

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 Small Claims

Jerry Wescott vs. Cardinal Bar and Grill, \$2,274; plus costs and interest.

Limited Actions

The Bank vs. Travis Riffle, \$106; plus costs and interest.

JAIL BOOKINGS

The following were booked into the Decatur County Jail:

Oct. 14: David Vick, 37, Oberlin, Decatur County warrant, Oberlin Police Department.

Jordan Davenport, 18, two counts aggravated battery on child, endangering a child, criminal threat, Oberlin Police Department.

Royal Fisher, 20, abuse of a child, aggravated battery, endangerment of a child, criminal threat, Oberlin Police Department.

Oct. 18: Christopher Kisner, 28, aggravated battery, battery on a law enforcement officer, disorderly conduct, possession of marijuana, Oberlin Police Department.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Trustees of The McVay Trust to Stephen L. and Lori Zodrow, as joint tenants, Lots 17-18, Block 3, Marks-Cole Addition to the City of Oberlin.

Robert Clayton and Christlene Cook, to Dale A. Kempt, two tracts in N/2SE/4 of Sec. 2, T3S, R29W.

Pope Inc. to Kirk and Holly Young, as joint tenants, W/2 of Sec. 16; W/2NE/4 of Sec. 16; NE/4 of Sec. 17; S/2SE/4 of Sec. 8; and W/2SW/4 of Sec. 9, all in T4S, R30W.

Estate of Geneva M. Morford to Geneva Louise Blackburn and Lynn Woodrow Morford, as tenants in common, NE/4 of Sec. 30, T3S, R29W.

Ken T. Badsy, Sheriff of Decatur County, sheriff's deed to Federal National Mortgage Association, Lot 13 and N/2 of Lot 14, Block 8, Original Town of Oberlin.

Estate of Ruby E. Wennihan, to Casey Alstrom, W/2 of Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Bryan's Addition to the

town, now City of Oberlin.

D&S Grain & Cattle Co. Inc. to Tanner E. Lincoln, a tract in SE/4 of Sec. 26, T1S, R30W.

Karen S. Thompson, f/k/a Karen S. Metcalf, and Laurence A. Thompson, Mary and George M. Stephenson and Sandra and Eugene P. Gardner to James H. and Tamri N. Fredrickson, as joint tenants, N/2 of Sec. 29, T4S, R29W.

City Hall

POLICE BLOTTER

The Oberlin Police Department worked these calls:

• At 1:44 a.m. Sunday, Chris Kisner, 28, was arrested outside the American Legion and now is being held in the Decatur County Jail on a \$50,000 bond. Police Chief Wade Lockhart said Mr. Kisner got into a fight with Ryan Fortin, although it was unclear if it was inside or outside the Legion Hall. Mr. Fortin was taken to the Decatur County Hospital.

Mr. Kisner was arrested on three or four counts of aggravated battery, said Chief Lockhart, plus battery against a police officer, obstruction of duty and marijuana possession. This is at least Mr. Kisner's second time being arrested for having marijuana, which could make it a felony charge, said Chief Lockhart.

Chief Lockhart did say there was drinking involved, but he didn't know the details of what happened.

• Last Wednesday, officers arrested Jordan Davenport, 18, for two counts of aggravated battery, criminal threat and endangering a child, and Royal Fisher Jr., 20, for abuse of a child, aggravated battery, criminal threat and endangering a child.

There is still one outstanding arrest warrant from the situation. Chief Lockhart said the victim in the incident was a 16-year-old boy. Chief Lockhart wouldn't reveal the victim's name or the name on the outstanding warrant.

Both Mr. Fisher and Mr. Davenport were taken to the Decatur County Jail. Chief Lockhart said he wasn't sure if they were still in jail Monday.

Wesley G. Benda

Wesley Gale Benda, 89, who farmed in the Midway area before he retired, died Thursday, Oct. 17, 2009, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Neb.

