

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 Filed

March 18. : Tony LaRue Jr., WaKeeney, and Tara Lee LaRue, Clayton.

Limited Actions

Credit Management Services Inc. vs. Kay and Gary Matheny, \$480 plus costs and interest.
D & M Sinclair Service Inc. vs. Holly Gallentine, \$760 plus costs and interest.
D & M Sinclair Service Inc. vs. Gailen and Dorothy Miskel, \$1,705 plus costs and interest.
D & M Sinclair Service Inc. vs. Sarah Miskel, \$1,490 plus costs and interest.

JAIL BOOKINGS

The following were booked into the Decatur County Jail:
Daniel Smith, 27, Oberlin, March 23, warrant for probation, Oberlin Police Dept.
Richard Valentine, 58, Oberlin, March 26, driving with canceled license, serving time, Decatur County Sheriff's Department.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Edward L. and Vivian Russ, quit claim to the Charles Corcoran Revocable Trust, E63 feet of Lots 1 and 2 in Blk 12, City of Oberlin.
Galen and Mary Carper, transfer on death of Galen Carper to Teka Jo Carper, Judd Steven Carper, and Jeff Alan Carper, as tenants in common, all unplatted ground in NW/4 NW/4 Sec. 30, T4S, R26; lots 1-13, Blk2, Pine Addition to Jennings; tract in SW/4 NW/4 Sec. 30, T4S, R26. N80 feet and S 50 feet of lots 9, 10,

11, and 12, Blk 5, Original town, now City of Jennings. All mineral interest in Sec. 25 and Sec. 36, T4S, R27W.
Galen and Mary Carper to Galen and Mary Carper as joint tenants, tract in NE/4 Sec. 25, T4S, R27W.
Patricia Grafel to Patricia A. Grafel Revocable Living Trust, SE/4 Sec. 17, T1S, R30W.

City Hall

MUNICIPAL COURT

Thursday, March 24: Gary Alstrom, Oberlin, inattentive driving, \$163; Carie Schurr, Oberlin, dog at large, \$118; James Urban, Oberlin, dog at large, \$143; Aaron Ploussard, health nuisance, \$143; Alicia Bergling, Oberlin, driving under influence, transporting open container, failure to report accident. Case dismissed by city attorney.

Town Crier

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

Thursday: Northwest Kansas League speech, 1 p.m., at Quinter.

Friday: Coffee hour, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Decatur County Museum.

Saturday: Regional Music, 8 a.m., here.

Sunday: Jazz Band in City Park, noon.

Teens for Christ, 6 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday: Jody Tubbs, Kansas Veterans Affairs, 9 to 10 a.m., courthouse.

Wednesday: Inter High Day, all day at McCook
Northwest Kansas League Art Show, all day, Hoxie.

KU Honors Banquet, 7 p.m., at Gateway.

Sunday, April 10: Lord's Acre auction, 4 p.m., followed by dinner,

Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church.

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

At 1 p.m. at the Golden Age Center, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, pinocle; Tuesday, pitch. 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. at the United Church, 109 N. Griffith. Dona-

tions of cash, nonperishable food and household items are always needed.

SENIOR MENU

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

Today: chicken-dressing casserole, mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned carrots, rosy pears.

Thursday: swiss steak with tomatoes, seasoned broccoli, applesauce gelatin, bread, cook's choice complement.

Friday: baked fish, hash brown casserole, coleslaw with carrots, bread, fruit mix.

Monday: cheeseburger macaroni, Italian blend vegetables, peaches, bread, pudding.

Tuesday: polish sausage with kraut, mashed potatoes, gelatin with fruit, bread, butterscotch squares.

Wednesday: oven-fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, roll, cook's choice fruit.

Honor Roll

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

Nancy Alvarez, Boca Raton, Fla.; Larry Nelson, Fredericksburg, Va.

California: Kent Anderson, San Diego; John Love, LaVerne.

Colorado: Stanley Deines, Aneta McKay, Adam Fleckenstein, Jr., Denver; Charles Kelley, Lamar; Aleta Phelps, Betty Rall, Robert Keefer, Colorado Springs; Jeanne Britton, Thornton; J.B. Hubbard, Lakewood; Doris Runyan, Greeley.

