

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

Jan. 10: Melissa Stern, Oberlin, speeding 80, \$126.  
 Feb. 11: Robert Borton, Arvada, Colo., speeding 79, \$120.  
 Feb. 13: Cheryl Kastens, Herndon, speeding 79, \$120. Lindsay Vontz, speeding 76, seat belt violation, \$132  
 Feb. 14: Monte Dishman, Central City, Neb., speeding 82, \$138.

#### Limited Action

Decatur Co-op vs. Joyce Ryan,

\$528 plus court costs.

Norma Richards, vs. Shannon Harris, petition for eviction.

### REGISTER OF DEEDS

Gail and Denise Bailey to Mark and Shayla Bailey, irregular tract S 1/2, NW 1/4, Sec. 36, T2S, R26W.  
 Karmel Hutfles, Brett and Daron Chambers to Keith and Candice Ketterl, NW 1/4, Sec. 18, T1S, R30W.

Kenneth and Violet Krizek to John Ritter, all grantor's interest on irregular tract, NW 1/4, Sec. 13, T5S, R28W.

Ruth Krizek to John Ritter, all grantor's interest, irregular tract, irregular tract, NW 1/4, Sec. 13,

T5S, R28W.

Doyle and Beverly Leonard to John Ritter, all grantor's interest, irregular tract, irregular tract, NW 1/4, Sec. 13, T5S, R28W.

Marcia Allen to John Ritter, all grantor's interest, irregular tract, irregular tract, NW 1/4, Sec. 13, T5S, R28W.

## City Hall

### MUNICIPAL COURT

Thursday: Debbie Galitz, Oberlin, dog at large, \$80; John Geisinger, Selden, speeding 57 in 30 mile zone, \$208; Sharee Dempewolf, Oberlin, duty on striking unattended vehicle, \$355.

# Town Crier

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

**Thursday:** 2008-'09 registration for ninth-grade, home room.

Eastern Star chicken-and-noodle benefit for Forget-Me-Nots, 5-7 p.m., Masonic Temple.

Freshmen orientation, 6:30 p.m.

**Friday:** 2008-'09 registration for eighth-grade, home room.

Nora McDougal Urban program, 11-11:25 a.m., at Oberlin Meal Site, followed by lunch. Everyone welcome. Call 475-2389 for reservations.

World Day of Prayer, 2 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church.

**Saturday:** March masquerade High School Student Council dance, 7-11 p.m.

**Sunday:** Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.

**Monday:** Board of education meeting, 7:30 p.m., district office.

**Tuesday:** Site Council meeting,

7:30 a.m., high school.

**Thursday, March 13:** Beginner's locker rug hooking class, 6-9 p.m., Country Quilting Shop, sponsored by Decatur Tomorrow. Call 475-2411 by Monday.

A representative of the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group will be at the county Health Department once a month for free well evaluations, including testing water for bacteria and nitrates. For details, call (785) 475-8118.

**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 cash, nonperishable food and household items are always needed.

**Monday-Friday:** At 1 p.m. at Golden Age Center, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, pinocle; Tuesday, pitch. 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:** shepherd's pie, beets, bread, frozen fruit salad.

**Thursday:** chili dog, tater triangles, winter mix vegetables, bun, Jello with fruit.

**Friday:** tuna-noodle casserole, corn, five-cup salad, bread, cookie.

**Monday:** chicken-rice casserole, Spanish green beans, ambrosia fruit salad, bread, choice complement.

**Tuesday:** hamburger steak, au gratin potatoes, peas, bread, apricots.

**Next Wednesday:** mac and cheese with smokies, broccoli, applesauce, rolls, cherry cobbler.

# Ambulance paging is changed

The Decatur County ambulance service has gone to a "one page" system, allowing all of the volunteers to receive the same page for every call.

Ambulance Director Linda Manning said at the meeting Tuesday, Feb. 19, she talked with the Jennings crew about their call roster, and they wanted to know if they could go to a one page system which would page the crews in Oberlin and Jennings at the same time. It would be easier for dispatch to only have to page one number, they said. Whoever responds to the call, said Ms. Manning, would still call dispatch and let them know.

Whoever is on call for that shift would also call dispatch and let the office know they are on call, she said.

The department has already started to use the single page for ambulance calls, said Ms. Manning, and it's working.

Did anyone ask about a radio for the county transportation van? Asked County Clerk Marilyn Horn. Ms. Manning said there is an older radio that is bigger and bulkier than the new ones that the van can use. It will work, said Mrs. Horn.

Ms. Manning said emergency medical technician classes are going well, with 11 people in the group and the grades running at 88 to 99 percent.

