

# 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

##### Limited Actions

Butch Olseth vs. Jeff A. Fortin, \$11,220, plus costs and interest.

##### JAIL BOOKINGS

Aug. 25: Benjamin Helm, 29, Indianola, Neb., driving under the influence, driving while suspended, Red Willow County Sheriff's Office.

Aug. 26: Jeri Brown, 42, Colby, bad checks, Decatur County Sheriff's Office.

Jamie Dack, 55, McCook, driving under influence fines, Red Willow County Sheriff's Office.

Aug. 27: Carol Jo Quick, 39, Oberlin, warrant, Oberlin Police Department.

Aug. 30: Paul Henry Parsons, 48, Norton, warrant, Decatur County Sheriff's Office.

#### REGISTER OF DEEDS

Stanley N. and Roben O. Deines, quit claim to Stanley N. and Roben O. Deines, as joint tenants, NE/4 and E/2 NW/4 of Sec. 29, NW/4 and W/2 SW/4 of Sec. 34, all in T2S, R28W.

Stanley N. and Roben O. Deines,

transfer on death to Eric R. Deines, NE/4 and E/2 NW/4 of Sec. 29, NW/4 and W/2 SW/4 of Sec. 34, all in T2S, R28W.

Stephen Hattrup and Roger O'Hare, attorneys in fact for O'Hare Heirs, to Patti Coryell, E/2 of Lot 10 and all of Lot 11, Block 17, Summit Addition to the City of Oberlin.

Doris and Lyle G. Auker to James E. and Carolyn S. Plotts, as joint tenants, Lot 7 and 8, Block 13, Original town of Norcatour.

Betty Wymore to James and Virginia Klein, as joint tenants, dated Sept. 27, 2007, S/2 of Sec. 6, T5S, R29W.

James P. and Gina Andersen to Pamela Dilcher, all of Lot 16 and N. 33.5 feet of Lot 15, Block 8, Rodehaver Addition to the City of Oberlin.

### City Hall

#### MUNICIPAL COURT

Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010: Guy Simons, Sturgis, SD, expired drivers license, \$315; Toby Peters, Oberlin, minor in possession, \$265, transporting alcohol, \$265.

#### POLICE BLOTTER

The Oberlin Police Department worked these calls:

• Around 4:22 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, David Noren, 16, jumped

the curb in a 1991 Toyota Camry and hit a wall outside the library. Police Chief Wade Lockhart said Mr. Noren apparently used the gas pedal instead of the brake. He didn't receive a ticket.

There was damage to the brick wall and some of the landscaping.

• Around 7:28 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, Chief Lockhart said, he found the back door of Truck Town forced open. No one has said if anything was missing, he reported.

• On Saturday, Aug. 21, Chief Lockhart received a report of criminal damage to the miniature golf sign and post at the fairground. The damage happened sometime between Sunday, Aug. 8, and Saturday, Aug. 21.

• Received a report on Sunday, Aug. 22, that all four tires on a 1989 Dodge pickup belonging to Steven Carlton had been slashed. The truck was parked on N. Cass Avenue.

• On Friday, Officer Troy Haas arrested Carol Quick, 40, on a bench warrant from the district court.

### Federal Court

#### BANKRUPTCIES

(Chapter 7 unless otherwise noted)  
Johnson, Shirley Mae, aka Shirley M. Marlin, Norcatour, liabilities \$38,002, assets \$27,818.

### Mary Margaret Helm

Mary Margaret Helm, 63, a 1965 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Friday, Aug. 24, 2010, at St. Mary's Catholic Hospital in Tucson, Ariz.



Mary Helm

She was born May 24, 1947, the daughter of John Francis and Helen Margaret (Sughrone) Helm. She was reared on the family farm in Decatur County and attended Spring Branch rural school until 1960 when rural schools disbanded. She then went to Norcatour for her eighth grade and freshman years. She attended school at Concordia her sophomore year and returned to Decatur Community High School, living with Roy and Ann Shobe and family.

On graduation, she received the Smick Memorial Scholarship and went to nursing school at Stormont Vail Hospital in Topeka. After graduating, she returned to Oberlin to work at the hospital to fulfill her scholarship agreement.

She later worked at hospitals in Kansas before accepting a position of director of nursing in Albuquerque, N.M.

While there, she got her Bachelor of Science in nursing and was then transferred by her work to Tucson, Ariz. She received the Who's Who in American Nursing Award in 1986 and 1987.

She received an award from the Mid American Nursing Society on Addiction and recognition for Outstanding Service Dedication and Leadership in the Addiction Field in 1983.