He was born Jan. 30, 1920, in Oberlin, the son of Robert and Hazel (Hurst) Benda.

Mr. Benda was raised near Achilles, where he attended the country school. He graduated from Decatur Community High School with the Class of 1937. While in his second term at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Mr. Benda's father died, and he returned home to farm and care for his mother and siblings.

On June 12, 1944, he married Eulaine Erikson at the Herndon Covenant Church. The family lived on a farm south of Achilles for 21 years before moving to the Erikson home place. Mr. and Mrs. Benda moved to Oberlin in 2001.

He was a member of the church for over 70 years and served as choir director, Sunday School teacher and a board member. He was also a member of Gideons International.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a brother, John Benda; a son-in-law, Mitch Messerly; and an infant grandson, Nicholas Maresch.

Survivors include his wife, Eulaine; a son, Gerald and Patti Benda Ludell; five daughters, Connie and Bob Smith, Chippewa Falls, Wis., Leanne and Losson Pike, Ashland, Shirley and Daryl Maresch, Nekoma, Beverly Messerly, Sublette, and Barbara and Mark Olson, Oberlin; two sisters, Esther Noren, Oberlin, and Ida Marie and David Erickson, Green Valley, Ariz.; a sister-in-

law, Dolores Benda, Atwood; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009, at the church, southwest of Herndon, with Pastor Keith Reuther officiating. Burial will be in the Herndon Covenant Cemetery.

Memorials have been established to the church and to Gideon's International. Contributions may be sent in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

Norman E. Britigan

Norman E. Britigan, 60, Aurora, Colo., a graduate of Norcatur High School, died Sept. 26, 2009, at his home after a long battle with cancer.

Mr. Britigan was born Feb. 17, 1940 in Denver, the son of Lloyd and Myrtle Britigan. During his junior year in high school, the family moved to Reager, where they operated the Reager Inn.

In 1958, the family temporarily relocated to Pierre, S.D. He and Kay Harvey, were married in Pierre on Dec. 24, 1958.

After completing his senior year in South Dakota, Mr. and Mrs. Britigan returned to Norcatur so he could graduate with friends. He enlisted in the Army, serving for six years with a tour in Germany.

The Britigans settled in Aurora, where he was a line driver for Farm-land Industries.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Jeff Britigan, Denver; a daughter, Dawn Michelle Ponsford, Aurora, Colo.; four grandchildren; a brother, Kenneth Britigan, Colorado Springs; and three sisters, Eleanor Armstrong, Astoria, Ore., Marlys Salo, Diamond City, Ark. and Joan Saint, Hennessey, Okla.

Services were Oct. 2 in Aurora, with burial in Fort Logan National Cemetery, Englewood, Colo.

Memorials have been established to the American Cancer Society, Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73123-1718, or any Hospice.

Carrol J. Hall

Carrol James Hall, 96, Norton, formerly of Oberlin, died Oct. 16, 2009, at the Norton County Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his

wife, Evelyn I. (Peters) Hall on Sept. 30.

Survivors include two daughters Connie Sanko, Norton, and Carolyn Gilhousen, Kansas City, Kan.; one son, James Hall, Knoxville, Tenn.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Cremation was planned. A private family burial is planned in Norton Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Whispering Pines Memorial Fund, Hospice Services of Norton County or First United Methodist Church, in care of Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel, 1115 Second St., Phillipsburg, Kan. 67661.

Terri James

Terri James, 52, died at her home in Norcatur on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009.

She was born Dec. 7, 1956, in Oberlin, the daughter of Willard and Willa (Cummins) Stapleton, and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1974.

On April 1, 1978, she and Larry James married in Oberlin, where they lived until moving to Norcatur in 1992.

Mrs. James was a homemaker and a member of the Norcatur United Methodist Church, and the Oberlin American Legion Auxiliary, Order of Eastern Star and City Library Board.

She was preceded in death by her father, Willard Stapleton, and two brothers, Willard Stapleton Jr. and Eric Allen Stapleton.