Commissioners signed the final

paperwork for a U.S. Department of Agriculture loan for the hospital specialty clinic. Dave Barber with the department said the money should be in the county by the end of the week.

The commissioners approved an amendment to the lease contract for the hospital to extend it to 2028, which is when the new loan is up.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Appointed Kendal Fisher to the Decatur County Fair Board. The commissioners received applications from both Mr. Fisher and Dan Morford.

- Tabled a bid for reinsurance from Corporate Plan Management, which helps provide the county's

health insurance coverage.

- Talked to Undersheriff Randy McHugh, who said he has a new car camera hooked up to his radar system and wondered if any of the commissioners wanted to look at it. The camera is currently on loan, but the office might purchase one.

- Approved a request for a permit for Roger Wilson to put an electrical line under the road for a stock tank, three miles west of Lyle on County Road 308.

## 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

March 3, 1008 closing markets

Wheat \$10.93  
 Corn \$5.21  
 Milo \$8.90  
 Soybeans \$13.85  
 Sunflowers, Not avail.

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## Dorothy Lee Chase

Dorothy Lee Chase was born Aug. 11, 1921, in Eckley, Colo., and departed this life on Feb. 23, 2008, at Provident Living in McKinney, Texas. She was the daughter of Caleb Leroy (Roy) Cochran and Nora Matilda (Carter) Cochran.

Dorothy spent most of her childhood and her adult life in Smith Center, Kan. On Dec. 24, 1941, she was united in marriage to Junior B. Chase. To this union was born one child, Janice Lynn.

Dot, as some called her, was a homemaker and at times worked outside the home for Smith County and for Mini-Max in the distribution center's office. Due to ill health, she retired and she and her husband spent many hours at their second home at Kirwin Lake fishing, relaxing and visiting with friends and family.

She loved to sew and was especially gifted at quilting. Her husband, Junior, was a master carpenter and as a result, he made her a spinning wheel. She then took up spinning for a time and became quite proficient at the art and at times demonstrated her craft for Old Settler's Day.

Earlier in life she was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a Girl Scout Leader.

After retirement she joined Garden Club and was active in the Methodist Women's quilting tying projects and enjoyed volunteering in the "Hardly Used Shop" run by the Methodist women.

Dorothy and Junior loved to square dance. They and a devoted group of friends spent many hours going to square dances all over the state and even to Colorado in the summer.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, C.L. and Nora M. Cochran, her husband, Junior B. Chase, one brother Caleb Lynn Cochran, and one sister Nora Jean Bruno.

She leaves behind to grieve her passing, one daughter, J. Lynn Chase and her husband, Galen Olson of McKinney, Texas; one sister, Gladys Pletcher of Portis, Kan.; three brothers, Richard Cochran and Keith Cochran of Smith Center and Billy Cochran of Norton; two sisters-in-law, Cleo Hooper of Smith Center, and Betty Muck of Downs, Kan.; numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

The celebration of Dorothy's life will be held at Simmons-Rentschler Mortuary, Smith Center, on Saturday, March 8, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. followed by burial next to her loving husband in Fairview Cemetery, Smith Center, Kan.

Honorary pallbearers are Dennis Pletcher, Dan Pletcher, Jim Cochran, Garrett Cochran, Joe Lanus and Tom Cochran.

A memorial will be given to Smith Center Hospice in honor of Dorothy. Any donations may be sent to Simmons-Rentschler Mortuary in Smith Center, Kan., 66967.

# WEATHER

**Decatur County Weather - March 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>**

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
53/23	38/15	48/20	43/18	55/23
Normal High: 52 Normal Low: 25		Sunrise: 7:05 to 7:10 AM Sunset: 6:38 to 6:43 PM		

Temperatures were near 80 on Saturday then 30 with snow on Sunday with the roller coaster ride continuing today and tomorrow. A surge of cold air may produce some light snow late tonight and during the day tomorrow. Thursday and Friday temperatures moderate into the 40's then the 50's and 60's over the weekend and early next week.

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

Date.	Hi	Low	Precip.
Feb. 25	63	26	0
Feb. 26	46	22	0
Feb. 27	45	23	0
Feb. 28	57	26	0
Feb. 29	59	31	0
Mar. 1	62	27	0
Mar. 2	79	24	0

Precipitation totals for the week, 00; for the month, 00; for the year .81.

For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.4 mhz.

By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.

## Virgil C. Cathcart

Virgil Clarence Cathcart, 88, a lifetime resident of Decatur County, died Feb. 26, 2008, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.

