

Letters to the Editor

Reader points out other descendants

To the Editor:
I hate to disagree with Mr. Love's letter from the March 2 edition of *The Oberlin Herald*, but I must point out that Mr. Addleman and Mr. Ufford are NOT the only living members of early-settler families to still live in Oberlin.
Neil and James Marshall's great grandparents, Finnis R. and Ellen Penn, homesteaded in Decatur County in 1879.
Neil and James both live in Oberlin and both have children and grandchildren living in Deca-

tur County and the city of Oberlin.
Finnis R. Penn served as county commissioner of Decatur County from 1909 to 1916 and again from 1921 to 1924.
I believe there are other relatives of early settlers still living in Oberlin as well. Although I do not have names to back this up, I am sure there are other people who know of them.

Reva E. Marshall
(Mrs. James Marshall),
Oberlin

He's pleased with forum

To the Editor:
I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Decatur Professional Women for sponsoring and facilitating the mayoral candidate forum for the primary election.
I was pleased with the turnout of city residents. I felt the questions were very appropriate and

helpful.
I would also like to thank the other participants for their professionalism and candid answers. I look forward to the forum for City Council candidates on Tuesday, March 22, and hope that we have a similar, if not larger, attendance.

Bill Riedel, Oberlin



Letter from Topeka
By State Rep. Ward Cassidy
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Bills and budgets fill week in Topeka

Exciting week in Topeka.
I woke up this past Sunday morning to find my photo on the cover of the *Topeka Capital Journal*. The story indicated that I came to Topeka to "fight for northwest Kansas."

When I showed up in my office Monday morning, I found over 50 copies of the paper on my desk, compliments of my legislative friends. I was told, in days gone by, when there was a cover photo of a legislator, they were required to bring 125 apples to the next session. Fortunately, that is no longer the case.

Monday, I had the privilege of meeting two Medal of Honor recipients, Col. Don Ballard and Col. Roger Donlon. They were given a standing ovation in the Kansas House after they told their stories. The message of being proud of true "American Heroes" and fighting to keep America strong was loud and clear, very inspirational.

Tuesday, I went to the "well" for the first time to present two bills, both of which passed to final vote. They both passed final action on Wednesday as well. One dealt with an accounting firm partnership problem and the other with taking illegal videos and placing them on the Internet.

I then started a bill that will allow school districts a way to work with fire marshals on penalties. I also made an amendment to the out-of-state student tuition bill that will make the new law fair to landowners paying property taxes in Kansas.

Wednesday, we passed out of committee two Pro-Life bills, HB 2035 and HB 2218. I campaigned as Pro Life, and after listening to passionate debates on the issue, voted for the bills.

I have been asked by many constituents to clarify the Workmen's Compensation Bill. HB 2134 reinstates the \$75,000 cap on damages for functional impairment and raises the permanent partial and total disability by \$30,000, while increasing death benefits from \$250,000 to \$300,000.

The measure clarifies that employers are only responsible for injuries experienced while at work and protects them from civil litigation. Previous law put employers on the hook for injuries experienced outside of the workplace in some cases.

The workers compensation provisions are necessary for both controlling costs for employers and also in securing an increase in the fund so that it will be able to pay benefits for injured workers. Overall, this bill has been touted as a strong step for economic development in the state.

Another bill I have been asked

about is House Bill 2013 regarding interstate sales of "long-gun" firearms. Current law allows Kansans to buy and sell long-gun firearms only from contiguous states, as originally required by a 1934 Federal law. In 1984, federal law was amended to remove restrictions on interstate activity and HB 2013 would update Kansas law. I believe strongly in the 2nd Amendment and will always vote to protect those rights.

There is still a wide range of disparity between the House and the Senate. The major difference is the \$25 million added by the Senate for special education to meet the still unknown amount of federally required "maintenance of effort." That is the amount of money the state has to put into special education to receive federal money for that fund.