She is survived by her husband of the home; two sons, Matthew and Jamie James, North Platte, Neb., and Sgt. Russell and Karyn James, Jacksonville, N.C.; her mother and stepfather, Willa and Darrell Carlton, Hot Springs Village, Ark.; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Monday at the church with the Rev. Larry Danforth officiating. Inurnment will be later.

Contributions to the Terri James Memorial Fund may be sent in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan. 67749.

Sharon M. Raburn

Sharon Marie Raburn, 71, Haigler, Neb., mother of Peg Raburn, a former Oberlin resident, died Oct. 6 in Tulsa, Okla., after a short illness.

She was born May 1, 1938, to Emil Odean and Mae (Stelzer) Odean in North Platte, Neb. Mrs. Raburn graduated from high school in Sutherland, Neb., and attended the University of Nebraska, where she met her husband, Darold Raburn. They were married July 19, 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. Raburn lived in Grant, Neb., where they owned the pharmacy and a specialty gift and card shop. After leaving Grant, they operated several businesses in Nebraska and Colorado, but remained lifelong Cornhusker fans. Their last business was in Wray, Colo., but their love for restoring old homes led them to buy a house in Haigler in 1983. They spent many years restoring and landscaping their property and hunting antiques together.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her father and a grandson, Josh Jones.

Survivors include her mother, of Collinsville, Okla.; a son, Ted and Jill Raburn, Claremore, Okla.; two daughters, Nancy and Ken Vasa, Monmouth, Ore., and Peg Raburn, Hays; two brothers-in-law, Joe and Lorene Raburn, Cambridge, Neb., and Harold and Marion Raburn, Holdrege, Neb.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

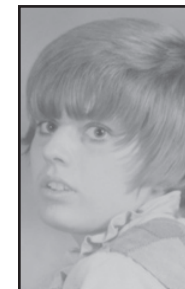
A memorial service will be planned for the spring in Wray. Memorial donations may be made to Clarehouse, 7617 S. Mingo Rd., Tulsa, Okla. 74133 or clarehouse.org.

Ward Sauvage

A memorial service for Ward Sauvage, a former Oberlin businessman and civic leader, who died in Las Vegas, will be Monday at the Oberlin United Methodist Church with Pastor Keith Reuther and the Rev. Bob Fleenor officiating.

Burial will be in the Oberlin Cemetery with military committal rites by the Oberlin American Legion.

Pauls Funeral Home of Oberlin is in charge of arrangements.



Terri James

Markets

October 19 closing markets

Wheat, \$4.16 bushel
Corn, \$3.35 bushel
Milo, \$5.27 hundredweight
Soybeans, \$9 bushel
Sunflowers, \$11.50 hundred-weight

Town Crier

Today: Noon, Herndon Senior Citizens meet at the center for dinner and games.

5 to 9 p.m., Oberlin Elementary and Junior High parent-teacher conferences.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.

Thursday: 2 p.m., Junior high Northwest Kansas League volleyball tournament; seventh grade, St. Francis; eighth grade, Colby.

7 p.m., American Legion meeting.

7 p.m., Vic Mowry Band in the dining room at Cedar Living Center.

Friday: No school. Parent-Teacher conferences 8 a.m. to noon.

Celebrate Recovery, supper, 6:30 p.m., followed by meeting and fellowship, Oberlin Community Fellowship Church.

Oberlin Business Alliance will have a tailgate party across from the football stadium before the game. Burgers will be served for a donation.

7 p.m., High school football, here with Oakley.

Saturday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Rock-A-Thon at Good Samaritan Center.

Substate volleyball at Plainville Regional cross country at Hill City.

5 p.m., Norcatur United Methodist Church annual soup supper and bazaar. Supper by donation; bazaar

and auction to follow at 7 p.m.

6:30 p.m., Annual Scavenger Hunt. Meet at band shell in City Park.

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

Monday: 8:15 p.m., Decatur Community High Halloween Clean-Up.

