

# 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**  
**Divorces**  
Feb. 27: Tad Hartsough, Norcat, and Rebecca Hartsough, Norton.

**Limited Actions**  
Margaret R. Focken vs. Jeffry, Rebeca and Liz Fortin, \$9,000, plus costs and interests.  
Edgerton Auto Repair vs. Don Wayman, \$616, plus costs and interests.  
Decatur Health Systems vs. Sharon Batson, \$1,320, plus costs and interests.  
Decatur Health Systems vs. Kama L. and Nicholas Mandl, \$1,426, plus costs and interests.

**JAIL BOOKINGS**  
The following were booked into the Decatur County Jail:  
Feb. 24: Loren Hamlin, 18, McCook, minor in possession, Red Willow County Sheriff's Office.

Feb. 26: James Tidyman, 47, Culbertson, Neb., driving under influence, Red Willow County Sheriff's Office.  
Feb. 27: Sidney Lampman, 31, McCook, battery, Decatur County Sheriff's Office.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**  
Harold W. and Christine Paschke, transfer on death to the Paschke Family Trust, 50 percent interest in NE/4 of Sec. 8, T3S, R30W.

**City Hall**  
**MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Thursday, Feb. 26: Cole May, Oberlin, illegal tag, \$165; Nolan Peters, Oberlin, unlawful operation of all-terrain vehicle, \$125; Michele Gill, McCook, speeding 45 in a 30 mph zone, \$125; Misty Gullion, Oberlin, speeding 48 in a 30 mph zone, \$143; Kathleen Hidy, Danbury, Neb., crossed yellow line, \$125; open container, \$265; Kassidi Bradley, Oberlin, disorderly conduct, \$315.

**POLICE BLOTTER**

The Oberlin Police Department worked these calls:  
• Around 12:18 a.m. on Saturday, a 1992 Oldsmobile Cutlass belonging to Misty Brogan was stolen while parked in front of the American Legion. Chief Wade Lockhart said the car was found the same day in Sheridan County.  
Chief Lockhart said the report isn't yet finished, but it looked like the car was taken by an Oberlin juvenile, a runaway. He said he wasn't sure of her age or name, but she was found in Sheridan County, treated at the hospital for hypothermia and then released.  
There will be more information after the report is finished, he said.  
• At 10:45 a.m. last Wednesday, officers received a call that a 1999 Transcraft flatbed semitrailer was missing from Truck Town on U.S. 36. The trailer was taken sometime between 6 and 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 24.  
The trailer, said Chief Lockhart, is valued at \$8,900; it hasn't yet been recovered.

# Obituaries

**Marilyn L. Gilmer**  
Marilyn L. Gilmer, 77, formerly of Oberlin, died Feb. 21, 2009, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.  
She and her twin sister, Carolyn, were born on March 2, 1931, in Dresden, the daughters of Virgil and Merle (Cody) Nelson. The family moved to Oberlin, where she attended school, graduating from Decatur Community High School in 1949.  
She married Walter L. Gilmer on Jan. 16, 1954, in Raton, N.M. They lived in Colorado for nearly 20 years, where she was a secretary for a school district. The couple moved to Oberlin in 1972, where she worked in the treasurer's office at the courthouse.  
Survivors include two children, Kathy Gilmer, Yuma, Colo.; and Scott and Nancy Gilmer, Goodland; her twin sister, Carolyn and Allen "Bus" Wurm, Oberlin; two grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.  
She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; and a brother, Dennis Nelson.  
A memorial service was held Saturday afternoon at Sappa Manor in Oberlin with Dennis Brown officiating. There will be private inurnment at a later date.  
A memorial was established in her name. Contributions may be sent to Scott Gilmer, 801 W. Eighth St., Goodland, Kan., 67735.

Carol Hammond; a son, Robert and Sonya Staack, all of Woodburn; three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, three sisters, Alice May and Lois Carlson, Oberlin; and Maurine (Kay) Hartman, of Rancho Mirage, Calif.  
She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a sister, Lee-Ora Carlson, and brother, Wayne.  
Funeral services were held Feb. 13 at Cornwell Colonial Chapel in Woodburn with burial at Belle Passi Cemetery.