Nebraska: Del Roe, North Platte; David Dalcher, Danbury; Greg Dempewolf, Culbertson; Richard Colling, McCook;

Kansas: Bill DeMay, Linn Valley; Becky Urban, McPherson; Clement Mumm, Colby; Theo Wildeman, Ransom; David Hutson, Bedford; Gordon Wilson, Hesflon; Mrs. Losson Pike, Ashland; Craig Reaves, Chanute; William Kelley, Junction City; Ken McVay,

Wamego; Judy Easton, Quinter; Gerald Meitl, Basehor; Edwin Waterman, Sedgwick; Terry Jones, Scammon; Allie Lohrmeyer, Tyler Moore, Overland Park; Charles Mumm, Gem; Leona Kaspar, Mrs. Cletis Hammerschmidt, Hays; Darlene Ramsey, Topeka; Doug Hasty, Cheney; Mike Neff, Dresden; Ed Stillions, Shawnee; Sunnie Fredrickson, Farm Credit/Western Kansas, Colby; Vendla Tacha, Joyce Sumner, Norton; Pat Wright, Oakley; Margery Adams, Olathe; Jack Kelley, Clay Center.

Atwood: Janice Hayes, Earl Niermeier, Marlin Wahrman, Linda Henry.

Herndon: John Gutchewsky, Robert Nemeth, David Ketterl.

Hoxie: Donald Bieker, Pat Herl.

Jennings: Daryl Hartzog, Stann Hartzog, Mike Tacha, Tom Vacura, Wilfred Wagoner.

Ludell: Kevin Rippe, Cheryl Timm.

Norcatour: Larry Sumner, Arlene

Hix, Rea Magers.

Rexford: Anogene Rogers, Edna Colson.

Selden: Dennis Rogers, John Geisinger, Jim Herl, Betty Hickert, David Kruse, Kenneth Mumm, Joe Dorenkamp, Joe Zozdrow.

Oberlin: Mabel Bailey, Roland May, LeRoy and Sharon Stevenson, Kimberly Witt, Richard Anderson, Father Mark Berland, Joyce Martin, James Miesner, Phyllis Screen, Cecilia Brown, Jerry Wolfgram, Gary Juenemann, John Juenemann, Lonnie McEvoy, Darrell Jones, Herb Shirley, Gisela Fisher, Vivian Lewis, LaVerne Rippe, Paula Tadlock, Oberlin City Library, Nila Hafner, John Schultz, Bill Goodnight, Kendal Carman, Dorothy Moore, Brendan Moore, Jim Wasson, Donald Barratt, Steve Horn, Jack Fortin, Donna Fortin, Lucy Schissler, Everett Shuler. Charles Frickey, Norma Carmon, Amanda Sowers, L & C Construction.

Markets

March 28, 2011 Closing markets

Wheat, \$7.08 bushel
Corn, \$6.03 bushel
Milo, \$5.83 hundredweight
Soybeans, \$12.49 bushel
Sunflowers, \$25.50 hundredweight

Sunflower Cinema

220 N. Penn
Oberlin
785-470-2200

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Fri., April 1, 7 p.m.
Sat., April 2, 7 p.m.
Sun., April 3, 2 p.m.

This advertisement sponsored by:



Obituaries

Frances Ilene Bixby

Frances Ilene Bixby, 88, a 1940 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died March 20, 2011, in Cheyenne, Wyo., from a heart attack.

She was born July 12, 1922, on a farm near Oberlin, the youngest of nine children of George and Pearl (Berry) Harmon. After attending school in Norcatour and graduating from Decatur Community High School in 1940, she completed normal training at Fort Hays State University and taught at rural schools near Oberlin for several years.

She married Byron Dale Bixby on May 1, 1945, in Norton. Her husband was also born near Oberlin, but his parents, Charles Hatch Bixby and Iva (Vernon) Bixby, had moved to Cheyenne years before. They moved to Cheyenne where he was employed and she later worked as a cook in a school cafeteria. She and her daughter attended her 70th class reunion at the Decatur Community High School Alumni Banquet last year.

In 1965 the couple opened Bixby's Yamaha, which continued in business for 35 years. After his death in 1982, she continued the business in partnership with her son, Arlie.