Survivors include her mother, Helen Helm, Cambridge, Neb.; four brothers, Jim and Yanis Helm, Danbury, Neb.; Fred Helm, Hilo, Hawaii; John II and Pam Helm, Redmond, Wash.; and Mike and Deb Helm, Norcatour; three sisters, Kathy Brashears and Robert Hezzy, Curtis, Neb.; Ceanne and Martin Rinehart, Colby; and Laurie Helm, St. Joseph, Mo.; 18 nieces and nephews and a special nephew, Stefan, of Tucson, for whom she babysat for 13 years.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Helm in 2004 and a great-nephew, Jayce Joseph Lepper-Helm.

Rosary will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Mass to follow at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Indianola, Neb.

Father Tom McGuire will say the Mass and Father Robert Barnhill will give the homily. There was cremation.

Contributions to her memorial may be sent to Helen Helm, 1205 Nelson Street, Apt. 13E, Cambridge, Neb., 69022.

### Eileen M. Laird

Memorial services will be held at a later date for Eileen M. Laird, 90, who died Monday, Aug. 30, 2010, at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

She was born Aug. 1, 1920, on a farm in Harlan Township in Decatur County, the daughter of Earl and Mildred Belle (Vernon) Landau.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. Larry Laird, Columbia, Pa., and Michael and Luanne Laird, Celina, Texas; two grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, Lloyd Emerson, Oberlin.

There was cremation. A complete obituary will be carried later.

### Cathy Cae Miller

Cathy Cae Miller, 52, a 1976 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010, at her home in Rifle, Colo.



Cathy Miller

She was born April 29, 1958, in Oberlin, the daughter of Walt and Joanne (Ater) Castle.

Survivors include her husband, Louis Miller; her parents; a son, Baron Ferguson; a daughter, Sundi Ferguson; two brothers, Joe and Dan Castle; a sister Patti Castle Coryell; and the father of her children, Darrel Ferguson.

A celebration of her life was held Sunday afternoon at the Silt Park Gazebo. There was cremation.

A memorial was established to the Cathy C. Miller Memorial Fund. Contributions may be sent to Rifle Funeral Home, 1400 Access Road, Rifle, Colo., 81650.

### Lawrence Ray Zoberst

Lawrence Ray Zoberst, 90, a retired Rexford farmer, died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby.

He was born Nov. 17, 1919, on a farm near Cumberland in Thomas County, the son of William and Lena (Wagner) Zoberst. He was reared on the family farm. He attended Cumberland Rural School, Rexford High School, and Colby High School. He also attended Kansas State University for a short time before joining the U.S. Army. He served in the South Pacific during World War II.

He married Marie Bedore on Oct. 5, 1947, in Colby. They became the parents of a son and two daughters. They lived on a farm north of Rexford for 37 years before moving to Rexford. His wife preceded him in death April 29, 1992.

He married Berneda Barnett on Oct. 11, 1993, in Rexford, where they made their home. He farmed for most of his adult life, served as a Thomas County Commissioner, and was a member of the Rexford Community Church, American Legion, Colby Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Odd Fellows Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Berneda Zoberst, Rexford; two children, Teena and Kenneth Johnston, Rexford, and Larry Zoberst, Hays; a stepson, Don and Cheryl Barnett, Sharon Springs; two grandsons; and eight step-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Lisa Rae Zoberst; a brother, Floyd Zoberst; and four sisters, Fay Barnett, Edna Ziegelmeier, and Iryne and Ruby Zoberst.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at the Rexford Community Church. The Rev. Lane Purcell officiated and burial was in the Rexford Cemetery.

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

## Town Crier

**Today:** Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn (first Wednesday of month only).

**Thursday:** Junior high volleyball, 4 p.m., here, with St. Francis and Goodland.

High school cross country, 4:30 p.m., at Norton.

Junior high football, 5:30 p.m., here, with St. Francis.

**Friday:** High school football, 5:53 p.m., here, with St. Francis.

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

**Monday:** Labor Day, no school.

**Tuesday:** High school volleyball, 4 p.m., at St. Francis with Colby.

**Monday-Friday:** The Sunflower Recreation Center downtown is open from 4 to 8 p.m. for games and snacks Monday through Thursday and from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday.

At 1 p.m. at the Golden Age Center, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, pinochle; Tuesday, pitch; third Thursday of the month, open

senior bridge. First and third Tuesday, Quilting, puzzles, games daily. Chicken-foot dominoes, 1 p.m., first and third 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.

**Tuesday, Thursday:** The Decatur County Food Pantry is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. both days at the United Church, 109 N. Griffith. Donations of cash, nonperishable food and household items are always needed.