School districts did not plan for the \$25 million when drafting their 2011 budgets, however, and not appropriating the funds will not affect current budgets. In the Education Budget Committee, I helped draft a proposal to meet the maintenance of effort question that is being considered by Appropriations.

A constant question I receive deals with the status of the Kansas Arts Commission. I am on the budget committee, which had to make a recommendation to Appropriations about the commission's budget.

As you know, the governor has recommended that the agency be moved under the jurisdiction of the state Historical Society. My concern was we meet the guidelines set by the federal government which would give the arts the support needed.

There was no assurance the state would continue to receive federal funds. Therefore, we passed out a recommendation to keep the commission as is until we knew for sure what is going to happen. The next day, Appropriations rejected our recommendation and put the commission into the Historical Society. What happens next is still uncertain.

I will have a website up in the coming weeks that will have a questionnaire pertaining to current issues in the House. It will give everyone a chance to weigh in. If you do not have internet service, our libraries will be willing to help you complete the survey on their computers.

A great quote I heard this week: "God grant me patience, and let me have it right now."

Best news of the week: Boeing got the new aircraft tanker contract from the federal government. This will mean more jobs and millions of dollars for our economy.

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Sports

Down by 14, JV boys pull ahead

Probably the most exciting game of the final week of the high school basketball regular season was between the Oberlin and Phillipsburg junior varsity boys basketball teams.

The Panthers dominated the first half on Feb. 21, leaving the young Red Devils in the dust. Then in the second half, Oberlin went into overdrive and took the win.

Oberlin downed Phillipsburg

48-41 despite a 14-point deficit at the end of the first quarter. Oberlin was able to score only one point on a free throw while the Panthers put up 15.

In the second, Oberlin was again having trouble scoring, hitting only one field goal for 2 points and five out of eight free throws for a total of 7 to Phillipsburg's 8.

At the half, the Panthers had a comfortable 23-8 lead.

In the third quarter, however, Oberlin came alive. The boys hit five three-point shots and four field goals for 23 points while Phillipsburg put up just 12. The Panthers still led by four, however, 35-31.

In the final period, Oberlin didn't let up, scoring 17 points to the Panther's 6 for a remarkable comeback.

Scoring for Oberlin were Ryan

May, 15, including five for five at the charity line; Kennedy Fortin, 11, including three three-point shots; Kyle Breth, 8 including a pair of threes; Tyler Shields, 8 including a three-point shot; Konner Fortin, 3 on a single basket; and Bruggeman, three on free throws, including Oberlin's only point in the first quarter.

Girls take fourth at league tournament

The Decatur Community Junior High eight-grade girls basketball team took fourth in the Northwest Kansas League Tournament.

The eighth graders downed Quinter in the first round but fell to St. Francis and Oakley to finish fourth.

In the first round on Feb. 21, Oberlin beat Quinter 36-21.

"The girls came out and played much better," Coach Melissa Dreher said.

Oberlin outscored Quinter 6-4

in the first quarter and 12-5 in the second to lead 18-9 at the half.

In the third quarter, Quinter outscored Oberlin 6-4. In the fourth, Oberlin won the game with a 14-6 romp.

Scoring were Shawn Baker, 10 points; Demi Murray and Morgan Jansonius, 8 each; Caitlin Shields and Kariah Castle, 4 each; and Whitney Witt, 2.

In the second round, St. Francis beat Oberlin 29-24.

"The girls played aggressive the

first half of the game," said Coach Dreher. "We just need to do that the second half against a good team."

Oberlin outscored St. Francis 8-5 in the first quarter, 10-7 in the second and 6-4 in the third. In the fourth quarter, however, St. Francis shot for 13 points while Oberlin wasn't able to score at all.

Scoring for Oberlin were Castle, 8 points, Baker and Murray, 7 each; Witt, 3; and Shields, 1

In the final round, Oakley beat out Oberlin 37-28 for third place.

