He was reared on a farm northeast of Rexford and attended Rexford Consolidated School in Rexford. He then worked for family members and neighbors on various farms.

He married Anogene Mumm on June 21, 1941, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden. He served during World War II in the U.S. Army with the 565th AAF Base Unit in Reno, Nev. After his honorable discharge in December 1945, he and his wife and son James returned to the Selden-Rexford area, where he was a farmer and rancher on their farm northeast of Rexford.

He was a member of the Selden Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, Selden American Legion and Rexford Saddle Club. He drove a school bus for 29 years, was a timekeeper for basketball games for 25 years and also served on the Prairie Dog Township Board, Sheridan County Fair Board and Co-op Board. He also was a member of the Red Barn Gang Kitchen Band and Rexford Senior Citizens.

Survivors include his wife, Anogene of the home; three children, Jim Rogers and friend, Marjorie Johnson; Eileen and Harold Murphy; and Steve and Judy Rogers, all of Selden; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his biological and adoptive parents; an infant son, William Michael Rogers; three brothers, Henry Eavis, William Eavis and Doyle Trueblood; and four sisters, Fannie McKee, Grace Friendly, Eunice Eavis and Gladys Montgomery.

Mass of the Resurrection was held Friday morning at the church in Selden. The Rev. Henry Saw Lone officiated and burial was in the Selden Cemetery with military committal rites by the Selden American Legion Post.

A memorial was established to the Selden Cemetery or Selden American Legion Post. Contributions may be left at Pauls Funeral Home in Selden or mailed to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

# Snow storm declared disaster

The Decatur County commissioners signed a proclamation last Tuesday from the office of Gov. Kathleen Sebelius declaring the storm at the beginning of the week a disaster.

The proclamation, said County Clerk Marilyn Horn, allows people and government agencies to ask for help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency if needed.

Also at the meeting, Ambulance Director Linda Manning said that with Dr. Richard May leaving, they will need a new medical director for the Emergency Medical Service. She said she talked with Dr. Elizabeth Sliter, who said she would take the job.

Ms. Manning said she called the state Board of Emergency and Medical Services, and officials said they need a letter of resignation from Dr. May and then a letter appointing Dr. Sliter to the position.

The commissioners discussed health insurance bids again. They received bids from Corporate Plan Management from Topeka, Blue Cross/Blue Shield from Hays, Meritain Health from Nebraska, Benefit Management from Great Bend and Strategic Employee Benefit from

## County Countdown

At their meeting last Tuesday, the Decatur County commissioners:

• Signed a proclamation from the office of Gov. Kathleen Sebelius declaring the storm at the beginning of the week a disaster. Story at left.

• Signed a "substantial completion" document for the specialty clinic expansion at the Decatur County Hospital. Story below.

### Great Bend.

The county has had insurance through Corporate Plan Management for the past 16 years. Part of the coverage is self funded through the county and the rest through the company.

The commissioners talked about going with a fully funded plan through Blue Cross/Blue Shield this year, but decided to stay with Corporate Plan.

In other business, the commissioners:

• Heard that Emergency Management Director Patti Skubal had bought four new tires for her county vehicle from Ron's Tire for \$185 apiece.

• Discussed two spots coming open on the county Hospital Board. They are now held by Butch Rittmann and Ron Jansonius, who both

want to continue. Other applications will be accepted at the county clerk's office.

• Heard that the Fair Board needs three members, one from each commissioner district. Pam May and Chris Petit hold two of those spots now and there is one vacancy that hadn't been filled.

Anyone interested can fill out a form in the clerk's office. The board runs and organizes the county fair in the summer.

• Discussed that although sheriff's Deputy Jay Tattoo and Ms. Manning said they would serve on the Northwest Kansas High Plains Mental Health Board, they have never been appointed.

• Heard that the dispatch department had received a grant from the state for maintenance of the new E-911 equipment for \$8,464.

# County employee policy approved

The Decatur County commissioners approved a policy that says employees will not be paid or get compensatory time off to serve on boards.

If an employee chooses to serve on a board or is appointed to a board, the policy says, it is voluntary and they serve on their own time.

The commissioners signed the policy, which they decided will be sent out with county paychecks.

The commissioners received a letter from the Dresden city council asking the county to put asphalt millings on the main road in Dresden, between the cemetery and the elevator to help keep dust down.

Commissioner Ralph Unger said the county doesn't have anyone to maintain that kind of road and isn't always able to get the millings.

Slowing down traffic on the road, said County Attorney Steve Hirsch, would help with the dust. There are some speed-limit signs up on the road, he said, but maybe the sheriff's office could send an officer that way.

Commissioner Stan McEvoy said he thinks the dust complaint came partly because someone has com-

plained because they are allergic to grain dust.

Mr. Hirsch asked why the county is covering Wheat Ridge Terrace senior apartments on its insurance since the county doesn't own the facility.

Maybe, said Mr. Unger, the commissioners need to read the lease.

Mr. Hirsch suggested checking with the hospital management firm to see if they have Wheat Ridge insured as well. The firm, Decatur Health Systems, manages the apartment complex. The county does insure the hospital, he noted, because the county owns it. The hospital operates Wheat Ridge.

There are still bonds to be repaid on Wheat Ridge and the county was used as a pass through on those, said Mr. Hirsch. The commissioners asked County Clerk Marilyn Horn to call the Kansas Counties Association Multi-lined Pool, the county's insurance carrier, to see what needs to be done.

