

# Obituaries

**Louis Earl Anderson**  
 Louis Earl Anderson, 84, a former resident of Norcat, died Dec. 15, 2010, at the Phillips County Hospital in Phillipsburg.  
 He was born Sept. 9, 1926, in Stamford, Neb., the son of John and Nora (Thoren) Anderson. He grew up in Stamford and attended school there. In his senior year, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served during World War II.  
 He married Joyce Seabolt on Sept. 22, 1967, in Utica. They lived in Nebraska for two years before returning to Kansas.  
 He worked as a track foreman for the Burlington Northern Railroad before retiring. He moved to Logan Manor in Logan in October.  
 Survivors include two daughters, Glenda Steelsmith, Tucson, Ariz., and Mary Kershner, Bloomington, Neb.; a brother, John, Hastings, Neb.; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.  
 He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Joyce on Nov. 9, 2010, a brother, Neil, and two sisters, Elaine Marble and Vera Anderson.  
 Memorial services were held Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010, at Olliff-Boeve Memorial Chapel in Phillipsburg with Pastor Tim Kraft officiating. Inurnment was in the Norcat Cemetery.  
 A memorial was established to the Alzheimer's Association.

**Clara M. Fringer**  
 Clara M. Fringer, 87, a native of Decatur County, died Sunday, Dec. 26, 2010, at the Andbe Home in Norton, where she had been a resident since 2008.  
 She was born Feb. 1, 1923, in Decatur County, the daughter of Archie and Laura (Bryan) Pryor. She was reared in the Cedar Bluffs and Oberlin areas and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1940.  
 She was awarded membership to the Quill and Scroll Society for outstanding high school journalist in 1940.  
 She lived with her family in Custer Township, where she reared her children, Rod and Cheryl. After 30 years as a farm wife, she joined the work force, working at a local dairy milking cows before being hired at the Electric Hose and Rubber Company in McCook, where she was the first woman supervisor for the company. She later worked at the Good Samaritan Center in Oberlin.  
 Survivors include two children, Rod and Pat Fringer, Oberlin; and Cheryl and Leland Stephens, West Richland, Wash.; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one step-great-grandson; and a sister, Bessie Douglas, Floyd, N.M.  
 She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Mack Gragg, Cecil Gragg, and Bill Pryor; and two sisters, Vina Berndt and Wilma Coley.  
 Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Oberlin Cemetery. The Rev. Linda Willey will officiate.

**James W. Plotts**  
 James W. Plotts, 93, a retired farmer, died Monday, Dec. 27, 2010, at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.  
 He was born May 11, 1917, on the family farm northeast of Oberlin, the son of Leroy and Mary (Dees) Plotts.  
 He attended a rural grade school and graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1939.  
 He married Margie Bogart on July 27, 1941, in Smith Center.  
 Survivors include a daughter, Mary and Roger Bennett, McCook; two sons, James and Carolyn Plotts, Norcat; and Gene and Mary Lou Plotts, Oberlin; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.  
 He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Waymond Plotts; two sisters, Olive Dean and Naomi Christensen; a grandson, Jeremy Plotts; three nephews, Clyde, William and Lowell Plotts, and a niece, Jackie Garver.  
 Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin with his son, James Plotts, officiating. There will be a private family burial.  
 A memorial was established in his name to "Feed the Children." Contributions may be sent to the funeral home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

**Bernadine L. Samson**  
 Bernadine Louise Samson, 66, of Ludell, a retired school teacher, died Dec. 5, 2010, in Colby.  
 She was born June 3, 1944, the fourth child of Chester and Myrtle (Parnell) Hale, on the home place near Hepler.  
 She grew up in Crawford County graduating from Girard High School in 1962. She graduated from Kansas State University Cum Laude in 1966 and earned her Master of Science degree in 1968.  
 She moved to northwest Kansas in the fall of 1967 to teach physics, chemistry and earth science at Atwood High School. She later taught at McDonald, Cheylin and Colby before retiring in May 2007.  
 She married Richard B. Samson on Aug. 7, 1968. She was a member of Kansas National Education Association and served on its board of directors for six years; Cottonwood UniServ District; Delta Kappa Gamma - Zeta Chapter, and was treasurer for Ludell Township.  
 Survivors include her husband, Richard of the home; a son Jamie Samson and Sara, Lindsborg; two sisters, Sharon and James Vap, Colby; and Shirley and Bill West, Hanford, Calif.; and two brothers Donovan and Kathy Hale, Girard; and Connelly and Pat Hale, Haxtun, Colo.  
 Funeral services were held Dec. 9, 2010, at the First Christian Church

of Atwood. Burial was in the Ludell Cemetery.  
 A memorial was established to the Bernadine Samson Education Foundation. Contributions may be sent to Williams Funeral Home, 109 N. Second, Atwood, Kan., 67740.