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, pinocle; 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: Salmon patty or loaf, cheesy broccoli, mixed fruit, bread, brownie.

Thursday: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn,

bread, peaches.

Friday: Cook's choice entree, spinach cheese salad, pears, bread, applesauce bar.

Monday: Chicken-vegetable casserole, apricots, biscuit, cook's choice complement.

Tuesday: Chili, orange pineapple salad, crackers, cinnamon roll.

Wednesday: Turkey dressing casserole, mashed potatoes and gravy, California blend vegetables, tropical fruit.

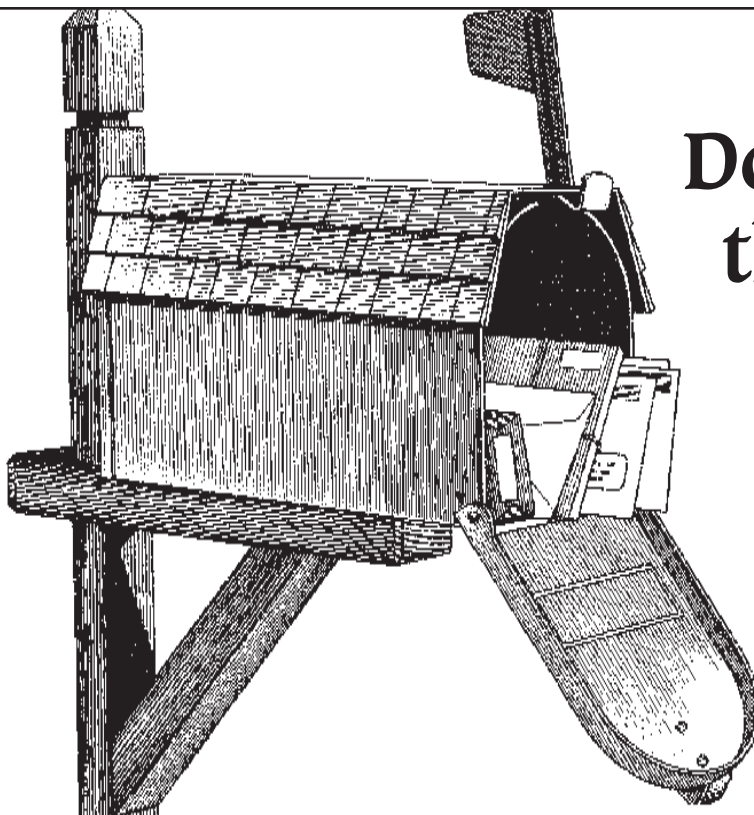
School Menu

October 26 - 30 OBERLIN SCHOOLS

Monday: Breakfast: Breakfast bites. Lunch: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, dinner roll. **Tuesday:** Breakfast: Sausage pattie, muffin. Lunch: Little smokies, macaroni and cheese, dinner roll.

Wednesday: Breakfast: Western Omelet, toast. Lunch: Pizza, corn. **Thursday:** Breakfast: Pizza boat breakfast. Lunch: Tater tot/green bean casserole, dinner roll. **Friday:** Breakfast: French toast sticks. Lunch: Chicken pattie sandwich, pineapple chunks.

Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.



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Weather

Forecast

Wednesday: Rain. High near 45. Windy, with a north wind between 25 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80 percent. **Night:** A chance of rain and snow before 1am, then a chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 31. Blustery, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Thursday: A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 46. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent. **Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 33.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 56. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 34.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 36.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 57. **Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 34.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61.

From the National Weather Service

National Weather Service

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
Oct. 12	39	32	0
Oct. 13	37	33	.36
Oct. 14	43	34	0
Oct. 15	68	33	0
Oct. 16	66	34	0
Oct. 17	62	28	0
Oct. 18	81	35	0

Precipitation totals for the week, 0.36; for the month, 1.31; for the year 25.06; one year ago, October 2008, 22.68

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By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.