



PARTS OF A MOTOR HOME and a semitrailer tractor an accident at the U.S. 83 and K-383 intersection east of Selden.

Wreck smashes motor home, kills driver

An 86-year-old Nevada man was killed last Wednesday afternoon when his motor home apparently ran a stop sign and was hit broadside by a semitrailer rig at the junction of U.S. 83 and K-383 northeast of Selden.

Trooper Ronald Boyd of the Kansas Highway Patrol reported that Carl Jonas of Pahrump, Nev., was driving south on U.S. 83 in a motor home when it ran the stop sign at the K-383 intersection about three miles from Selden. One rescue official said it was the worst crash in the Selden area in some years.

A tractor-trailer going southwest hit the motor home and pushed it off the road and into the ditch to the southwest. Both vehicles came to rest right side up, Trooper Boyd said.

The intersection has a tight angle, with K-383 entering from the northeast and U.S. 83 crossing railroad tracks parallel to the through road. U.S. 83 has a stop sign for southbound traffic, with rumble strips and a warning sign in advance.

The trooper reported that Mr. Jonas and his wife, May, 72, were taken to the Sheridan County Medical Center in Hoxie, where the driver was pronounced dead at 3:42 p.m. Both were wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash, about 2:40 p.m.

The truck driver, Daniel Smith, 33, Wiley, Colo., was taken to Citizens Medical Center in Colby with possible injuries. He was also wearing his seat belt, the trooper said. The Jonases

were towing a 2002 Saturn behind the motor home, which had to be towed away. The front of the semi tractor was smashed in, and the motor home was reported a total loss.

Troopers, firemen and others worked late into the night to investigate and clean up the crash. Tow trucks were still trying to hook up about 9 p.m. as firemen directed traffic around the scene.

The motor home, tractor and trailer were towed to Mel's Motors and the Saturn to Jack's Repair, both in Oakley. Furniture, mattresses belongings and the windshield from the motor home remained beside the road for several days.

Schools to hold eight periods a day

The Oberlin School Board has ratified the negotiated agreement with the district unit of the Kansas-National Education Association, the union representing teachers, which includes going from a seven-period day to eight at the high school and junior high.

The move will add an extra class period to the schedule, said Superintendent Duane Dorshorst, allowing students more options for classes.

At the junior high, the extra period means that students will have a chance to take more beginning courses in several subjects, he said. For example, there will be "family and consumer science (home economics) and vocational agriculture courses this year. There has been only industrial arts at that level in the past, he said.

The negotiations with the Oberlin teachers have been long, said board member Dan Nedland, but fruitful. It's been good on both sides. He said he thinks there has been a lot of good communication back and forth.

The teachers have approved the agreement, he added, so the board just needs to ratify it. Board member Dan Grafel seconded his motion.

With the changes in the agreement, said Superintendent Duane Dorshorst, the board needs to remove four days from the calendar.

The ones suggested included Thursday May 26; Monday, March 28; for league forensics; Friday, Feb. 25, for state wrestling; and Friday May 13, for league track.

The board approved.

Mr. Dorshorst said he thinks the classified staff has been ignored for several years as far as their wages go. He recommended a 2.2 percent increase for the hourly staff, 54 cents a day for bus drivers, \$500 a year for supervisors and \$1,000 for High School Principal Charlie Haag.

The total increase would cost the district about \$11,148, he said.

The board approved the increases.

Group requests \$50,000 for airport

Members of the airport committee, City Council and others interested in the runway expansion project wanted to find out about the \$50,000 the Decatur County commissioners put in the budget three years ago for the project.

While there was discussion about the city and county entities working together, things got heated up when Councilwoman Rhonda May told the commissioners that the county wasn't supporting the project and Commissioner Stan McEvoy walked out.

Earlier in the meeting, said Mr. McEvoy, he had told the group to get out and Commissioner Gene Gallentine calmed him down. Then when it was brought up again that the county isn't supporting the city or the project, he left.

Connie Grafel, marketing director for the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corp., said there is going to be work on the airport project, on the north south runway starting soon.

The group was asking the county to put the \$50,000 back in the budget for the airport project.

Ms. Grafel said she was joined by Ms. May, Karen Larson, interim city administrator, Lee Franklin, with the airport committee, Deanna Castle, Doyle Brown, former commissioner and Kevin Rippe.

Mr. McEvoy said that the commissioners said the county would help when there was some progress being made on the runway, and with none they haven't given any money yet.

Three years ago the commission-

ers did put \$50,000 into the budget, nothing was paid out, he said. Then things stalled on the airport project and last year the money was taken out of the budget to help shore things up so there wasn't such a dramatic tax increase.

Mr. McEvoy said Mr. Gallentine did also tell the group that things have changed since three years ago when the commissioners agreed to budget for that money including a new commissioner, sales tax increase, Bus and Coach International are no longer in Jennings and the county lost \$7 million in valuation two years ago. That has since gone up a little from two years ago, when the valuation dropped drastically.

Mr. Gallentine said that the county has been on a tight reign to keep all the departments going this year.

The county receives money requests all the time and the commissioners have to choose who the taxpayer wants the money to go to.

Mrs. Larson said that the airport project is moving forward with 67 acres acquired for the runway safety areas, building restriction lines and runway protection zones. The city has bought a card reader for a self fueling unit and is working on getting the Automated Weather Observation System in.

The next project is pavement maintenance for the existing runway which has to be done.

There was no decision about the requested \$50,000.

Both Commissioner Ralph Unger and County Attorney Steve Hirsch were on vacation.

Thank You!