#### SENIOR MENU

Senior lunch at the Golden Age Center, weekdays at noon:

**Today:** ham-and-scalloped-potato casserole, peas, bread, apricots.

**Thursday:** swiss steak with tomatoes, cook's choice vegetable,

gelatin with bananas and strawberries, bread, bar cookie.

**Friday:** beef and noodles, green beans, carrot-raisin salad, roll, citrus slices.

**Monday:** Closed for Labor Day.

**Tuesday:** hot dog, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, bun, cook's choice fruit.

**Wednesday:** salmon loaf, parsleyed potatoes, five-cup salad, bread, cookie.

## 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.

## Honor Roll

Welcome and thanks to these recent subscribers of *The Oberlin Herald*:

Kay Harold, Clinton, Iowa; Maribeth Rex, Sparks, Nev.; Nicie Wasinger, Pearce, Ariz.; Ron Wenger, Dayton, Tenn.; Dr. Serena Bradshaw, Columbus, Ohio.

California: Eldon Mrstik, Fillmore; Harwood Kolsky, Saratoga; Robert Martin, Westlake Village; Colene Chance, Sugarloaf.

Colorado: Dean Alexander, Centennial; Marilyn Brandhorst, Colo-

rado Springs; Nebraska: Ramona Hornkohl, Marion; Marcia Woods, Blue Hill; Francis Haag, Bartley.

Kansas: Ernest May, Tonganoxie; Sarah Shaw, Andover; Luther Nitschke, Cambridge; Marcia Emig, Goodland; Fern Kleinsorge, Wichita; Kurt Fredrickson, Salina; Jared Marcuson, Great Bend; Sarah Marcuson, Colby; Mary Stoecker, Oakley; Jessica Bremer, Allen Jeffus, Topeka; Maurice Schaller, Larned; Renee Lewis, Ron Shaw,

Selden; Brady Richards, Antonino; Annamarie Larue, El Dorado; Andrew Dempewolf, Hays.

Oberlin: Marion Wenger, Judy Wenger, Elden Anderson, Owen Wilson, Ronald Bryan, Wilma May, Marguerite Bailey, Juanita Williby, Alyce Avery, Merlin Anderson, Jason Fortin, Martin May, Chris May, Andy May, Janice Cundiff, Myrtle Waldo, Frieda Goetze, Norman Gallentine, Earl Winder, Vernon Diederich, Leona Harms, Bob Berls, Rusty Addleman.

## City wants more info on cell tower

The Oberlin City Council decided at a meeting Thursday, Aug. 19, that it needed more information about a request for Verizon Wireless to put in a tower in town.

The firm wants to put up a 270-foot tower, subject to Federal Aviation Administration approval. The company will pay \$400 a month or \$4,800 a year to lease ground for the tower.

Mayor Joe Stanley said it looks on the map as if the proposed spot is in the city shop, near downtown.

Interim City Administrator Karen Larson said when she talked to a company representative, he said the firm didn't realize that Oberlin has an historic downtown, so they suggested putting the tower by the former sewer plant.

There was some conversation on whether the proposed site is in a flood plain.

Council Bill Riedel said he thought there was an ordinance about towers in the city. Mayor Stanley asked if that meant Verizon would need to go through both the zoning appeals board and the Federal Aviation Administration.

There is a specific ordinance for wind towers in the city, said City Attorney Steve Hirsch, but there are also requirements for tower height.

After looking at the map, there was also some discussion on whether

the proposed location is inside the city limits.

Are there going to be any restrictions on how close the tower can be to power lines? asked city Foreman Dan Castle. He noted that Nex-Tech Wireless also wants to put a tower up, on its lot across the street from the Golden Age Center. Mr. Castle said he told them that wouldn't work.

Since the land Verizon wants to use is city property, Mr. Castle said, maybe the council should talk to Nex-Tech, too.

Mayor Stanley said they will look into the Verizon tower, and if Nex-Tech wants to put up a tower, the firm should contact the city.

## Sunflower Cinema

220 N. Penn  
Oberlin  
785-470-2200

## The Other Guys

Fri., September 3, 7 p.m.  
Sat., September 4, 7 p.m.  
Sun., September 5, 7 p.m.

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## Weather

#### Forecast

**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 85. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. Night: Clear, with a low around 53. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Thursday:** Sunny and breezy, with a high near 86. Night: Clear, with a low around 58.

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 91. Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 61.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 95. Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

**Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 94. Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 61.

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 93.

From the National Weather Service

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
Aug. 23	98	56	0
Aug. 24	92	59	0
Aug. 25	82	49	0
Aug. 26	86	49	0
Aug. 27	87	49	0
Aug. 28	93	56	0
Aug. 29	93	63	0

Precipitation totals for the week, 0.00; for the month, 1.67; for the year 22.38; one year ago, Aug. 2009, 19.48

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