"We struggled on defense and the press this game," said Coach Dreher. "The girls ended the season with a fourth-place finish. Overall, they have had a successful season."

Both teams scored 8 in the first quarter. Oakley outscored Oberlin 13-7 in the second, 5-4 in the third and 11-9 in the fourth.

Scoring for Oberlin were Murray, 9; Baker and Witt, 8 each; Morgan Jansonius, 3; Molly Jansonius and Castle, 2 each.

7th graders grab second at tourney

The Decatur Community Junior High seventh-grade girls took second place in the Northwest Kansas League Tournament, beating Oakley and Hoxie but losing to Rawlins County.

In the first round on Feb. 21, Oberlin beat Oakley 25-15.

"The girls came out and played much better," said Coach Gina Witt. "They were running their offenses better and worked hard on the press."

Oberlin outscored Oakley 4-2 in the first quarter, 6-0 in the second and 9-6 in the third. In the fourth quarter, Oakley was able to edge

Oberlin 7-6.

Scoring were Caitlin Gould, 11; Kassidi Jensen, 6; Ara Marine, 4; and Alexandra Waterman and Kaitlyn Fisher, 2 each.

Shylo Shields forced four Oakley turnovers. Fisher, Rebecca Wentz and Grace Randel each had four rebounds, followed by Waterman and Marine with three each. Gould and Sabryn O'Gara each had three steals.

In round two, Oberlin beat Hoxie 22-17.

Hoxie started out ahead, outscoring Oberlin 4-2 in the first quarter and 5-4 in the second. In the third,

Oberlin edged Hoxie 4-3 and in the fourth, the young Lady Red Devils took control, outscoring the young Lady Indians 12-5.

"The girls started a little sluggish, but stayed with it to dominate the fourth quarter," Coach Witt said. "They did a good job defensively and they did a much better job of setting up and running their offenses."

Scoring were Gault, 10; O'Gara and Marine, 4 each; and Fisher and Randel, 2 each.

In the championship game, Rawlins County won 21-17.

"I am very proud of the girls,"

Coach Witt said. "They worked hard, but couldn't get the ball to fall. They finished second in the league. Great job by all of the them."

Oberlin outscored Rawlins County 5-2 in the first quarter but the Buffaloes came back to outscore the Red Devils 9-4 in the second and led 11-9 at the half. In the third quarter, each team scored 6 and in the fourth, Atwood outscored Oberlin 4-2.

Scoring for Oberlin were Gault, 5; Marine, 4; and Jensen, Fisher and Wentz, 2 each.

Girls fall to Hoxie, St. Francis; beat Buffs

The Decatur Community Junior High eighth graders lost to Hoxie and St. Francis but beat Rawlins County in regular season play.

On Feb. 7, the girls fell 46-11 to Hoxie in Oberlin.

"The girls struggled against a very quick and aggressive Hoxie team," Coach Melissa Dreher said.

Hoxie outscored Oberlin in every quarter but the third: 24-2 in the first, 8-0 in the second and 14-0 in the fourth. Oberlin was able to

outscore Hoxie 9-0 in the third.

Scoring for Oberlin were Kariah Castle, 3, and Molly Jansonius, Shawn Baker, Whitney Witt and Demi Murray, 2 each.

On Feb. 10, the young Lady Red Devils won 18-7 over Rawlins County.

Oberlin outscored Atwood 5-4 in the first, 1-0 in the second, 8-1 in the third and 4-2 in the fourth.

Scoring for Oberlin were Murray, 8; Castle, 5; Baker 3; and Witt, 2.

On Feb. 17, Oberlin lost 42-34 in overtime to St. Francis on the road.

St. Francis outscored Oberlin 11-5 in the first quarter, but the young Lady Red Devils came back and out did the Indians 7-6 in the second. In the third, it was St. Francis' turn again as the Indians

outscored Oberlin 8-5 to lead 25-19. Oberlin scored 5 points and St. Francis 9 in the fourth to tie the game at 34. In overtime, St. Francis outscored Oberlin 8-0 to win.