The commissioners met with Sarah Fredrickson, the newest employee in the noxious weed department, who will also do recycling, cleaning and other jobs. Mrs.

Fredrickson, who will be in charge of cleaning the Health Department, asked if she could do that over the noon hour instead of coming in early.

She said she plans to attend a regional recycling meeting in Colby to learn the ropes.

In other business, the commissioners:

• Received maps for the road naming project. Several of the maps had errors, so after a conference call with the commissioners, Chief Dispatcher Jeanne Pachner and vendors AT&T and R&S Digital, the project has been pushed back a little to get the maps fixed.

• Approved Tim Stallman, road and bridge supervisor, giving information to the Kansas Department of Transportation for a bridge over two miles southwest from town on County Road 334 in Oberlin Township. They told him to give information to utility companies in case any of the lines need to be moved.

Mr. Stallman said the project won't actually be let for bids until 2008. He said it is an 80/20 match with the county's share being \$150,000.

CG Architects of North Platte, also did a walk-through and pointed out a few things that needed to be done, she said.

All of those things have been fixed, Mrs. Doeden added.

The construction work for the addition was done by Rhoads Construction Co. Inc. out of Goodland.

The hospital plans an open house for the new clinic after the new year, said Mrs. Doeden.

## Early holiday ad deadline

With Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Tuesday this year, *The Oberlin Herald* will be out a day early both weeks. That means all news and ads should be to our office by noon on Saturday this week and next.

Both weeks, the paper will print early Monday morning, on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The papers will be back in the office those afternoons for sale and be

mailed out to customers. With no mail on Tuesdays because of Christmas Day and New Year's Day, people should expect their papers on Wednesday as usual.

Anyone who wants to buy a classified or a display ad for those weeks needs to have them in by noon on Saturday before the holiday. All correspondents news needs to be in by 5 p.m. Friday.

## Town Crier

**Today:** Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.

**Friday:** Last day of school; classes on regular schedule.

**Sunday:** Downtown stores open, 1 to 4 p.m.

Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.

**Monday:** Christmas Eve, most stores close early.

**Tuesday:** Christmas Day, nearly all businesses and offices closed.

**Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 28:** No school, Christmas vacation.

**Thursday, Jan. 3:** Classes resume.

**Monday-Friday:** At 1 p.m. at Golden Age Center, Monday, pinocle; Tuesday, pitch; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, pinocle. Third Thursday of the month, senior bridge, open. Quilting, puzzles, games daily.

**SENIOR MENU**

Senior lunch at the Golden Age center, 220 N. Penn Ave., weekdays at 11:30 a.m.

**Today:** lasagna, pea salad, pears, garlic bread, yogurt.

**Thursday:** Salisbury steak with mushroom gravy, potatoes Romanoff, strawberries and bananas, bread, birthday cake.

**Friday:** chicken fajita salad or taco salad, five-cup salad, crackers or tortillas, cherry crisp.

**Monday:** Christmas Eve. Meal site closed.

**Tuesday:** Merry Christmas. Meal site closed.

**Next Wednesday:** barbecued meatballs, tater triangles, creamed peas, bread, apricots.

## Corrections

A man pushing a snow blower in a photo on the front page of the Wednesday, Dec. 12, edition of *The Oberlin Herald* was not the Rev. Doug Hasty. It was John Weigel removing snow in front of Patty Brown's house at 804 N. York. This was a reporter's error.

A story in the Wednesday, Dec. 5, *Herald* about two sisters releasing an album, said Patience Carman, who sings on the CD, is 5. She is actually 6. This was a reporter's error.

A story in the Wednesday, Dec. 5, paper about Sunflower Wind said the firm would have to produce power by Dec. 13, 2009 under its proposed contract. That should be Dec. 31. This was a typing error.

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

**December 17, 2007 closing markets**  
Wheat, \$9.15 bushel  
Milo, \$6.80 hnd weight  
Corn, \$4.00 bushel  
Soybeans, \$10.18 bushel  
Sunflowers, unavailable

## Sunflower Cinema

220 N. Penn  
Oberlin  
785-475-3374

Saturday, Dec. 22: 7 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 23: 2 p.m.

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# WEATHER

## Decatur County Weather - December 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
45/20	40/18	45/19	38/15	28/10

Normal High: 40  
Normal Low: 15  
Sunrise: 7:58 to 8:00 AM  
Sunset: 5:20 to 5:21 PM

Mild temperatures the next few days will help melt the wintry mess left behind last week. This additional moisture puts us at 100% to 110% of normal for the year. A system late this week and over the weekend could give us another round of accumulating snowfall in time for Christmas. If you have any Holiday travel plans please stay advised to the weekend forecast. There is a 25% chance we may have some white stuff on Christmas Day too. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

Note: Due to malfunction of local weather observation equipment early this month, precipitation totals for month and year are approximate, some temperatures unavailable.

Date	Hi	Low	Precip.
Dec. 10	--	--	0.10 (1" / s)
Dec. 11	31	24	0.25 (1" / s)
Dec. 12	28	3	0.53 (2.5" / s)
Dec. 13	27	7	
Dec. 14	32	0	
Dec. 15	26	15	0.19 (3.5" / s)
Dec. 16	27	0	

Precipitation: for the week, 1.07; for the month, app. 1.78; for the year, app. 22.29.

By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer