

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
Dec. 31, 2008: Catherina D. Shields, Colby, speeding 77 in a 65 mph zone, \$117.
Small Claims
Stanley Hardware vs. Tad Hart-sough, \$156, plus costs and inter-

est.
Hansen Plumbing vs. Jodie Wenger, \$103, plus costs and interest.
Limited Actions
Countryside Vet Clinic vs. Polly Mosier, \$461, plus costs and interest.
REGISTER OF DEEDS
Cinda and Vernon L. Flax to Timothy James Bowen, Lot 6, Block 23, Rodehaver Addition to the Town, now city, of Oberlin.
Isabel M. and Dale D. Brown,

quit claim to Kay A. and Doyle B. Brown, SW/4 of Sec. 9, T4S, R28W.
Doyle B. and Kay A. Brown to Michael Vahling, SW/4 of Sec. 9, T4S, R28W.
Jason Angel Amlong, quit claim to Tom Stone, N. 50' of Lots 33-38, all in Block 11, Original Town, now city, of Dresden.
Louise Leitner, quit claim to the Louise Leitner Trust, part of Sec. 19, T2S, R30W; and SW/4, Sec. 20, T2S, R30W.

Town Crier

Today: Republican River Riparian Partnership Conference, 9:30 a.m., Gateway.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.
Friday: Celebrate Recovery: supper 6:30 p.m.; meeting, 7 p.m.; small groups, 8 p.m.; fellowship, 9 p.m., Oberlin Community Fellowship Church. For details, call (785) 475-3711.
Saturday: Benefit bake sale, 7 a.m., Raye's Grocery for Good Samaritan Center.
Monday: Siren test, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday: Jody Tubbs, Veterans representative, 9:30 a.m. courthouse.

Next Wednesday: Eastern Star meeting to honor district aide, 7:30 p.m., Eastern Star dining room.
Tuesday: 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. Donations 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: sausage-and-green-bean casserole, cook's choice vegetable, five-cup salad, bread, pudding.
Thursday: meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, peas, bread, apricots.
Friday: cook's choice entree, macaroni and cheese, California blend vegetables, bread, gelatin with mixed fruit.

Sewer smell should vanish with purchase of aerators

By CYNTHIA HAYNES
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The Oberlin City Council decided reluctantly to buy five aerators to mix the water in the new sewer lagoons to keep bacteria there alive and stop the smell which has been bothering the neighbors since winter.
Mayor Joe Stanley told the council that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment wants the city to get the mixers to control the odor.
"Lagoons like ours seem to have an odor problem," he said.
City Administrator Austin Gilley noted that the state isn't requiring the city to buy the mixers but was strongly suggesting the move.
The city put the lagoons in two years ago to meet new state and federal standards, but because the soil in the area is sandy, the lagoons had to have plastic liners. Lagoons with plastic liners typically have odor problems, Mr. Gilley said.
Lagoons that don't have to have that kind of liner don't have the problem, he said, because the soil seems to give the organisms that break down the organic matter in sewage a boost.
Without the soil or air in the wintertime, when the ponds ice over, the bacteria dies, said Chris Miller with Miller and Associates, the city's engineers, who helped design the system.
The city's lagoons are built in a

series, he said. Waste comes into the first lagoon and stays for a while and gets broken down, moves to the second lagoon and gets broken down more, then moves to the third, smaller lagoon before the water is discharged.
He said one state official had suggested to Oberlin City Foreman Dan Castle that he use the lagoons in parallel with waste going into each of the first two lagoons for a longer period, then into the third one before discharge.
He said that the series lagoons are better for removing ammonia, but the liner appears to be causing the smell problem.
The aerators or mixers are the only thing that will absolutely do away with the smell, Mr. Gilley told the council. The state is willing to help the city, he said, with a \$173,694 loan. It will forgive 50 half of the principle and provide the other 50 percent at 2.98 percent interest over 20 years. The loan can be added to what the city owes the state already for the lagoons, he added.
The loan payment now is \$45,000 every six months. The aerators would be another \$3,000 every six months, or a 7 percent increase, Mr. Gilley said.
Mr. Gilley and Mr. Miller agreed that, while the state and the federal Environmental Protection Agency have no rules about ammonia right now, that could change at any time and then the state won't necessarily

be around to pick up half the bill.
"We're being EPA'ed again," Councilman Rob McFee noted.
Councilman Bill Riedel agreed.
"Two years ago, a \$2 million sewer plant was the ultimate fix for the City of Oberlin," he said, "and we're already putting Band-Aides on it."
Councilwoman Marcia Lohoe-fener said she didn't think any of the officials cares if the city had the money for all the stuff the state and federal governments sat it has to have.
"They don't make sense and they don't care," she said.
The council asked if buying just one or two mixers would work. Mr. Miller said that any aeration would help, but that the state suggests that the city buy five and ask the vendor for a guarantee that they will solve the problem.
A supplier probably won't provide a guarantee, he said, unless the city buy all five mixers.
Councilman Ray Ward made the motion to buy the mixers.
"Much as I hate to spend the money on this," he said, "I think we need to do something about it."
Mr. McFee seconded it.
"I agree with Bill," he said. "This is a poor thing to have happened, but..."
The council voted 3-1 to buy the mixers with Mr. Riedel voting no and Councilwoman Rhonda May absent.

Obituaries

Robert R. Young
Robert Raymond Young, 82, of Kimball, S.D., husband of the former LaVergne Rydquist, died May 1, 2009, at the Aurora-Brule Nursing Home in White Lake, S.D.
He was born March 31, 1927 in Mitchell, S.D., the son of Raymond and Pearl (Taylor) Young.
He was reared on a farm north of Kimball and attended country school through the eighth grade. He graduated from Kimball High School a semester early to enlist in the Navy in 1945. After serving his country, he was employed in 1947 as a hospital maintenance worker in Denver.
He married LaVergne Rydquist on June 11, 1949. He worked with the railroad in Denver until they moved back to South Dakota in 1951 to farm with his father. He was a life long member of the Kimball Methodist Church and Drips American Legion Post; served on the township board; Kimball High School board; was Director of the Rural Electric Association and volunteered his time and collectibles to the South Dakota Tractor Museum in Kimball.
Survivors include his wife, LaVergne; three daughters, Patricia Young, Clive, Iowa; Peggy and Joe Roybal, Woodbury, Minn.; and Beverly and Bob Boehmer, Olathe, two sons, Martin and Jackie Young, Peshastin, Wash.; and Kurtis and Leilani Young, Grand Terrace, Calif.; two sisters, Evelyn Pooley, Seattle, Wash.; and Gladys Delaney, Wayzata, Minn.; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.
He was preceded in death by his



R. Young

parents; an infant daughter; and a brother-in-law, Jack Delaney.
Funeral Services were held May 8, 2009 at Protestant Parish Church in Kimball with military rites by Drips American Legion Post. A committal service will be held at a later date. The Shearer-Mount Funeral Chapel of Kimball was in charge of arrangements.
Memorials in his name may be sent to South Dakota Tractor Museum, P.O. Box 24, Kimball, S.D., 57355 or Protestant Parish, P.O. Box 340, Kimball, S.D., 57355. Expressions of sympathy may be extended to the family through www.mountfuneralhome.com.

and was active in law enforcement for more than 15 years. His law enforcement career began as a deputy for the Sheridan County Sheriff's Department for over 10 years, and then as a police officer for the City of Hoxie Police Department for over four years.
He was born again and accepted Jesus as Lord in 1967; received the baptism of the Holy Spirit in 1984, and was baptized in water at the Sheridan Lake in 1984.
Survivors include his wife, Twila, of the home; a son, Gary and Stefanie Bainter, Greeley, Colo.; a daughter, Brenda and Shane Richards, Broken Arrow, Okla.; two grandchildren; three brothers, William and Rosalie Bainter, Selden; Robert and Sandra Bainter, Hays; and Dale and Esther Bainter, Hoxie; a sister, Jean and Jerome Mazanec, Colby; and his mother-in-law, Pauline Loughry, Hoxie.
He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Peyton Grace.
Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Hoxie Christian Church with burial following at the Hoxie Cemetery. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home in Hoxie.
Memorials are suggested to the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, the Christian Church R and R Youth Group of Hoxie or Hospice of Northwest Kansas. Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 1024 Sheridan Ave., Hoxie, Kan., 67740.

James Ray Bainter
James Ray Bainter, 67, Hoxie, a native of Jennings, died Monday, May 25, 2009, at the Sheridan County Health Complex in Hoxie.
He was born Sept. 13, 1941, the son of Russel and Valeria (Smith) Bainter at Jennings and grew up on the family farm near Dresden. He was a 1959 graduate of Sheridan County High School. He was a volunteer in the Army and from 1963 to 1965 was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Fort Lee, Va.
He married Twila Loughry in Alma, on July 16, 1967. He was a farmer and rancher from 1965 until 2000 when he and his wife moved to Hoxie. He also did custom hay work, was a heavy equipment operator, and had obtained his private pilot's license. He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service as a rural mail carrier from 1987 until 2009

Markets

May 26 closing markets
Wheat, \$5.94 bushel
Corn, \$3.86 bushel
Milo, \$6.04 hundredweight
Soybeans, \$10.96 bushel
Soybeans, \$14.65 hundredweight

Planning a Wedding?

The Oberlin Herald
is happy to run pictures and stories of weddings.
However, we need the information within five weeks of the marriage. Write-ups received after this date require a \$10 charge for each month past the deadline date.
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WEATHER

Forecast
Today: Sunny, with a high near 76. North wind between 10 and 15 mph. **Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 49. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 84. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 54. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-west.
Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. **Night:** partly cloudy, with a low around 55.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. **Night:** partly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. **Night:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.
Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high ear 80.
From The National Weather Service

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
May 18	83	48	0
May 19	92	50	0
May 20	93	60	0
May 21	93	60	0
May 22	77	46	0
May 23	81	48	0
May 24	83	54	0

Precipitation totals for the week, 0.00; for the month, 1.13; for the year 5.11; one year ago, May 2008, 9.71
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By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.

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