Scoring for Oberlin were Witt, 10; Molly Jansonius and Murray, 6 each; Baker, 5; and Caitlin Shields, 4.

Notice of Suit

PUBLIC NOTICE
(Published in The Oberlin Herald
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
DECATUR COUNTY, KANSAS

Board of County Commissioners
of Decatur County, Kansas,
Plaintiffs,
Vs.
Elnora M. Traphagan, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. 2011-CV-01

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS TO:
Tract # 1: Elnora M. Traphagan;
Tract # 3: Travis Dial;
Tract # 4: Elvis Givens;
Tract # 5 & 6: Janet Anthony;
Tract # 7 & 8: Ruth Shulman;
Tract # 11 & 12: LGB Holding Company, LLC;
Tract # 15: Joanne K. Stone Trust # 1;

if the above defendants are living, and if dead, then their unknown spouses, heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns; and

The unknown executors, guardians and trustees of such of the above named defendants who are minors or are in anywise under legal disability; and

The unknown executors, administrators, trustees, creditors, successors of such defendants as are or were partners or in partnership; and

The unknown executors, administrators, trustees, creditors, successors, receivers and assigns of any of the above named defendants who are or were existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; and

The unknown spouses of the defendants, and all other persons concerned, Defendants.

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the District Court of Decatur County, Kansas, by the Board of County Commissioners of Decatur County, Kansas, praying for judicial foreclosure and sale of real property upon which there is unpaid delinquent real estate taxes, and you are hereby required to plead the said petition on or before April 20, 2011, in said Court in Oberlin, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition. The following are descriptions of all properties which shall be subject to foreclosure and sale and the names of such of you as are the owner, or a party having some interest therein:

Tract # 1: #1-00190 The South 35' of Lot 5 and the North half of the vacated alley, all in Block 7, Rodehaver's Addition to the City of

Oberlin, Decatur County, Kansas.

Tract # 3: #1-02717 Lot 9, Block 2, Original town, now City of Jennings, Decatur County, Kansas.

Tract # 4: #1-97011 Two tracts of land in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of 28-5-28, the first beginning 30' west and 1325' north of the southeast corner of the southeast quarter for a point of beginning, thence north 120' to a point, thence west 434', thence south-southwesterly 125.91', thence east 472' to the point of beginning and the second tract beginning at a point which is 1325' north and 30' west of the southeast corner of the southeast quarter of 28-5-28 thence south 15' to a point, thence west 474.5' to a point, thence north-northeasterly 14.32' to a point, thence east 472' more or less to the point of beginning, all located in Decatur County, Kansas.

Tract # 5: #2-1105 A 1/16th interest in and to all oil, gas and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from the southeast quarter of 16-1-26 for 10 years from 10/26/2004, Decatur County, Kansas.

Tract # 6: #2-1120 A 1/16th interest in and to all oil, gas and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from the Northeast quarter of 32-1-26 for 10 years from 10/26/2004, Decatur County, Kansas.

Tract # 7: #2-1110 A 1/48th interest in and to all oil, gas and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from the southeast quarter of 16-1-26 for 10 years from 10/26/2004, Decatur County, Kansas.

Tract # 8: #2-1105 A 1/48th interest in and to all oil, gas and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from the Northeast quarter of 32-1-26 for 10 years from 10/26/2004, Decatur County, Kansas.

Tract # 11: #2-0016 A 1/8th interest in and to all oil, gas and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from the southwest quarter of 20-5-27, Decatur County, Kansas, forever.

Tract # 12: #2-0018 A 1/8th interest in and to all oil, gas and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from the southwest quarter of 30-5-27, Decatur County, Kansas, forever.

Tract # 15: #2-0221 A 1/6th interest in and to all oil, gas and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from 19-5-30, Decatur County, Kansas, expires 08-30-2015.

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