Survivors include three children, Patsy and Don Parkin, Wheatland, Wyo.; Ed, Phoenix, and Arlie and Jean, Cheyenne; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the North Christian Church in Cheyenne, where she was a member.

Richard K. Horney

Richard Kenton Horney, 63, a 1965 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Dec. 11, 2010, at a hospital in Phoenix.

He was born Sept. 20, 1947, at the Boothroy Memorial Hospital in Goodland, the son of Wynn K. and Mary (Johnson) Horney. His younger years were spent in Brewster, where he attended Brewster Grade School. He moved with his parents and younger sister, Sheryl Lynn, to Oberlin in 1957.

He attended Fort Hays State University for a short time before joining the Marines.

He served two years in Vietnam. After returning from Vietnam, he lived in western Missouri where he

worked in construction and he met and married Dena Deal. They had one son, Richard Kenton Horney II.

Survivors are his son, Richard K. Horney II, former wife Dena, and an aunt, Joyce Miller.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister and step-mother, Mary (O'Toole) Horney.

A private memorial was held in his home.
Graveside services will be held at 1:30 p.m. (Central Time) Sunday at the Brewster Cemetery.

Jay K. Locy

Jay K. Locy, 78, a 1950 graduate of Decatur Community High School, died Thursday, March 24, 2011, at his home in Kearney, Neb.

He was born Aug. 13, 1932, in Norcatour, the son of George and Virgie (Gundy) Locy. He grew up in the Norcatour area. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War from 1952-56.

He married Maryllin Alexander on Oct. 25, 1953, in Norcatour. He worked 18 years with the Kansas Highway Patrol and later worked for Consolidated Freightways for 11 years before retirement. He had been a resident of Kearney since 2006. His wife died in 2008.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Norcatour, Masonic Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Survivors include a son, Scott and Sally Ann Locy, Jacksonville, Fla.; a daughter, Shelley and Jeff Reich, Phoenix, Ariz., and five grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, Craig; two brothers, Francis and Don, and two sisters, Imogene Sawdon and Mary Dotson.

Graveside memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, at the Norcatour Cemetery in Norcatour, with the Rev. Aaron Bunker officiating. Military rites were performed by the U.S. Navy Honors Team.

Memorials are suggested to the Lupus Foundation. Online condolences or personal reflections may be submitted at osafh.com. O'Brien-Stratmann Funeral Home of Kearney was in charge of arrangements.

Harold Portschy

Harold "Pooch" Portschy, a lifetime resident of Herndon, died March 15, 2011, at the Decatur County Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.

See story on Page 1A.

Robert Russell

Robert Russell, 78, a brother-in-law of Marcia and Jerry Lohofener of Oberlin, died March 23, 2011, at his home in Indio, Calif.

A daughter, Marcy Pearson, of Indio, also survives.

Graveside services will be held later at the Oberlin Cemetery.

Blanche Bessie Skubal

Blanche Bessie Skubal, 97, a longtime resident of Jennings and Oberlin, died March 21, 2011 at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

She was born Jan. 28, 1914, at rural Burchard, Neb., the daughter of Frank and Mary (Findies) Sejkora. She grew up on a farm and graduated from Burchard High School in 1931.

She came to Jennings in 1932 to help her Uncle Tom and Aunt Mae Sejkora when their first child was born. Her father Frank knew Rudolph Skubal of rural Dresden and they introduced her to Rudolph's son, Ladimir.

The couple was married March 29, 1933, in the courthouse at Pawnee City, Neb., and her two older brothers, Ernie and Emil, stood up with them. They became parents to three children, Lillian, Robert and Annette. She cooked in restaurants in Jennings, Colby and Oberlin.

Survivors include two daughters, Lillian Truetken Sulzman, Dresden, and Annette Lambert, Celina, Texas; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Robert, and her husband.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at the United Church of Oberlin, with Pastor Judi Stricker officiating. Burial was in the Big Timber Cemetery, rural Decatur County.

Memorials were established to Cedar Living Center. Contributions may be sent to Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, 1024 Sheridan Ave., Hoxie, Kan., 67440.

County listens to phone pitch

By CYNTHIA HAYNES

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Two representatives of a Colorado cell phone company, Viero, provided the county with a couple of loaner phones to test as they pitched their service last week.