**Donald William Stapp**  
Donald William Stapp, 90, a retired Norcat farmer, died Feb. 23, 2009, at the Decatur County Hospital in Oberlin.  
He was born July 15, 1918, on a farm northwest of Norcat, the son of Ray Joseph "R.J." and Emma (Bailey) Stapp. He was reared on the family farm in the Norcat Community. He attended a country school near his home and Norcat High School. He helped his father farm and continued to farm after his schooling.  
He married Goldie Mae Kolsky on Jan. 21, 1940, in a double wedding with his sister, Alice, and Mike Shirley in Norton. They made their home on the Stapp family farm northwest of Norcat.  
The couple moved to Oberlin in 1968. He continued to farm part-time and began working for the City of Oberlin. Over the years, he was a part of the Road Department, took care of mowing and watering area parks and helped at the power plant.  
He was a member of the United Methodist Church and a past member of the Lions Club. He was involved with the Decatur County Amusement Authority, an organization he was associated with from its beginning.  
Survivors include his wife, Goldie of the home; three sons, Rodney and Delores Stapp, Norton; Larry and Marcia Stapp, Holcomb; and Garry and Barbara Stapp, Ord, Neb.; a brother, Dewaine Stapp, Oberlin; two sisters, Alice "Tillie" Shirley, Oberlin; and Delores and Richard Longwith, Mission, Texas; 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two step-great grandchildren.  
He was preceded in death by his parents and two infant brothers.  
Funeral services were held Friday morning at Pauls Funeral Home in

Oberlin. The Rev. Doug Hasty officiated and burial was at the Norcat Cemetery.  
Memorials were established to the Oberlin United Methodist Church and Decatur County Museum. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

**Correction**  
The jail bookings on Page 2A of the Wednesday, Feb. 25, issue of *The Oberlin Herald* incorrectly listed Kathleen Hidy as a Decatur County resident. She lives in Danbury, Neb. This was the result of incorrect information given to the newspaper.  
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**Markets**  
**March 2 closing markets**  
Wheat, \$4.75 bushel  
Corn, \$3.10 bushel  
Milo, \$4.45 hundredweight  
Soybeans, \$7.32 bushel  
Sunflowers, \$11.50 hundred-weight

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# Town Crier

**Today:** Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.  
**Thursday:** Substate basketball at Plainville.  
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World Day of Prayer, 2 p.m., Oberlin Sacred Heart Catholic Church.  
**Saturday:** Substate basketball at Plainville.  
High school speech at Ellis.  
Kansas Music Educators Association state contest.  
**Sunday:** Teens for Christ, 6-8 p.m.  
**Monday:** Late-start day, 10 a.m.  
Junior high Northwest Kansas League Scholar Bowl, 4 p.m., at Oakley.  
Oberlin School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., district office.  
**Tuesday:** Junior high band and vocal concert, 7:30 p.m., high

school auditorium.  
**Thursday, March 12:** Eastern Star chicken-and-noodle benefit for Forget-Me-Nots, 5 to 7 p.m., Masonic Temple dining room.  
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 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 the Golden Age Center, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, pinochle; Tuesday, pitch; third Thursday of the month, senior bridge, open. Quilting, puzzles,

games daily.  
**SENIOR MENU**  
Senior lunch at the Golden Age Center, 217 N. Penn, weekdays at 11:30 a.m.  
**Today:** chicken-dressing casserole, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, rosy pears.  
**Thursday:** ground-beef stew, cinnamon apple slices, bread, cookie.  
**Friday:** mac and cheese with smokies, Italian-blend vegetables, half banana, bread, cherry cobbler.  
**Monday:** sausage gravy, hash browns, apricots, biscuits, cook's choice complement.  
**Tuesday:** cheeseburger upside down pizza, broccoli-cauliflower salad, corn, applesauce.  
**Next Wednesday:** oven-baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, three-bean salad, bread, peaches.

Legislative Town Hall Meeting with  
**Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer, Rep. John Faber**  
*Saturday, March 7, 2009*

8 - 9 a.m. in *St. Francis* at Main Street Coffee  
9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in *Atwood* at Williams Brothers Grocery  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in *Oberlin* at Decatur Co. Courthouse, 3rd Floor  
1:45 - 2:45 p.m. in *Norton* at Town & Country Kitchen

Pd by Ostmeyer for Senate, Lori Edwards, Treasurer  
Rep. John Faber, Ed Carson, Treasurer

**COLORING PAGES**  
Hey Kids - Watch for two great coloring pages.  
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**WEATHER**

**Forecast**  
**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 74. North wind between 5 and 15 mph. **Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 35. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west.  
**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 70. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 34.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. **Night:** partly cloudy, with a low around 31.  
**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 28.  
**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 27.  
**Monday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 53.  
*From the National Weather Service.*

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
Feb. 23	47	14	0
Feb. 24	50	20	0
Feb. 25	74	26	0
Feb. 26	67	25	0
Feb. 27	50	11	T
Feb. 28	32	3	0
March 1	41	5	0

Precipitation totals for the week, Trace; for the month, .41; for the year 0.60; one year ago, Feb. 2008, 0.81; March, 2008, 2.03  
For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.4 mhz.  
By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.

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