**John R. Wright**  
 John R. Wright, 80, a former Oberlin teacher, junior high principal and businessman, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010, at the Logan Manor in Oakley.  
 He was born Dec. 21, 1930, in Atwood, the son of Glenn and Bessie (Reeves) Wright.  
 He was reared in Atwood and graduated from Atwood High School in 1948. He was a 1957 graduate of Kansas State University and served in the U.S. Coast Guard.  
 He married Patricia Allison on June 1, 1956, in Brewster and they lived in Oberlin. He was a teacher and school administrator in Oberlin and Smith Center.  
 He also owned Wright's Apparel in Oberlin and Atwood and retired in 1993. He was a member of the Oberlin United Methodist Church, Oberlin American Legion Post, Masonic Lodge, Lions Club, Rotary and Kiwanis.  
 Survivors include his wife, Patricia, Oakley; three children, Michael and Susan Wright, Lawrence; John Douglas Wright, Kansas City; and Mary and Gary Stoecker, Oakley; a brother, Robert Wright, Gainesville, Fla.; and Marjorie Robbins, Scottsbluff, Neb.; and four grandchildren.  
 He was preceded in death by his parents.  
 Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the United Methodist Church in Oberlin. The Rev. Linda Willey will officiate and burial will be in the Oberlin Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Oberlin American Legion.  
 Memorials were established to the church, the Oberlin Country Club, the Logan County Manor or Hospice. Contributions may be sent to Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn, Oberlin, Kan., 67749.

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**Sunflower Cinema**  
 220 N. Penn Oberlin 785-470-2200  
**Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader**  
 Rated PG 3D  
 Fri., December 31, 7 p.m.  
 Sat., January 1, 7 p.m.  
 Sun., January 2, 2 p.m.  
 This advertisement sponsored by: **LANDMARK INN** at the "Historic Bank of Oberlin" & Oberlin Mercantile

**Food Drive**  
 Goal is 2,000 by the New Year  
 Bring your non perishable food items into Stanley Hardware and watch the display grow!  
 All food will go to Food Pantry  
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# 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. 5: Tara Lahr, Jennings, failure to wear seat belt, \$5.

**Limited Actions**  
 Rocky Mountain Holding LLC vs. Debra and Scott Tavis, \$22,422, plus costs and interest.

**JAIL BOOKINGS**  
 The following were booked into the Decatur County Jail:  
 Dec. 24, Alicia Bergling, 24, Oberlin, driving under the influence, Decatur County Sheriff's

Office.  
**REGISTER OF DEEDS**  
 Rodney E. and Fonda Farr to Dwayne L. Gipe, S60' Lot 8, Zodrow Addition to the City of Oberlin.  
 E. Joan Morton to Linda M. Wade, W/2SW/4, Sec. 24, T2S, R27W.  
 Darren L. and Lois E. Wentz, tract in NE/4 Sec. 36, T2S, R26W, Kennedy's addition to City of Norcat.  
 David Ken and Klare C. Givens to Mickie L. and Melody S. Kier, Lots 13-15, Blk. 5, original City of Jennings.  
 Roger and Connie O'Hare, Stephen and Cindy Hatrup, Kurt and Devra Beyers, Ronald O'Hare, Rodney and Janice O'Hare, Jack

and Mary Morse, Amanda and David Allen, and Melissa Lavegrig, by Roger O'Hare, their attorney-in-fact, also by Stephen Hatrup, attorney-in-fact, Charles Eugene Zweigle, Glennaford (Glenda) and Richard Tyrell, Vicki Jean and Dan H. Lippelmann, Gay Marie, and Vonda Mae Alexander, to Trustee of the Richard C. Chambers Living Trust, N/2SE/4 of SE/4SE/4 of Sec. 1, and NE/4NE/4 Sec. 12, T1S, R26W.

**City Hall MUNICIPAL COURT**  
 Thursday, Dec. 23: Ashley Brown, Oberlin, dog at large, no city tags, \$143; Tim Thornton, Oberlin, dog at large, no city tags, \$143.