Our family would like to sincerely thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers during this tragic time. You don't know how much it means to us. The support of the community has been unbelievable and it's times like these that cause you to realize why we choose to live in Western Kansas.

Although most of you had never met Brett we would like to share what he taught us in his life and his death. He was a huge man (6'4", 260 lbs. of muscle, once Garden City Community College defensive end) but nevertheless a quiet, gentle, patient, humble man. Faith and family were the only two things he cared about on this earth. Brett and his wife Nikki were only married 10 months when God blessed them with their first child, daughter Zuri Jae. Brett only got to be with Zuri for 20 days but he was a great dad and planned to have 8 kids.

While God took him all too soon, he left us a precious baby girl who looks just like her daddy. We were also given the comfort of knowing just where Brett went. When they recovered his body, in his back pocket was the bible he carried to read at work.

Once again we would like to thank all of you for your support and we pray that Brett's life will be an inspiration to even those who didn't know him.

Sincerely,
The Family of Brett Spresser

Couple drops A&W franchise

Faced with a hefty "re-imaging" fee to keep the A&W franchise on the west side of Oberlin Sinclair after the beginning of August, the owner said he has decided to drop the franchise for the burger joint.

Dwight Wentz, who owns D&M

Service with his wife Mary, said that because of the cost, although he didn't say what that would be, they have decided to close the franchise on Sunday.

He said A&W has been in Oberlin since 1999, and D&M took over in

2003.

Although they will do away with the A&W branding, he said, the restaurant might stay open. He said they are looking for someone who is interested in having a restaurant in the space.

AUCTION

Tractors-Vehicles-Miscellaneous

Sat., August 7, 2010

10:00 a.m. CST
Auction Location from
Atwood, KS:
At the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 25 & 36, go 8 miles north to road Z, then 1/2 mile west.

Guest Consignors
1998 763 Bobcat, (2798 hrs.)
1992 Lexus, 4dr. Sun Roof, (runs good)
1959 Chevy Truck, 13 1/2' B&H
21' Miller Rod w/Degelman Harrows
12' Miller Disc
18' Krane Disc
3-5' Noble Sweeps w/Pickers
48' Flex King Rod w/Harrows, Hyd. Hitch

<p>2004 Dodge 1500 4dr., HEMI 1999 F250 Diesel 4x4, 4 dr. (nice) 1975 IH 1066 w/Cab, Duals, 5900 hrs, new Clutch/TA 1975 Ford F-600, 18' Steel B&H 1975 Dodge D-600, 15 1/2' Steel B&H, Stock Racks 1964 Dodge 100, restored, Long Box, V8 4 spd., (excellent) Case IH 1020, 20' Flex Head Hesston 2000-100 Silage Cutter, 2 Row Head, 5' PU Head Richardson 6x5 Sweep, NH3 & Liquid Sunflower 28' Tandem Disc, Model 1230 UFF 500 bu. Grain Cart Lilliston Cultivator, 6R300 Lilliston 28' Drills, w/Transports 5-Degelman Harrow Sections Farmhand Rake JD 16' Disc Drill Schaffer 16' Tandem Disc Inland Bale Stoker JD 8 Section Rotary Hoe 20' Silage Floor 1987 Gleaner R-50, 3000 Engine hrs., (engine needs work) 1987 AC 24' Wheat Head 24' Hume Pickup Reel 1991 Dodge Grand Caravan 1992 Dodge Caravan Fiberglass Topper, (fits mid-size box) 21' Flex King Rod 1993 Bestway 45' Sprayer, Tandem Axle WW Self Catch Head Gate 1974 Landau Motor Home, Self Contained, 5000 w. Onan Generator 1967 Ford Custom Station Wagon 1965 Ford F-150 PU 1975 Suburban 1936 JD D S# 125233 1959 Ford F-600, B&H 1947 REO Speedwagon, 16 1/2' B&H Farmall M w/Loader, S# 243488 JD 2 cyl parts JD Trailer, Single Axle M&M 5 Bottom Plow</p>	<p>10' M&M Oneaway Oil Gas Pump DuAI Loader Mounts, fits 105 White, Oliver 1850 1964 930 Case, (parts) 10 KW Generator w/Auto Start, propane 1000 gal. Propane Tank 250 gal. Propane Tank 125 gal. Propane Tank Cement Mixer, (elect.) 2- 9' x 5 Ring Bulk Bins 9' x 2 Ring Bulk Bin 1992 Wegele Scooter Mower Bobcat Mower, 72" Marty J Mower, 60" AC 320 Header 20', w/Leeway Sunflower, Att. Auger Troughs, 10"x10' w/lighting Gas Pump, w/meter 41' x 8' Hutch Auger Parts 2 AC Pull Type Combines 20'x6' Mayrath Auger MH 92 Combine Troy-Bilt Rototiller Craftsman 10" Radial Arm Saw Delta 12 1/2' Planer Creosote Posts Lincoln AC Welder Drill Press Hawk 16' Scroll Saw 2-Air Compressors Antique Drill Press Antique Hand Tools Sieglar Cast Iron Heating Stove Sears Heating Stove Bush & Lane Upright Piano Oak Buffet Round Oak Wood Range Kerosene Cook Stove Cream Separators Milking & Dairy Equipment Barbed Wire Creosote Posts 2 Frost Free Waterers Several Tons of Scrap Iron Sandblaster 2-Grease Guns, (battery) 12" Aeration Tubes 2-PU Tool Boxes Drill Fill Auger 4" Tractor Chains, 18.4 x 38 Windmill Parts Old Well Tools 500+ ft. Goat Fencing, (electric) Gas Engine, 6.5hp (new) Oak chest of drawers 2-8' Auger Hoppers</p>
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