Steve Befort and Mike Harms talked to the Decatur County commissioners during their weekly meeting Tuesday, March 15, about the firm's service and coverage area.

The commissioners admitted that the cell phone accounts the county pays for are "all over the place" both in type and company used. Some people have their own phones and the county pays part of the bill, they said, but the county also has phones on several plans.

The commissioners said they aren't even sure how many cell phones the county has.

"I'll bet we have more than we think," Commissioner Ralph Unger said. "Where are your towers in Decatur County?"

Viero has three towers in the county and one in Rawlins County that is almost on the county line, he was told.

The firm has a string of towers across the top of the state, from the

Colorado state line to Smith Center, and in Nebraska.

"I feel that our coverage is exceptional out here," Mr. Befort said. "We have a real good working relationship with AT&T."

"We've been real aggressive in securing government accounts lately," Mr. Harms added.

Viero is a privately owned, rural company out of Fort Morgan, Mr. Befort said.

Most of its towers up to now have been in the rural areas of Colorado — everywhere but Denver and the West Slope.

The company has built into Wyoming and Nebraska and is now moving into Kansas.

"We roll over to T-Mobile and AT&T in Denver," Mr. Befort said. "All our plans are national."

The company has just put a new "superstore" in Hays, he said, but there is no timetable for an office in Oberlin. He said the company is looking for a place to locate in Norton.

Since counties are bound to budgets, the company offers them one-year contracts, Mr. Befort said. All other contracts for two years.

The company also offers up to \$200 per phone for a county to pay

off existing contracts, he said. And county employees can get a 10 percent discount on their entire package if the county uses the service.

Before figuring out what a contract would cost, the men said, they will need to know how many phones and what type of phones the county has, how many minutes each uses and what carriers they have now.

Mr. Unger said that the county could provide that information but he felt that it needs to take proposals from any cell phone company that wants to offer one before making any commitments.

Mr. Harms said that the company can break down the bill by departments to make the bookkeeping easier and that calls between Viero phones are free.

The men provided a pair of phones that the commissioners said they would have either the sheriff's office or road and bridge test since people with those departments move all over the county.

Small radiator heads for Texas for rebuild

The Oberlin City Council approved sending both halves of the smaller radiator at the power plant to Texas to be rebuilt.

At a meeting Thursday night, City Administrator Karen Larson said half of one of the bigger radiators is leaking badly.

Foreman Dan Castle is working on the leaking half, trying to get it fixed.

If the welding doesn't work, something will have to be done.

The council already approved sending half of the little radiator off to be rebuilt, she said.

If the council wants to send the second half to be rebuilt too, then it would save the city money on shipping.

Councilwoman Rhonda May asked if getting the radiator rebuilt is advisable over buying a new one. The radiator, said Mr. Castle, will be like new once it's rebuilt.

The smaller radiator is 12 feet long, said Mr. Castle. It's a pretty small radiator, but it's always done a good job.

The job can be paid for either out of the electrical reserve or the regular electric fund, Mrs. Larson said.

Mr. Castle said he thought the

work would take about two weeks.

The council approved having both halves rebuilt.

While it discussed whether to send half of the larger, 32-foot-long radiator to be rebuilt, the council decided to have Mr. Castle try to fix it.

Correction

A story in the March 16 edition of *The Oberlin Herald* reported incorrectly that Bengy L. Dickinson's drivers license had been suspended for failing to comply with an order of the court.

Mr. Dickinson's license was not suspended, as he had complied with the court order. The error was caused by incorrect information supplied to the newspaper.

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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

Weather

Forecast

Today: A slight chance of rain and snow before 1 p.m., then a slight chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 52. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tonight: A slight chance of rain and snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Thursday: Partly sunny and breezy, with a high near 58.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 33.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 65.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 33.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 67.

Sunday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 51. From the National Weather Service

National Weather Service

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
March 21	76	42	0
March 22	82	42	0
March 23	65	36	T
March 24	57	17	0
March 25	46	17	T
March 26	44	29	T
March 27	39	24	T

Precipitation totals for the week, Trace; for the month, 0.45; for the year 01.82; one year ago, March, 2010, 3.35.

For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.4 mhz.

By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.