## Town Crier

**Today:** Alcoholic Anonymous, 8 p.m., ambulance barn.  
**Thursday:** Take Off Pounds Sensibly, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Golden Age Center.  
**Saturday:** Happy New Year!  
**Sunday:** Teens for Christ, 6 to 8 p.m.  
**Tuesday:** Jody Tubbs, Kansas Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., courthouse.  
**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.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 12:** Blood drive, 12 noon to 6 p.m., The Gateway.  
 At 1 p.m. at the Golden Age Center, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,

Friday, pinochle; Tuesday, pitch; third Thursday of the month, open senior bridge. 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. Donations of cash, nonperishable food and household items are always needed.

Senior lunch at the Golden Age Center, weekdays at noon:  
**Today:** chicken vegetable casserole, mandarin oranges, biscuit, cook's choice complement.  
**Thursday:** Cheesy potato soup, pineapple cheese salad, crackers, cinnamon roll.  
**Friday:** closed.  
**Monday:** pasta beef and tomato casserole, spinach, applesauce, bread, cook's choice complement.  
**Tuesday:** ham and beans, orange pineapple salad, cornbread, cookie.  
**Wednesday:** meat balls, creamed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, strawberries.

## Markets

**December 27, 2010 closing markets**  
 Wheat, \$6.94 bushel  
 Corn, \$5.48 bushel  
 Milo, \$5.20 hundredweight  
 Soybeans, \$12.60 bushel  
 Sunflowers, \$21.55 hundredweight

## 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.

## School Menu

**January 04 - 07 OBERLIN SCHOOLS**  
**Monday:** No School  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast: Pancake wrap. Lunch: Chicken pattie sandwich, ranch wedges.  
**Wednesday:** Breakfast: Breakfast cibatta pizza. Lunch: Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes.  
**Thursday:** Breakfast: French toast sticks. Lunch: Lasagna, green beans.  
**Friday:** Breakfast: Ham combo muffin. Lunch: Corn dog, macaroni and cheese.  
 Fruit served with all breakfasts; choice bar served with all lunches. Milk served with all meals.

## Honor Roll

Welcome and thanks to these recent subscribers of *The Oberlin Herald*:  
 Cindy Connolly, Pacifica, Calif.; Donald Ater, Lamar, Colo.; Rita Philbrook, Covington, Ga.; Bill Deines, Burlington, Colo.  
**Kansas:** J. Lynn Lohofener, Atwood; Weldon Brooks, Mildred Schwab, Norton; Galen Tacha, William Carter, Jennings; Hoxie Implement, Hoxie; Roger Holmdahl, Herndon; Jim Sulzman, Don Spresser, Selden; Jack and Mary Minnick, Wichita; Jim Stanley, Colby; Marilyn Fisher, Topeka; Robert Green, Lawrence; Mrs. Claude Herren, Colby.  
**Oberlin:** R. L. Gaskill, Bill Sauvage, D. Hanschild, Audra Duncan, Mirium Fisher, Eunice Martin, Alberta Ritter, Esther Noren, Paul Tally, Jim Wesch, Darrell Hickert, Calvin Ufford, Jerry Lohofener.

## Weather

**Forecast**  
**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 47. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
**Wednesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28.  
**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of rain. Partly sunny and breezy, with a high near 47.  
**Thursday Night:** A 30 percent chance of snow. Cloudy and blustery, with a low around 14.  
**Friday:** A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy and blustery, with a high near 19.  
**Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 3.  
**New Year's Day:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 18.  
**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 6.  
**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 29.  
 From the National Weather Service

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

	Hi	Low	Precip.
Dec. 20	40	16	0
Dec. 21	51	13	0
Dec. 22	43	13	0
Dec. 23	34	13	0
Dec. 24	33	15	0
Dec. 25	40	21	0
Dec. 26	32	02	0

Precipitation totals for the week, 0.00; for the month, 0.36; for the year, 23.97; one year ago, December 2009, 26.52  
 For 24-hour weather radio broadcast, tune scanner to 162.4 mhz.  
 By Melvin Martin - NOAA Cooperative Weather Observer.

**Bowling Alley Donations**

Send donations to:  
 Decatur Area Development Fund, Inc.  
 104 S. Penn Ave.  
 Oberlin, KS 67749

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