He was born in Oberlin April 4, 1919, in the county, the eldest child of Shirley Dean and Bessie Mary (Coulter) Cathcart. He was reared on the farm of his paternal grandparents in Harlan Township.

He attended a country school and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1937. After graduating, he worked with his father on the family farm. He joined the U.S. Army, serving from March 25, 1942, until Feb. 9, 1946. He served with the 530th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion and spent much of his time in the European Theater. After his discharge, he returned to the farm.

He married Rowena Lacey Matheny on May 15, 1958, in Oberlin and they lived on the family farm for almost 35 years before moving to Oberlin. He was a member of the Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church, Harlan Township Board



V. Cathcart

and was a lifetime member of the Danbury American Legion.

Survivors include his wife Rowena; two daughters, Carolyn Hackney, Oberlin, and Joyce and Lynn Rippe, Danbury; two sisters, Vera and Merrill Durr, Hutchinson, and Joy Votapka, Oberlin; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother and sister-in-law, Lester and Ruth Cathcart; and a brother-in-law, Charles "Chuck" Votapka.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin. The Rev. Doug Hasty officiated and burial was at the Oberlin Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Oberlin and Danbury American Legion posts.

Memorials were established to the Prairie Chapel Church or the Decatur County Hospital. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

## Clyde W. Turrell

Clyde W. Turrell, 82, a longtime resident of Rexford, died Feb. 26, 2008, at the Logan County Hospital in Oakley.

He was born Dec. 25, 1925, in Thomas County, the son of Joseph and Avis (Phillips) Turrell. He was

reared on a farm near Rexford and attended Hopewell School. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He married Phyllis Goldsworth in September 1951 and she preceded him in death. He married Frances Vaughn in June 1990. He was a member of the Rexford Community Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Rexford American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Frances; Colby; a son, Rick Turrell, Denver; three daughters, Kathy and Tim Rall, Rexford; Nadine and Larry Zeller, Wamego, and Connie Campbell, Brownwood, Texas; a brother, Billy and Pat Turrell; Colby; a sister, Lola Skiles, Colby; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death a son, Clyde Turrell; a son-in-law, Kenneth Campbell; two brothers, Clifford and Donald Turrell, and a sister, Blanche Cheney.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the Rexford Community Church with Pastor Lane Purcell officiating. Burial was at the Rexford Cemetery.

A memorial was established to the Rexford Emergency Medical Services. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, Selden, Kan., 67757, or Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

# City selling surplus vehicles

The Oberlin City Council declared three vehicles as surplus property and agreed to accept sealed bids.

The cars include two old police cars, a 1993 Ford Crown Victoria with 160,656 miles and a 1999 with 85,066 miles, and a 1997 Dodge Stratus with 90,667 miles.

In the past, said City Administrator Gary Shike at a meeting on Thursday, Feb. 21, the city has asked for sealed bids on vehicles or has joined in with the county to hold an auction. He said he isn't sure if three vehicles is enough to bring people in for an auction.

Aren't there also some old pickups? asked Councilman Rob McFee.

Mr. Shike said he talked to Foreman Dan Castle about the pickups, but he wants to keep them to move summer staff and mowers around this summer.

The council agreed to declare the three cars surplus property and place an ad in The Country Advocate for

them. The council decided to retain the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

Mr. Shike said the cost of health insurance for employees went up 5 percent this year. That means for just an employee, insurance went up from \$466 to \$491. For an employee and children it went from \$896 to \$945, for an employee and spouse it went from \$1,001 to \$1,056, and for a family it went from \$1,431 to \$1,510. The city pays for all of a single plan and half of whatever else the employee has.

The city is working on a list of projects, Mr. Shike said, which council members suggested ideas for. The list includes finishing painting the back of the band shell, listing the band shell and the shelter house at Sappa Park on the National Register of Historic Places, painting the curbs downtown, re-landscaping the center islands on Penn Avenue, planting 10 large shade trees to the west and north of the band shell, putting in shade at the swimming pool,

some landscaping at The Gateway and at the Oberlin sign at the top of Penn Avenue.

Councilwoman Rhonda May said she would like the city to buy around 600 trees for people to buy and plant around town. With Dutch Elm disease recently and the storms last winter, she said, the town has lost a lot of the big trees. She said she would like to see those replaced.

Ms. May said the city could sell the trees at a low price or do some kind of grant program. She said she would like to ask that people plant these trees near the streets so the trees will arc across the street.

Mr. Shike suggested that she work with the city's Tree Board on the project.

Ms. May said she would work on getting the band shell on the National Register if someone else will work on the shelter house.



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